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Dear Fellow Lodge Members,

**W**ell, we start a new year and can only hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

Hope this next year goes as well as last year. We still have the same problems with the lodge members helping support the functions that we do; like Carnivale, the picnic, dinner dances and this year we are trying a Sinatra Supper Club show. See the calendar for dates.

I have some personal challenges this year and I have a wonderful board that will help me be the best president that I can be this year.

We have 2 more members that will reach the 60 year membership, Congratulation to Mike A. (Smokey) Marchese and Ralph "Rudy" Marchese. Funny I was 4 years old when they joined the lodge. In addition, we will also have 6 members that will have their 40 year membership and we will look forward to celebrating.

Let's keep in mind our Tri-Pod of Amore: Love, Benevolenza: Goodness/Brotherhood and Pace: Peace.

As always if any member would like to talk to me you can reach me on my cell (720-635-1703).

Laugh lots, Love more, Stay safe and God Bless.

Ralph Acierno  
President

## Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Ladies,

Well another year has come and gone. We accomplished alot in the last year. We had good times and some not so good times but we go forward with hope for a wonderful new year. I hope that you all had a blessed Christmas and that all your wishes come true in 2012.

As we go forward we look ahead to some fun. Make sure to get your tickets for the "Evening With Sinatra;" I saw the performer at the Italian festival and he is awesome, hope you are all looking forward to it as much as I am.

We also have the annual Carnivale to look forward to, along with some other things coming down the pike. Remember that we are all family. Let's work together to have a great and fun 1st quarter.

**Wishing You God's Blessings  
Ciao**

**President, Adeline Beaty**

### Charity Committee

Mt. Saint Vincent is our ongoing project  
-The Pre-K Wish List-  
Easy Reader Books, Wooden Clothes Pins, Large Buttons (great time to clean out the sewing box)

-Seasonal Decorations-  
(Winter - Valentine's Day and Spring)  
For walls and bulletin boards

Also, Old Magazines with Pictures and Construction paper.

### Wendy's Family

Please bring non perishable food items to the meetings  
Thank you Committee Chairwoman; Theda Archer

## Welcome New Members

Roxie Mobley, Priscilla McDermott,  
Gina N. Fiorella and James Anthony Brienza



In Loving Memory Of



**Harry Eichler**

Entered Into Life September 15, 1920  
Entered Into Eternal Life October 4, 2011

**Note:** If you need a reloadable King Soopers card, please call Sharon Kling 303-470-8505  
It's a "free" 5% rebate to the Lodge.

## Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon

**Happy Birthday! Best Wishes! Congratulations!**

To all our Lady Members celebrating their Birthdays during:  
**January February and March 2012**



The Auxiliary Will Treat the Celebrants on

**Date: March 10, 2012**

**Where: Carl's Pizzeria**

**3800 West 38th Avenue, 11:30 a.m.**

Birthday Ladies, Let us know who you are!

All Auxiliary members are invited to participate

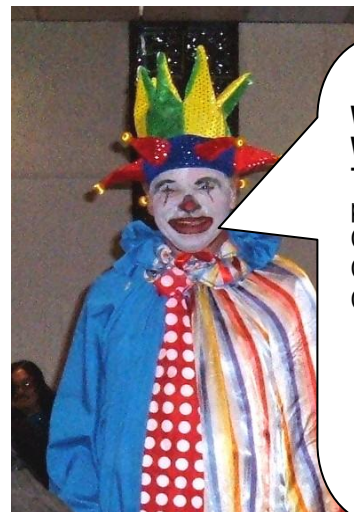
RSVP by March 1 to

Adeline Beaty if you plan to attend

Cell: 303-815-7575



**Lawrence LaRusso**  
July 1951 - 2011  
60 year Membership



### Carnivale Party

**When: February 18, 2012**

**Where: Potenza Lodge Hall**

**Time: Drinks starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Show to follow.**

Cost for adults: \$20 ea.

Children 6 to 12 yrs. \$10 ea.

Children 5 and under, free.

**RSVP Required by**

**February 9, 2012**

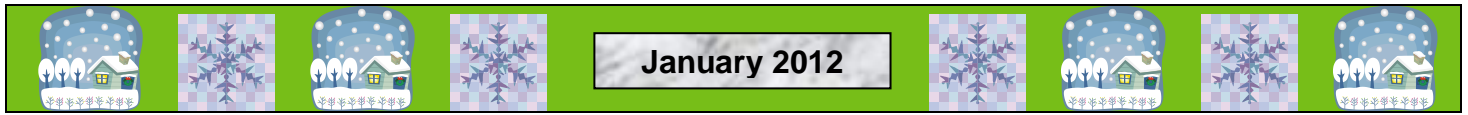
**Sign up at Feb. meeting or**

**Call: Ralph Acierno**

**Phone: 303-451-1404**

**Cell: 720-635-1703**

**Note:** See Inserted page for an inspirational article  
**A STORY OF FAITH AND DEDICATION**  
**THIS IS A MUST READ!**



January 2012

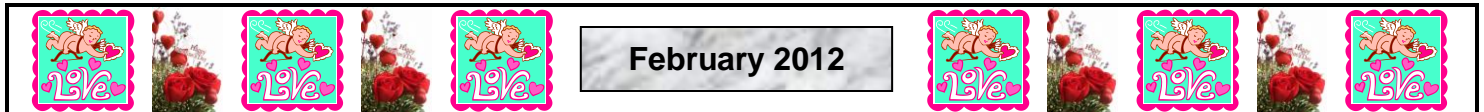
Jan. 1: Happy New Year! 

Jan. 4: 6:30 p.m. Carnivale "casting" meeting. All those who wish to take part in the Carnivale Play and/or behind-the-scene support positions please attend this meeting. We need actors, prop crew, lights, sound, costumes, makeup, etc., all the expertise necessary to put on this annual extravaganza. There is something to do for everyone. Please come and join in. It's a fun time.

Jan. 12: 6:30 p.m. Regular Business Meeting. New Officer's for 2012 will be sworn in; Also, **Note:** Please wear a suit jacket and tie for pictures. Sandwiches will be served.

**NOTE: DON'T FORGET NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR WENDY!**

Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. Carnivale Play rehearsal. All cast and support folks please attend. The Carnivale event is February 18 and we need to get several rehearsals in beforehand.



February 2012

Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Carnivale Rehearsal. All cast and support personnel please attend.

Feb. 9: 6:30 p.m. Regular Business Meeting. Sandwiches will be served.


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Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m. Carnivale Rehearsal. All cast and support personnel please attend.

Feb. 17: Carnivale Set-up decorations and prepare for the Carnivale Event. Check with Ralph Acierno and Adeline Beaty for the time to meet at the lodge.

Feb. 18: Carnivale Party: Drinks at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and show to follow. Check the insert for further details.

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday 

Feb 26: Bus trip to Black Hawk, Lady Luck Casino. Please refer to the insert for detail.



March 2012

Mar. 1: 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting. Plan next Quarter Calendar of events and Lodge Business.

Mar. 8: 6:30 p.m. Lodge Annual St. Patricks Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with the Regular Business Meeting to follow.

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Mar. 10: 11:30 a.m. Ladies Birthday Lunch - See insert for details.

Mar. 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins. Set Clocks forward 1 hour.



March 24: 6:30 p.m. An Evening with Sinatra and his music. Please reference the insert for details.





Derek Evilizor  
Performance Entertainment.

*An Evening  
with Sinatra  
and his Music*

Performed live by Derek Evilizor

**Saturday, March 24, 2012  
Potenza Hall Supper Club**

1900 W. 38th Ave. (corner of 38th & Shoshone)

Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment: 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$30**

Price Includes, cocktails, dinner, dessert & entertainment

For information or to purchase tickets call:

Al Santangelo 720.314.5075

Barb Pietrafeso 303.358.5708

Bill Pietrafeso, Chairman  
Al Santangelo, Co-Chairman



**Bus Trip to Black Hawk  
Lady Luck Casino**

Sunday - February 26, 2012

RSVP Required by Feb. 22, \$10 per  
person due upon reservation

Call  
John Gargano 303-422-6393

Perks: \$5 back with 100 points, food, and  
fun

Meet at lodge parking lot  
Time: 11:00 a.m. sharp



**Parties – Weddings – Meetings, Etc.  
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For Details 303-477-1722**

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**A STORY OF FAITH AND DEDICATION – THIS IS A MUST READ!**

**In compiling the history for the Lodge we ran across many interesting stories. This is one of those stories about a family's faith, dedication and determination. It is a story worth telling and certainly worth reading. It is absolutely inspiring.**

**MOTHER CABRINI LODGE:  
May, 1923 to December, 2010**



**Saint Frances Cabrini  
First American Saint**

**The Mother Cabrini Lodge was formed as a social, philanthropic and religious organization on May 6, 1923. It was composed exclusively of women, many of whom came from Mt. Carmel Parish.**

**They met monthly and their dues in 2010 were \$26 per year. The first President of the Lodge in 1923 was Mrs. Marietta Altieri, and the last President to serve in December, 2010 was Juanita Larson.**

**Fred Gabriel's mother, Josephine (Pace) Leone/Gabriel, and Fred's Aunt Clara Satriano carried the Mother Cabrini's Banner for 44 years, from 1936 to 1980, in all of the processions, especially the procession of St. Rocco. Fred took over the duties of carrying the banner for the next thirty years, from 1980 until 2010, and now his oldest son, Mike, has taken over this duty.**

**To this day, the Gabriel family has carried the Mother Cabrini banner for over seventy-five years. The Gabriels are very faithful to their Catholic religion. Fred's brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Rozella Leone, are the proud parents of Father Ken Leone, a dynamic, well known, Catholic priest who was born and raised in northwest Denver. He is sixty-eight years of age now and has recently retired from his priestly duties.**

**An interview in 2011 with the Fred Gabriel family:**

*By Gerry Pergola*

**"Today is Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and I am Gerry Pergola in the home of Fred Gabriel and we are going to talk about his memories of the Potenza Lodge. So, Fred, it says, 'I believe Fred's mother and aunt carried the flag in the parade for Mother Cabrini. Fred continued to carry that flag at the Saint Rocco Parade every year since his Mother passed away.' You carried the torch for your family in the Saint Rocco procession. So, does your son carry the banner for Mother Cabrini this year at the St. Rocco Feast? 'Yes,' Fred said."**

**At this interview, 86 year old Fred A. Gabriel told us that he grew up at 1730 West 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and he went to Bryant Webster, Horace Mann and North High School.**



**Fred Gabriel ◦  
October 19, 2011**



He worked for his cousins, the Satriano Brothers, for about thirty years and then went into business for himself, the Gabriel and Sons Janitorial Service. About the last five or six years of his working career, he did maintenance at the Western Farm Bureau Building and then retired at sixty-five years of age. Fred, his wife, Virginia R. (Ginny) Gabriel and their four children Mike, Patrick, Peggy and John Gabriel are very dedicated to Mother Cabrini, the first American to be canonized a saint. Fred took over the duties of carrying the Mother Cabrini banner after his mother passed away around 1986. Fred, himself, can't walk much anymore because he has bad legs. His sixty-year old son, Mike, does it now and will do it as long as he can and then the youngest son, John, will take over.

Fred keeps the banner at home and the eldest son, Mike, rewrapped it. It can't be cleaned because the banner is so old that it will disintegrate and fall apart. But Fred maintains that it's still a good banner although it is very big and very heavy.

Fred now rides in a restored, vintage, 1950 Chevrolet pickup truck which is driven in the procession by his youngest son, John. All four of Fred's children, three boys and one girl, participate in the procession.

Fred's family, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren number about forty-two. They all meet at Fred's house, with other invited guests, after the procession for a party. They eat sausage sandwiches and his children, all of whom play accordions, entertain themselves and their guests.

Our admiration, respect and prayers go out to the Gabriel family. We hope and pray that they can continue this legacy for the next seventy-five years.

Virginia "Ginny" Corbett, Ralph Mancinelli and Gerry Pergola.



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October 19, 2011

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