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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Potenza Lodge,

I would like to dedicate my write up to address our successful Saint Rocco Feast, 2015. The lodge Financial Secretary stated that this year was the best feast since 1998. As I pondered over the issue in my sleepless night who and why to give this credit to and how to do it in a 4" x 5" allotted space. Not really possible. I would need a book. Here goes! Where do I start? For starter's I thanked the Good Lord for the beautiful weather throughout the event. The Mass, procession, bidding of the statue, etc. A tremendous crowd in attendance. Then I said "self" who started all this and I thought about our Forefathers that came from the old country and planted the seeds that this great lodge grew from. Check out the lodge Memorial Roster & History Book for all those members all the way back to 1899. Then there's the folks that supplied their talents, muscles, dedication & sweat to do the intensive labor necessary. Put up the stands, lighting, electrical, gas for cooking, etc. How about the folks behind the scenes? Clean-up, cooking, ordering all the stuff, feeding the workers. Who washes all the pots, pans, on and on. Then there's the police/security folks that keep us and our equipment safe from harm during the event. Let's not forget the vendors – farmers that supply our product/goods/service and some that even donate them. Let's not forget the Knights of Columbus who attend the mass, lead the procession and show up every year without question. The band, the music, etc. How about the Ladies Auxiliary! The lodge couldn't survive without the Auxiliary. They are involved with unquestionable support, dedication, creativity and ingenuity to the lodge. They contribute their skills and play a major part of the feast operation. I could go on and on. This list barely scratches the surface of what it takes to put on this monstrous, labor intensive, the backbone of our North Denver Italian heritage event. I'm out of room, on closing I would like to finish with Angels!! I believe in Angels!! I really enjoy the "Angel Cart" with all our little Angels with their wing's & halo's riding in the procession. Hopefully these little folks will be the up and coming members of our Potenza Lodge. Just my thought as I stood on the lodge porch overlooking the feast crowd; I see what I can see, lots of people & activity. I can't see x-rays, ultra-violet only the visible spectrum. Maybe our member's, gone before us, are visiting the feast as Angels. Maybe we just don't see them???

Again, Thank You Lord! Thank You Auxiliary! Thank You Workers! Thank You Forefathers/Ancestors! and those I inadvertently missed.

**Laugh Often, Love Lots, God Bless
 President Ralph Acierno**

- **Saint Rocco Feast Statue/Papal Flag Bidding Results**
- Mass Congregation donations: \$2800
- St. Rocco Statue: Anthony Quaratino, wife Dolores Family \$2500 along with Ken Marone family and Bellio family \$2500 combined; total \$5000
- Papal Flag: Paul & Patty (Rondinelli) Stafford \$350
- St. Rocco Statue: definable checks; Elitasa Inc. \$625 & Q. Connection, Inc. \$625
- Misc cash: Dolores Quaratino. \$630

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Members:

I want to thank all of you who participated in the preparations for St. Rocco's Feast. Thank you also to all the booth chairwomen and the workers who participated by volunteering to work the Feast. I believe that the most meaningful part of the weekend is Sunday when we celebrate Mass, bid for the honor of carrying the statue of St. Rocco and the Papal Flag, and walk in procession to honor our Patron Saint. This is the tradition that was brought to us by those who immigrated here. I am very proud of the Auxiliary for their participation this year. Our pride and heritage were evident in how many of you attended. It is said that St. Rocco bestows many blessings upon those who honor him.

In September, we held the Lodge Picnic. Thank you, Ralph, and all the volunteers who made this happen. This picnic is so reminiscent of those that we all attended as children with the races, the egg toss and the water balloons. Don't forget (or maybe you should) our tail gate party at the membership meeting. Barbara Saunders is a great social chairman and has such fun ideas. Thank you to Barbara and her committee. We also celebrated our birthdays together at Virgilio's. Isn't it wonderful to be together in celebration?

This last quarter we have lots of fun things coming up. Our October meeting brings us our famous pizza night with all the traditional old fashioned recipes like garlic pizza and onion pizza. Also in October Lisa Lokken and Janette Perito are co-chairing a vendor and craft show. Details are in this newsletter. We will need volunteers to bake goodies, make chili and help us serve too. This promises to be a good fund raiser for the Auxiliary.

In November we will again be preparing our annual turkey dinner. The ladies are to bring a side dish. This starts the holiday season. Hopefully you will get all your Christmas shopping done at our craft show so you can relax and enjoy the season.

December is the season of joy as we remember the birth of the Christ Child. Gerry Pergola will again be hosting our Christmas light bus tour on December 4th. Our children's Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 5. We hope that all your little ones will be able to be here this year because our special guest is Santa Clause, and we have great gifts for the kids. Also in December is our traditional stuffed shell dinner at the meeting on the 9th. Ladies, please bring your favorite cookies or desserts. We will again be exchanging gifts.

Hope to see all of you often during the next quarter. Remember we are Sisters, and families always enjoy being together. God Bless all of you!

Happy Summer!!
Barb

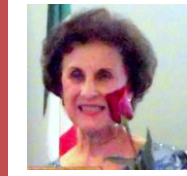
Lodge History Book

There are 6 books left/supplier correction Qty.
Call Gerry Pergola or Virginia Corbet if you wish to purchase one.

There are no re-orders planned

Welcome New Members

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new member. **Robin Castellari**



Rose Marie Tricarico

In Recognition of
60 years of
Loyal Membership
in the Potenza Lodge
Ladies Auxiliary
September 10, 2015
Also
Ladies Auxiliary Past President
1975-76 & 1989-90

Craft / Vendor Sale

- **Where:** Lodge Hall
- **When:** October 17th, 2015
- **Time:** 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Cost:** \$40.00 per table
- **Lunch:** Chili and Corn Bread lunch will be for sale
- **Contacts:** Lisa Lokken 303-429-4978
Janette Perito 303-523-1958



Charity Committee News

Thank you for your support thus far.
Our needs for October, November & December are as follows:

The senior resource center needs:

- men's underwear, size medium and large
- men's socks
- women's underwear size 5 and 6
- women's socks.

Note: Please continue to bring your jewelry for our ongoing "Jewels of Hope" project!

***Thank you again for your continuing support
Committee Chairwoman, Theda Archer 303-771-8602***

Lodge Raffle Winners

- Ralph Mancinelli \$3000
- Dino Gavito \$1000
- Rose Marie Tricarico \$500
- Larry Hallaway \$500

Thank you ticket sellers
for your sales effort and
congratulations to our
raffle ticket winners!



Oct. 6: 6:30 pm. Feast Critique Meeting: All members are welcome to come and discuss the outcome of the St. Rocco Feast. Also share your thoughts and ideas to make improvements and work out any problems experienced.

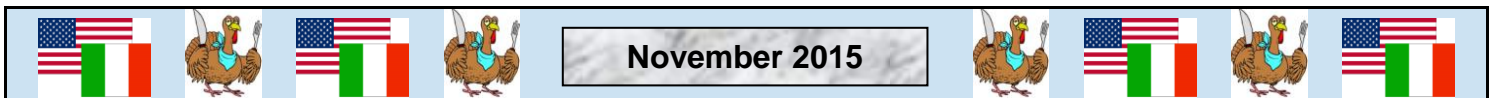
Oct. 8: 6:30 pm. Regular Business Meeting; also the lodge famous pizza night with all the traditional old fashioned recipes like garlic pizza and onion pizza, etc.

Oct. 10: 10:00 am. Columbus Day Parade. Parade starts at Colfax Ave. & Bannock St. Call Rita at 970-685-1327 or Matt at 720-205 5432 for additional information.

Oct. 12: Columbus Day (observed)

Oct. 17: Craft / Vendor Sale. 11:00 am. to 4:00 pm. \$40.00 per table. Chili & Corn Bread for lunch. Contact Lisa Lokken 303-429-4978 or Janette Perito 303-523-1958 for reservation & further details.

Oct. 31: Happy Halloween!



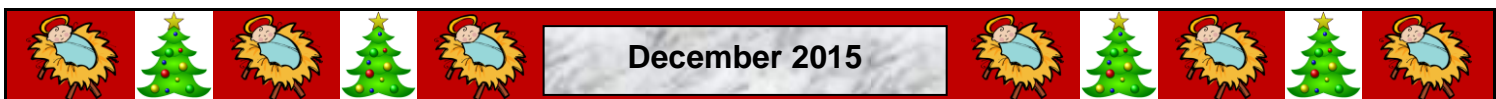
Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time ends. Set your clocks back one hour!!

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, Honor Veterans. Fly the Flag.

Nov. 12: 6:30 pm. Regular Business Meeting, Annual Thanksgiving dinner. Ladies please bring a side dish to share with 10 – 12 people.

Nov. 20: Final day to RSVP to Barbara Saunders (303-451-8667) for the Childrens Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5th, from 1 to 3 pm. Barb needs to know the number of family member's attending, the children's names, ages, and gender - newborn thru 12 years old.

Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving!



Dec. 3: 6:30 pm. Calendar Meeting to plan events for next years 1st Qtr. Jan – Feb - Mar 2016; also, any lodge business or concerns you may wish to discuss.

Dec. 4: 5:30 pm. Christmas Lights Bus Tour. RSVP, Gerry Pergola (303) 455-5809, Virginia Corbett (303) 429-2634.

Dec. 5: 1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. Childrens Christmas Party. Be sure you have your **RSVP into Barb Saunders by November 20**, regarding who's coming and Children info. Santa doesn't want any of our little ones to be disappointed if he doesn't know who's coming; names, gender, age, or brand new.

Dec. 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Honor the Veterans. Fly the Flag.

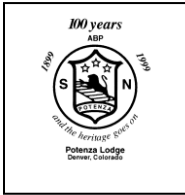
Dec. 10: 6:30 pm. Annual Christmas (stuffed shells) dinner with all the trimmings. Business meeting to follow.

Auxiliary will have a gift exchange or some other fun thing that will be decided at a previous meeting.

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!



Parties - Weddings - Meetings - Etc.
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Coming Events & Misc. 2015

October 8, 2015
Regular Business Meeting & Pizza Night



The Auxiliary will be serving their
 famous pizza's home made with all the traditional old fashioned recipes like garlic pizza, onion pizza & etc.

December 4, 2015
Christmas Bus Light Tour



5:30 pm. Christmas Lights Bus Tour. RSVP, Gerry Pergola (303) 455-5809, Virginia Corbett (303) 429-2634

December 5, 2015
Children's Christmas Party



1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. Childrens Christmas Party

RSVP to Barb Saunders by November 20

King Soopers
 reloadable gift cards
 please call:
 Sharon Kling, 303-470-8505.
 It's a "free" 5% rebate to the Lodge

Cookbooks
 Ladies Auxiliary
 Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 each.
 Contact any lodge officer for yours today.
 See cover page insert for phone numbers.