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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Potenza Lodge,

Another year is winding down. Why can't things slow down at bit? Seems like the year just got started and before you realize it, it's over.

Everyone seems to be not only busy, but overly busy. Young folks in the midst of their work career and raising a family are overwhelmed. Then there are us old folks; we have the what-for, but not the do-for.

The lodge had a good productive year; we finished in the black. We can attribute the success to several outstanding events that made its mark. The car show was great and so was our Dinner/Entertainment evening with Tony David & Wild Fire. Then there's the annual St. Rocco Feast that did very good. We were blessed with good weather and an exceptional work force that made good things happen; although, the last few years we had to hire folks to help with some of the heavy labor efforts. So far we have managed to handle these challenges as the lodge ages.

Life is not always a bed of roses. Things didn't always go well or to our liking. We never want to plan for it or think about losing our loved ones and no matter what we do it deals us an unbearable blow. This year we lost several of our dearly loved members. Our solace is they are with the Lord and in our memories.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers for those who have passed on this year, (2015). Lucile Long, Anthony Marino, Mary "Millie" DeBell, Jerry Brancucci, Ralph G. Marchese (Rudy) and Ralph Santangelo. And, all those who have passed on previously.

The lodge is going through some soul searching trying to keep the lodge in step with the changing of times. We're still working on the never ending problem of getting our new young folks to come on board and help with the continued existence of our heritage.

We just celebrated the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday (12/5) at the lodge. As I looked at all the little folks anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, it dawned on me what happened to the kids that attended the lodge Christmas party 10-15 years ago?? I don't think many if any joined the lodge to keep our Potenza Heritage going?? Don't think so!! I bet they got caught up in the "I'm too busy syndrome", like a lot of us??

This year the lodge implemented a Social Membership to help augment the lack of our Society membership that is stagnant. Membership and filling offices gets more difficult as time goes on. Next Thursday is Elections for the 2016 Officers. Please let us know if you wish to run for an office. I think I used up my allotted space. Thank you all for your continued support.

Pray for our deceased, Congratulations & Good Luck to our new members. Best Wishes for our new 2016 Officers, may their foresight and determination be for the good and success of the lodge. May our Societa Nativi Di-Potenza Basilicata Heritage live on forever. God Bless!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Potenza Lodge President
Ralph Acierno

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Members:

Happy New Year. I hope that your holidays were memorable.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Kid's Christmas party this year. All the children had a fun time with the magician, the great pizza and special gifts from Santa Claus. We had 58 kids this year. They seemed to really enjoy it.

Special thanks to the committee chaired by Sharon Kling and all her elves. Also thank you to Santa Claus who delighted everyone and brought such wonderful gifts.

This quarter the Auxiliary has some fun Social Committee activities planned. On January 16th, we are planning a Bunco Party. Please bring your family. Often times winter days are long and dull so the Social has decided to get us out with a Bunco party. The cost is \$10 per person and will include snacks and cash prizes. It all begins at 5 p.m. Please call Barbara Saunders for your reservation.

On February 13th, we will be hosting a Valentines Tea for the ladies of the Auxiliary. We will have specialty teas and treats. Make sure you wear your fanciest hat because we will be giving a prize for the best hat. I hope that you all will join us. It starts at 1 p.m.

At the year's end it seems appropriate to thank everyone who contributed so much to the success of our Lodge in 2015. Thank you to Lodge President, Ralph Acierno. Thank you also to the Auxiliary Officers: Janette Perito, Teri Asbery, Lisa Lokken and Patty Steward. All the committee chairwomen and their committees have done such wonderful work—we appreciate all that you do. Also to those of you who volunteer so diligently for all the activities. We had a very successful feast this year thanks to our volunteers. Remember that you are the heart of our Lodge and we could not succeed without you.

We are beginning a new year, and I often thank God for all of you, my sisters, and the fun we have had and will have together. May God bless you and keep you and yours healthy and happy.

Sincerely,
Auxiliary President
Barb Pietrafeso

Welcome New Members

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new members.

Wendy J. McKernan & Francis J. Brehm

In Loving Memory

Jerry Brancucci

Entered Into Life: 7-4-1928

Entered Into Eternal Life: 9-29-2015

Ralph G. Marchese (Rudy)

Entered Into Life: 12-18-1926

Entered Into Eternal Life: 10-6-2015

Ralph P. Santangelo

Entered Into Life: 3-30-1932

Entered Into Eternal Life: 9-26-2015

Charity Committee

Projects for the Senior Support Services
First Quarter-2016

**Please bring the following items to the next
Quarter Meetings**

- Polident Denture, Cleaner, Tablets
- Poligrip Denture Adhesive Cream
- Over the counter Cold Medicine Tablets
- Nail Clippers
- Nail Files/Emery Boards
- Reader Magnify Glasses
- Small Bottles of Lotion
- Disposable Razors

Note: Any major brand would be acceptable

We have supported many diverse organizations this past year!

Thank you all for your continued support

Committee Chairwoman, Theda Archer 303-771-8602

Membership Information

Just a reminder to get your dues paid for 2016 and make sure your Beneficiary card is up to date.

If you still haven't paid your dues for 2015 it is delinquent as of April 2015, therefore you are subject to forfeiting your benefits and being dropped from membership.

Notify any officer on the front page insert to rectify soon as possible.



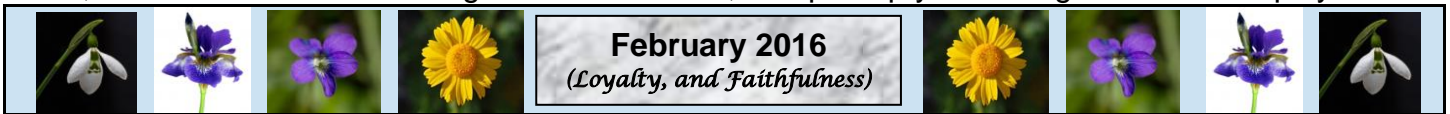
Jan. 1: Best Wishes for a very Happy, Prosperous, Healthy New Year!

Jan. 10: RSVP required for attendance at the Bunco Party. Please call Barbara Saunders at 303.451.8667. See Insert for details. Admission \$10 per person. Lodge Hall.

Jan. 14: 6:30 pm. Regular Business Meeting. Swearing in of new officers for 2016, w/photos. Menu to be stuffed shells with all the trimmings.

Jan. 16: 5:00 pm. Bunco Party at the Potenza Lodge Hall. Admission \$10 per person. See Insert for all the details or call Barb Saunders.

NOTE: Save the February 6th date for a Carnivale Party. The Auxiliary is in process of planning the event, Details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, sharpen up your acting talent to be a player.



Feb. 6: Final date to RSVP to Barb Pietrafeso 303.423.9189 if you plan on attending the Presidents Valentine Tea Party at the lodge on February 13 @ 1 pm. All Auxiliary Members are invited. See the Insert for all the details or call Barb.

Feb. 10: Ash Wednesday



Feb. 11: 6:30 pm. Regular Business Meeting. Carte du Jour **TBD**, it will be good!???



Feb. 13: 1:00 pm. The Presidents Valentine Tea Party. All Auxiliary Members are invited. See the insert for all the details. Don't forget to wear your fanciest hat to win a prize.

Feb. 14: Happy Valentines Day!



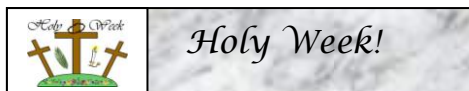
Mar. 3: 6:30 pm. Calendar Meeting to plan events for the 2nd Quarter, AprMayJun 2016. Also, any lodge business or concerns you may wish to discuss.

Mar. 10: 6:30 pm. Regular Business Meeting. Corned Beef & Cabbage will be served with all the trimmings.

Mar. 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set Clocks ahead 1 hour.



Mar. 17: Happy Saint Patricks Day!



Mar. 20: Palm Sunday!

Mar. 24: Holy Thursday!

Mar. 25: Good Friday!

Mar. 27: Happy Easter



Parties - Weddings - Meetings - Etc.
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Coming Events & Misc. 2016



Bunco Party

Saturday, January 16, 2016
 5 p.m.
 Potenza Lodge Hall
 Admission \$10
 Cash Prizes
 Snacks and Drinks will be served
 RSVP by January 10, 2016
 Barbara Saunders 303.451.8667



The Auxiliary Valentine's Tea

All Auxiliary Members are Invited

Saturday, February 13, 1 p.m.

Potenza Lodge Hall

RSVP to Barb (303.423.9189) by February 6th

Wear your fanciest hat to win a prize

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.

Cook Books
Ladies Auxiliary

Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 each.
 Contact any lodge officer for yours today.
 See Front Page Insert for phone numbers.
 Thank you.