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COLUMBUS DAY SPECIAL EDITION

Sons of Italy...

A Story Worth Telling

October 2023

What We Stand For

The "Order Sons of Italy in America" was established in the Little Italy neighborhood of New York City on June 22, 1905, by *Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro* and five other Italian immigrants who came to the United States during the great Italian migration (1880-1923).

The objective was to create a support system for all Italian immigrants to assist them in becoming United States citizens, to provide health/death benefits (which we take for granted today), educational opportunities and to offer assistance with assimilation into American culture.

We are a national organization of men and women who represent the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian heritage, dedicated to promoting our culture, our traditions, our language, the legacy of our ancestors, and our contributions to the U.S. and the world.

We are sons and daughters, grandmothers and grandfathers. We are corporate executives and we are union members...young students and retirees...teachers and attorneys...doctors and firefighters...bakers and Wall Street brokers...and everything in between. We are philanthropists and we are model global citizens with purpose beyond ourselves.

OSIA 2738 Upcoming Events

<u>Thursday, Oct 12, 2023</u>	<u>Lodge meeting at lodge.</u>	<u>6 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting</u>
<u>Thursday, Nov 9, 2023</u>	<u>Lodge meeting at lodge.</u>	<u>6 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting</u>
<u>Thursday, Dec. 14</u>	<u>Lodge meeting at lodge.</u>	<u>6 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting</u>
<u>Sunday in December TBD</u>	<u>Family Christmas Party</u>	<u>At Lodge</u>

Our Creed

The Sons of Italy of Southern Colorado Lodge #2738 was founded in 1999. One of the main reasons this lodge was formed was to protect and maintain the Monument in honor of Christopher Columbus.

The lodge feels that it is their responsibility, and a great honor to be the Guardians of this important Pueblo Treasure that has been passed down to us.



Dear Brothers:

Wow, what a wonderful Columbus Day Celebration we had. Sunday night Oct 8th , The Colorado Italian American Foundation (COIAF) sponsored a special dinner for 150 guests at the lodge. Guests enjoyed *Rosario's* signature chicken Piccata dinner with wine, coffee, tea and dessert and presentation on the real Columbus history by Rafael Ortiz who is a renowned author and researcher on Columbus.

Monday Oct 9th Columbus Day we once again gathered at the Monument to celebrate Columbus Day. We had close to 100 people at the Monument. The weather was perfect, the event was top notch. We had a total of **2 PROTESTERS.** Of course **NO media present,** they are only interested in the protesters and not the truth.

All of the speakers were great with one solid theme: The propaganda being taught about Columbus is factually false and in fact complete lies. The modern world as we know it would not exist if it were not for Columbus and his journeys. And we have a right to Celebrate as we want and not to be intimidated and interfered with.

The event included:

- ◆ Presentation of the Colors by Pueblo Knights of Columbus Color Guard,
- ◆ National Anthem sung by Brandi Halvorson,
- ◆ Invocation by Father Joseph Vigil
- ◆ Sons of Italy Lodge #2738 President: Mr. Gino Carleo, and Albert Spinuzzi
- ◆ County Commissioner Zach Swearingen
- ◆ Former City Council Member Mark Aliff
- ◆ State President Sons of Italy/ Colorado John Carochi
- ◆ Special Guest Speaker Rafeal Ortiz.

SAVE THE DATE:

MARCH 9, 2024 WILL BE OUR 25TH ANIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER. SOMETHING BIG IS COMING.!!!

Thank you to Rich Foresta, and Angelo's Pizza for providing the meal at the lodge meetings. It is always great, and plenty of it.

NOTE, NOTE: NEW State Website: osdiacolorado.com. State Website has been completely redone. Very informative. Please take a look.

Gino Carleo, President Sons of Italy Lodge 2738





Rafeal at dinner

Dinner food line

Fr. Joe Vigil leading prayer at dinner

“God is just and he will see that the truth is known.”



Gino and Al Welcoming at Monument



Fr. Joe Prayer at Monument



Brandi sings National Anthem



COIAF President Jerry Carleo





County Commissioner Zack Swearingen



Rafael at Monument



Crowd at Monument

State Lodge President John Carochi



Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 14, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President Gino Carleo at 7:00 pm.
2. Prayer led by Mike Marino, recited by members present.
3. Members present recited the pledge.
4. August minutes accepted as read.
5. All bills are currently paid.
6. BOOKS ARE IN. We have new books available \$25 each from Sam Pisciotta, John Panepinto, John Obrin
7. There will be a celebration of life for Joe Coffee on October 14, 2023, 2-5 pm at the lodge. Everyone is invited.
8. Columbus Day is our most important yearly activity. Columbus Day is Oct 9, 2023, activities are scheduled at Monument beginning at 10 am. We will have national speaker Rafeal Ortiz who is an expert on Columbus as our keynote speaker. Dinner Sunday, Oct 8 at the lodge 6 pm Rosario's, \$45 for two people. Rafeal Ortiz will be our honored guest speaker.
9. Our Gun raffle was successful. We need ideas for a future raffle. What would you like to see. Please let us know.
10. The closing prayer was led by Mike Marino.
11. There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: John Obrin, Recording Secretary

New Books are Available. Limited Supply. Get yours before they sell out.



**HELP US
PROTECT
THE
COLUMBUS
MONUMENT**

AND THEY CAME TO PUEBLO THE ITALIAN AMERICAN STORY

The Southern Colorado Chapter of the Sons of Italy Lodge no. 2738 is proud to announce the publication of the new book - *AND THEY CAME TO PUEBLO*.

This is the third book produced by the Lodge and is a revised edition of the book we sold in 2015 with twenty additional pages. The new material includes a complete story of The Forgotten Father of Columbus Day, Hector Chiariglione, by Marianna Gatto. Also, a history of the Lodge's Scholarship program for students, an article describing why we needed a new security fence at the Columbus Monument and much more. Still Included is the very popular plat map of The St. Charles Mesa showing the names of many of the Italian pioneers who started farming there 125 years ago, and the articles on the restoration and preservation of the Columbus Monument in 2014.

The Lodge will use proceeds from book sales to continue our mission of protecting the Columbus Monument in Pueblo against misguided groups that want it removed.

**Please contact us for your copy as supplies are limited. Price is \$25 per copy.
Shipping postage is \$4.00 per copy.**

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**Why Join the Sons of Italy Because you cannot move forward,
if you do not know from where you came. Join us.....It's Easy!!**

JOIN NOW!
and become part of the
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organization of Italian
American men and women,
dedicated to promoting
Italian American culture,
traditions, and
contributions to the U.S.
and the world.



see our Facebook page
and our website for more
information about lodge
activities, meetings, and
more!

<http://www.osia2738.com/>



Promote your business in our lodge building with special hand crafted posters. Lodge is used for monthly meetings, special events, rented by other individuals and groups.

Contact Gino, ginocarleo@yahoo.com, 719-671-0205 for more information.



Some Interesting Facts

- * Italy is the world leader in marble production. About 20% of the worlds Production.
- * Jeans– blue jean fabric was originated in Genoa, Italy (hence the name) in the 17th century as an outfit for working class and sailors.
- * The earliest Typewriter “scittura tattile” was created in 1575 by Francesco Rampazetto.
- * The Roman Colosseum remains the largest amphitheater in the world.

Our modern world is entrenched in ancient Rome legacy.

- ◆ Romans perfected concrete, which made it possible to unleash feats of engineering and architecture.
- ◆ Romans laid the foundation for modern plumbing, they were masters of channeling water.
- ◆ Our form of government mirrors that of the Roman republic.
- ◆ Romans had a hand in developing glass windows, central heating, hard soap, street maps, sewers, , public libraries, hospitals, door locks, keys, winemaking. This list goes on and on.

It has been 3 years since the Democratic controlled legislator took Columbus Day from us as a State Holiday. Things are getting better, but we need to remain vigilant. Here is the break down of the votes Notice a pattern.

The following is from the Official Colorado State Legislator Web Site <https://leg.colorado.gov/content/hb20-1031vote5ce6e4> the final vote that passed the bill to **ELIMINATE**

Columbus Day and **take away your heritage.**

ELECTIONS COUNT...

Aye: 19
Absent: 0

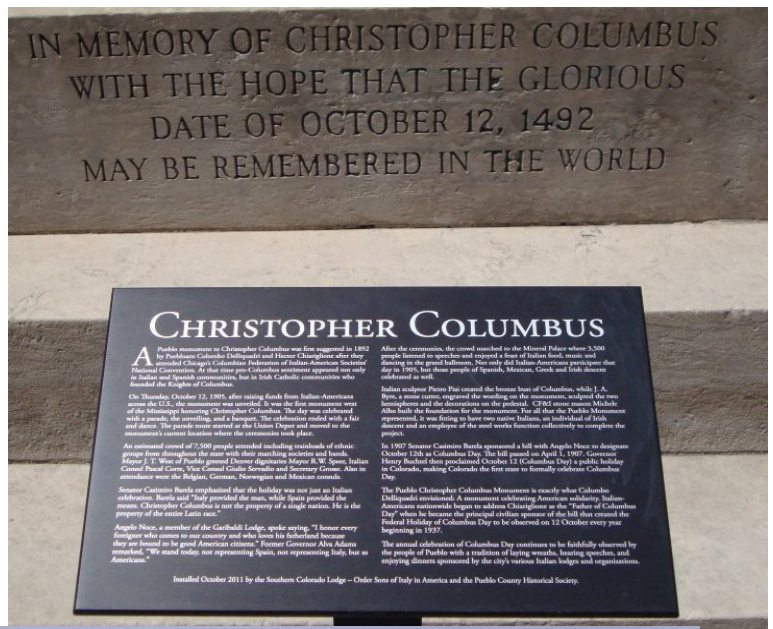
No: 15
Excused: 1

SENATE PRESIDENT LEROY GARCIA (D) YES

- Legislator**
- Bridges (D)**
- Cooke (R)**
- Coram (R)**
- Crowder (R)**
- Donvan (D)**
- Danielson (D)**
- Fenberg (D)**
- Fields (D)**
- Foote (D)**
- Gardner (R)**
- Ginal (D)**
- Gonzales (D)**
- Hansen (D)**
- Hill (R)**
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- Holbert (R)**
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- Pettersen (D)**
- Priola (R)**
- Rankin (R)**
- Rodriguez (D)**
- Scot (R)**
- Smallwood (R)**
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“God is just and he will see that the truth is known.”
-Christopher Columbus

NEA's Attacks on Columbus Malicious, False

By **Bill Donohue** Saturday, 08 October 2022 06:42 AM EDT, (Click for News Max article)

The National Education Association (NEA) is the **largest labor union in the nation**, representing more than three million teachers and administrators.

It's also a decidedly left-wing organization, and as such often evinces a hyper-critical perspective of the United States, and Western civilization, in general. **Its frontal assault on Columbus is one such example.**

Go to the NEA's website and type in "Columbus" in the search engine. Guess what pops up? "Resources for Teaching About Indigenous Peoples." There you will find information about people who migrated to America — **just like the rest of us.**

These "indigenous peoples" came from **Asia**. We know them as American Indians. The NEA has lots of resources for teachers on Columbus and the Indians, the most prominent of which is the Zinn Education Project.

It's named after historian Howard Zinn, a man who hated America with a passion, so much so that he became a member of the **Communist Party**. He wrote the best-selling volume, "A People's History of the United States," the most dishonest book on American history ever written.

"Abolishing Columbus Day."

That is the goal of the Zinn Education Project, as stated on its website.

It's a quick tutorial, but it is no substitute for Zinn's famous textbook.

Mary Grabar is the author of "Debunking Howard Zinn: Exposing the Fake History That Turned a Generation against America." The subtitle of that work says it all.

One way Zinn created his false history is by selectively quoting from what Columbus said. Zinn's account is laced with ellipses, glaring omissions from the exact words written by Columbus.

Grabar offers many examples of this sleight of hand, saying these "omissions are essential to Zinn's dishonest retelling of the Columbus story. By leaving crucial words out of the quotation, Zinn makes Columbus say something very different from what he actually said."

Just as bad, Zinn lifted much of what he said about Columbus from a book written by his radical friend, Hans Koning. The problem with that rendering is that "Koning was not a Columbus scholar any more than Zinn was. In fact, he was not even a historian, while Zinn was at least a college professor."

Worse, "Koning's slim volume does not cite *any* sources (my italic)."

As the author of many books, I can say without equivocation that no author of a non-fiction book should ever be taken seriously if he does not cite his sources.

This is doubly true when the author seeks to counter the conventional wisdom on the subject. So when Christopher Hitchens wrote a 99-page book slamming Mother Teresa, offering not a single source to back up his libelous claims, I told him to his face that he was not a scholar and cannot be taken seriously.

Zinn would have the reader believe that the Indians were doing just fine before the white man came along.

Never once does he attempt to explain why many tribes engaged in **savage warfare against each other** (the Hurons and the Iroquois are one of many examples), nor does he discuss **cannibalism, human sacrifice, and other acts of cruelty that existed before the Europeans arrived.**

Just as important, Zinn does not comment on all of those Indians that helped the Europeans win by defecting to their side.

They had had enough with the butchery they experienced at the hands of some tribes. None of this is taught to students.

Grabar notes that the Zinn Education Project has a role-playing exercise for students as young as elementary school. One of the questions is whether European life, called the "System of Empire," made violence inevitable.

"In effect such a trial is a show trial," says Grabar, "with a jury of naive children who are **manipulated by their teachers.**"

She closes with the following observation. "It is Zinn's book that should be put on trial. If the historian lies, there is no defense."

**If Zinn was a liar, what does that make the NEA?
It's actively peddling his malicious falsification of American history.**

Dr. Bill Donohue is president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. A former Heritage Foundation Bradley Resident Scholar, he has authored several books on civil liberties, social issues and religion. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from New York University. Read Bill Donohue's Reports

A different view why he is hated. Please click on the link, and read a great article.

[Christopher Columbus: An American Hero \(washingtonstand.com\)](#)

Please watch the following video:

Courage and Conviction: The True Story of Christopher Columbus is a thorough examination of the life and legacy of the fearless discoverer of America. Through expert interviews and archival footage, we look at the origins of Columbus Day and the symbolic role that Columbus has for Catholic Immigrants, especially Italian Americans. Finally the film addresses the current indictments against Christopher Columbus with boldness and exposes the motives behind the attacks. It shows why Columbus remains not only a man worthy of admiration, but a noble icon of what it means to be a Catholic and an American. Co-produced by [National Columbus Education Foundation](#), and the [Knights of Columbus](#).

[Courage and Conviction: The True Story of Christopher Columbus - YouTube](#)

- ◆ Descendants of Slain Police Chief and Lynched Italian Unite in New Orleans | Italian Sons and Daughters of America

<https://orderisda.org/culture/stories/descendants-of-slain-police-chief-and-lynched-italian-make-amends-in-new-orleans/>

This was a defining moment in the Establishment of Columbus Day as a National Holiday.

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- Easy to be a part. Just make an outstanding donation any time of year to help support the lodge and all we do. From protecting Columbus Monument to providing scholarships.
- We depend on other donations beside just our yearly dues to be able to do all we do, because out of the \$60 we collect, \$32 goes to State Grand Lodge and National Lodge for membership per capita.
- **Lodge dues billings will be mailed out mid December for next year.**

Another simple way to support our Lodge's Foundation.

Brother Jerry has registered COIAF in the King Soopers Community rewards program.

If you have a King Sooper's discount card, there are only three simple steps -

1)<https://www.kingsoopers.com/account/communityrewards>

2)search for: **Colorado Italian American Foundation**

3)verify it says: Organization Name: **Colorado Italian American Foundation** Organization Number: **WH394**

That's it – when you shop at King's a portion of your purchase is automatically donated directly to the Foundation.

- [Newsletter lay out, designed, edited by John Obrin. If you are not currently receiving newsletter by email, or know someone who is not getting newsletter, please contact John Obrin at 719-406-5672 or j.obrin@comcast.net.](#)



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You are still able to pledge your support to the on going Columbus Monument enhancement project.
 We have further plans to enhance the area. If you would like to purchase a plaque please contact Brother John Panepinto.

DID YOU KNOW? The lodge facility can be rented for activities such as *birthdays, family reunions, graduations*, etc. The lodge is perfect, since it has a kitchen and plenty of tables and chairs. Contact Charlie Montera for more info.

Find us on Face book @

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Visit our **New** Lodge Website! Browse to: www.osia2738.com

Also visit **Colorado Italian American Foundation (CIAF)** our new foundation website.

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

Everyone Welcome



Royal Gorge Lodge # 2866

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 22, 2023

11 am til 6pm

Florence Elks Lodge

131 Front Street, Florence, Colorado

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50% of proceeds go to the local Sons Of Italy Scholarship Fund

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