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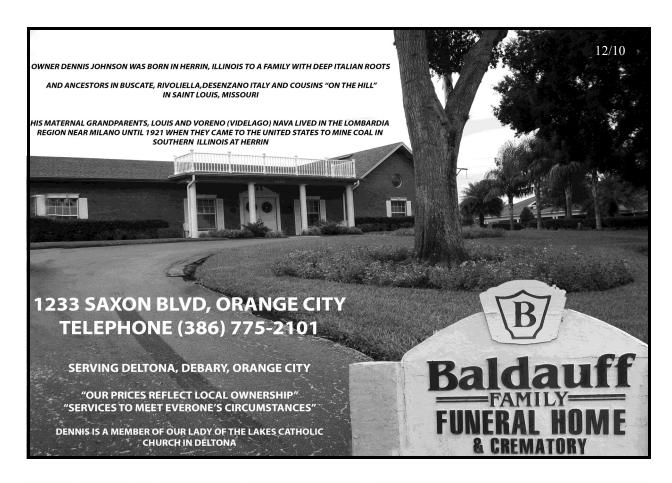


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### **Presidents Message**

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over and we can all settle down and tend to usual Lodge business. The most important item is the Lodge raffle. We have many, many tickets to sell to make this venture a success. We must continue to raise money so that our dues are not raised again. National has raised per capita from the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge is raising the per capita we pay them. I am not asking to raise the dues, but let's work together on the functions so that raising the dues is not necessary. Buy those raffle tickets!! The winning ticket will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.

At the membership meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be accepting nominations for the offices of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Trustee. The positions of Financial Secretary and Treasurer seem to frighten members away, but they really are not that difficult. No more than paying your own bills at home. Bills come in and checks are written and they are paid; money comes in and it is deposited. Did I convince anyone?

Bingo will be having another bingo bash on January 22, 2011 at 4:00 pm. All players and workers are invited. We really had a good time at the last one, and we made a few bucks. Come join us.

The Lodge will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships for students of Italian descent who are graduating in May of 2011 and attending college.

Ann Marie Sarich will be updating our web site so that all our functions and Lodge news will be available on your computer at all times. The scholarship application will also be on the web site.

See you at the January meeting. Stay healthy.

Alice Orlacchio Russell President

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### **MEETINGS**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:** Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. **COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Monday before the Membership Meeting at 7p.m. **WAYS & MEANS:** Last Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

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# **Grandmother and the Fig Tree**

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Grandma wrote to her cousin telling her so, and soon a package arrived from Italy. Inside was a gnarled root that Grandma recognized as a fig tree. She treasured it and carefully planted it on the south side of the grape arbor.

She nursed it through the seasons, covering the small shoot with leaves and burlap during the cold months.

The next spring, she unwrapped her tree and soon a few leaves sprouted! Years later, a plump, golden fig hung from her treasured tree. She plucked the luscious fruit and presented me with this great gift. I have never tasted anything as sweet.

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