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Coming Events!

Sat, April 26th, 6 pm

Seattle Lodge old#1390

Annual Banquet

Kennedy HS

140 S 140th ST, Burien

Contact: Michael Croce

206-682-2740

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Sat, May 10, 2025, 6:00pm

Auburn Lodge #1955

Wine Tasting,

Hors d'oeuvres & Raffle

Tickets \$35

Holy Family Church

505- 17th St. S.E. Auburn

No one under 21 permitted

Contact: Debbie Sonstalie

253-797-9515

May 16-18, 2025

Grand Lodge of the Northwest

2025 Biennial Convention

May 16-18, 2025

Embassy Suites-Lynwood

Linda Buccini Anderson

(253) 225-2483

Thr, July 17, 6 pm

Seattle Lodge old#1390

Annual Fava Bean Dinner

St Joseph, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle

Contact: Michael Croce

206-682-2740

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Saturday July 19, 12:00 to 4pm

Black Diamond Lodge #1809

Annual Picnic

Mud Moutain Dam, Chinook

Shelter

30525 SE Mud Moutain RD.

Contact: Janice Malvesti-Cole

jmalvesticole@gmail.com

From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW Linda Buccini Anderson, President



Buona Pasqua Brothers & Sisters, all your lodge delegates have been elected by now. Those who stepped up to take on this very important responsibility... we say Grazie. You have the responsibility of addressing important issues for all the lodges and electing your new Grand Lodge officers.

Please consider stepping up and running for a Grand Lodge position. If you need more information as to what that means, contact a current officer in that position you are interested in or call me (253) 225-2483. I have asked all delegates, including current Grand Lodge officers, if you are planning to run or run again, please contact Jeff D'Amelio jeffdamelio@live.com by May 1st. Please include why you think you are qualified to run for the position. The list will be on the www.GLNW.org site.

Remember to use the Coming Events section: As a courtesy to all please ensure that you submit all future events that you have planned to Patrick Jacoby, patrick@glnw.org. This will help bring awareness to your event but also help prevent others from scheduling on the same date. Remember, this list is a separate request and not just noted in your own lodge article. With spring coming and energy and sunlight getting bright, it is time you consider getting more involved within your own lodge. We are a volunteer organization. To strengthen and make your lodge fun for all, we ALL need to get involved. There are so many ways to help. Sign up as part of a committee's Sunshine, events, kitchen, scholarship, culture/heritage, community outreach... and many more... even ones you come up with...ask your lodge President, What can I do to help...The more we all get involved the easier and much more fun for all.

As I have mentioned, our Convention is on May 16 & 17, 2025. Remember, if you are not a delegate, you are all welcome to be guests. Come to the Friday 16 hospitality evening -bocce play and limoncello contest or the very moving memorial service on Saturday, May 17 at 9 am. Or join us at the Banquet where you will see our new officers get installed. The Governor Albert D. Rosellini Award will be presented on Saturday evening. A fantastic silent auction, great music, and people just having fun getting to know each other and sharing our love of being members of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy. Lastly, National 1st VP Thom Lupo will be coming from New York to attend our convention. Thom will become our new National President in August, so come on out and meet Thom!

Buona Pasqua everyone! Respectfully,
Linda Buccini Anderson
President-GLNW



Events continued on next page.

more **Coming Events!**

Sun. Aug 10, 2025, 12-4pm

Cataldo Lodge #2280

Annual Picnic

4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton

Contact: Bill Haberstock

360-373-4341

Sun, August 17th 11 am

with Seattle Lodge old#1390

All Italian Community Picnic

Royal Arch Park

20821 Ranton Maple Valley Rd,

Maple Valley

Contact: Contact: Holly Cochran

206-779-8663

cochranh@pacificfoodimporters.com

Sun. Aug 24, 2025, 1:35pm

Grand Lodge of the NW

Baseball

Oklahoma City Comets

at Tacoma Rainiers

Cheney Stadium – Tacoma, WA

Tickets - \$16.00

Contact: Tony Anderson

253.677.9366

osdia1957@gmail.com

Sat-Sun, September 27-28

All Day!

with Seattle Lodge old#1390

Festa Italia

Fedele Meatball Booth

Seattle Center

Contact: Michael Croce

206-682-2740

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, 10:00am

Grand Lodge of the Northwest

Council Meeting

Embassy Suites- Lynnwood, WA

Contact: Janet Fritz

fritz.janet@gmail.com

Sat, November 22nd, 6 pm

Seattle Lodge old#1390

100th Year Celebration!!!

Featuring Ray Massa

Doubletree Suites-Southcenter

16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila

Contact: Contact: Holly Cochran

206-779-8663

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American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,

March Madness has taken over in Spokane as Gonzaga makes it to the Big Dance. At every local establishment the conversation revolves around the scores and barracks. GO DAWGS!

Our March meeting attendance was very impressive given the cold and very wet weather. The following new officers were voted in at our mid-term elections. Darlene La Bella is our new Vice President, and Gary Bartole and Joann Caputo were elected to new trustee positions. Congratulations to everyone and the best of luck to you in your new roles.

President Kim Assay has been very diligent in exposing our membership to the Italian language. We have learned basic words and phrases through flashcards and various games.

Our pronunciation may not be spot on, but we sure do try our best to recite correctly. Retention is another matter.

Now that the weather is warming up, we are planning to start scheduling Social Nights again. On March 25th we will have Scopa Night. This will be a learning night and hopefully, the beginning of many more Scopa Nights to follow. Fun times ahead! No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Aprile dolce dormire; sweet sleep in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary



Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Benvenuti primavera! So good to have it finally arrived.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's March meeting was on March 20, 2025, at St, Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Of course, it was



Northwest Italian News, April, 2025



Elect!

Lenny Folino

16-year OSDIA Member

10 years Black Diamond Lodge Officer Positions

4 years Grand Lodge Vice President



National Membership Commission

National Delegate

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I would appreciate your support, Lenny



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Served as Grand Lodge recording secretary since 2019, served as co-chair of national committee future good of the order 2023, served on national membership



committee 2025, served on National Italian Relations Committee 2025, served as national delegate 2023 to current.

St. Patrick's Day themed with corned beef as the entrée with members providing sides, salads, and desserts. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, so I will share more details in the next article.

The Spaghetti/Meatball dinner fundraiser for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge on March 1st was fantastic! There was a great turnout for the event. It was so nice to see our long-time members Rena Gegen and Martha Carr in attendance. The kitchen



I am throwing my hat in the ring for

National Delegate

to represent

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest
at the National Convention.

Your vote for me is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTINA VOLPONE GERLING

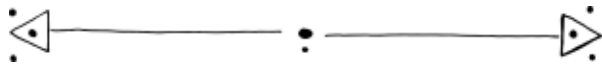
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Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390
"Old 1390"

crew headed by Mary Jane Rogers and Eva To worked hard to get out takeouts and dinners in a timely manner. The volunteer waitresses and waiters from St. Mary's School did a great job serving the guests. Tammy Lund and Kerin Covall did a superb job with the raffle. Kameron Covall was a wonderful DJ and raffle announcer. Gina Rector had a delicious array of Italian-baked pastries on display at the bake sale. I apologize to Italian exchange student, Ilenia Reyes-Zapata, for giving the wrong name in the last NWIN article. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's Scholarship applications are now being accepted and due April 17, 2025 meeting. Contact Connie Chicano for an application, if you haven't already received one, at (360) 581-1229 or cjchicano@comcast.com.

The April meeting for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will be held on April 17, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6: 00 pm., and meeting at 7:00 pm.



Wishing all a "Buona Pasqual."
Judith Braddon, reporter



Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

As the days grew steadily longer, the Auburn Lodge was able to begin our March meeting before sunset! The meeting was well-attended, lively, and capped off with a wonderful spaghetti and handmade meatball dinner by our incredible kitchen crew! We also want to give a warm welcome to Sheri Hart, our newest member, who was inducted at the meeting. Welcome, Sheri! • The lodge voted to sponsor a coffee



break at the GLNW Convention and an ad in the brochure. If you are able, consider attending the Convention, as it's a great way to connect with folks from other lodges and we always have a good time! This will be May 16th-18th at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood. Hope to see you there! • Auburn Scholarship applications are due by tax day, April 15th. If you have any questions, please email Amy Barrett at avcbarrett3@gmail.com. • April 26th, Earth Day, is also the day of the City of Auburn's Clean Sweep event. Our lodge will participate once again this year, and we'd love to have a good showing. A big shout out to Dave Manning for continuing this beloved tradition! • The Auburn Wine Tasting will be on Saturday, May 10th, hosted by Auburn's past president, winemaker, and generally okay guy, Nick DeGidio! Tickets are \$35. There will be food, live music, and (naturally) wine! The lodge would love to help with setup on Friday and requests that



members sign up to decorate tables for this annual event, which is our main fundraiser.

- A reminder: all meetings through summer will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month (as usual).

In closing, I want to remark on the 5th Anniversary of Covid. What a crazy time! At first, the lodge stopped meeting, right after I'd been elected president! Then we moved to Zoom. It was better than nothing, but it wasn't the same. When we eventually got back in person, it was a relief, but folks were guarded. Hugs had hesitation. It took a while to get back up to speed. Through this experience, I learned that we truly are social beings, and we thrive when we're together. Seeing everyone at the meeting this month was really special to me. I felt that we'd finally gotten back to what this organization is about: connection. I hope to see you all next month, and Buona Pasqua!

Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo,
Immediate Past President



Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Buona Pasqua! When you read this, we will all be preparing for Easter but as I write, it is primogiorno di Primavera. Spring has arrived with a downpour! On March 6th,

Bella Vita met at the Grange as a smaller group than usual but spirits were high as we



enjoyed pappardelle pasta with Bolognese sauce accompanied by a host of salads, sides, and desserts. Maria Marabella brought her fabulous green beans with artichokes, a personal favorite! Thank you to everyone



**AMERICAN-ITALIAN
CLUB NO. 2172
Spokane, WA**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of each month at 6:00 PM
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL
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Spokane, WA 99202
479-616-6880

Kimberley Asay, President
Americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com
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**AMERIGO VESPUCCI
LODGE NO. 1814
Aberdeen, WA**

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month
5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Dinner,
6:30 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER
306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA
President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano
360-581-1072
cjchicano@comcast.com

**AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955
Auburn, WA**

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour
Meeting at 7:00PM

Dinner and Raffle following
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL
505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

John Partridge, President
jpartridge427@gmail.com
253-350-4922



for making it another great festa! Special thanks to Dianne Stefanini who treated us to her incredible homemade limoncello. It was bottled in a bottle labeled Limoncino by the Stanfanini brand in Italy, an exciting find on their former trip there. Limoncello must be in the blood because it was outstanding. George Stefanini is Italian through and through, but he came decked out for St Patrick's Day even wearing a "Kiss me I'm Irish" tie. I know he got at least one kiss! Beautiful & energetic VP Shirley Delaurenti Garrison's birthday was celebrated with an exuberant "Happy Birthday" song and limoncello shots all around. We know how to celebrate at Bella Vita. On a sadder note, since our last festa, we

were all saddened to hear of the loss of long time member & former president, Jon Powell. Until very recent years, Jon was an active member, holding several officer positions including President of Bella Vita. Jon had a reputation for being kind and thoughtful and for truly supporting the fraternal order. Our deepest sympathies go out to Genziana (Genny) Powell & famiglia. Jon leaves a legacy that will be remembered as he touched many lives and he will be missed! Bella Vita - a beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, since our Lodge meeting was canceled on February 6th because of the weather, we were doubly excited for the March 6th meeting. Laura Cosacchi made her famous lasagna, which she was going to make for the February meeting. I don't know if Laura changed her recipe, but it was even better than I remember. Maybe having missed it last month made it all the more delicious this month. Michael Brewer, Joan Carson, and Doug Warne brought wine. Linda Caputo brought appetizers, Cathy

BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285
Olympia, WA
 Meets the 1st Thursday of each month
 Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm
 Meeting starts at 6:30pm
 McLane Grange
 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

Aaron Smith, President
 253-227-6432 gutterman@comcast.net

Shirley Delauranti Garrison, Vice President
 253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377
Bellevue, WA
 Meets the 1st Thursday
 of each month / Social: 5:30 PM
 Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

UNITY CHURCH
 16330 Northeast 4th Street
 Bellevue, WA 98008

Greg Osgood, President
osgood_g@msn.com 206-669-4312

Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.
 (206) 979-9147 / guerrini@aol.com

BLACK DIAMOND
LODGE NO. 1809
Black Diamond, WA
 Meets the 2nd Friday of each month
 Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.
 Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

BLACK DIAMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER
 31605 Third Ave (SR 169)
 Black Diamond, WA 98010

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President
 360.463.4671
jmalvesticole@gmail.com

Mettler brought bread and butter, Tessa Floreano brought salad, and Linda Jacobin and Antoinette Folino brought dessert. It was a wonderful meal.

At the March meeting, the Lodge voted to accept Steve Vanderveer into our Lodge. We're happy that Steve has joined our Lodge, and I think he will fit in really well. We also voted on the delegates to the Grand Lodge Conventions, who were nominated in January. Tessa Floreano and Michael Brewer will be our delegates. We still need to find an alternate delegate.

At our meeting, the Lodge took care of some important business: we decided that when we get the next batch of Car Wash tickets we will increase the price to \$15. The price will remain \$12 until we run out of tickets, we approved all the expenses that the Lodge will incur for the Grand Lodge convention including the cost of the delegates package, lodging reimbursement for the delegates, and \$50 towards sponsoring a coffee break. We filled two of our vacant officer positions. Doug Warne agreed to be a trustee and Roberto Cittadini agreed to be our sentinel and the Lodge approved of both of them unanimously. In some serious business, the Lodge approved hiring someone to do the kitchen clean-up after our meetings for \$50 per meeting. This will make our meetings run a little smoother because whoever is doing the kitchen clean-up misses part of our meeting.

In Sunshine News, March 6th was the funeral mass for Mary DeMatteo. Mary was a founding member of our Lodge and the mother of Past-President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Several members of our Lodge

attended the mass to say goodbye and to be among the people who loved Mary the most.

The Lodge will be making a \$100 donation to the Alzheimer's and Dementia Association in honor of Mary DeMatteo. We're getting closer to our Lodge Wine Tasting to be held on April 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. Ron Roletto and Nick Degidio will be presenting an excellent selection of Eastern Washington wines. We'll have plenty of great food and a raffle with lots of awesome prizes. The price this year is \$35, which is probably one of the best bargains that you'll find these days. It's going to be one of the most fun events on the calendar. Mark your calendars because it's going to be the event of the year.

Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on April 3rd, and June 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood



Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Ciao from Black Diamond! This year, the Black Diamond Lodge #1809 will celebrate





88 years as we were founded in 1937. At our March meeting, we enjoyed a homemade meal provided by the wonderful, Rosetta Beyersdorf. We then enjoyed a slideshow that virtually brought us to Italy, presented by members,



Maddalena Costanzo and Salvatore Spirito. We hope you'll join us in Black Diamond and see all the fun we're having. We are moving our April meeting out one week so it'll now take place on Friday, April 18th. Hope to see you there!
Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Cole



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

The March 19 meeting featured Corned Beef and Cabbage, provided by Tony Anderson; Chef was Bill Haberstock, who also made delicious potatoes and carrots. The meal was rounded out with Irish Soda Bread and many side dishes and desserts brought by members. There was a great turnout with many guests, too.

Jackie Haberstock made a special treat for St Joseph's Day-- a tray of Zeppoli with Italian Cherries on top. By the way... my father was named Joseph (Giuseppe), since he was born in Italy on March 19, 1896. And it brought back memories of him making a fried version of the pastry (which I never knew the name of).

We held a moment of silence for departed member, Mary DeSantis. She had been an active member for over 20 years, and had



recently moved to Maryland. Members transferring from the Olympic Peninsula Lodge were accepted for membership in Cataldo--Connie Marzorilla, Anne and Robert McGonigel, and Armando and Paula Muggia. President, Bill Haberstock, has been invited back this year to Kingston High School for their Cultural Fair on April 15. Bill said that a Health permit for Cannoli sales has been obtained good for six months. Walter Harvey has generously offered to pay for the permit. Sign-ups



to help were requested for the first booth to be held on May 10. March Birthday greetings were given to Vicki Hartson and Mike Lebeda. Proceeds from raffle will be donated to the National Charities. Tony Anderson, National 4th Vice President, spoke of the worthy cause of funds for a van for Injured Veterans, which will change after the Convention. Linda Buccini Anderson, GLNW President, thanked the lodge for their support of the charities.
Joyia Rubens, Reporter



Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

President Mike Butorac gavelled the assembly to conduct our Lodge business.



gathered at Cle Elum Community Church on Sunday, March 9th, to discuss Lodge business and primarily focus on the upcoming Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to be held March 15th. We covered our obligatory administration items with no issues. Our



largest accomplishment was a new activity that was conducted by Virginia, who also came up with the idea of sharing a memory of her Italian childhood and teaching us a new Italian word. A picture tells a thousand words: "Thank you, Virginia." Ciao!
Sincerely and respectfully submitted,
Dee Saldin Deesaldin@gmail.com

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280
Bremerton, WA
Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:00 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.
VFW HALL
190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA
MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 4243
Bremerton, WA 98312-0243
Bill Haberstock, President
(360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968
Meets the 2nd Sunday of Each Month
Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Meeting and Raffle follows
CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH
201 East 3rd Street
Cle Elum, WA
Michael Butorac, President
(509) 674-2940/
mbutorac_cabin@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 361
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MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659
Marysville, WA
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6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA
Patrick Jacoby, President
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Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary
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Meets the 2nd **Thursday** of each Month
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30
Meeting follows dinner

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Mille Cugini Lodge enthusiastically endorses our Immediate Past President, Brock Ricci,



also the current 1st State Vice President, as he runs for his 2nd term as Grand Lodge Vice President. We ask everyone to support



his candidacy. His 18 years of faithful service in various roles reflect his dedication to the Order. Our meeting was full of lively



discussion as we formed a new committee. Mary Jo Enyeart brought her brother, John Gaudio, as a guest. About 14 members attended our Dine-Out at Bob's Burgers and Brew! It was great to get together, just for fun. Save the dates for our annual fundraiser: June 6, 7, 8. We will be selling a Sausage Sandwich (grinder) with onions and peppers on a freshly baked French roll at Sorticulture, the Everett Garden Festival in downtown Everett along Colby Ave. This year, food vendors will be gathered on the cross street Hewitt Ave. We hope you'll visit us and check

SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month

*this April on the 2nd Thursday

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

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Michael Croce

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206-391-1122

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner 6:30,

Meeting Follows Dinner

Holy Cross parish hall

5510 N 44th St Tacoma 98407

Gina Constanti Eacrett, President

ginasgrace@hotmail.com

TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881 TRI-CITIES, WA

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

Social/Dinner 5:30 pm

Meeting follows at 7:00 pm

Bella Italia Restaurant

7000 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick, WA

Jack Barnaby, President

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John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary

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out all the fun events. Hours of operation to be announced at a later time. <https://www.visiteverett.com/1400/Sorticulture>
Buona Primavera
Reporter, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby



Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Buona Pasqua to all! I first want to thank my ghostwriter, Holly Cochran, for writing this article. I'm just adding a few things. We hope this message finds you well! Here's a recap of our March meeting: it was a fantastic time! We indulged in the deliciousness of homemade pizza prepared by our wonderful chefs and from what I saw, everyone seemed to enjoy them! Regarding the 53rd Annual John Croce Homemade Wine Festival - it was a tremendous success! We will post the winners in the next issue of that NWIN, so stay tuned!! Looking ahead to our next function, the Annual Banquet on April 26, 2025, is back at Kennedy High School. Please contact Joanne Marchese for tickets. For brochure ads, contact Chris Alfieri. Additionally, we are in need of raffle prizes for the Banquet. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please bring it to our April 10th meeting. (Please note the date

change of our monthly meeting). We will also need volunteers to help with various tasks such as selling tickets, setting up, cooking, cleaning up, and bartending. If you're interested in helping out, contact



Mike Croce at 206-391-1122. Don't forget to encourage your children or grandchildren to apply for our scholarship. Applications are due by April 14th, and winners will be announced at the Banquet. Thank you to everyone for your continued support, and I (we) look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!!!! Best regards,
Elaine Volpone and Holly Cochran

VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690

Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

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Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Buona Pasqua! The Easter season is upon us and we know that means new beginnings. Flowers will start blooming; we are already hearing birds singing outside and the days with longer amounts of light and sunshine. It is truly a blessing and a season of renewal. Our meeting in March our lodge meeting was well attended. We enjoyed the trivia that was put together by Paul Spadoni. Thank you for the great idea and for bringing everyone together that night. It was very nice to see the lodge coming together and having a good time. We were happy to welcome 2 more members to our lodge, Brienne and Justin McGreevy. Brienne is the daughter of longtime members Joe and Judi Quilici. I'd like to say thank you to our new Vice



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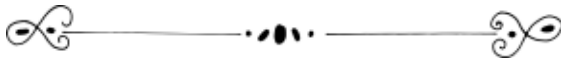
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President, Jim Zink. He has really been a great addition to the board. Also, we have a new orator, Christi Carr, and a new trustee, Denise Carr. These ladies are going to add a great deal of value to our board as well. They come with can-do, cheery attitudes, and can't wait to see them become a vibrant part of our board. The Tacoma Lodge as always welcomes you to our lodge. It would be a pleasure to have you at our table.

Gina Costanti-Eacrett
Tacoma Lodge President

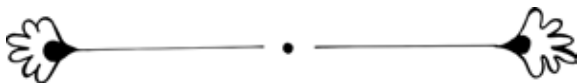


Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Greetings everyone. February an March are usually slow months for the Tri-City Lodge. That being said, we wish to extend to all a very blessed and happy Easter.

Jack Barnaby, President



Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Pesce d'Aprile, April fool's Day!
La Settimana Pasqua, Easter Sunday April 20, 2025. Festa della Liberazione, Italian Liberation Day, April 25th We would like to welcome three new members who joined us in March, Judith Nobile, Dawn Juliano, and Richard Cabot. Please welcome them, and their families.

We are having our own Limoncello contest at our May meeting if you would like to enter and join us. Our April 10th dinner and meeting will be at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by April 7th, to Deanna Peters, call or text 503-568-6672 or dpeters@peak.org
Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building. The Vancouver Lodge has been going through a lot of changes. It has been a challenge, but we are learning. We invite anyone who would like to visit us. Our Leonard Simeone Memorial Scholarship: Applications are being accepted and are available on the WA Scholarship platform, WashBoard.org for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are due 4/25/2025. We are learning, changing, and growing our Lodge. We hope to see you here. Buon Compleanno! to all our April Birthdays and Felice Anniversario! to our April Celebrants.
Linda Gibson, Lodge President



Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy writes this with heavy hearts as our last newsletter as a lodge. We thank you all for the friendships that have



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formed over the years and wish you well. Some of our members are talking of joining with other lodges, Cle Elum and Tre Cita are both fairly close. We also plan to continue to gather occasionally as a social group. Yakima members please watch your email and phones for information on those events. The first is to be at the Guintoli's. Watch for emails, calls, and texts to update. The Memorial Board has been updated with the deceased members

from the start of our Lodge until now. Going through all those precious names to ensure none are missed has brought back so many memories. Eleanor Ficele has been such a help with those names. Thank you, Eleanor. Jerry Perotti, that gorgeous piece of walnut wood that you donated for the plaque so many years ago is still so beautiful. To our members, we will truly miss seeing you monthly, you are so loved. We look forward to finding a way to stay connected in a new format. To Mike and Kathi Butorac, thank you so much for your years of support, help, and friendship as our Deputies. I remember those early mornings with you helping Jim and me to set up and take down our Coffee Stand at Indian John Hill, and think of you traveling to our meetings in rain, and snow, we love you. Be sure to

6th Biennial Limoncello Contest!

***We are excited to announce our 6th Biennial Limoncello Contest.
It will take place on Friday, May 16th during our Convention hospitality event.***

All those members who think they have what it takes to make the best Limoncello, here is your chance to prove it. The Entry fee is \$10. Get your lemons and start brewing!

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to be a part of this honorable organization with such rich ties to our heritage. God bless you and may you prosper.

Respectfully,

Robin Constanza Miller, Ama Widner
Sarah Judd, Nancy Carle, Jeanne Fasano and
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