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Coming Events!

2025 Events:

Sat. December 6th, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm

Black Diamond Lodge #1809

Photos with Santa Fundraiser
Black Diamond Community Center
Contact: Janice Malvesti Cole
osdia1809@gmail.com

2026 Events:

Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Admission: \$25

Contact: Mark Percini
(360) 532-1983

Sunday, March 22, 2026

12:00 - 4:00pm

Seattle Fedele #1390

John Croce Homemade Wine Festival
Burien Elks, 14006 1st Ave So.
Burien, WA 98168

Contact: Michael Croce
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Sat. April 18th, 2026, 6pm

Seattle Fedele #1390

Annual Banquet

Kennedy Catholic Highschool
140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168

Contact: Michael Croce
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Events continued
on next page.



From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW Leonard Folino, President



Buon Natale to one and all. As we head toward the Christmas Season, I would like to let you know that our National Italian Relations, Culture, Language, and Travel Committee has compiled a book titled Italian Holiday Celebrations & Traditions. They are for sale at \$20.00 each. Please let me know if you would like to purchase one. Congratulations to Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390 on its 100th Anniversary. I am looking forward to the celebration. When considering how many lodges have come and gone over the last 100 years, having a lodge still in existence for this long is amazing. The GLNW celebrated 95 years of existence on November 16th. The start of the GLNW is November 16th, 1930, when we held our 1st Grand Convention at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma. Tacoma joined the Sons of Italy in 1923 as the first lodge in Washington State. Seven years later, we had 5 lodges and 500 members, which were required to form a Grand Lodge. This is why we refer to Tacoma Lodge #1175 as the Mother Lodge of the Northwest. The Grand Council Meeting, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. – Embassy Suites Lynnwood, has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 11th, at 10:00 a.m. – Embassy Suites Lynnwood. It was noticed that April 4th is the day before Easter, so it was decided to switch the meeting date so we could enjoy the Easter weekend.

Till next month, Lenny Folino, GLNW President



Photo from 100 Year Anniversary of Seattle Fedele Lodge #3019 on November 22nd, 2025

more **Coming Events!**

Saturday, April 25, 2026
6:30 - 8:30pm

Bellevue Lodge #2377
 Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser
 16330 NE 4th St, Bellevue
 Contact: Linda Caputo
 lindacaputo@live.com

Saturday, October 24, 2026
5:00 - 10:00pm

Bellevue Lodge #2377
 50th Anniversary Party
 3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue
 Contact: Greg Osgood
 osgood_g@msn.com

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American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao, Fratelli e Sorelle, Our club's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 2025 was a huge success! I would like to share with you pictures of the dinner and all the preparations that took place to make it so. There was a Pizzelle Party, and Meatball



Mania, along with many meetings. We would like to thank Dan and Dot Chicketti for all their help and support. Also, to Bill and Jackie Haberstock, The Cannoli King, for great cannoli, Grazie Millie for helping to make our Dinner unforgettable. It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so take a look

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

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

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 Americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com
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 Americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com

**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
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at our members hard at work! Buon Natale,
Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Assistant
Recording Secretary



Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Season's Greetings to all from the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge! At the November 20, 2025, meeting, Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will be having a turkey dinner, which Mary Jane Rogers has so graciously volunteered to cook. Members will provide the sides, salads, and desserts to accompany the turkey. Our Christmas dinner meeting is December 10, 2025, so mark your calendar! Please RSVP by December 1st if you plan to attend. We need a count, so Dennis Rogers will know how much prime rib to cook. Social time is 4:30 pm with dinner at 5:00. Lodge members will sign up for other dinner items at the November 20th meeting. There will be a silent auction fundraiser at the dinner. Amerigo Vespucci's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Mark Percini is taking ticket orders for the

dinner. Tickets are \$25. All those interested in purchasing tickets can contact Mark at (360)532-1983 or e-mail ppercini@comcast.net. There is a 120-seat limit. Take-outs are also available. There will be raffle items and scrumptious baked goods at dinner. President Joe Chicano announced that NSDOI has set new criteria for Lodge banners, which he shared with the banner committee. New National By-Laws are also available on the GLNW website. A reminder to all members that we will be electing new Lodge officers in January. All positions are open, so be sure to contact Vice President David Aldrich at david.aldrichshiba@outlook.com if you are interested in running for an office or have someone you'd like to nominate for a position. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members' dues for 2026 will be \$50. Members who pay dues by December 31, 2025, will be entered in a gift card drawing. The winner will be announced at the January 16, 2026, meeting. Wishing everyone a "Buon Natale." Judith Braddon, reporter.



Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

How great to finally meet on our beloved "second Thursday!" (Don't worry, now we're back to normal through June.) The full house this month showed our regular meeting time had returned, and it brought me such joy to see so many familiar faces! First and foremost, a huge thank you to Mike Sepal and our marchers in the Auburn Veterans' Day parade! We had fine November weather and a great turnout,



including our worthy GLNW President Lenny Folino. Another huge thank you to our kitchen crew for feeding those hungry marchers. Natale Stella was interviewed for the Auburn Reporter, as well. (Please see our Facebook page for many more pictures and Natale's interview!) Our next event coming up is our annual Hockey Night. There are still a few tickets left to cheer on the Seattle Thunderbirds against rival Portland Timberhawks this January 17th. Please contact Debbie Sonstelie or Joe Rippolone to get in on the action! Sal Cascone reported that bocce has settled down for the winter. Rosetta Beyersdorf reported that we are cleaning out our storage unit, saving the lodge \$1500 per year. As a



result, we had items to give away to members, including serving bowls, flatware, and other miscellany. We had two new applications for membership, and we will hold the ceremony in January. We are still collecting change for the GLNW autism charity, and collected \$125 last month alone! Speaking of, I'm pleased to report that the Auburn lodge collected over 100



pounds of food and over \$200 in cash for the Auburn Food Bank! Way to go, everyone! Next month is our annual Christmas party. There will be an abridged meeting, a visit from Babbo Natale, and Santa will deliver gifts brought for your children. We will be collecting non-



perishable food and cash for the Auburn Food Bank. Everyone is invited! In closing, I wanted to reiterate what I said about the good and welfare of the order.

This family that we've made works because of people who step up to make it work. If you've ever wondered what a meeting looks like when you're facing the audience, now is the time to ask! We have several spots opening up this election cycle, and it would be great to see new faces and fresh ideas. Many of the positions, like Trustee, are

**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

**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

great “entry-level” spots where the load is light, but you get to see the inner workings of our lodge. Also, I’m happy to report that the wine tastes just as good regardless of which side of the meeting you’re on! Cheers, and I look forward to celebrating the holidays with you next month! Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President



Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Boune Feste! As you read this, you will be gearing up for Christmas. Buon Natale! As I write this, we are preparing for Thanksgiving next week. This is one of my favorite times of year, as I have so much to be thankful for, and I’m sure you do too! I am very thankful for my family and also all our famiglia at Bella Vita. We met on Wed, Nov. 5th, a change from our



*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
from the Amerigo Vespucci #1814 Lodge
Aberdeen, Washington*



usual Thursday gatherings. We enjoyed a variety of soups as well as appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts. As usual, a feast, though attendance was smaller than normal. We were joined by 2 visitors who both filled out applications for membership. That’s always exciting!



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

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
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South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF THE NORTHWEST

As we celebrate this joyful season,
we extend warm holiday wishes to all our members, families, and
friends. May your Christmas be filled with peace,
happiness, and the spirit of community.

Thank you for your continued support
and dedication throughout the year.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas
and a bright, prosperous New Year!

— Lenny Folino
GLNW President

Part of our meeting was making plans for our December festa and Christmas party. I will enjoy sharing about that next month. Recently, Trustee Pam Daudet asked for help splitting and stacking firewood for an elderly neighbor in need. Thank you to Pam for her kind, compassionate heart in recognizing the need and wanting to help, and also thanks to member Jacob Smith, for spending a stormy, rainy Saturday, volunteering his labor. Our President, Aaron Smith, had surgery last week but is recovering well. This month will

likely be filled with holiday parties, shopping, decorating, cooking, baking, and the usual business of the season. In the midst of it, I hope you all take time to be thankful, to enjoy family and friends, and to remember that Jesus is the true reason that we celebrate! Again, wishing you Buon Natale and una vita bellissimo! Bella Vita! Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659
Marysville, WA

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA
Patrick Jacoby, President
(425) 478-0757 patrick@glnw.org
Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary
(425) 422-7434 txt

Meets the 2nd **Thursday** of each Month
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30
Meeting follows dinner

**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
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
732 18 TH AVE E, SEATTLE WASH 98112

Michael Croce
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206-391-1122

RAINIER LODGE NO. 3019
Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Wednesday
of each Month

Meeting at 6:30 PM
HISTORIC OLD PARKLAND SCHOOL
214 121ST ST S, TACOMA, WA 98444

Cassandra Collison
253-279-7398

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, I am back. I was gone last month traveling in France and Italy with my wife and in-laws. We visited Torino, Roma, Osteria, Sienna, and Firenze. I would like to thank the Lindas (Caputo and Jacobin) for writing last month's column and Linda Caputo for leading the October Lodge meeting. By all accounts, she did a wonderful job. At our Lodge meeting on November 6, we had a wonderful dinner. I made chicken Italian sausage with peppers and onions in a red sauce over polenta with much help from Michele Guerrini. Tessa Floreano and her husband, Jason Ertz, made a healthy and delicious vegetable medley and a fennel slaw with apples and lemon vinaigrette. Linda Caputo brought Italian bread and appetizers, Antoinette Folino brought a pistachio salad, and Linda Jacobin brought three types of homemade pies: apple, pecan, and pumpkin. Yum! It was an absolute feast, and everything was quite delicious. In Sunshine News, Jerry Nonis had knee replacement surgery, Cathy Mettler had hip replacement surgery, and Roberto Cittadini had oral surgery. On behalf of the Lodge, we hope that Jerry, Cathy, and Roberto recover quickly, and we look forward to seeing all of you at an upcoming meeting. Michele Guerrini reported that the doctors determined that she is cancer-free. She still has some radiation therapy sessions, but other than that, she is in great health. We are all happy to hear that Michele is

cancer-free. Michelle's dad, Bill Guerrini, turned 100 years old on October 31, and Michele had a party to celebrate his birthday on November 1. Congratulations to Bill; you have been a valued member of our Lodge for a very long time. Jeanette Ball also reported that she is in good health after some recent health issues, and we were all happy to see her at our meeting. Lastly, our Lodge put out a call to our members to bring food to donate to the Bellevue Hopelink charity, and the result was an entire table full of food items. Thank you to everyone who donated. It will make a huge difference for families who are struggling in these difficult times. Our Christmas potluck party is on Sunday, December 14, at 4:30 pm at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, WA. If you can join us, bring a dish to share and wine or other adult drinks, and a wrapped gift in the \$10 range for our holiday gift exchange. Our Lodge Wine Tasting is on April 25 at Unity Church. 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. You won't want to miss it! Mark your calendars now. Our next Lodge meeting will be on January 8 (not the first Thursday) at Unity Church: 5:30 social hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 dinner (\$10), 7:15 meeting, followed by a raffle (tickets are 6/\$5). I look forward to seeing everyone. Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood

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 Costanti 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
509 735-2163
jabarnaby@charter.net
John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary
360-509-8287
john.cacioppo2@gmail.com

VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690 Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

**FAMILY OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"We're here! We're in the back"

3500 N.W. 129th Street
Vancouver, WA 98685

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Linda Gibson 760-450-8057
Legogibson@gmail.com

Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Greetings from Black Diamond!

In November, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast together where we had a large crowd of members and visitors. From Turkey to ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, salads, and fabulous desserts, what a spread!



We started our meeting by singing Grand Lodge President Lenny Folino, happy birthday. With Lenny taking on his GLNW President role, we're thrilled to announce that Tommy Paramo has



stepped in to fill Lenny's former seat until our next election as Recording Secretary. Elections are coming up next February, and we are



looking for individuals to step into new roles, including President. We thank everyone for all of their support and hard work towards another successful Dessert Raffle as well as the Photos with Santa fundraiser. For the dessert fundraiser, members donated delicious desserts that we raffled off just in time for Thanksgiving. And, for Photos with Santa, we invited the community to take a photo with Santa, whether this was with their family, their friends, or their fur babies. We also had delicious baked goods for donation, as

well as fun raffles. It definitely was a fun event! Our lodge had another fun Christmas party/

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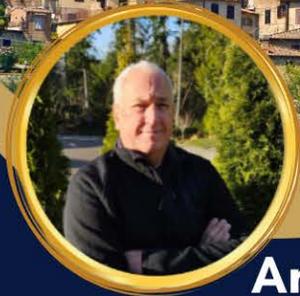
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ornament exchange on December 12th. It was a fun night of gathering together for the season. We're looking forward to what 2026 will bring. Buon Natale! May your holidays be filled with joy and laughter. We invite you to come check out the fun we're having in Black Diamond in the new year.



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Our November meeting on the 19th continued a tradition of homemade soups. There was such an assortment that we could sample as many as we liked. Members generously brought gifts for Toys for Tots, which will be donated locally--the box was filled to overflowing! The room at the VFW is always

decorated so beautifully to welcome us in—this time in Fall colors. Our Chaplain, Roberta Karosich, began the meeting with a Thanksgiving Prayer. Guests were Tom Grinsell, who plans to change to Cataldo Lodge from Member-at-large, and a regular, Linda Buccini Anderson, Past State President. Our thoughts are with Tony Anderson, who has just returned from time in the hospital. It is special to have three generations of the Haberstock family present at the meetings. President Bill and Jackie Haberstock's son, Steve, is always a big help (setting up, cleaning up, etc). He comes with his wife, Darlene, and children, Joseph and Olivia.



This time of year is the season of Giving.... Secretary Vicki Hartson read a thank-you from the Central Kitsap Food Bank for our donation of \$100. Also, we had collected 71 pounds of food given to St Vincent de Paul. Bill and Jackie recently traveled to the American-Italian Club in Spokane to bring their cannoli expertise. They reported making 265 cannoli at the annual Spaghetti Dinner there. Next month, on December 13, they will be selling



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cannoli at the Christmas Bazaar at Crossroads Neighborhood Church, 7555 Old Military Road in Bremerton. It is a very popular booth, and usually sells out-- so come early and enjoy the festivities. Joyia Rubens, Reporter



Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Buon Ringraziamento. Our November meeting was so well attended that we had to bring in extra chairs and tables, likely due to the lure of great Italian food. This meeting was dedicated to our Thanksgiving gathering, so we mostly focused on fun and frivolity. The pre-dinner exchanges and questions about what people had brought for food kept us on our feet, with lots of previewing of items for the dinner soon. As traditions continue, Rich Grillo prepared the moist turkey for us all, and we all provided our appetizers, sides, and desserts. The



meeting was officially opened with the gavel by President Mike Butorac. All our Finance data was reviewed by Joe Saldin and Rich Grillo, with no new items to discuss. Kathy Butorac updated on the Grand Lodge items and the



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opportunity available as the Auburn Crab Fund raiser feed leader. Mike announced the day to remove the flags at the Italian Cemetery for Winter, for those wanting to help. We passed out the donation charity bucket for Autism in honor of those in need. Kathy Butorac talked about the annual Christmas Tree she creates with all members' names. This is such a creative way to recognize us all, and we enjoy looking at her artistic talents. Hoping other Lodges might pick up this gratitude practice for their members. We discussed our Christmas meeting and Dinner plans. We have voted to have an in-house meeting at our normal location and will be adding member



Doug Chiechi as our head caterer. Doug prepared a full dinner menu, and it will be our honor to support with consumption. Sent with wishes for a fun and memorable Thanksgiving for all. Ciao, Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Buon Natale, Felice Hanukkah, auguri a tutti. Our Thanksgiving gathering and Dessert Auction was a huge success. Dinner was a feast! We are blessed to have so many good cooks among us. Thanks to those who attended the auction as well as all the generous pre-donations, the Mary Dellino Scholarship fund is in good shape! Our guests that evening included Cy Smith, Millicent Paciaffi, Mark and Chris Gerling, Dave Dellino, and Frank Dellino. We made more money than ever before even though we only had 26 people in



attendance! Our Chaplain, Iris Smith, said our prayers in Italian and translated them for us too. We hope to have more Italian mini-lessons at our future meetings. We voted to postpone

the installation of new members until January, when Sophie Pioli will be joining us. Marcella and Don Maile announced that they have a new grandchild born in early November. Congratulations to them and ALSO Nate Pioli and Anne Wendt who have a new grandchild born around the same time! I'm sure their family gatherings will feel extra special with newborn babies blessing their homes. Holidays can feel overwhelming at times. Many people are feeling the stress of...the times we are living in. Let's all try to put our differences aside long enough to remember the true spirit of the season. Give a gift of love and time to someone who is lonely or sad, sick or hospitalized. In Italy, from December 8th until January 6th, the focus is on family, faith, and food. Try leaving your nativity scene (presepi) displayed until La Befana, the Epiphany on January 6th. Enjoy your families. Every day with them is a gift. Paula (Dellino) Jacoby



Rainier

#3019, Tacoma, WA

Ciao from the Rainier Lodge. We had a wonderful time going through Fantasy Lights on Nov 23. We had a few people come – Cynthia and Jack Gilletti (our mister and mistress of ceremony), Julie Collison (our guard), Michelle Collison Garrett (our Treasurer), Andre Garrett (a member), Cassandra Collison (our president), and the niece and sister-in-law to the president and the treasurer. We're hosting a \$25 white elephant



Austin Scarsella

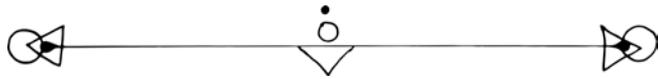
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exchange in December, and in January, we'll be participating in a food drive and celebrating Michelle Collison Garrett's baby, due in February. We have a dinner with desserts, a raffle, and "happy dollars" where we pay \$1 into our bucket and talk about something that happened to us that is good. We hope that everyone comes to visit us.



Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Hello all! This month's article will be on the shorter side, mostly because the Lodge's upcoming events haven't happened yet—or they're scheduled to take place before the December issue of the NW Italian News reaches everyone. What I can share is a little about our November meeting. We had to get creative with the hall setup, since the Church had Christmas items stored on the stage. Instead, we arranged the leaders at one end of the room with members seated at tables facing them. It actually felt pretty cozy and very fraternal. Plus, it gave Chris and me a little extra space behind our tables to sell dinner and raffle tickets without bumping into each other.

A big thank-you to the kitchen crew for the wonderful early Thanksgiving dinner, complete with pasta in your choice of



red sauce or pesto (the pesto disappeared quickly!). Dessert was pumpkin pie with whipped cream and one of the best panettone I've ever had—pistachio. Yum-Yum! We also installed a new member at this meeting: Jacqueline Bringolf. Welcome, Jacqueline! Our 100th Anniversary Dinner was a tremendous success—full of great food, good drinks, and nonstop dancing to Ray Massa and the Eurorhythms. The atmosphere was electric, with everyone talking, laughing, and smiling. As a special surprise, the Supreme Lodge presented us with a plaque commemorating our 100 years. Thank you to everyone who brought cookies, and to Bill and Jackie Haberstock, for donating the cannoli. A quick date change: our next gathering will



be on Friday, December 19, 2025—moved because of the Seahawks game. It won't be a formal meeting; it will be our Christmas party! So no meeting, just fun. We'll still hold our usual raffle, so any prize donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.



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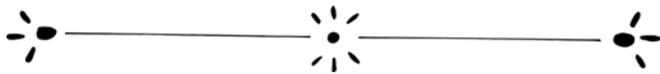
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I'll share updates on the Children's Christmas Party, the Lodge Christmas Party, and anything else that pops up in the January issue. Thank you all for reading. Once again- the article is written by me and my ghostwriters. Merry Christmas! Elaine, Holly, Ken, and Danny



Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

How can 2025 be almost over? Soon we will be singing Silent Night, opening presents,



and spending time with our loved ones. What a wonderful season, bringing our



hearts to over capacity with love and joy. Our crab feed was well attended this year. Our lodge would like to thank all of our volunteers, attendees, those who

donated to the auction, and those who bid! And lots of dancing! It was a great event and we cannot wait to see you all next year. A big shout-out to all Lodge members, far



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and wide, who came. You all made it so worthwhile. Here's to a beautiful Christmas and a New Year that brings all of you, your



heart's desires, health, and family. Ciao, Gina Costanti-Eacrett, Tacoma Lodge President

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Tre Citta Lodge was asked to participate in Lincoln Elementary's first-ever Cultural Night, featuring Clubs and Individuals



representing different cultures. We had several volunteers from our lodge bake goodies, let us use poster boards featuring the history of Italy and things Italy is known for, and we also had a very popular Photo Booth featuring the backdrop of the Roman Coliseum. The line of kids and parents was out the door! We were more



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Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

It's almost the end of another year. Christmas is less than a month away and the New Year is right behind as well. Our Lodge has been through a lot of changes and growth. I hope we can continue to grow and change in this upcoming year as well. December in Italy: Festa dell'Immacolata / Immacolata Concezione – Immaculate Conception December 8th. Vigilia di Natale – Christmas Eve December 24th. Natale – Christmas December 25th. Festa di Santo Stefano – St Stephen's Day December 26th. Vigilia di Capodanno – New Year's Eve December 31st. Our December meeting is our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 5th, 2025. Please RSVP by November 24th, 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. For everyone we miss in December, we hope to see you at our January 8th Dinner and Meeting, which will start at 6pm. We lost member and friend Rosann Grzeriouski on Nov. 5th, 2025, after her battle with pancreatic cancer. Her Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025. Services will start at 11:00 am at Church at the Grove, 6004 NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver, 98661. We had a few guests for our November meeting. It was great to see new faces along with our members. Thank you, Members who made them, all feel welcome. It looks like we have new members starting in January! Here is a big Italian welcome to all of you! Thank you, President Linda Gibson

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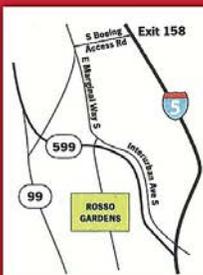
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