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

Coming Events!

Sat. Feb 15, 2025, 7:00 PM
**Grand Lodge Northwest
Annual Crab Dinner**
Holy Family Church Hall,
Auburn, WA
Rosetta 206-478-3895

Sat, Mar 1, 2025, 5:30 pm
Amerigo Vespucci #1814
**Spaghetti and Meatball
Dinner and Fundraiser**
St. Mary's Parish Hall
To-go pick up 4-6 pm \$20.00
Contact: Mark Percini
(360) 532-1983

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

Grand Lodge of the Northwest
2025 Biennial Convention
May 16-18, 2025
Embassy Suites-Lynwood
Linda Buccini Anderson
(253) 225-2483

Sat, July 19, 12:00 noon 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



Events continued
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Buon San Valentino. Did you know that St. Valentine's Day started in Italy and was named after St. Valentine. You can see so much Italian culture and holiday information by looking on our website www.glnw.org under members resources/Italian culture and Holidays. I hope you are planning to celebrate St. Valentine's holiday with us at the Grand Lodge Crab dinner being held on Feb. 15th in Auburn. I want to thank again Rosetta Beyersdorf and Antonnette Muir for the many years they have chaired this fun event. Our goal is that another group will take over the event to continue the success and benefits that support the Grand Lodge and all its members. Contact Debbie Sonstalie Sonstalie4@hotmail.com to see if there are any tickets still available.

Another important event this month is the election of your delegates from each lodge. This is a key role. Our future leadership will be decided at our Convention May 16-17, 2025. Remember, if you are not a delegate, members are welcome to come and observe, get involved in our Friday night hospitality event, play bocce, and participate in our limoncello contest by entering and/or judging. Saturday night is our Gala banquet. We will be installing our newly elected Grand Lodge Officers, celebrating the recipient (s) of the Governor Albert D. Rosellini Award -the most prestigious award given to a member of the GLNW.

You will be vying for that special silent auction item, enjoying a wonderful dinner, and dancing the night away with the Mary Marchese band. As they say, "Oh what a night." Your registration information is inside the newsletter. Please pay attention to the DEADLINE -April 30, 2025, for submission of the registration fee. Also, to ensure and benefit from the Sons and Daughters rate of \$125 plus the applicable taxes at the Embassy Suite hotel - you will need to connect directly with the Embassy Suites by their DEADLINE of April 17, 2025. I would recommend as soon as you are elected as a delegate, you make your reservations. All delegates will receive a delegate packet via email shortly after all delegates have been selected and their information is submitted to Recording Secretary Gina Natucci at ginanatucci@gmail.com. As a delegate, consider all the Grand Lodge officer positions. On our website are the responsibilities and duties of each position. Step up and help to build and strengthen our organization.

I want to thank all those who participated in the iMembersDb training held on Jan 21. The National has provided us with this great resource at no cost to us (this is one thing that National does for you the member). We just need to learn how to utilize it to make communication within each lodge better and easier. As with anything new, it may be initially hard but thank you for giving it a chance. Looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Remember, when paying your dues, why the Sons and Daughters of Italy and your Italian culture and heritage are important to you and why you want to continue to be a part of this great organization. Help make it what you want it to be. Participate, and get involved in whatever way you can.

Thank you for your support!
Respectfully,
Linda Buccini Anderson
GLNW-President



Tony, Linda, and friends at a
Thunderbird's hockey game.

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. 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

Be sure to check with the event
contacts for any changes.

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American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,

Father Frost has made his appearance in the Inland Northwest. Low temperatures at night with freezing fog and icy roads have our members nesting safely at home in front of a cozy fire.

Denise and Bob Hansen with the Family Search Program, were our Guest Speakers at our January meeting. Unlike Ancestry.com, which charges a fee, the Family Search Program is a free genealogical search program. Denise demonstrated how to create a free private account that enables the user to search and store family data. Denise's presentation was highly informative and was very well received by the membership.

Club members will be participating in two community events in February. On February 1st, the Lunar Festival will be held at the Spokane Convention Center. This year's event theme will be focused on the Chinatown/Trent Alley District which was removed when EXPO construction began. Trent Alley was an International district that thrived in downtown Spokane from the 1880s through the 1940s. It was three blocks of urban courtyards and alleys, featuring a variety of food markets and vendors. On February 8th, we will be in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the Norwegian Craft and Culture Fair. Club members have actively participated in both events for the past two years. Our ongoing presence at these events demonstrates our stability and continued support for our Spokane community.

The upcoming February meeting agenda will be full. Along with elections taking place, we will be planning for future fundraising events. Busy, busy busy times ahead. Amore vincit omnia ~ Love conquers all!
Felice San Valentino, Respectfully submitted,
Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary



Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Ciao a tutti. Son and Daughters of Italy from the members of the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge hope the new year is treating everyone well. Aberdeen SDOI Lodge #1814 held its January meeting on January 16, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A big "Thank you!" to all the members who provided delicious sides to accompany Connie Chicano's tasty lasagna

entrée. We were pleased to see Italian exchange student Katerina Esposito accompany member Tammy Lund to the meeting.



The drawing for a \$25 check for members who paid their dues by December 31, 2024, took place at the meeting, “And the winner is, David Aldridge!! Congratulations! Arrangements for the Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner, on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at St. Mary’s Parish Hall were presented by chairperson, Mary Jane Rogers. To-go meals will be available for pick up from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Doors will open for seating at 5 p.m. and the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner will start serving at 5:30 p.m. Contact Mark Percini if you would like to purchase dinner tickets at (360) 532-1983. There will be raffle items as well as the Wheelbarrow raffle and silent auction. Tickets for the wheelbarrow raffle are \$5.00, or 6 for \$20.00. All other raffle items are \$1.00, or 6 for \$5.00. There will also be a yummy array of bake sale items available at the dinner. President Joe Chicano reminded members about the GLNW Crab Dinner in Auburn on February 15, 2025. The van will be available for members going to the event. Members must purchase their own tickets from Debbie Sunstein, at Sonstelia4@comcast.com. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will donate a basket for the Crab Dinner raffle. Nominees for the GLNW Convention were presented. Amerigo Vespucci members voted and approved Kamron and Abigail Covall as our two delegates. Congratulations! Don’t forget to pay your dues! Kristine Finazzo, Financial Secretary, sent out reminders to those who hadn’t paid yet. Also, don’t forget to bring those Italian-themed wheelbarrow items to the next meeting, on

2025 CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION EMBASSY SUITES, LYNNWOOD, WA

Delegates and guests should begin making their reservations now: Please call in for your reservation at **(425) 775-2500** and reserve your room under the Sons and Daughters of Italy 2025 Convention Block.

**Reservations must be made by
Thurs. April 17, 2025.**



After this date, the hotel cannot guarantee availability and will not be able to provide the discount under the Sons and Daughters of Italy block rate.

The Special rate for the May 16-17, 2025 Convention Block: \$125.00+tax for King Suite or Queen/Queen Suite.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Tony Anderson at (253)677-9366 or osdia57@gmail.com

February 20, 2025. Social time begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm. Congratulations to Past President Richard Luzzi on his new great-grandson, Everett Damron, born January 13, 2025, and Judith Braddon on her twin great-grandbabies, Olivia and Hudson Connery, born January 15, 2025.

Buon Festa di San Valentino to all,
Judith Braddon, reporter.



The Auburn Lodge celebrated the start of a new year together. Our January meeting was well-attended and the chili was delicious and perfect on a cold night. During the course of the meeting, multiple members spontaneously made donations to the lodge and to the scholarship fund. I wanted to take a moment to again thank Ron Roletto, Tony Roletto, Yolanda Trout, and Bob D'onofrio for their generosity!



As it is the start of 2025, I wanted to remind everyone that dues (\$40) are now past due. Please renew as soon as you are able. If finances are an issue, please let us

know and we'll work something out. • A reminder: all meetings through summer will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Thankfully, there have been no further scheduling conflicts. • The scholarship committee reports that applications will be available at our February meeting. They're due by April 15th.



Members, their children, and their grandchildren are eligible, provided they didn't get one last year. • The Auburn Lodge has a full slate of 9 delegates for the GLNW Convention this May, but we're looking for a few alternates if you would be interested. The convention is an amazing opportunity to meet members from other lodges! • February 15th will be the last annual Crab Dinner. This is a joint fundraiser between the Grand Lodge and Auburn. There was a call for Auburn members to come help set up the hall the day before (Friday, the 14th) and to bring raffle prizes. For anyone interested in camaraderie and crab, tickets are \$65. Don't miss out on the end of an era! • May 10th has been confirmed as the date of the Auburn Lodge's annual Wine Tasting event. The accordionist will return along with both commercial and homemade wines, as well as the food! Members were called to help with hors d'oeuvres and table decorations. Tickets will be \$35. • Salvatore Cascone brought his brother, Vincenzo, who is visiting from Italy. Vincenzo addressed the assembly in Italian with warm regards to our hospitality. As we get settled into 2025, please try to keep that

**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
Marilee Reagor, Recording Secretary
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
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

New Year energy alive! Take time to think about your priorities and how to achieve them. Read that book that's been collecting dust on the shelf. Go for that walk. Call that friend. Enjoy those special moments! Sincerely,
 Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President



Bella Vita
 #2285, Olympia, WA



America e' per te, benedetta da Dio! As I write this, America is celebrating Martin Luther King's Day & Inauguration Day! Aaron & I just flew back from Cabo, Mexico today & we are happy to be back in America where "the impossible is what we do best", we can still dream & where people should never be judged by the color of their skin or their ethnicity but by their personal character. Whatever side of the political aisle you are on, I hope you are thankful for the freedoms in America



& prayerful for our future! On Jan 2, Bella Vita met to celebrate the New Year and enjoy a family meal together. Thank you to everyone who brought soups, salads, appetizers, sides, & desserts! Our business meeting went a bit long as we discussed



delegates, fundraising, & membership. Our young guest, Cameron, just told me tonight that he would like to join. He enjoyed the food & the great group of people! Of course, he did! We were blessed to be joined

again by member & former VP, Vera Kay who just returned from a trip to Arizona to visit her daughter but also a side trip to Vegas to see & hear Andrea Bocelli".



We missed you but wow!!! Viva Italia! Viva America! May God bless us all!

Bella Vita... a beautiful life!
 Amber Dahl,
 Recording Secretary



Bellevue
 #2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends. The Bellevue Lodge started off the New Year with our tradition of lentil soup at our January 2nd meeting. Everyone enjoyed the warm meal on a cold, dark, Pacific Northwest winter's night with the lentils representing coins for prosperity. This year the soup was made by Cathy Mettler. Linda Caputo brought bread & butter, Laura Cosacchi made a delicious salad, Michael Brewer brought wine, Pete Edgar brought soft drinks, Greg Osgood brought appetizers, and both Tessa Floreano and Linda Jacobin brought dessert. Definitely a good way to start off the new year.

At the January meeting, we took nominations for

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
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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



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Grand Lodge of the Northwest 2025 Scholarship Application



Eligibility

- Applicants must be a member or the child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of a member of the OSDIA GLNW.
- Member or sponsoring member must be in good standing and have been a member for at least one year.
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in a post-secondary course of study.
- The applicant cannot win in consecutive years.

Application Requirements

- Applicant's full name, address, phone, and email.
- Sponsoring OSDIA member's name, Lodge, and relationship to the applicant.
- Letter of recommendation from sponsor (or if applicant is self-sponsored, from another OSDIA member)
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, coach, or community leader.
- One recent photo of the applicant for the Northwest Italian News and Grand Lodge website.
- One copy of the applicant's most recent transcript.
- A personal statement in three parts (each should be fewer than 150 words).
 - 1) How has the Italian culture, community, or heritage shaped who you are today?
 - 2) What drives you? Who are you now and who would you like to become?
 - 3) How have you given back to the community? How will you give back after your studies?
- A signed copy of the **Acknowledgment** on this form.
- The finalist will be asked to participate in an interview via Zoom on April 23rd, starting at 7:30 p.m., prior to selection.

Two (2) \$1,500.00 scholarships will be awarded.

Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 14th, 2025.

Recipients will be notified by April 30th 2025.

Scholarship applications should be emailed to glnwscholarship@gmail.com

Attachments must be in Word, Google Docs, or PDF formats.

Applications may also be physically mailed to: the acknowledgment

Lenny Folino, GLNW Scholarship Chair, 1370 NW 16th St, Lincoln City, OR.97367.

Acknowledgment: To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and complete. I authorize OSDIA to share this application and other relevant information with the GLNW Scholarship Committee and/or donors. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information may be released for publicity purposes or to meet requirements for receiving awarded funds.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Lenny Folino (206-696-5800)

Or e-mail (glnwscholarship@gmail.com)



This application can be found online on our
Grand Lodge of the Northwest website: www.GLNW.org
Look for the link on the front page or use the handy QR code.



delegates to the Grand Lodge Conventions. Tessa Floreano and Michael Brewer have agreed to be nominees, we are open to more nominees, and we will be voting on the nominees at our February meeting. Brock Ricci brought Lorelei Seifert to our meeting. Lorelei had been a member of another lodge, but she wanted a lodge closer to her. So she decided to join our Lodge. Lorelei talked with a lot of people and fit in really well with our little group. She will be an excellent addition to our Lodge. We also had a couple of guests who had heard about us and came to check out one of our meetings. They both said they had a great time and we really enjoyed meeting them so we hope they come back again soon.

In sunshine news Jerry Nonis will be having knee replacement surgery, so we wish him all the best. Michele Guerrini is recovering from cataract surgery, so she has been wearing UV-blocking glasses. The glasses make Michele look like a superhero, which we've always known she is, but now she looks the part. Mary DeMatteo Sangalang missed our meeting because she was to have a medical procedure the next day, so we all hope that went well. Finally, I have some sad news to report; Betty Utter passed away on November 21st and a funeral service was held for her at Holy Family Church in Kirkland on January 7th. Betty was a member of our Lodge for many years and we will all miss her dearly.

We're putting together plans for our Lodge Wine Tasting which is to be held on April 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. Ron Roletto told us about some ideas he had for what he and Nick Degidio will be presenting. We'll have plenty of great food and a raffle with lots of awesome prizes. The price this year at \$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 February 6th, March 6th, and April 3rd 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

We offer the following Italian phrase to enrich your life and expand your language for St. Valentine's Day and the month of February. "L'amore inizia con un sorriso, cresce con un bacio, finisce con una lacrima." (Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, and ends with a teardrop.) Saint Augustine

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Fred DiNicola for their loss as we, his Black Diamond OSDIA family for more than 30 years, also experience the void of his laughter, love, and compassion.

It is a great pleasure to announce the three delegates who have been elected to accompany President Janice Malvesti-Cole to represent our Black Diamond 1809 Lodge at the OSDIA GLNW Convention in May 2025. They are (listed alphabetically) Tom Cole, Dan Shelton, and Lisa Shelton with Linda Osborne and Janet Young as alternates.



As encouraged by State President Linda in her January 2025 article, we are aware that the Grand Lodge of the Northwest is striving to conduct business beyond "This is how we always do it." Thus, the Black Diamond Board of Officers is initiating the expansion of lodge information about events and features that will be briefly noted within our NWIN articles via the rapid

and limitless electronic resources of social media to entice readership (and potential new members) to an organization with technical savvy.

We invite you to visit our Black Diamond Facebook page for more details about our fun-based meeting on St. Valentine's Day, February 14; our fundraiser auction of a beautiful painting by our member, artist Barbara Benedetti Newton; our 2025 Black Diamond Scholarship Application; our July 19 picnic; colorful visuals; and much more.

Respectfully submitted by the 1809 Board of Officers.



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

I was the Chef for our January meeting... made Chicken Cacciatore served over rice or polenta. The meal was rounded out with green beans, salad, and desserts. President, Bill Haberstock, is such a help as he knows his way around the VFW kitchen.

State President, Linda Buccini Anderson and Tony Anderson attended. Tony gave details on the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention in May in Lynwood. He encouraged members to attend.

Member James Karosich passed away on Dec. 28... Our condolences to his wife, Roberta. The lodge is making a donation in his name to Doctors without Borders.

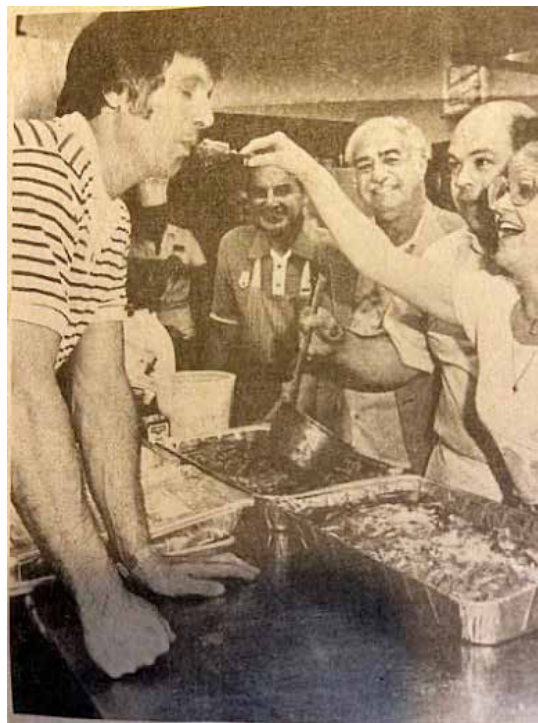
And member Antonia Lebeda's mother passed away --- condolences to her and Steve. January Birthdays were noted for Gina Natucci, Frank Lara, Gabe Herndon, and Tommy Thompson.

In this space, I would like to tell a little about my Italian Heritage, and how I came to join the Sons of Italy...

My father, Giuseppe Migliorini, was born in Piacenza, Italy, and came to Ellis Island with his mother, sister, and brother in 1910. His father and other siblings



arrived later. As was common, he changed his name (to Mentor), and hardly ever spoke Italian--I remember only a song he sang, driving with the window open.



He taught my mother (from Louisiana) to make spaghetti, and I grew up helping make polenta and pasta fagioli. [Picture of the family, Father is the tallest one in the back] My older brothers, Joe and

**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

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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

**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

Louis Mentor, were later proud to be Italian. Louis was a founding member of the Cataldo Lodge. Picture from 1980 was at their annual Columbus Day Buffet and dance. (Paul Pioli of Seattle is in the picture). I was invited to attend the Lodge's Anniversary event and then joined in 1923. On a side note: My father's youngest brother, John, changed his last name to Meade....His son (my cousin) is Carl Meade, the former NASA astronaut -who made three Space missions. Joyia (Migliorini) Rubens, Reporter



Cle Elum
#1968, Cle Elum, WA



Greetings and Salutations, from your loyal Lodge on the Eastern Slopes of the Cascades. We gathered with thanks and smiles for those able to attend. It seems like our towns are experiencing the normal cold/flu season, so we kept those absent in our prayers. We had more delicious food and desserts than needed and consumed it all with merriment and chatter.

Mike Butoric started our meeting with an honorary gavel and we all had some laughs when we needed reminding of what the one, two, and three gavels



meant (Thank you Lawrence Welk) Synchronized movements are coming back soon. Our standard business reviews occurred without incident and Kathy Butoric started organizing volunteers for the Annual Spaghetti Feed that raises funds for high school Senior Scholarships. This Year's event will be on March 15th, at the Putnam Centennial Center in Cle Elum.

Virginia Depicolzuane asked how we felt about



including time for people to share stories of our Italian families and growing-up memories. Her suggestion was met with great acceptance. Virginia will be our first speaker in February.

**OLYMPIC PENINSULA
LODGE NO. 2733**
Port Angeles/Sequim, WA
Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month
Social begins at 12:30pm
Meeting begins at 1:00pm
Bethany Pentecostal Church
508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles
WA 98362
Armando Muggia, President
muggiaac@gmail.com 360-461-5574

**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
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com
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
ginagrace@hotmail.com

We culminated by swarming to help clean up and have the hall look as if we had not been here along with our raffle gift-giving and loving personal send-offs till our meeting in February.

Since our next meeting falls upon our National Holiday February 9th Superbowl, "according to all males" there was a unanimous vote to conduct the meeting on the following Sunday 16th...

Cordialmente, Sincerely, and respectfully submitted,
Dee Saldin Deesaldin@gmail.com



Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Tis the season for love. Longer days offer more daylight to cheer us along as we inch closer to spring. We wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day, while we remember those who have lost their Valentine, especially recently. Pictured is our new chaplain, Iris Smith. Her love of our Italian culture and knowledge of the



language made for a beautiful start to our meeting. She read the prayer first in Italian and then in English. If you've ever listened to The Italian Radio channel that is advertised on the back of this newsletter, KMET 1490 AM, you may have heard her interview when she spoke about her heritage, her book about her family coming to America "Never Alone", and the screenplay that is adapted from it. Our meeting's potluck had a plethora of wonderful Italian dishes, including Crespelle Manicotti and ricotta chocolate chip cookies, Polenta with Mushroom Ragù on the side, Marinated Pork Loin and so much more. People brought salads and desserts, even appetizers. We have many great cooks in our lodge, there are too many to mention. Thank you to Cy Smith for washing all the dishes! We



are planning to revive our raffle prize activity at each meeting to help keep it fun. Be our guest anytime. Please continue to pray for all our members who are currently suffering from ongoing health problems. We miss seeing them at

our meetings. Also, remember those with injuries and those recovering from surgeries. Let's all get well so we can look forward to outdoor activities in the warmer months ahead.

Reporter: Paula Jacoby



Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

The Olympic Peninsula Lodge sends wishes of good health and abundant sunshine days to one and all.

Thanks, Yvonne



Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Hello everyone!

I first want to thank Laura Salle for sending in the photo of our new members. Great job! We welcomed three new members at our meeting in January. They are: David Salle, Toni Palsson, and Frank Hanner. Welcome to all of you! We also have a transfer from the "At Large Group" of the Order - Lisa Haynes. She was a member of the Sno-King Lodge with me and a few others in and around the Order. Welcome to her also! I think we also have one more to install soon! At our meeting in January, we had a hearty lentil soup to warm us on a very cold night and our dinner was a wonderful homemade lasagna which was very filling and yummy!

Please send good thoughts to Diane Scillo. She had a heart attack and had a stint put in. She is home and doing well. Also, send good thoughts to Christina Volpone Gerling. She had a procedure and is home doing well. I am sure they both would love to hear from you either by phone or card.

Want to let everyone know that we will be holding our meetings at St. Joseph's School hall until July 2025.

Come and join us. We will be holding our meeting



in April on the second Thursday of the month which is the 10th. Same time, same bat channel! Speaking of April, we are going back to Kennedy Catholic High School for our annual banquet - which is on April 26th. I will fill you in on things when it gets closer. We will not be having a meeting in May due to the Grand Lodge Convention. All are welcome to come

and visit us and all the other lodges at the Convention. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will be having a Come and Go Spaghetti Fund Raiser where the proceeds will go to the Casa Italiana. It will be from Noon to 5:00 p.m. I'll fill you in on how it went next issue.

Wanted to give everyone a heads-up on a big event for our lodge - This year is our 100th anniversary which is in November. We will be having a Dinner to celebrate and dancing after. I will have more information when it gets closer.

This was short and sweet, hopefully, I will have more information on the events. Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!

Sorella Pazza,
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Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Our lodge seems to keep growing leaps and bounds! And we are honored to have them join us. We already



had to move our lodge to a larger venue this year and we are blessed beyond measure.

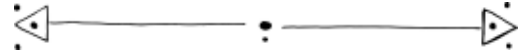
January brought us an antipasto feast. The salads,



meats, olives, cheese, and so much "Italian Goodness" was enjoyed by all. Even after the busy holiday season, our lodge was packed. Filled with friends and laughter.

Who could ask for more? A little note, last month I was welcomed as the new president of the Tacoma Lodge. It is my honor to be entrusted with this position. I was taken by surprise when Joe Munizza got up, spoke about me, and handed me flowers. I should be the one thanking the lodge for trusting me with this position. I really cannot wait to see where this lodge is going! Ecco a febbraio, il mese dell'amore!

Ciao, Gina Costanti-Eacrett



Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Citta Lodge held our monthly meeting on the 7th of January at Bella Italia Restaurant. The main topic of our meeting was the results of our Scholarship Dinner fundraiser held in November 2024 and our scholarship program for 2025.

The fundraiser was very successful. The 2024 proceeds coupled with what the Lodge currently has in the scholarship account provided the Lodge with an opportunity to increase the number and value of the scholarships. After discussions, a motion was made and passed to increase the number and value of the scholarships. In 2025, the Lodge will award up to four \$1500 scholarships.

Our program was established to provide financial assistance for qualified students of Italian ancestry. All Washington residents of Italian ancestry who are American citizens are eligible. Preference will be given to applicants who are recommended by a member of the Tre-Citta Lodge.

The 2025 application package has been provided to members of the lodge and schools in the Tri-Cities. The applications are due by the 15th of March and awards are made normally around the first of May, The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee is Jack Barnaby (jabarnaby@charter.net)



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Our February 13th meeting will be at 2:00 pm. at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building. This change has been made due to the better driving conditions in the afternoon during this month. Our March 13th meeting will return to our usual evening meeting time of 6:00 pm. Family of Christ Lutheran Church.

Lodge News: Our new President has taken the lead and is working to move the Lodge into the future. Our Scholarship application has been uploaded for students to apply on the Washington Scholarship platform for the 2024/2025 school year. Buon Compleanno! to all our February Birthdays and Felice Anniversario! to our February Celebrants.

Lodge President,
Linda Gibson

COMING EVENTS COLUMN

If your Lodge has an item to be included in the "Coming Events" column, please email it separately from your lodge article. Listings for the same date are placed in order received.

"Thanks and a tije 'o' the hat" Mille Grazie

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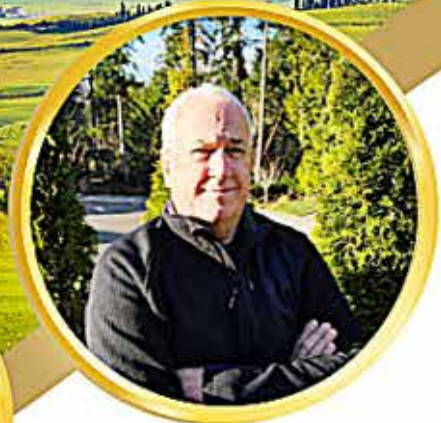
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Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Sons and Daughters of Italy met for our January meeting and enjoyed a wonderful meal and a fabulous turnout. It was so good to see everyone. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.



Our deepest sympathies to Eleanor Ficele and the entire Ficele family on the death of her cousin. Robin Miller has talked to Katie DeSanto this week and found Katie has had a recent surgery and is recovering. Our best wishes and prayers to Katie for a quick recovery.

The board in memory of our deceased members is currently at Engraving Unlimited for updating. We have been



invited to the Guintoli's in March and we will have it there for you to see. As discussed at the January meeting, there will not be a February meeting, our next get-together will be in March at the Guintoli's with details to follow. Please watch your email. Hope to see you then.

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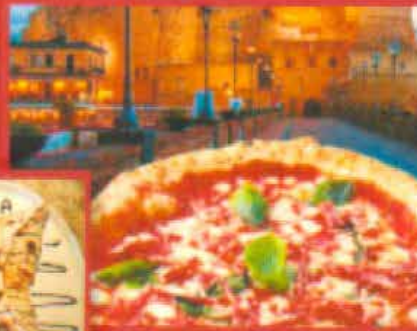
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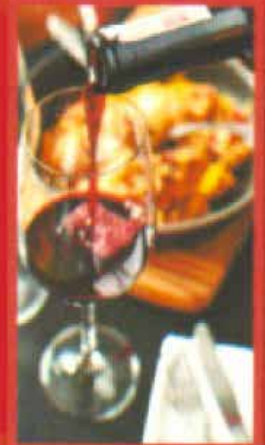
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