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## Coming 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

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, 10am**

**Spring Grand Council**  
**Embassy Suites-Lynwood**  
Contact: Tony Anderson  
Osdia1957@gmail.com  
(253) 677-9366

**Sat. April 18th, 2026, 6pm**

**Seattle Fedele #1390**  
Annual Banquet  
Kennedy Catholic Highschool  
140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168  
Contact: Michael Croce  
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**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**6:30 - 8:30pm**

**Bellevue Lodge #2377**  
Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser  
16330 NE 4th St, Bellevue  
Contact: Linda Caputo  
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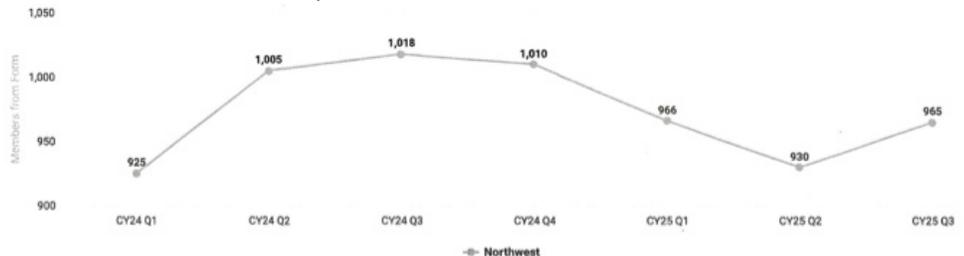
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## From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW Leonard Folino, President



Greetings, everyone. I am pleased to inform everyone that, because of Tony Anderson's efforts, we have secured a location for the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner fundraiser. It will be Saturday, March 14th, at Bellarmine Preparatory Highschool 2300 S. Washington Street, Tacoma. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. We will also be going for the same price. For tickets (only 250 will be sold), contact Debbie Sonsteli (253) 797-9515 sonsteli4@hotmail.com. There is more good news to share. Below is the graph of our membership numbers as compiled by the National Membership Commission. Our membership numbers are on the increase, so let's continue the momentum towards the goal of getting back to at least one thousand members by 2027.



A quick reminder to Lodge Presidents and their financial officer, please remember to submit your Lodge's IRS 990n or 990 forms by May 15th for the calendar year or four months after the end of your fiscal year. In February, we will be electing Lodge Officers. I would like to express my appreciation and thank you to those who put in the time and effort into serving as officers for the past two years. I would encourage others to step forward and seek a lodge officer position. We have resources on Lodge Officer responsibilities and how to operate a lodge on the Grand Lodge website, plus there are numerous members who have served as officers before and can share their knowledge and advice. The Grand Lodge and our Local Lodges will only be as good as the amount of effort we put into them. It's up to us, we're all in it together.

Till next time, Lenny Folino, GLNW President

*more* **Coming Events!**

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Cataldo Lodge #2280**

Cataldo Lodge Annual Family Picnic

4131 Pine Rd. Bremerton

Contact: Bill Haberstock

habpal@hotmail.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

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Doors Open 6:00pm**

**Auburn Lodge #1955**

Annual Wine Tasting &  
Holy Family Catholic Churg  
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**Important notice regarding the Grand Lodge Crab Feed:**

**Attention Members:**

The Grand Lodge Crab Feed has been cancelled for the 2026 year, and will be moved to next year.

**Questions? Contact-**

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**American-Italian Club**

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,

February may be the shortest month, but it's full of moments to warm our hearts. Although our days are still chilly, our plans, ideas, and inspirations are warming up. At our January meeting, we held nominations for Executive Board positions for the 2026-2028 term, encouraging anyone who was interested in leadership to participate. Our club may be small, but our members are driven, supportive, and very active in our club's activities. It wasn't unexpected that nominations filled our meeting's agenda. We are looking forward to our continued participation with our Asian Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community's Spokane Lunar New Year Festival on February 14th at the Spokane Convention Center. We have a strong partnership with ANHPI and are often invited to join them in community events. This year's Lunar festival celebrates the Horse, and as in the past, this event will be very popular. This festival is fun and exciting, and we always generate genuine community interest and great visibility for the club. Also on our agenda will be our club's 60th Anniversary! Events

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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**

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and projects are being formulated to fill our calendar for the upcoming year to celebrate this milestone.

Dear Friends, this is my last column for the newsletter. After writing this column for almost a decade, I am retiring. It's been a pleasure sharing with you all the news from the Inland Northwest. Thank you for the moments of your time. Amore vincit omnia ~ Love conquers all

Felice San Valentino, Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary



### *Amerigo Vespucci*

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Ciao a tutti, Sons and Daughters of Italy from the Great Northwest. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge hopes the new year is treating everyone well.

Aberdeen SDOI Lodge #1814 held its last meeting on January 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Kristine Finazzo was the lucky winner of the \$25 check drawing for members who paid their dues by December 31, 2025, which took place at the meeting. Congratulations, Kristine!

Arrangements for the Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner, on Saturday, February 28, 2026, 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.

seaNew officer nominations were presented by Vice President David Aldrige. Elections will be held at the February meeting.

Don't forget to pay your dues! Kristine Finazzo, Financial Secretary, sent out reminders to those who haven't paid their dues yet. Several Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members enjoyed dinner and a Seahawks game in January.



Tammy Lund was highlighted in the Daily World for her position as Graduation specialist for the Hoquiam School District and was interviewed for the new school district newsletter. Condolences go out to Eva To on the passing of her father. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have its next meeting on February 19, 2026, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. Buona Festa di San Valentino to all, Judith Braddon, reporter.



### *Auburn*

#1955 Auburn, WA

Welcome, paisani, to 2026! In the spirit of new beginnings, we tried something different this month: we had dinner -before- the meeting! This month, we were set upon by adorable Girl



Scouts looking to fill our hearts with love and our stomachs with cookies.

We celebrated our guests from other lodges, and we welcomed back Salvatore Cascone's brother and his friend, both visiting from Italy! We also reinstated the membership of John T. Welcome back! Rosetta, Lena, and Antoinette presented the Auburn Lodge Service Award to Charlie DeGidio and Shirlee Partridge. We honored our monthly welcoming committee for their contributions to our lodge.



Thanks, ladies, for all the love and smiles you give to our members! Bocce may be in hibernation for the winter, but our members went out and enjoyed a lovely night of hockey on January 17th! Led by Joe Rippelone, this

year's Thunderbirds Hockey Night was a resounding success.

(The T-Birds won, by the way!)



Auburn Clean Sweep is coming up on or about Earth Day, and Dave Manning is once again leading the charge for our lodge. Be on the lookout for the opportunity to lend a hand. Our annual wine-tasting is happening Saturday, May 2nd. Nick, Tony, and Ron are teaming up to put on this wonderful event. Tickets will be \$40. We'll be asking for help with food, raffle items, and table decoration. This is not something to sleep on, folks! A quick reminder that dues (\$40) are now past due. Please renew at your earliest convenience to ease the headache for our "finance department." Next month, we'll hold elections, and our new officers will be installed in March. A special thank you to Tony Roletto, who offered to pay for the hall fee for the evening. The Auburn Lodge deeply appreciates you, Tony! In other community news, the Auburn Lodge is now donating leftover desserts to the Auburn Homeless Shelter. Way to be!

Sadly, I'm being booted from my post as

**BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285**  
**Olympia, WA**  
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 Meeting starts at 6:30pm  
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**BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377**  
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**Auburn, WA**  
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“Immediate Past President” soon. (Don’t worry, though, I’ve agreed to continue writing the newsletter!) It’s been a great ride, and I’m honestly grateful to see new faces willing to step up and fill those leadership roles. I will absolutely rotate back in soon, but for now, it will be fun to heckle mentor the new folks, and, you know, relax and enjoy the meeting at a table, possibly with you!

Sincerely,  
 Francesco Ortenzo,  
 Immediate Past President



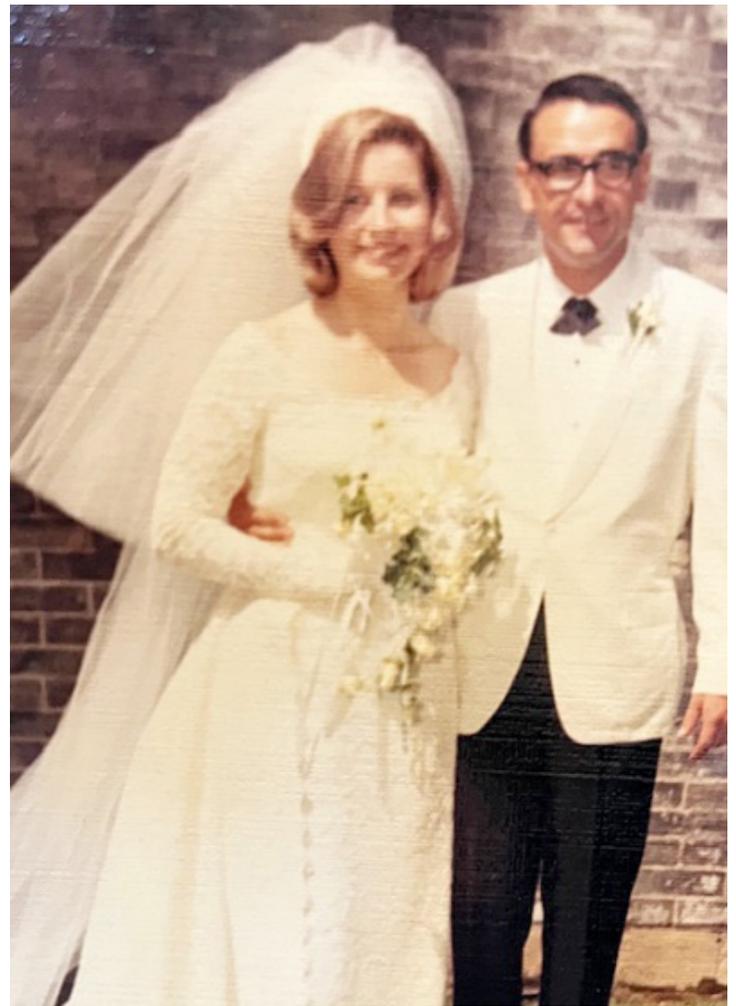
**Bella Vita**

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti! Greetings to you from our WA state capital in Olympia. Bella Vita celebrated 2026 with a meeting on New Year’s Day, where we



kicked off the year by initiating 2 new members: Dave DiTommaso and Jerry Noviello. Welcome, amici! I made Rigatoni al Segreto, the new member, Dave DiTommaso, surprised everyone with a delicious Pasta Fagioli, and



other members contributed appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts. As always, our festa was a feast! Steve Fontana from Seattle Fedele made the trek south to join the festivities. Thank you, Steve! Everyone knows that Bella Vita enjoys having fun. We also enjoy the sun! Right now, Jerry Noviello is back in sunny Florida and has emailed that he plans to visit and possibly join a lodge there. Linda Nielsen is dancing the tango in Argentina! Probably drinking

**BLACK DIAMOND LODGE NO. 1809**  
*Black Diamond, WA*  
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 Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

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**CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280**  
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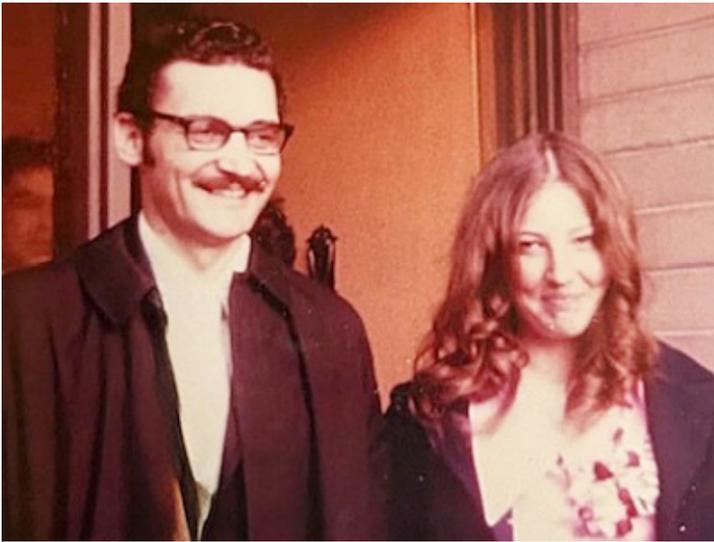
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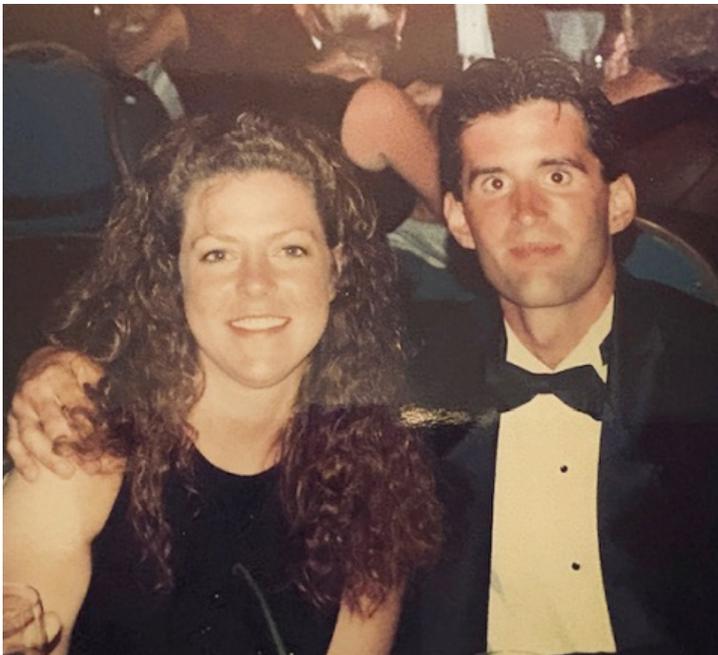
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some wine with a handsome Argentinian... Our Financial Secretary, Mathew Williams, is definitely enjoying some good wine and probably dancing with his mysterious girlfriend in Costa Rica! Unfortunately, Donna Cristofaro will not be dancing any time soon, as just before



Christmas, she fell off a ladder while trimming her Christmas tree and she broke her femur. Surgery was successful and she is recovering well, but please keep her in prayer as she wants to be at Bella Vita, walking and dancing again soon! In February, we will be electing new officers. We also celebrate Valentine's Day. Everyone knows that Italy is known for its beauty, food, wine, music, and romance. Buon San Valentino! Happy Valentine's Day! In Italy, you may also hear someone say "Buona Festa degli Innamorati" or Happy Lovers' Holiday. In celebration of amore, I've included some pictures that I hope you enjoy... Ludovico and Donna Cristofaro, married 58 years! George and Dianne Stefanini married 53 years! And Aaron and I, 36 years. Vivi e ama! Live and love! Bella Vita! Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



### *Bellevue*

#2377, Bellevue, WA

We held our regular Lodge meeting on January 8, a week later than usual, because who wants to go to a Lodge meeting on New Year's Day? Although we changed the day of the meeting, we still had our traditional Lentil soup. We used Nello Prissonotti's recipe, which he used to make for the Lodge for many years. This year's cooks were a triumvirate of Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, Michele Guerrini, and Greg Osgood, which was not too many cooks for this soup,

**MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659**  
*Marysville, WA*

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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*

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**RAINIER LODGE NO. 3019**  
*Tacoma, WA*

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of each Month

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because it turned out great. The reason we always have Lentil soup at our January meeting is to bring good luck (we are a superstitious bunch). The lentils, being round, represent Roman coins. Greg also made a tomato and cucumber salad: more round vegetables to represent coins. Joan Carson, Doug Warne, and Jerry Nonis brought appetizers; Tessa Floreano and Jason Goertz brought bread and butter. Antoinette Folino brought a dessert, and Linda Jacobin brought wine, soft drinks, and a Monkey Bread Cake, which combines three of my favorite things: cake, bread, and monkeys.



It was all very delicious and filling, perfect for a cold, wet January evening. We also had a visit from La Befana, who passed out Satsuma Oranges to everyone. This year, Tessa Floreano played the part of La Befana, and she nailed the role. Because it was January, we had nominations for Lodge officers. Most of our officers agreed to continue in their current roles. Even President Greg Osgood agreed to serve another term, but let it be known that this would be his last term as President. Our 50th Anniversary planning committee is progressing on our plans for the Anniversary Dinner. We're currently working out the pricing details, so we will have tickets available soon. Hold the date, October 24, 2026. Our Lodge Wine Tasting is just three months away on April 25 at Unity Church. Ron Roletto and Nick DeGidio will be hosting it. 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.

In Sunshine news, Linda Caputo recently had rotator cuff surgery. She was out of town for the meeting, but let us know that her arm is still in a sling. Vito Romano has a knee-high non-load-bearing cast on his left foot, but is looking forward to getting a walking cast soon. Mary DeMatteo Sangalang has a finger in a splint. She said that she gets a new splint each week with a different color. The splint was pink, but she was careful in showing us because it was that finger. Michael Brewer was diagnosed with cancer in December. He said that he'd be

**TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175**  
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**Tacoma, WA**

Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month  
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 Meeting Follows Dinner  
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**TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881**  
**TRI-CITIES, WA**

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month  
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having surgery in the next couple of months, and he would appreciate everyone's prayers. Finally, I'm saddened to report that Tony Petrarca passed away on January 7, 2026. Tony was a very active and beloved member of our Lodge, along with his wife, Rose. He and Rose dropped out of our Lodge several years ago, but we will all remember Tony for all that he gave to the Lodge.

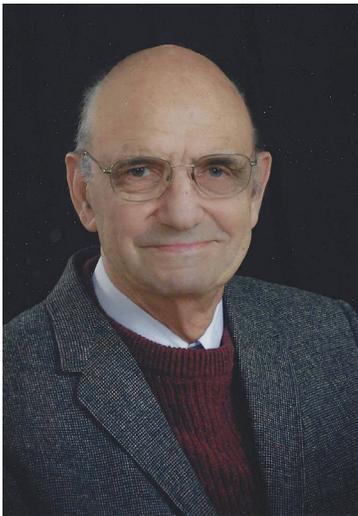
Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on February 5, March 5, and April 2 at Unity Church: 5:30 social hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 dinner (\$10), 7:15 meeting, followed by a raffle (tickets are 6/\$5). I look forward to seeing everyone.  
 Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood



**Black Diamond**

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

With sadness, we share the passing of Michele Palazzo, former first gentleman of the Black



Diamond lodge. From growing up on the family farm in southern Italy and later serving in the Italian military in the late 1950s, to immigrating to the United States in the 1960s after serving as Italy's



IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) cultural ambassador to the U.S., his life was defined by hard work and service. He worked in the grocery business and later owned a small business of his own. Michele met the love of his life, Marlene, and together they raised their family. The love shared between these two was something truly special. Michele was the sweetest, gentle soul and will be missed dearly. Michele was a member of the Black Diamond



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lodge for thirty-five years. Our thoughts and prayers to his loving wife, Marlene, and family. In January, we welcomed two new members, Wendy Woo and Michael Miller. Both were initiated by Lenny Folino, GLNW State President, as well as Janice Malvesti-Cole, Black Diamond Lodge President. Buon San Valentino from your friends at #1809. Come see us in 2026 - we like to have fun!



### Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

We came into the VFW Hall this month to the colors of red, white, and pink--decorated for Valentine's. Many out-of-town guests attended: Antoinette Folino and Geno Degideo from Bellevue and Marysville Lodges, Dzenise Carr Lasalo and Pat Izzo Anderson from Mille Cugini, Kathy Borges from Rainier, and Linda Buccini Anderson, Past State President. Carolyn Crabtree has returned from a trip to her sister's, and is back to her job of greeting -- and selling Raffle Tickets.



Chef of the Month was Gina Natucci, who made delicious Chicken Cutlets. It went so well with mashed potatoes and gravy, potato salad (brought by Antoinette), and other side dishes. Paulette Mentor (my Sister-in-Law) was introduced as a new member-- and will be installed next month. She is the widow of Louis Mentor, a Charter member of Cataldo Lodge. With the month underway, we wished happy January birthdays to Gina Natucci and Tom Grinsell, sharing in their celebrations. Some really nice raffle items are generously donated by members and distributed by Steve Lebeda. Again, Diane and Rachel McBain won a few.



I will end with the famous quote of Italian opera composer Giuzseppe Verdi:



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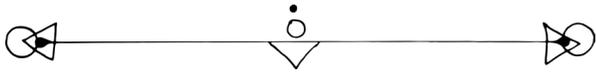
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### *Cle Elum*

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Greetings, with the hope that this update finds you all well. Cle Elum Lodge 1968 hosted our first meeting of 2026 on January 11 to generate enthusiasm to start our planning on upcoming events and logistics discussions. President Mike Butorac and our elected officials led us through our standard opening and recap of each function of the lodge with no issues raised. Lodge membership dues were collected by Rich Grillo, and off we went. Our priority activities in the first Quarter are to establish assigned officers to manage: Finance, Treasurer, President, Vice President, and Secretary. Then we jump right into dedicating our time

to the 39th Annual spaghetti fundraiser for the Highschool Sr's. Scholarship fund. The fundraiser will be held on March 28th at the Cle Elum Putnam Centennial Center. Please come join us for the event, doors will open at 5:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased through Kathi Butorac at (360) 280 - 4206.



This event always sells out within the first few weeks and provides a community evening of laughs, good times, and supports our local Sr's scholarships for college and furthering their education. Stay tuned for updates on how we are progressing. With apologies, I did not get to a very special event that two

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of our Members, Victor and Mike Scarpeli, represented our lodge at.

The photo attached shows Mike and Victor at the 2025 100-year celebration of the Seattle Sons Of Italy celebration with past state presidents Rosetta Beyersdorf and the Honorable Ms. Anderson. Felice gennaio, Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin, Deesaldin@gmail.com



### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA

Buon Festa San Valentino from all your cousins in Snohomish County. At our last meeting, Mille Cugini welcomed our returning member, Vince Cotroneo, and we've missed him. Victoria Albanese brought two guests; one of them has asked to join our Lodge. It's always great to meet new people.

I was unable to conduct the last meeting, and Brock Ricci, our esteemed Grand Lodge 1st Vice President, took the reins and did a fantastic job; the guy is amazing!

### *From the Editors Desk*



I have gotten multiple requests to include my information in publications. Below is my business card. On the back page there is also my information in the box on the top right.



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Everywhere for everyone, and he works full-time. Our Next meeting, on February 12, will be a bit busy with initiations and elections. To stave off the winter cold, our next dinner will feature Stracotto, Italian pot roast. All of our members are great cooks, and the side dishes never fail to surprise and delight.

Come to our meeting; you're always welcome.

There is never a charge for dinner. We're located just south of the North Pole. :)

Patrick Jacoby, President, #2659



### *Rainier*

#3019, Tacoma, WA

Hi everyone from the Rainier Lodge! This month we had a mini baby shower for our treasurer Michelle Collison Garrett. This event was attended by our officers and members. Michelle was due on Feb 8th, however at the writing of this newsletter article, she had little Giovanni! 5 pounds 12 ounces and 18.5 inches long born at 3:36 pm. Mother, Father and Giovanni are



doing well. Next meeting will be on Feb 4th at 6:30pm at Parkland Community Center 214 121st St S Tacoma, 98444. We would love to see everyone!

## Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Buon Giorno!

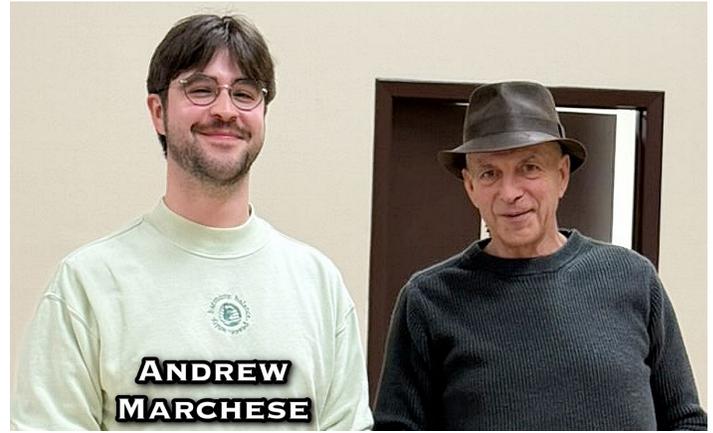
Started our monthly meeting off with a rousing singing of Tante Auguri for all of the January birthdays, which there were quite a few.

We all harmonized perfectly! :) One of the birthdays was for our long-time member Velva Saltarelli, who turned 98 years old! Way to go! Speaking of birthdays, Congratulations to Margo and Justin Fiones on the birth of their son, Carmine Joseph in October. He is a cutie!



First order of business was to initiate a new member! His name is Andrew Marchese, and he let us know that he is not a relative of Joanne's after everyone asked. Welcome to our familia!

The kitchen crew put on another wonderful dinner of pasta and meatballs, salad, and, of course, delicious rolls. It was such a great evening because a few members who had



been missing for a few months came by! They are Linda, Don, Dot, and Dick! So glad they came.

Okay members, please consider running for a position on our very fun board. It really doesn't take up that much time, and it's fun! We can always use new ideas, and this is a good place to voice them.

Also, remember members that your yearly dues are due now, and they are \$50.00. Our next meeting will be at St. Joseph's, as usual, with doors opening at 6:00 p.m., dinner following, with the meeting promptly after dinner. As always, there will be a raffle, so we encourage everyone to bring a prize if able. Now for coming events: The Annual Seattle Fedele / John Croce Homemade Wine Festival is on Sunday, March 22, 2026, starting at Noon. It is being held at The Burien Elks Club Hall. See the upcoming events column for more information or ask a board member. The Annual Banquet is on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and it is being held at Kennedy High School. See the upcoming events column for more information or ask a member. Ci vediamo, Elaine Volpone

**NOTICE:** Festa Italiana Board is looking for members. If interested, contact Audrey Manzanares for information: (206) 779 - 7325

## *Tacoma*

#1175, Tacoma, WA

(No Article Submitted)



## *Tre Città*

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

As part of the Lodge's Local Charities program, Information was provided concerning a local charity named PNW Veteran Fishing Charter. This organization is dedicated to helping our nation's veterans heal through the simple but powerful act of fishing. After some discussion. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to this organization. At each meeting, members bring various items that are raffled off after the meeting, which provides the funds for the program. Since the program's inception, the Lodge has donated over \$3000 to local charities. At the January meeting, the following items were discussed:

Scholarships: The Scholarship Committee reported that the application form has been updated for 2026, and that the scholarship announcement will indicate that up to three \$1500 scholarships will be awarded. The following assignments have been made to liaise with the local high schools: Marcel Bergeron, Richland School District; Sandy Pardini, Pasco School District; Jack Barnaby, Kennewick School District; and Michele Lumetta, Tri-City Prep. The applications are due 15 March.

Succession Planning: President Jack Barnaby discussed the slate of officers that has been proposed to serve for the next two years. The slate of officers includes Gregg

Lumetta running for Lodge President, Michele Lumetta running for Recording Secretary, and Bob Ruddell running for Treasurer. The lodge has agreed to reduce the number of officers. The outgoing President will act for the President if the President is not available. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer positions have been combined. This slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting, along with a call for nominations from the floor. The election will then be conducted at the February Tre-Citta Lodge meeting. Thank You, Jack Barnaby



## *Vancouver USA*

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Our Lodge is looking to the future, not just next year. Our next meeting is February 12th, 2026. Our Dinner will be a potluck. Cost is \$10.00 per person. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Deanna Peters, Phone/text (503)-568-6672, email: dpeters@peak.org We had quite a few guests for our last few meetings; it is always great seeing new faces. In January, we welcomed five of them as new members. A big welcome to Scott Fornaciari, his daughter Isabella Fornaciari, Monica Fountain and her husband Douglas Fountain, and Abbie Palandrani Franks Granddaughter. Again, a big Italian welcome to all of you! We had a great presentation from Rich Cabot in January about a trip he and his family took to Vieste, Italy. He was able to find his father's birthplace and found some distant family. Thank you, Rich! Linda Gibson

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