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## Coming Events!

Sun. June 22, 2025, 12-5pm  
Spokane Club #2172, Social Night  
Arbor Crest Vineyards  
4705 N. Fruit Hill Rd., Spokane  
Contact: Kim Assay  
479-616-6880

Thr, July 17, 6 pm  
Seattle Lodge old#1390  
Annual Fava Bean Dinner  
St Joseph, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle  
Contact: Michael Croce 206-682-2740  
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Saturday July 19, 12:00 noon to 4pm  
Black Diamond Lodge #1809  
Annual Picnic  
Mud Mountain Dam, Chinook Shelter  
30525 SE Mud Mountain RD.  
Contact: Janice Malvesti-Cole  
jmalvesticole@gmail.com

Sun. July 20, 2025, 3:30-5pm  
Spokane Club #2172  
Annual Family Picnic, Manito Park  
1702 S. Grand Blvd, Spokane  
Contract: Kim Assay  
479-616-6880

Sun. Aug 10, 2025, 12-4pm  
Cataldo Lodge #2280 Annual Picnic  
4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton  
Contact: Bill Haberstock  
360-373-4341

Sunday August 10, 1:00pm  
Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814  
Joe and Connie Chicano's home  
909 Park Road Aberdeen  
Contact: 360-581-1072

Sun, August 17th 11 am  
with Seattle Lodge old#1390  
All Italian Community Picnic  
Royal Arch Park  
20821 Ranton Maple Valley Rd  
Contact: Holly Cochran 206-779-8663  
cochranh@pacificfoodimporters.com

Events continued  
on next page.



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



My fellow members and esteemed friends, thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to be your Grand Lodge President. I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey that lies ahead. Together, we embark on a new chapter, one that not only honors our past but also ignites our shared vision for the future of our lodges and communities. Thank you to Immediate Past President Linda Buccini Anderson for 4 years of leadership, along with all the Grand Lodge officers, for the effort they have put forward on behalf of the Grand Lodge and OSDIA. I welcome the newly elected officers. Thank you for stepping up to assist and guide our Grand Lodge. And thank you to all of the people whose hard work made our 2025 Grand Lodge of the Northwest Biennial Convention a huge success.



The swearing in of our 2025 Grand Lodge officers

It is my hope that in our pursuit of fellowship and purpose, we remember that our meetings should not only be a time to gather but also a space to create joy and celebrate our Italian culture. I envision our meetings as lively celebrations of our spirit, where there is laughter, ideas flow, and everyone feels valued. We need gatherings with energy and creativity, ensuring every member leaves with a sense of belonging and inspiration. But fun alone will not sustain us; we must also focus on the heart of our organization—our lodges. Together, we have the power to build and strengthen them, making them thriving hubs of community engagement and support. I encourage each of you to voice your ideas and passions, roll up your sleeves, and actively contribute to the growth of our lodges. Retention is not merely a statistic; it is a reflection of our ability to be of service to one another. We must strive to be useful, offering support, resources, and opportunities that resonate with our members' needs and aspirations. When members feel valued and see the tangible impact of our work, they will stay. Here are the goals I have for the Grand Lodge. Please read through them and respond with any thoughts, suggestions,

## more Coming Events!

Sun. Aug 24, 2025, 1:35pm  
Grand Lodge of the NW Baseball  
Oklahoma City Comets  
at Tacoma Rainiers  
Cheney Stadium – Tacoma, WA  
Tickets - \$16.00  
Contact: Tony Anderson 253.677.9366  
osdia1957@gmail.com

Sat. September 20, 2025, 1-5PM  
Spokane Club #2172, Festa Italiana III  
Wall Street, Spokane  
Contact: John Caputo  
509-220-5582

Sat-Sun, September 27-28, All Day!  
with Seattle Lodge old#1390  
Festa Italia - Fedele Meatball Booth  
Seattle Center  
Contact: Michael Croce 206-682-2740  
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, 10:00am  
Grand Lodge -Council Meeting  
Embassy Suites- Lynnwood, WA  
Contact: Janet Fritz  
fritz.janet@gmail.com

Sunday October 19th, 2025, 4 to 7 pm  
Vancouver WA. Lodge #2690  
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner  
Basket Raffle(s)  
14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver  
Contact: Michael Cherney  
Lakeshore.mc@gmail.com

Sun. November 16, 2025, 12-6pm  
Spokane Club #2172  
Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
Gonzaga Prep School  
1224 E. Euclid, Spokane  
Contact: Kim Assay  
479-616-6880

Sat, November 22nd, 6 pm  
Seattle Lodge old#1390  
100th Year Celebration!!!  
Featuring Ray Massa  
Doubletree Suites-Southcenter  
16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila  
Contact: Holly Cochran 206-779-8663  
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**Be sure to check with the event  
contacts for any changes.**

or ideas you might have. I have asked Director of Communication Danny Volpone and former Director of Communications Patrick Jacoby, along with their committee, to implement a plan for making NWIN self-supporting. Bill Haberstock has agreed to take my place as GLNW Scholarship Chairman. I have asked the committee to revise the application, the application process, and how we score the applicants. The committee needs one more member. If you can do this, contact Bill Haberstock at habpal@hotmail.com. The scholarship committee



**James Vettori**

was surprised and grateful to receive a donation from the estate of James Michael Vettori, (Bella Vita Lodge) in honor of his parents Sylvio and Gina. He served both the OSDIA and his country. Thank you, James, may you rest in peace. November fundraising raffle: A volunteer is needed to replace me as the November Calendar Raffle Chairman. There should be very little change from last year, so it will be easy to do. Membership: We are working on starting up a new lodge, so I will keep everyone informed of the progress. Both the Grand Lodge and National websites have, under member resources, a ton of information on how to obtain and retain members. That information does no good if it's not utilized. Although we take a break during July and August from our regular meetings, we're still rocking! Check the coming events column online and in the NW Italian News for what's happening during the summer break. Memorial Day is the time to say a prayer of thanksgiving and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Be sure to thank a Vet. Father's Day: I saw a T-shirt that read: "Anyone can be a parent, but it takes someone special to be a father". Happy Father's Day to those who have chosen to be that special person.

Again, thank you for your trust. I look forward to our time together.  
Leonard Folino, President, GLNW

### **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  
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### **AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA**

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

**ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER**  
306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA  
**President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano**  
360-581-1072  
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To all my Grand Lodge officers, lodge presidents, and deputies, and to all the members of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, I want to thank you for all your support, patience, and willingness to try the new ideas and suggestions I have brought forward as your Grand Lodge President. I have been blessed by the entire experience and learned so much, especially over the last four years. Being part of this great organization has helped me see the many benefits of being part of a larger organization. At our recent convention, our delegates elected our new leaders. I know you will be there to support President Lenny and his board. Thank you once again. Know that I am still here to help in whatever way I can. Respectfully and with much love.



Linda Buccini Anderson, Immediate Past President, GLNW

## Rosellini Award Winners



The Governor Rosellini award is the highest award given by our Grand Lodge to an individual(s) who have over many years been an integral part of their lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge. During the 2025 Biennial Convention at the evening banquet, after the installation of new Grand Lodge Officers, the Rosellini Award was given to Bill and Jackie Habershtock and Dan and Dot Chicketti for the years of service and the work that they have done for The Sons and Daughters of Italy.

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

[www.auburnsonsofitaly.org](http://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**

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### **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

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**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

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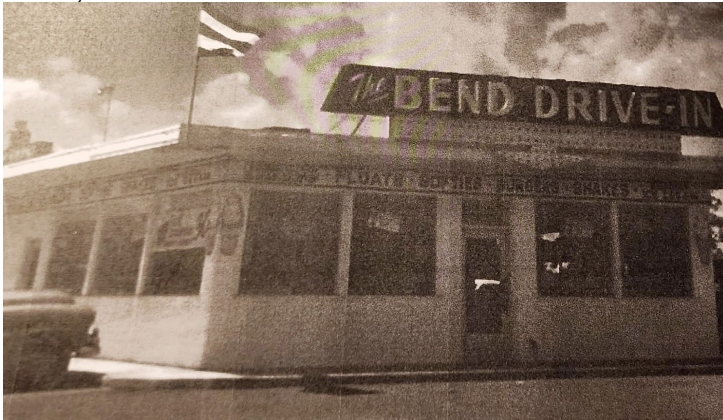
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## American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao a tutti, the rain has finally stopped! Everyone enjoyed the spring showers, but we were all worrying about our poor flowers when the hail came pouring down. Rainbows appeared the sun is shining, and we've weathered the storm-Hello Spring!

We had great attendance along with a fantastico potluck dinner for our May 14th General Meeting. The Business portion of the meeting consisted of discussions for our upcoming Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 16th. We also had conversations regarding sponsorships and donations for the dinner and Festa Italiana III on September 20th. We approved a donation to St. Aloysius Church where we hold our monthly meetings and occasional events. We will also be supporting the Spokane/Cagli Sister City student exchange by helping them with their travel expenses. Our Book Exchange was a huge success. We collected several bins of books on various topics and a very large selection of Cookbooks; no surprise there. After the exchange, we will be donating the balance of the books to a local library.



Once all the Club Business was concluded the Best part of the evening began. Marilyn Hoffman and her cousin Dan Colistro gave a very interesting and beautiful presentation of the Colistro Family for our Family



Heritage program. Marilyn and Dan's presentation took us through their early childhood in the Minnehaha neighborhood of Spokane in the 1950s. The many family photos that they collected were presented on a tri-fold photo board and provided everyone with an excellent and wonderful visual of the family stories that were told. If anyone remembers the Bend Drive-In, Dan's father built it. It was also delightful to hear the lighthearted family superstitions which we All related to. Italian superstitions run deep and long, and their memories touch our hearts. Marilyn and Dan Mille grazie for a wonderfully delightful and informative presentation.



We are very proud of Club member Anthony di'Mauro, who graduated Suma Cum Laude, Alpha Sigma Nu, of Gonzaga University. Tanta Felicita Anthony. Best of Luck to you in the future.

Tanti auguri to all June Graduates! Buona Festa del Papa!!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Asst Recording Secretary

### 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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### 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

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[mbutorac\\_cabin@hotmail.com](mailto:mbutorac_cabin@hotmail.com)

Mailing Address: PO Box 361  
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**

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**Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary**

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



## Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Well, Summer will soon be upon us, and Spring will be coming to its end. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge held its May meeting on May 15, 2025. A potluck dinner was provided by Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members with many delicious entrees, salads and dessert prior to the meeting. The GLNW Convention was held in Lynnwood, WA., May 16-18, 2025. Connie and Joe Chicano, and delegates, Kamron and Abigail Covall attended for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. They will report back at our June meeting.

Vice President David Aldridge reminded members about the Mariners' Italian Heritage Night on Monday, June 30, 2025. Everyone will meet at Joe and Connie Chicano's house at 3:00 pm and go to the game together in the Five Star van. Sophie Olive was selected as Amerigo Vespucci's scholarship recipient by the scholarship committee. She will be recognized at our June meeting. Plans for a dinner night out for members of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge are tentatively set for June 25, 2025, at 4:30/5:00 pm at La Spiaggia in Ocean Shores. Members planning to attend need to let Connie Chicano know by May 23, 2025.

Amerigo Vespucci's next meeting is June 19, 2025. Social at 5:30 pm, Pizza dinner at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Members will provide sides, salads and desserts. Appetizers and raffle items appreciated.

Until then, wishing "Una fantastica estate a tutti."

Submitted by Judith Braddon



## Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Buckle up, friends, because there was a lot going on this past month! For Earth Day, the Auburn Lodge participated in the City of Auburn's annual Clean Sweep



event. This year, our lodge beautified some trails. The event was a success thanks to our vice president Dave Manning who organized it. Our May meeting was well-attended, and the Auburn Lodge welcomed and initiated new members Stella Terese Beyersdorf and Chase Stella Brunner. It is always a treat to bring the next generation into our beloved Order! In the meeting, Kenny Beyersdorf spoke about the importance of the lodge to his family and reminded us that it was two years ago that we lost Ronnie. Later, Tony Anderson spoke on all the hard work that Linda has done over the years and congratulated her on her service to the Grand Lodge of the Northwest as she completed her term as Grand Lodge President. We also voted to give \$250 in support



of Auburn schools. On May 10th, we held our annual wine-tasting fundraiser event. The event was a sold-out success! The hors d'oeuvres table was epic, thanks to our fabulous kitchen crew. The tables were meticulously decorated by our members. Choosing one table to be the "best" was a herculean task! The homemade wine contest had some fierce competition, with some really strong entries. Charlie Brown played accordion, sang,

### SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month

\*this April on the 2nd Thursday

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

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### 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

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### 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**

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and entertained us all. The raffle tables overflowed with donated prizes. The dessert tables had an uncomfortably large number of irresistible options. The room was full of camaraderie, joy, and laughter... and, oh yeah, there was also a wine tasting! If you were there, you know. If you weren't, well, mark your calendar for next year!



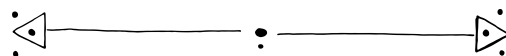
If all this wasn't enough, the Grand Lodge Convention happened the very next weekend on May 16th and 17th. Auburn was well-represented as all the lodges in Washington gathered to elect new officers, plan for the future, and, you know, party a little bit, too! If you are feeling that fear of missing out while reading all this, don't worry! There's still plenty of opportunity: Our June 12th meeting will be our annual barbeque. It's a fun time and I sincerely hope to see you there. As always, we will not hold meetings in July or August. We will, however, have our annual picnic at Les Gove Park on July 26th.



New Members

Save that date, July 26th! This is always a blast and a pleasure to see everyone outside on a summer day. Time really does start to speed up this time of the year! By the time you read this, we'll be celebrating dads and grads and getting ready to welcome summer. I truly hope that these long days are treating you and your family well, and that together you are able to enjoy these days to their fullest!

Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo



### ***Bella Vita***

#2285, Olympia, WA

Aaron, Vera Kay, Kathy Borges, & I have just returned from the 46th Biennial Convention of the GLNW. We enjoyed meeting so many kind and loving members and



learning more about the GLNW & the other lodges. I also learned that I have been mispronouncing "Bocce" for years & so have most of you. Congratulations and thank you to all the new officers. Special congrats to

#### **VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690**

**Vancouver, WA**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

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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 7:30 p.m.

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Bella Vita members, GLNW Financial Secretary, Mary Jane Rogers, and Past GLNW President, Linda Buccini Anderson for being elected national delegates! Thank you Gina for outbidding me on that auction basket that I didn't need. On May 1st, La Festa dei Lavori, and Bella Vita met at the Grange to celebrate an early Cinco de Mayo. Vera and I prepared a taco bar and we enjoyed an assortment of appetizers, sides, and desserts. It's always a feast at Bella Vita; thank you to all of our members. Special thanks to Ludy and Donna Cristofaro for donating and preparing margaritas. Ludy is quite a bartender and what's a Cinco de Mayo party without margaritas? Unfortunately, George and Dianne Stefanini was absent due to Covid. We missed you but thanks for not sharing! Maria Marabella shared about her amazing trip to Greece and we hope to see some pictures soon. Glad to have you back, Maria. We had 1 new application for membership, Cameron Schletzbaum. Though he is actually Greek & German,



he's visited a few times and fits right in. He and Colton offered to help Ludy replace the heater core in his 1975 Dodge Dart Sport. Hey boys, my 1966 Mustang needs a heater core too :) Angelo Fazio, a former Bella Vita President and all-around great guy announced that he is retiring at the end of August. He shared the story of how he once saved Ludy's life. In true Bella Vita style, we offered to throw him a retirement party. Our members continue to build strong relationships, support each other, and have a great time!

Bella Vita... a beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



## Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, we had a pretty good turnout for our April 3rd meeting with twenty-five members and guests. Cathy Mettler made Marry Me Chicken, which was so good that if I weren't already married, I would accept the proposal. Michael Brewer and Linda Jacobin brought wine, Laura Cosacchi brought appetizers, Doug Warne and Joan Carson brought bread and butter, Greg Osgood brought salad, and Linda Jacobin and Antoinette Folino brought dessert. It was a feast worthy of any

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wedding banquet. At the meeting, we initiated three new members: Jeannette Ball, Jason Nonis, and Steven Vanderveer. Jeannette is the sister of Michael Brewer, one of our trustees. Jason Nonis is the son of Jerry Nonis and brother of Aaron and Jacob Nonis. Steven is part of the genealogy group along with Past President Mary Sangalang, and is a member of the Lower Woodland Park Bocce Club. On behalf of our Lodge, I would like to extend a warm welcome and say we're so happy to have them join our Lodge.

In Sunshine News, Jerry Nonis had been sick, but was feeling better and attended our meeting. Vice President Linda Caputo was sick during our Wine Tasting dinner and wasn't able to make the dinner, but still helped with the setup. We're so sorry that Linda missed the dinner. We missed having you there. Rochelle Edgar had knee replacement surgery, so neither she nor her husband Pete were able to make our meeting.

Final report of our Lodge Wine Tasting held on April 5th: We had 57 guests in attendance, and the event generated \$1,780.22. Right now we're basking in the success of the event, but soon we'll have to start planning for next year's Wine Tasting.

At the Grand Lodge Convention, Michael Brewer and Tessa Floreano attended as first-time delegates along with our President, Greg Osgood.

Joe and Linda Jacobin came on Friday evening, and Mary DeMatteo Sangalang and Ron Sangalang attended both Friday and Saturday evening. Everyone had a great time. We got to see old friends and meet new friends from other Lodges. There was also work to be done. Our delegates got a lot of the meetings that we will take back and share with our Lodge.

Congratulations to our new Grand Lodge President, Lenny Folino, and all the new Grand Lodge Officers. We really appreciate your hard work and dedication. Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on June 5th, Sept 4th, and October 2nd 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 respectfully acknowledge three prominent celebrations occurring during this summer edition— Memorial Day on May 26 to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; Fathers' Day on June 15 for all who represent the love of a father; and Independence Day to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Lodge President, Janice Malvesti-Cole, along with delegates Tom Cole, Dan Shelton, and Lisa Shelton were excellent participants at the recent Grand Lodge



of the Northwest 46th Biennial Convention. President Janice was requested to present the fundraising ideas and strategies that she and her husband Tom have successfully directed throughout her reign.

Huge congratulations to Black Diamond's own Lenny Folino on his election to State President of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest for 2025-2027. His support and contributions to the OSDIA organization are



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exceptional. You make your brothers and sisters in Black Diamond proud, Lenny! It was great to meet the current National First Vice President, Thom Lupo, who joined us from New York. Thom is projected to be elected the National President at the OSDIA Supreme Convention in August.



Our delicious May dinner was prepared by Dan and Lisa Shelton, followed by our meeting and famous raffle. We will meet on June 13, 2025, before our summer break. We welcome all to join us and see for



yourselves the fun we have in Black Diamond. We also invite you to share in the camaraderie at our annual

picnic at Mud Mountain Dam Park in Enumclaw. This will take place on July 19, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm. Hope to see you there! The Black Diamond Board of Officers sends their greetings with "Have a great summer!"



## Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

A great time was had by those from our lodge attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Lynwood. Jackie Haberstock calls it "Fun and Surprising" as 4th National VP Tony Anderson presented our President, Bill Haberstock with a "King Cannoli" plaque. It was his reward for doing fundraisers--traveling to six lodges around the state teaching and sharing cannoli.



Another surprise: Bill and Jackie Haberstock received this year's Governor Albert D. Rosellini Award (along with Dan and Dot Chicketti of Auburn Lodge). Congratulations to our new Grand Lodge President Lenny Folino-- And to 2nd VP, Bill Haberstock, and



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Trustee, Jackie Haberstock.

Delegates from Cataldo Lodge were Vicki Hartson and Steve Haberstock. Vicki said she learned a lot about the charities that we support and the scholarships that we award. A highlight was getting to meet people from all the other lodges. John Lembo and Steve Haberstock participated in the Limoncello contest.

May Birthday greetings are sent to Jake Lebeda, Maryann Freeman, and Jack Fortner. And for June, Virginia Close. On a sad note.... We heard of the passing of Betty Mayer on March 6. Betty and her husband, Larry, were long-time members



of the Cataldo Lodge until they moved to North Seattle. Betty was known for being able to crochet a complete baby blanket during a meeting. She would donate the blankets to conventions and lodge raffles. Our condolences go out to Larry and family. Cannoli fundraisers this summer are at Crossroads Neighborhood Church Handmade Market on June 14, July 12, and August 9. Our President, the Cannoli

King, will be making and selling 9 am-3 pm. Annual Picnic is scheduled for August 10, 12-4 pm at the Elk's Lodge-- 4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton.

Joyia Rubens, Reporter



### ***Cle Elum***

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

No Article Submitted



### ***Mille Cugini***

#2659, Marysville, WA

We hope everyone is making fun plans for their summer or simply ready to enjoy some warmer weather. Each year, Italy has many celebrations. But this year, one of our members, Beverly Riter, was there during several of them. She took these photos and wrote about them for me to share!

### **ITALY CELEBRATES LIBERATION DAY**

Festa della Liberazione or Liberation Day is celebrated on April 25 as a national holiday in Italy to commemorate liberation from Nazi occupation



and Fascist rule at the end of World War II and the establishment of the Republic in 1945. The day is celebrated with official speeches, parades, and exhibitions.

Lucca (Tuscany) holds another celebration on the Sunday following Easter that started in the year 1369 when the city gained liberty from Pisa in exchange for a large sum of money. Since then, Lucca has fought hard to remain independent from their rivals, especially Pisa and Florence. This is celebrated with marches, flag throwing, drummers, archers, and speeches at the Cathedral of San Martino with



participants dressed in colorful Medieval costumes.

Thank you, Beverly, for sharing these photos with us. It sure sounds like an exciting time to be in Italy, but I'm sure Italy is wonderful any time of the year. Last month, Cheryl Petruccelli and myself, Paula Jacoby, attended the GLNW 46th Biennial Convention at Embassy Suites Hotel as delegates and Nate Pioli represented our President, Patrick Jacoby, since Patrick was filling the position of Director of Communications for the last time. He has worked hard for 4 years to produce a newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Now he will mentor the new Director of Communications, Danny Volpone! Please welcome this young and very motivated volunteer. Of course, we welcome our new Grand Lodge President, Leonard Folino! He brings a love of life, family, and heritage to our organization. May God bless him in his work. Thankfully, Brock

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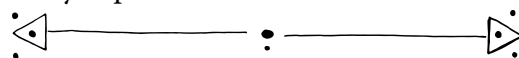
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Ricci, our Immediate Past President, was re-installed as State 1st Vice President. Many tasks were accomplished in 2 days and we enjoyed lots of fun times together. Seeing old familiar faces and rekindling some friendships is my favorite part of attending.

Buona Estate (Happy summer)

Paula Jacoby-reporter



## Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Happy Spring! Hope you all had a wonderful Easter! Our family really enjoyed making and eating pizza rustica. Would love to hear what Italian Easter traditions your family enjoyed!

Our monthly meeting was held a week earlier in April as we had a scheduling conflict with St. Joe's. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and spent time visiting with our paisani. We planned our 96th Annual Banquet which was held on April 26th at Kennedy High School. We awarded 4 Scholarships to these deserving



students: Vincent Ryser, Alexxis Lembo, Siena Ferrari, and Matthew Fitzgerald. Congratulations to all the worthy scholars. I don't know about everyone else who attended this event, but I had a blast! Excellent



conversations, food, and drink! The raffle was full of laughter and joking around, like it should be! Thank you to our kitchen crew (a few are in one of the



photos) for their care and love in making the meal items taste amazing. Thank you to the Kennedy High School kids for helping serve the meal dishes clearing away the tables and I think helping with the delivery of raffle prizes. Thank you all for the donation of all the raffle prizes.

Our 53rd Annual Wine Festival on March 23rd was a huge success. Thanks to all who joined to celebrate our homemade winemakers. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and then danced the night away, thanks to the skill of the Peranzi Brothers.

Our delegates attended the Annual Convention which was held at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood on May 16th and 17th. Congratulations to our new Grand Lodge President Leonard Folino. We know you will do a good job. Congratulations and a shout-out to Jeff D'Amelio for being elected Grand Lodge Orator,



and the surprise of the convention, our own Daniel (Danny) Volpone threw his hat in to take over the Grand Lodge Director of Publications and was elected! For being the youngest delegate at the Convention, he sure made a name for himself (and this is not just



a proud Auntie talking!) There were several members from the other lodges who were not delegates attended the festivities on Friday night, which included Bocce, a Limon Cello Contest, Meatball Sandwiches, and more. Congratulations to our own Cristina Ryser for winning First Place in the Limon Cello contest for her entry! Saturday night was a dinner and dancing event that

thanked all the former elected officers for their service for the last two years and installed the new officers for the next two years. Congrats to all!

Meetings: Thursday, June 19th, Father's Day BBQ theme. Thursday, July 19th, Annual Fava Bean Dinner, so no meeting, just time for fun. ATTENTION: There will be NO MEETING IN AUGUST!

Ciao for now! Elaine Volpone and my favorite ghostwriters Holly Cochran, Ken and Danny Volpone, and Christina Gerling. I guess you can call us "Famiglia Pazza"!



## **Tacoma**

#1175, Tacoma, WA

As you can see, we sure like to have fun in our kitchen. It's a great place to be when Italian food is involved!! Mangia! We thank everyone who has helped cook and those who also took time to clean up afterward. Couldn't do it without you.

In May we had Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery come and present our lodge with a donation to assist our lodge in paying for the meals we make



at our Tacoma Lodge meetings. They also gave a presentation on their services. Mountain View offers a variety of services and they can be reached at 253.785.8390 and tell them the Tacoma Lodge referred you. The Tacoma Lodge's last regular meeting before our summer break is in June and we are looking

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forward to our BBQ. It has been a fantastic year so far. The picnic this year is August 17th in Fircrest at the pagoda behind Whittier Elementary. Can't wait to see you all there!

A big Congratulazioni to our very own Gail Messina who was elected as a new State Trustee!! The Grand Lodge is so lucky to have her as part of their board! We could not be happier! Way to Gail! You are amazing!! Don't forget.... Crab feed on November 8th. More details will be coming!! Il migliore sempre, Gina Costanti-Eacrett, Tacoma Lodge President



### *Tre Città*

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Citta Lodge 2881 is alive and doing very well these days. On April 1st, 2025, our Lodge held its fourth meeting of the new year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick with a total of twenty-one members and visitors in attendance.

At the meeting, we announced that Dylan Marozzo, a

senior at Tri-City Prep, was selected to receive a \$1500 scholarship. Dylan will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He will be attending either Gonzaga University or Montana State. We also had a brief discussion about our next Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle that will be held at the Richland Community Center on Saturday, October 11, 2025. This dinner and raffle are our major annual fundraisers that provide the funds to award scholarships every year. Julianne Barnaby, the coordinator for the fundraiser, announced that she will be stepping down as the overall coordinator for the event. She will continue with the food preparation, but we will need someone to take over the overall coordination.

At our meeting, we also discussed two possible social events this summer. The first would be a bocce ball social in June. We are currently working with Goose Ridge Vineyard as they have nice courts. In July we are planning a limoncello-making contest. We are currently discussing with the members on a location.

Marcel Bergeron and Jack Barnaby are working on having a team-building meeting in the near future. This meeting would not be held in conjunction with a Lodge monthly meeting and the purpose would be to give us an idea of where we want to Lodge to go. We would discuss things such as budgets, fundraising, and social events. We will hold officer elections in February 2026 and the majority of the existing officers have stated that they do not intend to run for office next year. There has been a small cadre of individuals who have held all the major officer positions since the Lodge was chartered in 2013. It is very important that other members agree to run for office. Once the meeting particulars are finalized, all members will be contacted and invited to the meeting as well as letting them know the importance of the meeting.

At the end of our meeting, we had a monthly raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. We typically raise enough raffle proceeds at each meeting during the year that allow us to donate up to \$500 to one or two local organizations

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and worthy causes each year. In April, motions were made and approved to award \$500 to the following local charities:

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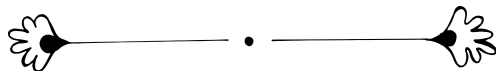
We also continue to be delighted that our members and the public can follow us on Facebook, Many thanks go to Jackie Valentino, one of our dedicated members, for feeding wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA.

We are very fortunate and grateful to be able to meet at Bella Italia every month which is owned and operated by two of our charter members Leonardo and Nadia Luzi. They have fantastic hosts for us and offer great Italian food, drink, and hospitality for our monthly meetings. If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you.

Ciao for now!

Jack A. Barnaby, President, Tre Citta Lodge 2881



### ***Vancouver USA***

*#2690, Vancouver, WA*

Festa della Repubblica, Republic Day, June 2nd  
Fiesta del Papa, Father's Day, June 15th in the USA  
In Italy Father's Day is celebrated on St Joseph's Day in March.

June 12th dinner and meeting will start at 6:00 pm.  
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503-568-6672 or [dpeters@peak.org](mailto:dpeters@peak.org) Dinner will be a Potluck, with a Main Dish, Bread, Salad, and Dessert. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building. Lodge News: We are sad to announce the passing of Dorrie Palandrani, a long-time member of our lodge. Also, the Passing of John Olmstead, another long-time member of our lodge. Please keep their spouses and families in your prayers, these members will be missed. Buon Compleanno! to all our June Birthdays and Felice Anniversario! to our June Celebrants. Bocce Tournament: In Oregon for Fun! One of our members, Paul Zanobelli will be Hosting a Bocce Tournament on June 14th, 2025, in Scappoose, Oregon. The Entry fee is \$10.00 per player. Everyone is welcome, and after everyone is there and pays the entry fee, they will pick teams and play a tournament for fun. No prize money, No medals. They will be playing by Vancouver, WA bocce rules which will be explained at the tournament. Donuts will be provided in the morning. Bring your own lunch, snacks, drinks, chairs, and pop-up coverings. The entry fee will go to Scappoose Park and Rec. for maintenance of the courts in Bill Marinelli's name. He is the one responsible for having the courts built and one is named after him. For more info or questions contact Paul at [pzanobelli@duck.com](mailto:pzanobelli@duck.com). Veterans Memorial Park, Bocce Courts, 33163 SW JP West Road. From Portland when you come into Scappoose take a left on JP west road. Between the gas station and the car wash. Then, Veterans Park and the bocce courts will be on the right just after the bridge. Thank you to everyone attending the GLNW convention and making our president, and delegates feel welcome. They learned a lot and found out there is still a lot more to learn.

Linda Gibson, Lodge President, Vancouver



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Natalie Barrett is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in biology, society, and environment and a minor in Public Health. After graduation, she went to work for the University of Minnesota as a researcher evaluating new training methods for Nursing home and Assisted Living Facility staff about providing LGBTQ+ sensitive care. Natalie will be earning her master's in public health at Lund University in Sweden.



Sierra Asay is attending Central Washinton University with a degree in Wine Studies with the plan to start her own winery and become an industry leader. She aspires to have industry leaders come together to work on improving methods that will ensure a sustainable and improved wine industry.



Joey Bersdrof is graduating from Auburn High School. He has played basketball, soccer, golf, and now baseball for Auburn High School. He would like to pursue a career in broadcasting with a degree from the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at WSU with the goal of becoming a sports broadcaster for ESPN.

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