

Northwest Italian News

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Coming Events!

Sat, April 5th 6:30-8:30

Bellevue Lodge # 2377

Wine Tasting

Unity Church 16330 NE 4th St. Tickets \$35 Gregory Osgood osgood_g@msn.com, 206.669.4312

Sat, May 10, 2025, 6:00pm Auburn Lodge #1955

Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres & Raffle

Holy Family Church 505- 17th St. S.E. Auburn Tickets \$35 Debbie Sonstalie 253-797-9515

May 16-18, 2025 GLNW **2025 Biennial Convention**

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

Sun. Aug 10, 2025, 12-4pm Cataldo Lodge #2280 Annual Picnic 4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton

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
Tony Anderson 253.677.9366
osdia1957@gmail.com

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



In Italy, Father's Day (La Festa del Papa) coincides with Festa Di San Giuseppe (St Joseph's Day) on March 19th. St Joseph is the patron saint of Fathers, workers, and families. Read the stories about how the custom of eating sweets connects to St. Joseph's Day and Father's day...by going to our GLNW website GLNW.org under Members Resources/ holiday-March. A big thank you to

all who supported and made our Crab Dinner a success. Thank you to Rosetta Beyersdorf and Antonette Muir for again Chairing this event. By now all lodges should have voted for their delegates for our Convention May 16-17. Presidents, please send your delegate's names and emails to Gina Natucci asap at ginanatucci@gmail.com. As a Delegate, you are voting for our future Grand Lodge officers. If you are running for an Office, please contact the Recording Secretary, Gina Natucci so we will be able to post the names of members running.

Also, remember to contact the Embassy Suites for your hotel reservation; the deadline is April 17. The Registration and menu info is also posted in this NWIN the Deadline is April 30th. This information is within this article and on our website www.glnw.org. I will be sending out information about the upcoming convention to delegates and Lodge Presidents. Please contact your president or me if you have any questions. All members are welcome to attend and observe the convention. It will be so much fun to meet/see members from throughout the state. We are fortunate that the 1st National Vice President, Thom Lupo will be attending, in August he will become our next National President.

The Grand Lodge Scholarship application information is also in this NWIN. The National Scholarship application has been posted too. Our four National Charities, are Cooley's Anemia, Autism, Alzheimer's, and Help our Military Heroes. Please remember to support them at our convention. Autism is featured this month in NWIN. I also want to thank all who attended the Feb. 27th Zoom meeting to bring forward concerns and ideas to improve and strengthen membership. Remember to check out the coming events, we need to continue to support each other's events, and please bring your friends... the more the merrier. This part of having fun while building membership and awareness will inform all that there is a Sons and Daughters of Italy lodge in the community.

Remember, We do not want to be known as the best-kept secret. Share your pride and excitement that you are a member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Respectfully.

Linda Buccini Anderson, President-GLNW linda@glnw.org 253-225-2483

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American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,



Sons and Daughters of Italy IN AMERICA Elect!

Lenny Folino

Sixteen Year OSDIA Member

Served Ten Years Black Diamond Lodge Officers Positions:

Four Years President

One Year Orator

Three Years Recording Secretary (Current Position)

One Year Trustee

One Year Immediate Past President



Served Four Years Grand Lodge Officer

Raffle Committee Chair

Scholarship Committee Chair.

> National Membership Commission

National Delegate

Super Great Guy to Work With!

For President of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest I would appreciate your support, Lenny

Spokane experienced severe weather conditions this past month. We had a "Snow-pocolypse"! It snowed for three straight days and nights with nighttime temperatures dipping into the negative single digits. BuRR!! Despite these brutal conditions, our club members continued to build bridges within the community by participating in two events. On February 1st, we had a great time at the Spokane Lunar Festival. This is a very popular multicultural venue with lots of dragons, fantastic foods, and tons of fun. Our beautiful information table generated a lot of interest and featured a spinning wheel for Italian candies and stickers along with a display of club history and information. We also increased our club roster!! Yahoo!! Our wonderful members continued their volunteer efforts by traveling to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the following

All Members and Guests

Be a part of the fun: Believe me--- there are a lot reasons for members and guest to want to be a part of the Convention May 16-17 even if you aren't a delegate. Let me tell you why:

There will be a limoncello contest which you can be a part of the judging, play some bocce. There will be food galore and time to share a drink with many people you know and don't know. And that is just Friday night's hospitality night.

Hold on there's more: for Saturday night. It's time to get dressed up, enjoy a fantastic dinner, bid on several great items in a fabulous silent auction. Or even better, take a chance on winning over a case of really nice wine. Hold on there's even more. You get to see your friends being installed as the new Grand Lodge Officers.

Yes hold on again: See who are the recipients of the Albert D. Rosellini Award, which is the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of the Northwest for all the hard work they have done over the years.

And finally, yes there is more: Fabulous music by Mary Marchese band. You will be dancing and enjoying the music the entire time.

Contact Janet Fritz fritz.janet@gmail. com (253)606-6602 if you want to enjoy either lunch (\$50) or enjoy the Saturday Banquet (\$75). See the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Oh by the way, you are welcome to observe the meetings and elections too....

Come join the fun......

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



weekend, February 8th, to participate in the Norwegian Craft Cultural Fair. There, they had a wonderful time meeting new friends and sharing our Fabulous Italian culture. Although the cold temperatures continued, we had an impressive attendance at our



February meeting. We completed a very full agenda which included crafting a budget for 2025, a long and deliberate process. And held nominations for the positions of Vice-President, Trustee, and Hostess along with Convention Delegates. Elections for these offices will be held in March. Members were reminded to renew their membership dues which brought forth a discussion and the approval of offering new members a Family Plan Initiative. Our members felt that by offering this family membership option we

could become more inclusive and hopefully attract younger members. Families are the core of our Italian communities. The first



week of March we will be having a Scopa Night! Maybe Scopa Tournaments are on the horizon!?! In the spirit of St Patty's Day: May the winds of fortune sail you; May you sail a gentle sea. May it always be the other guy who says the Drinks are on Me! Respectfully submitted Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary

> Amerigo Vespucci #1814 Aberdeen, WA

Greetings to all the Sons and Daughters of Italy from Amerigo Vespucci Lodge had a fun and memorable time. A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to all the members and volunteers in making this such a successful event. We hope everyone enjoyed the meal, music, baked goods, and raffles.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge held its February general meeting on February 20, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A tasty pasta dish was provided by Mary Jane Rogers as the entrée for our dinner. Members provided delicious sides and desserts. Final arrangements were discussed for the Spaghetti and Meatball dinner. President Joe Chicano shared about

the GLNW Crab Dinner. Kristine Finazzo, Mary Jane Rogers, Connie Chicano, and Sylvia Percini assisted with the Grays Harbor Backpack Program in February representing Amerigo Vespucci. They packed backpacks with non-perishable food items for homeless students. Financial secretary Kristine Finazzo presented the proposed budget for 2025-2026, which members of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge approved.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will hold its next meeting on March 20, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Social will begin at 5:30 pm., followed by a St. Patrick's Daythemed dinner and meeting. The Covalls will provide corned beef as the entrée. Members will provide side dishes and desserts. Appetizers and raffle items are also appreciated.

A "Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Judith Braddon, Reporter.

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

February brought the Auburn Lodge together just days before our final crab dinner. For the second year now, our February meeting featured business-minded Girl Scouts (and future members!) who were all too happy to enable our sweet tooths. It's always a pleasure



to invite and involve the future of our beloved Order! The crab dinner was a sold-out success with camaraderie and crab aplenty! A huge thank you goes out to our kitchen crew. to Auburn

members who helped out, and to members who attended. Thanks for your support! Please make sure that dues are paid (\$40). Unpaid members will be dropped on March 31st. If you are having difficulties (financial, logistical, or otherwise), please reach out and we'll find a solution. A reminder: all meetings through summer will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month (as usual). The 2nd annual Thunderbirds hockey event was a resounding success, and great fun was had by all. There was enthusiasm for a 3rd annual event next January. Thanks again to Joe Ripollone for organizing! Scholarship applications are available and due April 15th. Members, their



children, and their grandchildren are eligible, provided they didn't get one last year. Please send an email to Amy (avcbarrett3@gmail. com) for questions or for the application form. The Auburn Bocce Club is hosting a tournament at Les Gove Park on March 15th and 16th. Entry is \$30 per player per team, which includes snacks and lunch. For more information and to register, please send an email to gregsingleton@hotmail.com. Thanks as always to Sal "Mr. Bocce" Cascone. Earth Day, Saturday, April 26th, is Auburn's Clean Sweep event. As always, the Auburn Lodge will be involved. Dave Manning will take the lead for us, so please see him at the March meeting if you can help out! Our annual wine-tasting event is coming up on Saturday, May 10th. Tickets will be \$35. Members are called to help with hors d'oeuvres and table decorations. Thanks to Nick DeGidio for running this consistently spectacular showcase! There's a lot going on, and many opportunities to get involved. I hope that you'll consider joining us as much as you are able. After all, spending time together is what makes our community a family!

Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti, Buon San Valentino! On Feb 6th, Bell Vita met at the McLane Grange for a dinner of baked ziti, appetizers, salads, & desserts. Shirley's smoked salmon cheesecake was a huge hit & members restated their desire to share recipes as we have so many great cooks! We had a Valentine's theme with music & photo ops. We were again joined by Colton's friend, Cameron. The young men enjoy visiting with cool older members, George &



Ludy. I'm sure they were talking trash & trucks while filling up on great Italian food! Now, that's Italian! Daine Stefanini had made 24 jars of organic blood orange marmalade, flavored with Solerno blood orange liqueur. They were truly a unique, gourmet treat! She sold all 24 jars and donated all the money to the lodge. Thank you, Diane! As required, our lodge



voted for a GLNW convention delegate. Being such a small lodge, we have only 1 delegate in addition to our president. I was voted to be our official delegate but former VP Vera Kay had also been nominated & was planning to go. In a show of generosity & support, the lodge voted to use the money from Diane's fundraiser to pay for Vera's hotel room. Diane made the proposal & it was easily passed as we all appreciate Vera & all that she brings to the table and contributes to the lodge. Although other members may attend at their own expense, they are no less appreciated! We are so thankful for each of you, your friendship,



your participation, & your support for our lodge! One big, happy famiglia! Bella Vita... a beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends. The Bellevue Lodge meeting on February 6th was canceled because of the weather. Those who live in Western Washington may recall that it had snowed overnight, causing some hilly areas to become treacherous. People who live in the snowy reaches of the country would consider us snow wimps, but given that so many of our members expressed concerns and many had decided that they would not attend out of caution, the best thing to do was to cancel the meeting. I'm really sorry we didn't have the meeting because we had a really good dinner plan. Laura Cosacchi was going to make her famous lasagna, so there is great sadness about that. In sunshine news, I'm deeply saddened to report that Mary DeMatteo passed away on February 13th, nearly two weeks before her 96th birthday. Mary was a charter member of

our Lodge along with her husband Eugene, and the mother of our immediate past President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Our Lodge is so grateful for all that Mary has done for the Lodge, and on behalf of the Lodge, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mary DeMatteo Sangalang and her family. We're getting closer to our Lodge Wine Tasting to be held on April 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. Ron Roletto and Nick Degidio will be presenting an excellent selection of Eastern Washington wines. We'll have plenty of great food and a raffle with lots of awesome prizes. The price this year 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 March 6th, April 3rd, and June 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood

Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Due to inclement weather, the Black Diamond Lodge voted to cancel their February meeting therefore I will write about all things Italian that are in the Black Diamond Museum. The Italian Heritage portion of the museum is anchored by the Black Diamond OSDIA Lodge's display case. Above the display case are - the lodge charter, the proclamation from the National OSIA installing the lodge plus



our original banner. Off to the right in its own display case is our original regalia.



Some of the items on display are - the plaque (translated by Marlene and Michele Palazzo)

presented to the Black Diamond Lodge from our sponsoring lodge- Tacoma Lodge 1175, one of our charter member's membership applications, two voting boxes along with the white and black balls that were used to decide who would or who would not become a member. Additional items on display – the



Lodge's original document seal, our original ceremonial lion, 4 Mason's gavels along with a judge's gavel gifted to the lodge by Spokane Lodge 1500, (which closed in 1952) the plaque that used to hang over the entrance to the game room of the Black Diamond Community Center dedicating the room in the memory of Black Diamond Lodge member Evo H. Toschi. Evo and several others from the lodge constructed

AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172 Spokane. WA

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

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

cichicano@comcast.com

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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 <u>jpartridge427@gmail.com</u> 253-350-4922 the room for the community center. There is a medal, an award certificate along with a picture of Marie Merlini Freeman a 60-year lodge who was responsible for safeguarding these items, The story I was told when I became Lodge President is that all the lodge's items were stored with a previous President who got mad at the lodge and kept them, so they disappeared long ago. When Marie Freeman passed away 4 boxes were discovered in her basement marked "Sons of Italy" which shows the devotion and love that she had for the OSDIA.

Around the corner from the display case, there is a photo of charter member Ruby Favro Androsko cutting her wedding cake next to that is a photo of her parents Joseph Favro and Mary Hainaut Favro. Ruby is the mother of Auburn Lodge #1955 member Joe Androsko. Joe's grandfather Joseph Favro is well known for having loaned Bill Hadley the money he needed to build the Black Diamond Bakery.

Throughout the museum, there are photos, histories, and artifacts of the Italians of Black Diamond. There's Vernarelli, Silvestri, Del Santo, Malgarini, Vanni, Meneghini, Baselli, and Benedetti to mention a few also the lodge is a lifetime member of the Museum.

The museum has plenty of items and exhibits to view. There are two floors to explore, and you can ring the bell and blow the whistle on the train when you are done exploring. And although there are two beds in the caboose

no napping is allowed. The Black Diamond Museum is open Thursday 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday & Sunday 12-3 pm. The Museum address is 32627 Railroad Ave Black Dimond. Privet tours can be arranged. Ph. 360-886-2142 Fraternally, Lenny Folino

Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

The VFW Hall was decorated early for St Patrick's Day at our February meeting-- so we were already seeing green. Jackie Palmieri Haberstock was the Chef of the Month and made a delicious Manicotti for the entrée. Mille Grazie to Jackie!



BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285 Olympia, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm Meeting starts at 6:30pm McLane Grange 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

Aaron Smith, President

253-227-6432 gutterman@comcast.net

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

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377 Bellevue, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month / Social: 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

UNITY CHURCH

16330 Northeast 4th Street Bellevue, WA 98008

Greg Osgood, President osgood_g@msn.com 206-669-4312 Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec. (206) 979-9147 / guerrini@aol.com

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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

jmalvesticole@gmail.com



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



Eligibility

- Application must be a member or the child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of a member the OSDIA GLNW.
- Members or sponsoring members 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

- Applicants full name, address, phone, and email.
- Sponsoring OSDIA member's name, Lodge, and relationship to applicants.
- 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 applicant for the Northwest Italian News.
- 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 shape 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 copy of the signed Acknowledgement at the bottom of this form.
- Finalist will be asked to participate in an interview via zoom on April 23rd starting at 7:30pm prior to selection.

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

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

Recipients will be notified by April 30 th 2025.

Scholarship applications should be emailed to sln.wise.com Attachments must be in Word, Google Docs, or PDF formats.

Applications may also be physically mailed to:
Lenny Folino, GLNW Scholarship Chair, 1370 NW 16th St, Lincoln City, OR.97367.

Acknowledgement: To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and complete. I authorize OSDIA to share this application with other relevant information with the GLNW Scholarship Committee and/or donors. I understand 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.



2025 GLNW 46th BIENNIAL CONVENTION MEAL SELECTION Delegate Package

Name and lodge:

One form per person

Place an X next to your selection for each day/meal

Please save the form and email back to Janet Fritz at fritz.janet@gmail.com or go to imembers and submit your order.

<u>Friday Lunch:</u> (\$50.00- non delegate)

Marinated Grilled Flat Iron Steak: Chimichurri Sauce, Roasted Cipollini Onions, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Balsamic Glaze

OR

Roasted Portobello Mushroom: Spinach, Herbs, Braised lentils, Mozzarella, Ribbon Zucchini, Patty Pan Squash, Red Pepper Syrup & Balsamic Glaze

Either Choice Includes:

Cascade Salad: Field Greens, Cucumber Ribbons, Grape Tomatoes, Shredded Carrots,

Balsamic Vinaigrette

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse-Seasonal Berries, Raspberry Sauce

Saturday Lunch: (\$50.00 non delegate)

Maple Bourbon Glazed Chicken: Bacon Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Chipotle Dusted Tater Tot's,

Picked Sweet Pepper

OR

Seasonal Raviolis: Shallot & Garlic Cream, Roasted Young Vegetables, Shaved Parmesan

Either Choice Includes:

Little Gem Salad: Little Gem Romaine, Croutons, Cucumbers, Kalamata Olive, Sliced Grape

Tomatoes, Caesar Dressing

Dessert: Deconstructed Strawberry Shortcake: Lemon curd, Buttery Scone

Saturday Dinner: (\$75. Non delegate)

Braised Short Ribs: Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Young Vegetables

OR

Seared Salmon: Sauteed Kale, Chipotle Honey Glaze, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

OR

Grilled Vegetable Napoleon: Squash, Mushrooms, Peppers, Firm Tofu, Finished with Herbs &

Balsamic Syrup

All Choices Include: Caprese Salad - Grape Tomatoes, Baby Mozzarella, Baby Arugula, Basil,

Balsamic Glaze, Virgin Olive Oil

Dessert: Chef's Personal Cheesecake- Port Macerated Berries

All delegates must pay the full registration Package price of *\$275. (*\$10 fee will be added for credit card transactions). The delegates package is \$275.00 regardless of date of arrival and/or departure. Daily breakfast and cocktail hour are free to guests registered at the hotel

DEADLINE FOR FORMS COMPLETION AND PAYMENT IS----April 30, 2025.

Send completed form and payment to:

Janet Fritz 5418 142nd St. NW, Gig Harbor, 98332-9118 or fritz.janet@gmail.com or pay directly on www.imembersdb.com.

(050) 000 0000

(253) 606-6602 Make check out to:GLNW

At our business meeting, we elected two delegates to the GLNW Convention in May. Representing Cataldo Lodge will be Steve Haberstock and Vicki Hartson. We voted to pay their registration and hotel expenses--and also for President, Bill Haberstock.



Vicki is our Recording Secretary, and brought her mother, Jodie, as a guest to the meeting. Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson, encouraged others to attend the Convention-- especially to help judge the Limoncello Contest during the hospitality event Friday evening. Thank you notes were read for our donations to Food Banks in North Mason and Kitsap Counties. Happy Birthday, wishes are given to those who have February birthdays: Carolyn Crabtree, Steven Haberstock, Tony

Lebeda, Joe Maggi, and Nick Wancowitz. Joyia Rubens, Reporter

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

We gathered to share the Italian specialty foods we prepared and consumed and talked about our updates since our last get-together.

Our meeting commenced with our President Mike's gavel. Our financial report agenda and the Treasurer's report went off without any objections.

We then moved to our committee reports. Scholarship: Quannee Eileer reported that members of the scholarship committee will start serving alternating 2-year terms. The chairperson will be someone who has been on the committee for at least one year, alternating 2-year terms. The chairperson will be someone who has been on the committee for at least one year. Bonnie volunteered to head up the committee this year with guidance from Quannee.

Our lodge's Annual High School Sr. Scholarship fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner activities were confirmed and all the volunteering efforts were accepted by Lodge Members. So many hours go into collecting, our donated items from our generous local businesses and giving to local people. Those items are either auctioned or made into larger theme baskets. Our business

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280 Bremerton, WA

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:00 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.

VFW HALL

190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 4243 Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President (360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

Meets the 2nd Sunday of Each Month Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m. Meeting and Raffle follows

CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

201 East 3rd Street Cle Elum, WA Michael Butorac, President (509) 674-2940/

mbutorac_cabin@hotmail.com Mailing Address: PO Box 361 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 <u>patrick@glnw.org</u>

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

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community is small, and they always stand tall to contribute to our High School Scholarship fund. This year's event will be on March 15th at the Putnam Cle Elum Centennial Center. Our Lodge members volunteered to make 17 gallons of Bolognese sauce that will be merged into a tomato sauce. The meatball-making party as always will be sponsored by Mike and Kathi Butorac at their home, yes, it is a party, but the exact weighing of the meatballs is vital. Everyone is watching and cheering when the exact measurement appears on the scale, on the first roll. Each meatball is weighed by the meatball creator with other eyes on the scale. No meatball goes over or underweight to ensure customer satisfaction as our customers all sit together and can judge their table mates' salad, meatballs, garlic bread & Spumoni Ice Cream sizing. The salad-making crew has been confirmed to show up at the Putnam Center early to chop, lettuce, olives, and salami, shred cheese, make the dressings, and arrange the process on a 12foot table with a volunteer at each spot to deliver the scrumptious Italian salad to start the dinner. Ok, we have a lot of work to do before March 15th so we shall humbly sign off to commence and continue our volunteering. Stay warm and safe. Arrivederci e Auguri Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin Deesaldin@gmail.com

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Ciao Cugini! We had 2 guests at our February meeting, Cy Smith and Mark Gerling. We always love having guests join us. Dinner was



wonderful, as usual, with everyone contributing in their way. We are blessed to have such great cooks and bakers in our lodge. Thanks to those who made salads and brought drinks, even homemade heart-shaped chocolates. The raffle went well. Thank you to everyone who donated items and bought tickets.

After establishing our delegate nominees for the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention, we have voted Judy Price and Al Favre to represent

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

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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

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Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390

2025 Don Betz & Victor Spino Memorial Scholarships & Therese Bianchi Scholarship (Application also available at www.glnw.org/scholarship.pdf)

The Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390 recognizes the value of higher learning. Our scholarship seeks to encourage the continued education of our members and their children. We are proud that our scholarship application process requires all applicants to consider their ethnic heritage in an effort to preserve its meaning.

Awards:

Two individual scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each and the Therese Bianchi Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 will be awarded after a comprehensive review of each applicant's transcript and essay. The Scholarship Committee also reserves the right to award additional scholarships depending on the strength of the applications received and the amount of funding available, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of #1390.

Application information and requirements:

- 1. Scholarship awards are open to students who are currently full-time high school seniors, college graduate or undergraduate students, or vocational/trade school students. High School seniors must submit a letter of acceptance from a college, university, or trade school.
- 2. The applicant must be a member or have a parent or grandparent with membership in #1390 for a minimum of two calendar years. Dues for 2025 must be paid.
- 3. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and must submit a current sealed transcript and essay along with the application below. This must be received by the committee no later than Monday, April 14, 2025.
- 4. Selection of the winners will be made by the Scholarship Committee after a blind review of the applications.
- 5. Winners cannot apply for two consecutive years.
- 6. Scholarships must be used the year they are awarded.
- 7. Awards will be deposited in the student's name directly to the accredited college/university or trade /vocational school selected by the student. The Scholarships will be awarded or announced no later than April 26, 2025.

Essay prompt:

In a 300-400 word original essay, describe an experience that generated pride in your Italian heritage including how you plan to stay connected to our Italian Community.

Please note that essays will be scored on the understanding of the prompt, original thinking and literary style, grammar, and spelling.

Complete the application below and sent it with a sealed transcript and printed essay to:

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390 Scholarship Committee

C/O

Holly Cochran 12808 SE 243rdST. Kent, WA 98032

Application:

Name:	Date:	Phone:	E-mail address:
Address:			
Current School:		Name of Member Re	elative/Sponsor:
Print Name of Applicant			Signature of Applicant
Print Name of Sponsor			Signature of Sponsor



us. Nate Pioli will be the proxy for President, Patrick Jacoby, since he will be attending as Director of Communications. He will be resigning from this officer position and is hoping someone with publishing skills or the ability to learn will step forward. Paula Jacoby and Cheryl Petruccelli will be alternates, in the event someone cannot fulfill their obligation during the convention. Iris Smith brought



and signed her books for all those who bought them. For our fundraiser this year, again, we plan to participate in Sorticulture, the Everett Garden Arts Festival on June 7th

through 8th. The application to participate has been submitted. More information about the festival will be shared as we get closer and learn more. "La vita e bella, Life is beautiful." Reporter, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby

Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. February is the month of love, and this month's



meeting had a full agenda of spreading the love. We gave everyone a break from the kitchen and had a delicious meal catered as a way to celebrate our members. Member Claire Muggia sponsored a "mocktail" bar and provided various

beverage treats before, during, and after dinner. The Italian cream soda was particularly delicious. We also spread a bit of love and



joy by approving 3 different monetary donations. We are proud to support the efforts of two agencies within our county, the American Red Cross and the United Way of Clallam County. In addition, we took advantage of having National 4th Vice

President Tony Anderson and Grand Lodge President Linda Bucinni Anderson with us and gave Tony a donation for the Helping Our Military Heroes program. This organization is one of several organizations supported at the National level.

We enjoyed the music provided by Joe Schipani, playing the accordion and singing



favorite Italian songs, and Debra Buonpane entertained us with songs played on the Irish Whistle. A new experience for many of those



in attendance. We also reinstated 2 members; Marty Lanz and Debra Buonpane. It is a pleasure to have them rejoin our group. We all look forward to springtime on the Peninsula and are starting to see signs in nature



already. In the meantime, we wish everyone joy

and peace; may the little things make a big impression. Ciao for now! Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary



Seattle Fedele
#1390, Seattle, WA

Are you all surviving this cold weather? I am trying! So, we had our meeting on Thursday, February 20th, and a big shout out to the cooks for the very, very tasty chicken cacciatore, roasted potatoes (yum!), pasta, sauce, and salad (which I especially like this month – no onions!) I like that the cooks (which I am upgrading to chefs) are thinking out of the box on the menu ideas. I am looking forward

TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881 TRI-CITIES, WA

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month Social/Dinner 5:30 pm Meeting follows at 7:00 pm Bella Italia Restaurant 7000 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick, WA Jack Barnaby, President 509 735-2163 jabarnaby@charter.net.

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YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732 Yakima, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM

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Robin Costanzo-Miller, President (509) 452-5389 gmawidner@yahoo.com to seeing what they may come up with next month! All are welcome to come and join us on March 20th at St. Joseph's Hall to find out! At the meeting, we initiated a new member – Joey Corigliano. Welcome Joey! We are looking forward to getting to know you.

We are looking for volunteers from among our members to help on our scholarship committee. Please contact Holly Cochran at 206-779-8663 to let her know you would like to help. Upcoming events: The Annual John Croce Homemade Wine Festival is going to be held on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the Burien Elks. The price is \$25, and tickets are available at the door. Winemakers with a half-gallon pay only \$15. Starts at 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The next on the books is the Annual Banquet which is on April 26th back at Kennedy High School with all the trimmings and The Kennedy water polo team will be serving again this year. Tickets available soon. For brochure ads please contact Chris Alfieri.

The big one for this year is our 100th anniversary, which will be held on November 22, 2025, at the DoubleTree Southcenter. As before, more information to follow. And last, but not least, our April meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday, which is April 10, 2025. It will still be at St. Joseph's Hall. The change is due to the church having a function for Holy Thursday. Hope to see all of you soon! Enjoy the picture from our meeting.

Ciao! Elaine Volpone, One of the Crazy Sorella



Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Saluti dal Tacoma Lodge! Our lodge has been a bit quiet for the past two months but it hasn't stopped us from putting together a great spread for our meetings. Our traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner was a hit in February! Thank you to those who put in the hard work and time. It was brought to my attention that the Tacoma Lodge's information has not been updated with the new time and location of our meetings. We are now at Holy Cross in Tacoma (5510 N 44th Street) and we meet on the first Thursday of the month. We would love to see you for a visit. There are some of us who are looking forward to visiting other lodge meetings and I hope this updated information will bring you to our doorstep. Sarebbe fantastico! Please come and introduce yourself. I think you'll like it here! When I was growing up, my grandfather used to tell me that if you are Irish, you are Italian. As an Italian man, he worked the jobs no one else would do, side by side with the Irish. So, in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day: May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft on your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. ~IRISH BLESSING Tanto amore a tutti, Gina Costanti-Eacrett

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6th Biennial Limoncello Contest!

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

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

The contest will be a "People's Choice" with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. All are welcome to participate in the judging for a \$5 fee. All types of Limoncello will be judged together.

All funds go to our National Charity Help Our Military Heroes.

Contact:

Brock Ricci(425) 345-6975



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Tre Cittá

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Citta Lodge held our monthly meeting on the 4th of February at Bella Italia Restaurant. The Scholarship Committee reported that the 2025 application package was provided to the Lodge members and all local schools. The applications are due the 15th of March and awards are made around the middle of May. The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee is Jack Barnaby (jabarnaby@charter.net). The discussion then went to social activities. Historically, the Lodge has a Bocce Ball Social early in the summer. A few members indicated that there was some interest in holding a blind limoncello-tasting test. It was agreed that we would have this limoncello-tasting contest in conjunction with our bocce ball social. Chairperson of the Social Committee Julianne Barnaby agreed to contact Bookwalter Winery and set up a date in June. The last topic discussed at the meeting was future officer elections. It was pointed out that a large percentage of the current officers would not be interested in running for office in January 2026. A packet of job descriptions for the positions was prepared and made available to the members at the meeting. These packets will be available at all meetings. It is imperative that the Lodge be able to identify a new complete slate of officers for next year. The next Lodge meeting will be Tuesday the 4th of March at Bella Italia Restaurant in Kennewick. If you wish to have dinner, orders will be taken between 5:30 and 6:00. The business meeting will begin at 7:15. Jack Barnaby, President

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Festa Della Donna, International Women's Day! Carnevale, Started January 6th, 2025, and ends March 4th, 2025.

La Settimana Santa / Pasqua /La Pasquetta, Holy Week / Easter Sunday / Easter Monday. Our March 13th dinner and meeting will be at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by March 8th, to Deanna Peters at dpeters@peak.org or 503-568-6672 Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building. Our Leonard Simeone Memorial Scholarship: Applications are being accepted and are available on the WA Scholarship platform, WashBoard.org for the 2024-2025 school year. We are learning, changing, and growing our Lodge. We hope to see you here. Buon Compleanno! to all our March Birthdays and Felice Anniversario! to our March Celebrants. Lodge President, Linda Gibson

Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge sends spring greetings and wishes everyone a lively St. Patrick's Day! Our thoughts go to Joe Ficele who was born on St. Patrick's Day. Miss you Joe but thinking of you pain-free and walking the streets of gold!



Speaking of spring, Sarah Judd, our Master Gardener says it's time to get those seedlings started! Get your gardening gloves ready. Keep an eye

on your email and phone for details about our upcoming get-together at the Guintoli's. It's going to be a fun one! Respectfully Submitted, **Jeanne Fasano**

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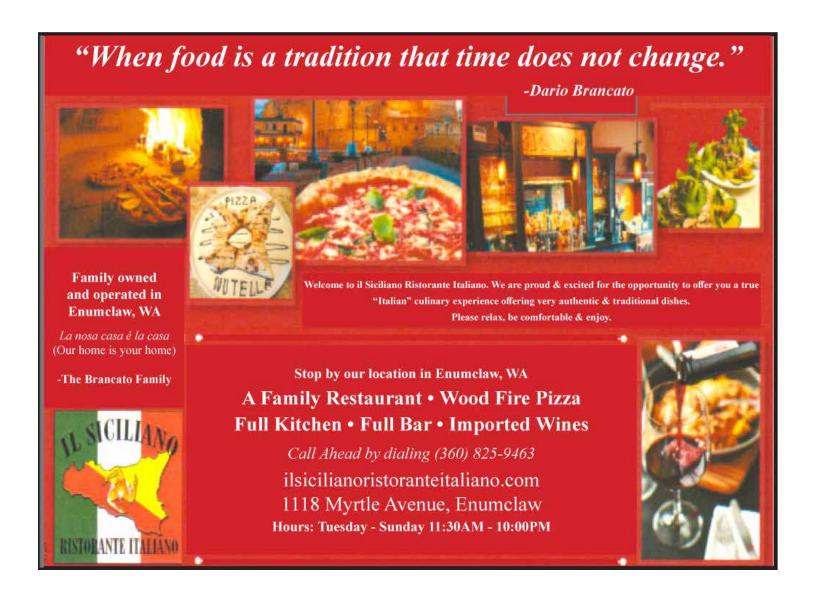
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