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

Coming Events!

Saturday, Nov 9, 2024 Veterans Parade in Auburn

Free lunch for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Les Gove Park after the parade. Please RSVP to Michael Sepal 253-863-5216 sepalmj@aol.com

Sunday, November 24, 2024

American-Italian Club #2172

Annual Three Course Spaghetti Dinner

Wine
Baked Goods



Music
Silent Auction



Gonzaga Prep HS



1224 E Euclid Ave, Spokane
Adult \$20, Youth \$12

<https://aic-dinner.square.site>

479-616-6880

americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com

Friday, December 6th, 6:00 PM

Vancouver USA #2690

Christmas Party

Contact Barbara (360)253-7984
blairbjb@comcast.net

Sat, Dec 7, 2024, 10am - 2pm

Black Diamond #1809

Santa Photo Fundraiser

Black Diamond Community Center

Suggested donation \$10

Baked items for donation
and raffles!

Contact: Janice Malvesti-Cole
360-463-4671

Sat. Feb 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

Grand Lodge Northwest

Annual Crab Dinner

Holy Family Church Hall, Auburn, WA
Rosetta 206-478-3895



November, the month celebrating All Saints Day- Nov.1- Festa di Ognisanti and All Souls Day-Nov.2_ Il Giorno dei morti.

Both days are times to remember our deceased members by attending mass, going to grave sites, and making Italian foods. For those who want to know more about the holidays of Italy, our website www.glnw.org under the main menu [+] go to member resources, then go to Italian Heritage Culture.

The National Heritage and Culture Committee put together

information about many Italian holidays and how they are celebrated. Some have ideas that you can bring to your meetings to share as well as recipes for foods connected to that holiday.

At our Oct. 5 Grand Council, it was brought forward to our leaders that expenses have continued to increase. The Grand Lodge has attempted to carry many costs over the years, but it cannot continue. Things like the cost of Insurance have doubled; fundraising was limited to allow lodges to get back on their feet after Covid; basic day-to-day expenses have increased. What this means, each lodge needs to assess what their upcoming dues should be to offset expected upcoming increases.

November 9 Veterans Day will be celebrated with a parade held in Auburn. It is the largest parade west of the Mississippi. All lodge members are welcome whether they are veterans or just want to support our veterans. Contact Mike Sepal at sepalmja@aol.com (253)863-5216 for details.

In November, America, celebrates Thanksgiving. We join as a family (related or not) to give thanks for all we have and share. The love of family and friends & as Italians, we are proud of our Italian culture. Many members and potential members are searching for that heritage, culture, and pride. We as Italians and members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy are (unfortunately) the "BEST KEPT SECRET"...and that is our own doing. Share who you are, make yourself known as an Italian by what you wear, sharing experiences, foods, and the joy of being Italian. In Sept. we held several Italian festivals and people were curious, reaching out, searching for a way to connect with their heritage. The more your meetings and activities are Italian-focused, the more people want to get connected and stay. As a member, we are all responsible for awakening and strengthening our Italian culture...Step up and offer to help your lodge. All lodges have committees... unfortunately many are a committee of one. Get connected. Find out what committees your lodge has or needs. Then get involved. Help your leaders make your lodge run smoother by sharing what needs to be done. Help comes in many ways...maybe setting up, providing food, calling members to see how they are doing, coming up with activities, etc. Recently I sent out information to members about resources that the National has organized, as well as more information about our National Charities. We have a lot to be proud of as Italian and Italian Americans.... Show your pride & get involved. Gobble Gobble!
Respectfully.

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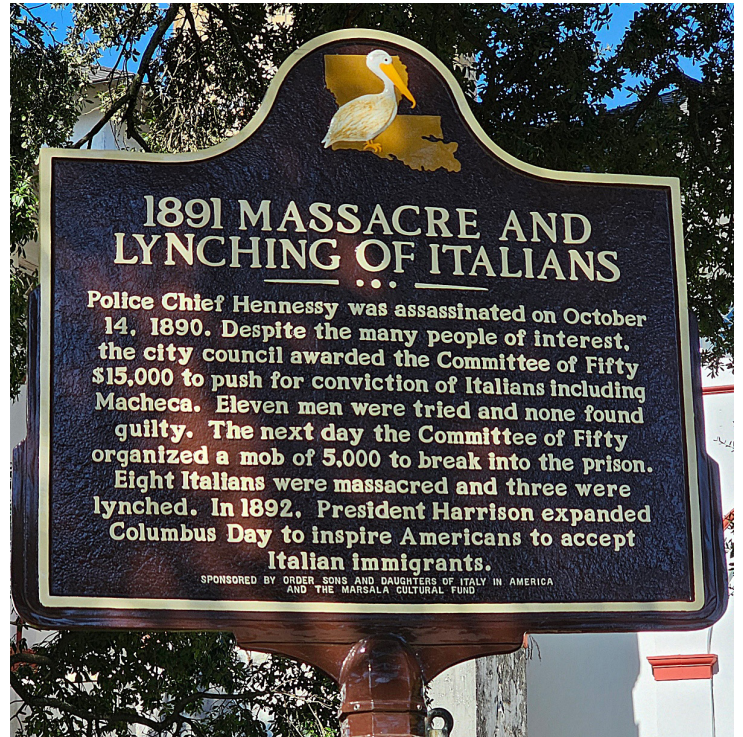
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**It's time to remember why
Columbus Day was established.**

On March 14, 1891, 11 Italians were lynched by an organized mob set on their own form of justice. Thousands of mob members stormed the Orleans Parish Prison, where these innocent men were held, broke in and savagely killed and hanged the men, setting off a national and then an international scandal.



This set back Italian American relations, but, more significantly for those Italian immigrants as well as naturalized Italians in America, the bias and vitriol resulted in retribution, bias and opened a wound in the Italian American fabric for many years. Successful in helping heal that wound, the Commission for Social Justice—the anti-bias arm of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy—engaged the current New Orleans Mayor for an official Proclamation of Apology, which was offered at a recent April 12, 2019 ceremony in New Orleans. This memorial will serve to honor the 11 Italian immigrants who were lynched in New Orleans. It will also serve to pay tribute to the Italian American community and their contributions to our society. It's time to remember why



Columbus Day was established. Columbus Day was established by President Harrison in 1892 as an apology for the mob Lynching in New Orleans of 11 Italians. Columbus Day was established as an apology to the Italian Community and to honor Italians for all their accomplishments, contributions to the Arts, Design, hard work, and family-focused values. In 1937 President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Columbus Day a National Holiday. Again, due to the ongoing efforts of our National Committee for Social Justice, the Mayor of New Orleans sent an apology to the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America for this egregious event.



Many National Officers from the Sons and Daughters of Italy attended, including our 4th National Vice President Tony Bisceglia Anderson and National President Michael Polo

On Oct. 6, 2024, a plaque was placed at the lynching site to remind people about this awful event and acknowledge the Italian community for all it has provided throughout the years. We, as Italians, need to remember and remind people the REASON Columbus Day was established and not focus so much on Christopher Columbus, whose name was used to honor the Italian community. Respectfully, Linda Buccini Anderson
President, Grand Lodge of the Northwest



Grand Lodge of the Northwest

Annual Crab Dinner

Saturday, February 15, 2024
Holy Family Church - 505 17th St, Auburn, WA

\$65.00 per person

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner served at 7pm
Crab, Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Bottled Water,
Beer & Wine * Raffle Prizes Galore!!!

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To-go pick-up sales are available for \$65 ea.

For Information and Ticket Sales - Contact:
Debbie Sonsteli (253) 797-9515
Sonsteli4@hotmail.com

Christmas and the Holidays are upon us!

Prepare your Season's Greetings



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Help with art is available, contact patrick@glnw.org

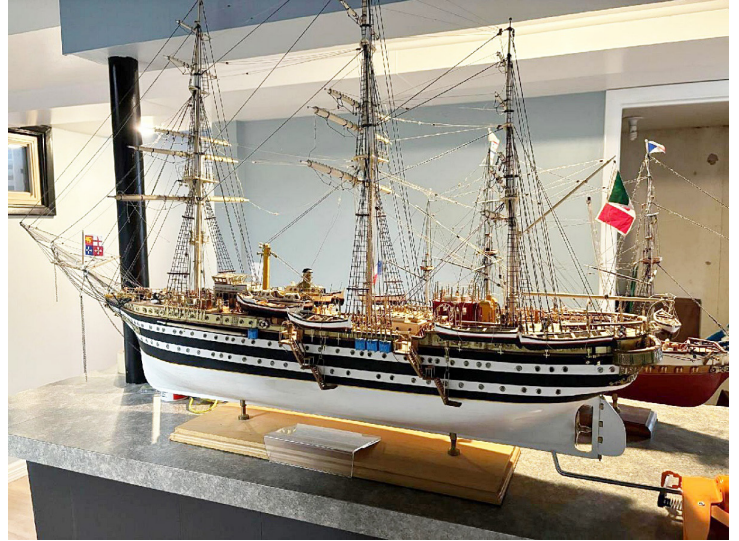
**American-Italian Club
#2172 Spokane WA**

Ciao amici. The ghosts and witches have left the spooky Spokane skies, and all of the Captain Americas and Wonder Women have returned to the Marvel universe. And here we are in November, the last month of autumn, the year's last loveliest of smiles. Spokane Lodge #2172 is in full fundraising gear! We are concentrating all our efforts on the return of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner, on November 24th at Gonzaga Prep. This is our club's biggest fundraiser and an event that the Spokane community looks forward to every year. Due to the Pandemic, the dinner had been canceled and this is our return in five (5) years. It is an "All Hands-on Deck" project as club members sign up to complete the tasks necessary to make the event a success. As in the past our dinner is a three (3) course meal, served Family style. Guests will be able to purchase Italian sodas or wine. An array of delicious baked goods prepared by club members will also be available at our Bake Sale. The event will include a Silent Auction, and Raffles throughout the day. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at; aic-dinner.square.site.

Club members will be volunteering as we participate in 2nd Harvest's Tom's Turkey Drive. And to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth we are holding our online SEE'S CANDY fundraiser again. Please use this link for

details. https://www.yumraising.com/.../americanic_american.../LINA 9655/. All proceeds from our fundraisers help support our Scholarship Fund and charitable projects.

Because everyone's personal calendars will be filling up for the Holiday Season; the club's Social Nights will resume in January 2025, with a SCOPA NIGHT!



Our club has been very privileged to receive a stunningly commanding work of art; the beautiful Amerigo Vespucci model has been donated to our club by the Granddaughter Alexandra Jones of the builder/artist William H. Mink. It is a replica of the ship, which was built in 1931, as a training ship for the Italian Navy. In addition to its sails, motor power is supplied by an electric propulsion engine driven by two dynamos each in turn driven by two diesel engines. It embarks about 400 crew and is fitted out to handle instruction

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

Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of each month at 6:00 PM
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL
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Spokane, WA 99202
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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

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President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano
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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
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505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

President John Partridge
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253-350-4922

courses for 150 naval cadets. It is still in use today. This work of art took 718 hours to build and cost \$1,037 for materials. Mr. Mink passed away in 2000 at the age of 97. This ship will be on display at our Spaghetti Dinner.

In closing, let us all give thanks for our Blessings of Love, Family, and Friends, for our memories of the past, and hope for these continued Blessings in the future. Buona festa del Ringraziamento. Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary
linda-amarcus@hotmail.com



Amerigo Vespucci
#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge wishes all the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy Felice Ringraziamento. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's October meeting was held, on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The members enjoyed a warming soup supper with sides and desserts prior to the meeting,

President Joe Chicano announced that our December Christmas dinner would be held on, Saturday, December 7th this year. Dennis Roger volunteered to cook his very tasty prime rib for dinner. Social will be at 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm. Members will sign up for appetizers, sides, and

desserts at the November meeting. A silent auction will be held as part of this event. Our annual spaghetti and meatball dinner will be on March 1, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The options of take-out or sit-down dinner will be available again this



year. The tickets are \$20. Contact Mark Percini for tickets at (360) 532-1983. There will be baked goods and raffle items at the dinner, President Joe Chicano reported on the October Grand Lodge Council meeting. Lodge insurances are increasing from \$3 to \$6 per member. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have 2 delegates for the May 2025 GLNW Convention. Nominations will be made at the January 2025 meeting. Kristine Finazzo is excited to announce the arrival of her new grandson, Everett James Finazzo. He was born October 6, 2024, to her son Joe and wife Laura in Kansas. They are extremely excited to begin their role as new parents! Congratulations to Dennis and Mary

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
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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
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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
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 Black Diamond, WA 98010

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President
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jmalvesticole@gmail.com

Jane Rogers, who celebrated their 44th anniversary on October 18th.
 Amerigo Vespucci will hold its next meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Until next month, Ciao.
 Judith Braddon, reporter



Auburn
#1955 Auburn, WA

Remember! The November meeting will be on Friday, November 15th. Remember to bring your food or cash donation, and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

Please consider joining the Auburn Lodge in the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 9th. We will meet at 10am on H and Main, march (or ride), and then have a nice lunch at the Auburn multipurpose building. All members and guests are welcome to help us honor our veterans! Please contact Mike Sepal if you're available (so we know to expect you) at 253-863-5216 or sepalmj@aol.com. This month, we recapped our officer's meeting and reviewed our events for the year. Due to a scheduling conflict with the church hall, we had to push the November meeting back a day to the 15th. Social hour is still at 6 and the meeting still starts at 7, followed by dinner and the raffle. November and December meetings will also feature donations to the Auburn Food Bank. Please bring your non-perishable food items (or cash!) when you attend.

We also confirmed a Santa visit for our December meeting! Next year, we're going to see Thunderbirds hockey in January (but tickets are getting scarce, so don't delay!). We also have Clean Sweep and our wine-tasting event in the spring. At the officer's meeting, it was also decided that our dues for 2025 would be \$40 per member. This figure was necessary to stay solvent, and frankly, it's kind of a steal if you consider the 10 meals you're getting! As always, if finances are an issue, please, please, let us know. We need to stay solvent, but we value you as a part of our community as well. It is also my somber duty to report the passing of member Mary Scoccolo and the passing of trustee Phil Cerver's son. Mary was a member of our beloved Order for over 85 years. I remember her kindness and her smile, and I remember her being recognized at the national level when she celebrated her 75th year of membership a decade ago! She was near and dear to all of us, and we cherish the memories we have. Phil's son, Ben, was taken far too soon and will be sorely missed by all he knew. He was an Auburn High and West Point graduate. In closing, I want to say that we are a community. It's the people that make what we have special. Make sure the special people in your life know they are dear to you. Go on and give that hug or make that phone call. You won't regret it! Sincerely,
 Francesco Ortenzo, Imm. Past President

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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 Bremerton, WA 98312-0243
Bill Haberstock, President
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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
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 Cle Elum, WA
 Michael Butorac, President
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 South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659
Marysville, WA
MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
 6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA
Patrick Jacoby, President
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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

Bella Vita
#2285, Olympia, WA

Greetings all! On Thursday, Oct 3rd, Bella Vita met for another fun festa. Although I was not able to attend, I heard that the Italian meatball stew made by Diane Stefanini was wonderful. Members contributed appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts. They were joined by Auburn lodge member & GLNW Recording Secretary Gina Natucci & her 11 year old grand-daughter who made a sweet bread & dessert. Well done!



Since our last meeting, we are all heartbroken over the loss of beloved member James (Jim) Vettori. Jim was 92

and lived a very full and meaningful life and moved to Heaven on Oct. 9th, 2024. His parents emigrated from Lucca, Italy before he was born and Jim was proud to be an Italian & an American. He often told me that his parents said “ L’America e per te”. America is for you! He was a patriot & served in Korea during the Korean War as 1st Lieutenant in the WA National Guard. After his service, he continued service for decades as an active volunteer for the VFW & AM Vets. He volunteered several times a week at the VA Hospital & even arranged donations of clothing & household items to the VA. Jim was a coordinator & speaker at Memorial Day events & dug holes & installed many of our local flag poles! Jim loved to cook & although I wanted to cook with him & maybe make him a YouTube star, I didn’t get the chance. This past year, his health deteriorated but he remained vibrant and fun! He liked a little Rye whiskey or Bourbon now & then and often talked of the love of his life, his wife Leta. He was a good Catholic & he loved Jesus. HealwayswantedtovisitItalybutnever did. If you are reading this & think you’d like to go but haven’t, go! Jim would want you to. Jim loved his Italian heritage & was a dedicated member of Bella Vita. Jim wanted to make a difference in his own community & in the greater Italian community. He made a donation to the National Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarship fund to establish the

**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
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**SEATTLE FEDELE
LODGE NO. 1390**
Seattle, WA
Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month
Dinner at 6:15 PM
Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM
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SEATTLE WASH 98112
Michael Croce
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206-391-1122

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175
“The Mother Lodge of the Northwest”
Tacoma, WA
Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month
Doors open at 5:30 Dinner 6:30,
Meeting Follows Dinner
Holy Cross parish hall
5510 N 44th St Tacoma 98407
David Madrid, President
(253) 961-6526
motherlodge@yahoo.com

Silvio & Gina Vettori annual scholarship in recognition of his parents. Jim wanted no recognition for himself but we at Bella Vita do recognize him. We loved him & we want to honor his memory. What an amazing & inspiring man! We love you, Jim! I know you are with Leta & the Lord & if he hasn't already said it, he will say " Well done my good & faithful servant."

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



Bellevue
#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends. On October 3rd our Lodge turned 48 years old. Lodge President Greg Osgood made polenta with turkey meatballs for dinner. Laura Cosacchi made a delicious salad and Antoinette Folino brought her heavenly ambrosia salad. Michele Guerrini and Cathy Mettler brought bread, Linda Jacobin and Tessa Floreano brought appetizers, and Linda Jacobin both brought two wonderful pies: pumpkin and apple. With many going back for heaping seconds we were all a bit sleepy when it came time for our meeting. On September 28th our Lodge sent a team to the Festa Italiana Bocce tournament at the Seattle Center. The team consisted of Laura Cosacchi, Greg Osgood, Ron Sangalang and Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Although it was a strong team the other teams seemed to be

stronger and our team was unable to win a match. However, our team got a lot of good experience and we had a really fun time.

Looking ahead, we set for holding our annual Lodge Christmas Party, which we will have again at Enzo's in Issaquah. This year will be having the party on December 8th from noon until 3:30 pm. For the main dishes, we decided to have Penne Vodka, Pappardelle Bolognese, and Chicken Parmesan. The cost will be \$55.00. If you would like to attend contact Linda Jacobin by email lindakitten@gmail.com or by phone at 206.725.9494. This year we are reserving only one room so we will be limited to only 40 attendees.

We have set a date for our annual Lodge Wine Tasting which is to be held on April 5th. Ron Roletto and Nick Degidio will be presenting wines again and of course, we'll have plenty of great food and a raffle with lots of awesome prizes. In Sunshine News, Brandee LaBarbera is moving to Virginia and will no longer be a member of our Lodge. We will miss you Brandee. I am saddened to report that former member Dominic Rocchio passed away on September 26th, which was also his birthday. He was 82 years old. Dominic was always such a fun and lively force in our Lodge and we will miss him dearly.

Our next Lodge meeting will be Nov 7th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and

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

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VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690
Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

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

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Blair, President

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YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732
Yakima, WA

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

HARMAN CENTER

101 North 65th Avenue
Yakima, Washington 98908

Robin Costanzo-Miller, President

(509) 452-5389

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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**

Black Diamond is experiencing the sorrowful loss of two outstanding OSDIA members



who recently passed away. It is an honor to remember Mary Scoccolo who joined Black Diamond Lodge at the age of 15 and actively served the GLNW for 85 years. Gabriel Cordi



and his family, also, were active members of Black Diamond Lodge throughout many years. November 1st is a National holiday in Italy to celebrate Ognissanti (All Saints Day) and to honor the deceased by attending mass, visiting the cemetery, and sharing a memorable family meal. November 4 acknowledges the Resorgimento (Unification of Italy) in 1919 when the various states of the Italian Peninsula and outlying isles consolidated into the Kingdom of Italy. You will note the joyful expressions of our members in their varied Halloween costumes adding laughter and merriment to our October meeting. The three young members-to-be (La Principessa, La Bellissima, La Carissima) exuberantly added energy to the



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evening. We Black Diamond members enthusiastically welcomed Carolyn Conforti to the Lodge, and she demonstrated her willingness to be an active member by participating in

the festivities in her role as a new member. Preparations for our Photo with Santa fundraiser in December are well underway, We encourage you and your family members to come to the Black Diamond Community Center and remember your time together with an electronic photo for a donation of only \$10. Sweets and a beverage will also be available for a small donation. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of the



Christmas environment. Congratulations to Presidentessa Genetta (President Janice) and Tesoriere Tommaso (Treasurer Tom) on completing their goal to visit all 50 states during their recent trip to Tennessee and Kentucky, an incredible accomplishment! The

Black Diamond members send you prayers for peace and love for the upcoming holiday season.
Dr. Marlene M. Palazzo, Imm. Past President



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Reporting from Montecatini, Italy. We are here with Gina Natucci who is leading our tour group—Carolyn Crabtree and her sister, Elizabeth, Linda, and Sal from Auburn Lodge, and my daughter, Bethany, and I. It rained on our first two days in Florence on walking tours... but the weather was always around 70 degrees. We have been to so many beautiful, ancient sights—among them the Fortress in Montecarlo, the Puccini Museum in Lucca, the Terme Tettuccio where we drank the healing waters, and (of course) a bus trip to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We braved the Funiculare (cable car) straight up the hill to Montecatini Alto.



Our days are filled with events like the Chocolate Festival, an Opera tribute to the Three Tenors, and an unexpected Organ



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Concert with the Boy's Choir from Wuppertal. A special treat was having The Folklore Festival of Europe right here in Montecatini. We had trips to Vineyards with olive groves—for wine tasting and experiencing Italian hospitality. In relaxing time we fit in some shopping and took advantage of the wonderful, warm thermal waters at the spas here. Gelato sampling became a daily comparison of the best places and flavors. Just when we thought our time in Europe was over, we got stranded by delayed and canceled flights in Amsterdam. Hope we are back home when you read this... Back in Bremerton: Arriving for the monthly meeting in October, the organizers were greeted with the grim news of a kitchen fire at the VFW Hall earlier in the day. So side dishes were cooked at Bill's home--



John Lembo was the Chef of the Month and brought Roasted Chicken for the entrée. Columbus Day was honored at the sign-in table. President, Bill Haberstock, presented Sister Barb Kurlinski with her 10-year pin. Bill and Jackie Haberstock will have a booth at the Handmade Bazaar –inside Crossroads Church now—on November 9. Besides regular Cannoli, they will offer dairy-free Almond and Pumpkin Cannoli. Joyia (Migliorini) Rubens, Reporter

Cle Elum
#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Welcome to the fall days, from Lodge 1968, in the heart of the Cascades. We had a full house of members and one guest, nothing was lacking in our epicurean delights, brought by all. As normal, we all started chatting and sharing ideas and catching up on life until President Mike



Butorac commenced the meeting by inviting Cheryl's Sister Eva To our quest, to lead the process of filling our plates to consume, before our formal agenda. Eva belongs to the Aberdeen Lodge.

Mike and Kathy Butorac have recently returned from a trip to Italy and made us all envious & provided a few laughs, with some favorite memories. The Butorac family had researched locations that had been identified as homes of family members. Mike's family was originally from a town in Northern Italy, and they hoped to locate structures. Attached is a photo of Mike and Kathy on the Spanish Steps in Rome.

Our Leaders took us through our financials and upcoming Lodge opportunities. Here are some highlights. Rich Grillo reported that 8 high school scholarships were awarded because of our Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. We sold all our GLNW Raffle tickets.



Planning for our annual Italian dinner & auction in March of 2025 has begun. A new process has been suggested on how to infuse new themes for our auctioned Gift Baskets. Victor Scarpelli was asked to provide a few details of his recent retirement party in Cle Elum. The invitations were “word” of mouth only, and the Centennial Center was filled. The aroma of great Italian food and Charcuterie throughout the town might have helped along with the live band. Another perfect Italian celebration. Photo of Victor welcoming everyone. Ciao!

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



Mille Cugini
#2659, Marysville, WA

We’re always happy to have visitors! Our guests at the October meeting were, Lenny Folino, First State Vice President, Steve Londino, and his daughter, Ashley Fischer. Steve was a member of the Auburn Lodge back in the day. He and Ashley submitted their applications for membership! We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them. Brock Ricci shared pumpkins and LOTS of fresh corn from his family-owned farm, Bob’s Corn!



We are saddened by the passing of our longest-serving member of 60+ years,



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support. It is greatly appreciated. Please join us and bring a friend on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 for our Thanksgiving dinner and annual Dessert Auction. It's a fun event. Sweet treats for the holidays are auctioned after the meeting. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

-Paula (Dellino) Jacoby



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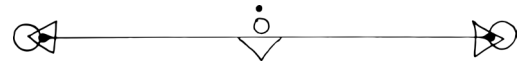
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#1390, Seattle, WA

Ciao Readers! Again, this is only one of the Sorelle pazze, the sorellina, but don't worry, I have had help from several others - Holly Cochran, Ken Volpone, and Florence Carlson. I thank you all! Now, on to the stuff you really want to read! We had a wonderful turnout for our meeting on October 17th at our temporary location at St. Joseph's Hall. I would like to put a big thank you out to Danny Volpone for getting the sound system up and running so everyone could hear what all the speakers said! Yea! Danny! Everyone enjoyed the dinner that was prepared by our dream team cooks - pasta with red sauce, sausage and peppers, salad, and for dessert (or as some did before dinner) Halloween candies and cookies! To celebrate Italian Heritage Month, we all were given Red, White, and Green beads to wear to show our love of our Italian Heritage.

During our meeting, we welcomed a new member to our lodge - Marcus Migliore. Welcome, Welcome! Our Meatball Sandwich booth was a great success again this year! Thank you to all of our volunteers - and you all know who you are - who worked their fingers to the bone preparing and handing out the wonderful sandwiches. Join us for the Annual Children's Christmas Party! It will be held on December 7, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m., and it will be held at our new location of St. Joseph's School Hall. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to our festive annual event! Old Befana and Santa Claus will be joining us for a morning of fun and celebration of the season. DETAILS: Children aged 10 and under will receive a special gift from Santa. Enjoy a delicious breakfast. The Kids will have the chance to create fun Christmas crafts! If you are

bringing a child, aged 10 or under, please text Holly Cochran at 206-779-8663 or our wonderful shopping elf, Florence Carlson, at 425-488-2846 with their name, age, and gender by NOVEMBER 18, 2024 Everyone is welcome! Just make sure to RSVP to Holly. Volunteers of all ages are needed! Come help us make this event a magical experience for all! We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you! See you all soon! Enjoy the beginning of the Holiday Season! Elaine Volpone



Tacoma
#1175, Tacoma, WA

Greetings from "The Mother Lodge of the Northwest" we hope all is well with our brothers and sisters of all the lodges. Tacoma lodge is loving our new meeting location, it is really working out great for us, so much room and the kitchen is fabulous. In other news our president just returned from vacation and was not his jolly fun self, which caused a rousing discussion on how a meeting should be run. The input from some of our senior members was interesting, and well received, a bit controversial. When a board member suggested we should increase the dues it stirred up the discussion even more. To me it was exciting and I must say, I took it all into account and saved my opinions to take to our wonderful board members. Our members out did themselves in treating us all to some incredible homemade appetizers, and side dishes, not to mention delicious desserts. We are so excited for our first ever Crab Feed, it is going to be a fun, fun fun time. It will have happened by the time you are reading this. Wow with all the info on how I run a meeting I almost forgot we initiated five new members. We had some new members join and we are

so glad to have you both. Introducing Lisa Errigo and Amy (Carbone) Spivey. We have such a great lodge in spite of our president's shortcomings. We still are growing and moving forward. Respectively, President David



Tre Città
#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Wishing all of our fellow lodges a happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas. Tri-City Lodge



Vancouver USA
#2690, Vancouver, WA

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner was a huge event. TANTE GRAZIE to everyone who participated in making this fundraiser/ event so successful. Special thanks to Mike and Linda Cherney for making this happen. Our Leonard Simeone Scholarship baskets as always were the highlight of the day. Deanna Peters outdid herself with her vision and organizational skills. We had a lot of fun assembling baskets at her house and she hosted a wonderful lunch for us. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and showed up to work. We couldn't do it without you!!!

At our October meeting, due to the winter months, we made a few changes. November meeting will be on November 14th at 6:00 PM. In January and February,

we will be meeting in the afternoon at 2:00 PM on our regular meeting days (Thursdays, January 9th and February 13th). This change has been made to driving conditions in those months. In March, we will be back to evening meetings. At our meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, we will be serving Italian sausage sandwiches provided by Linda and Mike Cherney. Three meat baked beans were provided by Barbara Blair. We are looking for members to help by providing "sausage and peppers"; salads; and desserts. If you can provide any of these items, please Barbara know. RSVP to her for your attendance no later than Monday, November 12th at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. The cost for dinner is \$10.00.

COME TO OUR TABLE AND CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS is the theme for our Christmas Party on Friday, December 6th starting at 6:00 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver. Dinner will be catered by Gildas of Portland serving Chicken Cacciatore, Braised Beef Brasato, Rigatoni Pomodoro (Vegetarian), Green salad choice, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Italian Bread, and Dessert. The cost will be \$40.00 per member. Nonmembers, family & friends is \$45.00. A flyer is being forwarded with all the information to purchase tickets. The last day to purchase is November 27th.

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OUR LOCAL CHARITY is the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center in downtown Vancouver. We help them throughout the year. In November, we will be collecting “canned food and soups” for the vets. This is strictly voluntary. If you wish to participate, please bring your donation to our meeting. WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair’s home. Bring a white elephant gift in a plain bag and \$1.00 to participate. ITALIAN BOOK CLUB Book selection for November is The Sicilian Inheritance by author Jo Piazza. We will meet on Monday, November 18th at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 7700 E Fourth Plain Blvd at 2:00 PM for discussion. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. DINE OUT is at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20th at Leonardo’s Pizzeria, 16505 SE 1st Street, Vancouver, 98684 (360)253-2394. They have a great variety of pizza, sandwiches, salads, and other items. Check their menu out at: leonardospizzeria.com. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360) 253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Sunday, November 18th. CLUB NEWS: Dolores Tarsi has been back East celebrating her sister’s 90th birthday. Rosann Grzesiowski will be celebrating her birthday in Las Vegas this month. Mirella Rizzatti is back in Italy working on getting things settled with her house there. Good to see Pam and Ed Bjore at our October meeting looking so great. Buon compleanno to our November birthdays!! SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Great to see Dorrie Palandrani looking so good at our October meeting. Stay safe during this holiday time. Keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

Barbara Blair

*Yakima
#2732, Yakima, WA*

The Yakima Lodge met on October 17th at the Harman Center for an excellent potluck and a fun time of visiting.

Pete Fadish sent word that he misses us and hopes to be able to attend again soon. Pete is the administrator of the White Swan and Toppenish parishes so has a hard time getting free. We miss you too Pete!



The service for Charles (Charlie) son of member Michelle Tetreault. Charles was hiking in the mountains when a tragic fall took his life. The Tetreault/Arralde family has also lost Charlie’s father, Robert Tetreault, his uncle Joesph Arralde, and his Grandmother Beverly Arralde in recent years. Charles was a Clarinet Performance Major and Instrumental Music Education Major at Central Washington University. Many of us remember being entertained by Charlie’s talented performances from the time he was in elementary school. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family. Robin reported that she has had a call from President Linda Anderson who informed her that the quarterly per capita and the annual Insurance will be increasing in 2025. A decision will need to be made on dues for the coming year.

She has also had a call from Judy Ansamo,

from the Spokane Lodge, who would like to attend a coming meeting. The Spokane Lodge has struggled with low membership in the past couple of years as we have. They have started increasing the number of members again, enough that they are going back to their annual spaghetti feed. She would like to share how they have increased membership.

Our Master Gardener Sarah Judd talked to the group about winter gardening. She shared that Swiss Chard should be left in the garden through a light frost to enhance the flavor. Likewise, Brussels sprouts should go through at least 2 freezes for the same flavor enhancement. Hot pepper plants can be put in pots and brought inside to winter and will be produced again in the next season. Pumpkins should be protected from freezing by covering them with a blanket. If they get frost on them their skin will be brittle and hard to carve. Sarah has a very colorful garden with purple beans, purple and green cauliflower, and potatoes that are purple on the outside and red inside. Thank you Sarah for always being willing to share your knowledge with us. Robin reported a new cottage Italian Bakery in Selah. They make primarily Biscotti. They can be reached at Panarellobiscotti@gmail.com or on Instagram [@panarello-biscotti](https://www.instagram.com/panarello-biscotti) or by calling 509)697-2017. Our next meeting will be on Nov 21st, the week before Thanksgiving. Watch for Ama's email for plans. As always a raffle item will be appreciated to provide our rent fee. We sincerely hope to see you in November. Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Fasano



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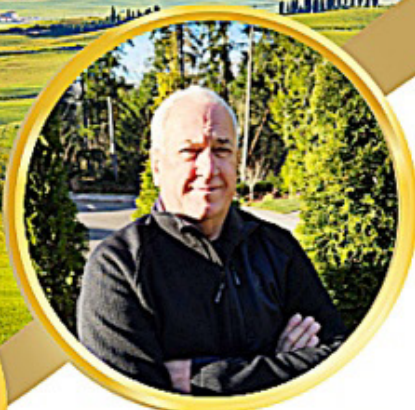
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