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Northwest Italian News

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Coming Events!

2025 Events:

Sunday, November 16

12:00 - 6:00pm

Spokane Club #2172

Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Gonzaga Prep School
1224 E. Euclid, Spokane
Contact: Kim Asay
479-616-6880

Saturday, November 22nd

6:00pm

Seattle Lodge #1390

100th Year Celebration!!!
Featuring Ray Massa
Doubletree Suites-Southcenter
16500 Southcenter
Parkway, Tukwila
Contact: Holly Cochran
206-779-8663
cochranh@pacificfoodimporters.com

Fri, December 5th, 6pm

5:00 Social Hour

Vancouver, WA Lodge 2690

Family of Christ Lutheran Church,
3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, WA.
Park at the rear of the building.
Age 5-11 \$12, Age 12+ \$25
Contact: Linda Gibson
(760) 450-8057

Tuesday, November 25

Black Diamond Lodge #1809

Virtual Dessert Raffle

Order by 11/25/25
Contact: Janice Malvesti Cole
osdia1809@gmail.com

Events continued
on next page.



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



A joyous, happy, and wonderful Thanksgiving to everyone. November is a very busy month for us. Our November daily raffle begins; there is the Veterans Parade in Auburn on November 8th. Thank you, Mike Sepal, for coordinating this event. Later that night is the Tacoma Lodge Crab Dinner. On the eastern side of the state, the American Italian Lodge is having their spaghetti fundraiser on November 16th. Then on November 22nd, the event we have been waiting for, the Seattle Fedele Lodge 1390 100th Anniversary Dinner / Dance featuring Ray Massa and his Eurorhythms. The festivities begin at 5:00 pm at the Double Tree Inn, 16500 Southcenter Parkway. Since we are in the Holiday Season, if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book Italian Holiday Celebrations & Traditions, contact Tony Anderson. We will need to fill the position of GLNW Financial Secretary. Mary Jane Fascia Rogers has decided to resign as GLNW Financial Secretary (see letter on next page). If you would like to fill that position, contact me. Since some lodges have a difficult time filling board positions, I would prefer not to poach a financial officer from a lodge and leave that lodge scrambling to fill that position. Lodges should start forming their election committees to select candidates to fill the various board positions. The GLNW website has various resources to refer to for direction as to what each position's responsibilities are and how to operate a lodge. Thank you to all of you for supporting the OSDIA. Ciao, Leonard Folino, President, Grand Lodge of the Northwest



more **Coming Events!**

Sat. December 6th, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm

Black Diamond Lodge #1809

Photos with Santa Fundraiser

Black Diamond Community Center

Contact: Janice Malvesti Cole

osdia1809@gmail.com

Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Admission: \$20

Contact: Mark Percini

(360) 532-1983

Sunday, March 22, 2026

12:00 - 4:00pm

Seattle Fedele #1390

John Croce Homemade Wine Festival

Burien Elks, 14006 1st Ave So.

Burien, WA 98168

Contact: Michael Croce

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Sat. April 18th, 2026, 6pm

Seattle Fedele #1390

Annual Banquet

Kennedy Catholic Highschool

140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168

Contact: Michael Croce

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

Saturday, April 25, 2026

6:30 - 8:30pm

Bellevue Lodge #2377

Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

16330 NE 4th St, Bellevue

Contact: Linda Caputo

lindacaputo@live.com

Saturday, October 24, 2026

5:00 - 10:00pm

Bellevue Lodge #2377

50th Anniversary Party

3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue

Contact: Greg Osgood

osgood_g@msn.com

**Letter from Mary Jane Fascia Rogers, sent by
Grand Lodge of the NW President, Leonard Folino**

Dear President Lenny Folino,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as State Financial Secretary.

My last day will be December 1, 2025. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given during my time as State Financial Secretary.

I have learned a great deal and truly value the experience and knowledge I have gained while working with the board.

I especially wish to thank Janet Rosi Fritz for her patience and guidance with me. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will do my best to assist in training my replacement during my remaining time.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help in this process. Sincerely, Mary Jane Fascia Rogers

American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao a tutti, Felice Ringraziamento a tutti! And the Holiday season begins!

We are beginning to enjoy Fall here in the Inland Northwest.

Leaves carpet the ground. There are whiffs of smoke in the air from outside firepits. Tailgating football parties and Fall Festivals with Corn Mazes are in full swing. Everyone is enjoying Fall to the fullest.

Festa Italiana 3 was a great success. Our beautiful Tower stood tall and proud on Wall Street as a centerpiece for the Festa. We had arts and crafts for the kiddos, along with a Spaghetti Eating Contest for all ages. Our club had a beautiful booth filled with delicious homemade baked cookies, cakes, and breads, all made by our Fabulous club bakers! We also included a club information section and recruited several new members!! And

AMERICAN-ITALIAN

CLUB NO. 2172

Spokane, WA

Meets the 2nd Wednesday

of each month at 6:00 PM

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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

cjchicano@comcast.com

after visiting our many vendors, you were able to sit back and enjoy being serenaded by our Italian opera singer, all the while sipping some wine in our Beer and Wine Garden. All things Italian made a wonderful Saturday afternoon, enjoyed by all.

We may have folded our canopies and tables... but we have taken out our pots and pans! All things are Green for Go as we prepare for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Committees have been formed, i.e., a Pizzelle Party and a Meatball Mania party! Everyone is working hard to make our dinner a success. Along with a delicious three-course meal (meatballs made with our own secret club recipe), we will have raffles throughout the day, a Silent Auction, a Club Bakery Sale, and, back by popular demand, Bob and Vicky Habershtock, THE CANNOLI KING! We would love to have you join us on November 16th, at Gonzaga Prep High School, 1224 E. Euclid Ave. Spokane. Follow this link to purchase tickets and make table reservations online <https://aic-dinner.square.site/>

In closing, let us all give thanks for our Blessings of Love, Family, and Friends. And for all our memories of the past and hope for Blessings in the Future.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary

Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge wishes the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy a “Felice Ringraziamento” as we begin the month of November.

We held our October 16, 2025, meeting at St. Mary’s Parish Hall. A warm soup supper, accompanied by sides and desserts, was enjoyed before the meeting.

President Joe Chicano announced that our December Christmas dinner would be on

Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Dennis Rogers volunteered to cook his fabulous prime rib! Social will begin at 4:30 pm, with dinner at 5:00 pm. Members will sign up for appetizers, sides, and desserts at our November meeting. Those planning to attend Christmas dinner need to RSVP to President Joe Chicano by December 1st.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge’s annual Spaghetti and Meatball dinner fundraiser will be on February 28, 2026, at St Mary’s Parish Hall. The options of seated or take-out dinners will be available again. Tickets for the dinner are \$20. Contact Mark Percini for tickets at (360) 532-1983. Baked goods and raffle items will also be available for purchase. President Joe Chicano reported on the October Grand Lodge Council meeting. He updated the banner committee on the National Lodge’s new criteria for Lodge banners. New National Lodge bylaws are now available on the Grand Lodge website.

Mary Jane Fascia Rogers mentioned that nominations for new officers will be coming up at the January 2026 meeting, and members interested in running or nominating someone should notify Vice-President David Aldrich. Kristine Finazzo had a great time with her sons in Colorado and then went to Kansas to celebrate her grandson Everett’s first birthday. Congratulations to Dennis and Mary Jane Rogers, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on October 18th.

Amerigo Vespucci will hold its next meeting on November 20, 2025, at St. Mary’s Parish Hall with social at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, and the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Mary Jane Rogers volunteered to bring a turkey, and members will bring sides and desserts. Appetizers and raffle items are appreciated.

Ciao for now,

Judith Braddon, reporter



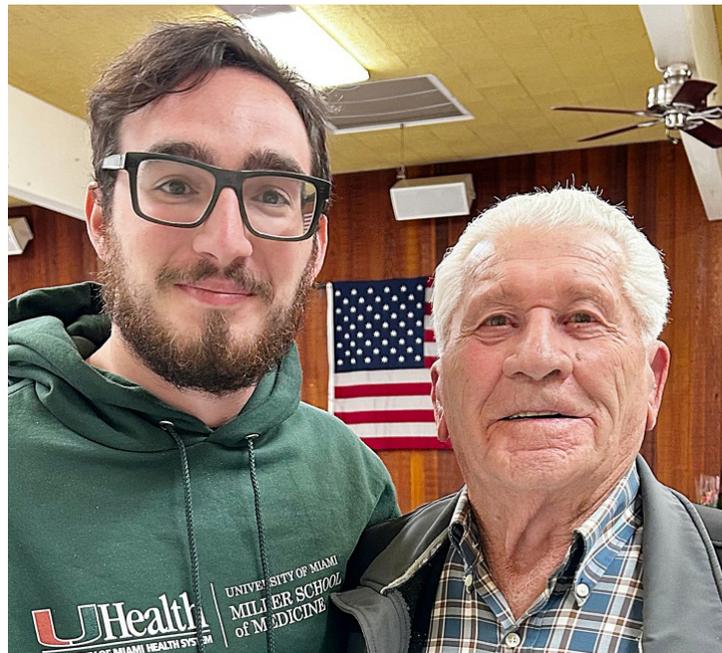
Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

I'm going to be honest here: there were a lot of factors working against us in this meeting. The meeting itself had to be moved to a Friday. The Mariners were playing a critical, winner-take-all game 5 against the Tigers in what turned out to be a 15-inning postseason battle for the ages! (I'm happy to report that Polanco hit a game-ending single to give the M's the win!) The kitchen crew was in Reno... and even with all that going on, I'm proud to report that we had 30+ members committed to a night of fun and fraternity! We welcomed visiting Tacoma Lodge President Gina Costanti-Eacretti and her guest, a medical student from Italy, Davide



Vizzo. Sal Cascone reported on bocce. Mike Sepal reported on the Veterans' Day Parade. The parade is happening, rain or shine, on November 8th. Please see Mike, represent us, and get fed! The Auburn Lodge purchased 5 GLNW Calendar raffle tickets and encouraged



members to add to the change jar in support of our autism charity drive. As always, we welcome food and cash donations at our November meeting for the Auburn Food Bank. Please consider giving. Saturday, January 17th, 2026, is



Auburn Lodge Hockey Night. There are still tickets left at \$20 each. Please contact Joe Ripollone to join in on this awesome annual event! Also, any member interested in committing to serve our lodge is encouraged to talk to our nominations and elections committee.

AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955 Auburn, WA

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour
Meeting at 7:00PM

Dinner and Raffle following

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL

505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

John Partridge, President
jpartridge427@gmail.com
253-350-4922

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

As the Past President of the Auburn Lodge, I can personally attest to the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make this all happen. I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone, past or present, who has served the lodge in a leadership role. I also want to encourage members to consider stepping up to a leadership role. Several positions require very little commitment, so you can “test the waters” before diving in. Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti! Bella Vita kicked off Italian-American Heritage month with our festa on October 2nd. As always, we had a great feast anchored by our main dish of manicotti, but accompanied by appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts. We were joined by a nice local visitor who had just joined SOI that morning and discovered our meeting online. We hope to see



David return. We were missing four members who had just returned from Thailand. One of them was my son, our member, Colton Smith, who fought his first professional Muay Thai fight while in Thailand. He won by a knockout in the 2nd round! Congratulations Colton!



On October 4th, Bella Vita President, Aaron Smith, fraternally represented Bella Vita at the Fall Grand Council meeting amidst challenging times for our lodge. Bella Vita has the best members, and we look forward to our festa on November 5th, a day change from our normal



Thursday meetings. We are expecting to see members come fraternally and enthusiastically to put aside drama and move forward as the famiglia we have become. Bella Vita...a beautiful life! Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

BLACK DIAMOND LODGE NO. 1809
Black Diamond, WA
 Meets the 2nd Friday of each month
 Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.
 Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following
BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY CENTER
 31605 Third Ave (SR 169)
 Black Diamond, WA 98010
Janice Malvesti-Cole, President
 360.463.4671
jmalvesticole@gmail.com

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

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

October 2025 Bellevue NWIN Report

Hi everyone! Greg Osgood is in Europe this month, so Linda C. Caputo and Linda L. Jacobin are collaborating to write this report.

Our monthly meeting was held on October 2. As our Vice President, Linda Caputo led her very first meeting and did a fantastic job! This was our 49th anniversary meeting, where we honored our Past Presidents and Charter Members. Mary DeMatteo Sangalang was the only representative of this group who was present and was honored with a bouquet of roses. Thank you for your service, Mary!

We had many guests at our meeting, including State President Lenny Folino, our own member and State 1st VP Brock Ricci, NWIN Director of Publications Danny Volpone, Seattle Fedele President Mike Croce, our State Deputy Audrey Manzanaras, Steve Fontana, Ken Volpone, Megan Goodman, Becky Serabrini, and Carol Sinape. We had a wonderful dinner with hand-made chicken meatballs and spaghetti with marinara sauce made by Laura Cosacchi, who also made the salad. Antoinette Folino brought various appetizers, and Linda L. Jacobin made four

different types of bread for dessert: pumpkin, zucchini, apple, and banana with cream cheese frosting. Audrey brought the bread and butter. Of course, there was plenty of wine, pop, and water. For our Sunshine report, we learned of the September passing of Mary May. Mary was a 49-year member of BSDOI and a Charter Member. Her smile and cheerfulness added to our meetings, and she will be missed. Michele Guerrini has an upcoming surgery, and Jerry Nonis is going to have his knee replaced.

Before the meeting started, the trustees (all 5 of them) performed an audit of the books, and because they were in perfect order, our head trustee, Joan Carson, signed off on the audit! We were also able to fill a long-time officer vacancy, and now Ron Roletto is our new Master of Ceremonies. We learned that our Festa Italiana Bocce team (Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, Ron Sangalang, Michael Brewer, and Lorelei Seifert) lost all three games, but they got better each time. We ordered more car wash tickets! If you need tickets to buy or sell, please contact Linda L. Jacobin at (206) 276-6373 or lindalkitten@gmail.com or Joe Jacobin at (206) 276-3248 or joejacobin@gmail.com.

Linda Caputo attended the Grand Lodge Council meeting on October 4 in Greg Osgood's place. This was her first Council meeting, and she had a great time!

We are well into planning for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 24, 2026. We are looking for a DJ to provide music, announcements, and dancing. If you know of

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Patrick Jacoby, President
(425) 478-0757 patrick@glnw.org
Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary
(425) 422-7434 txt

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

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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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Michael Croce

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someone, please contact Linda L. Jacobin. Please keep our servicemen and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our next BSDOI meeting will be on Thursday, November 6. We will be having a potluck Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14. Our annual wine tasting will be on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Respectfully submitted, Linda L. Jacobin and Linda C. Caputo, Interim Reporters

Black Diamond
#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Ciao and greetings from Black Diamond! At our October meeting, we enjoyed the Woodruff's famous baked potato bar along with our Halloween costume contest. A fun evening was had by all. Back by popular demand, we will be having our Dessert Raffle, where you can purchase virtual raffle tickets and watch the drawing live on Facebook on Tuesday, November 25th. All desserts will be delivered by Wednesday, November 26th, just in time for



your Thanksgiving gathering. Again this year, we will have our Photos with Santa fundraiser, which will take place at the Black Diamond Community Center on Saturday, December 6th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your family, friends,



children, and dog(s) for a digital Santa photo and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, raffles, and Christmas treats for donation.

Come see all the fun we're having in Black Diamond! We appreciate our visitors from

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WINNERS NOTIFIED: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
ITEMS READY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

RAINIER LODGE NO. 3019
Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Wednesday
of each Month

Meeting at 6:30 PM

HISTORIC OLD PARKLAND SCHOOL
214 121ST St S, TACOMA, WA 98444

Cassandra Collison
253-279-7398

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 Costanti Eacrett, President
ginasgrace@hotmail.com

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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Jack Barnaby, President
509 735-2163

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Questions??? E-mail us at osdia1809@gmail.com

the Auburn, Seattle, and Tacoma lodges. Come check us out! Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

At our October meeting, members brought non-perishable food items to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul food bank. We always have a National Charity Jug at meetings for money to go to the National Charities fund. And members generously bring items and buy tickets for our monthly

raffle. As I was the Chef of the month, I made Shrimp Scampi and Broccoli with Angel Hair Pasta. It is a quick and easy dinner to make at home.... but more of a challenge to make and serve for a large group. Meatballs and sauce, bread, side dishes, and desserts rounded out the meal. Guests at the meeting were Antoinette Folino, Geno Degidio, Susan Van Ort, Joan Hartson, and Paulette Mentor. We are always glad to see Darlene, Joseph, and Olivia Haberstock. Attending was Tom Grinsell, who recently joined Sons of Italy as a Member at Large--he has both Italian and Scottish heritage.



Linda Buccini Anderson, Past President of the GLNW, presented the Italian Holiday Celebrations and Traditions booklet. Purchases help support the Grand Lodge Northwest and its

charities. Concerning finances...President Bill Haberstock, let us know about the increase in the amount of our dues that go to the GLNW, the National Lodge, and the increase in insurance per member. Rather than rely on fundraisers, we voted to raise our annual dues

VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690
Vancouver, WA
Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

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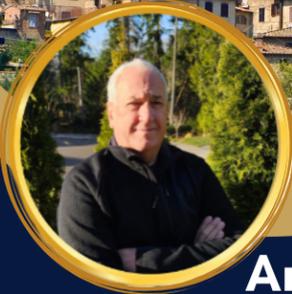


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to \$50 for 2026. Happy Birthday was wished to Diane Clementi, also to those not present with October Birthdays-- Joseph Davis, Maria Marsala, and Walter Harvey. The VFW Post where we meet is holding a Winter Bazaar & Bake Sale on October 25. Bill and Jackie will be filling and selling Cannoli at this event. Joyia Rubens, Reporter

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Saluti ai membri della loggia da Cle Elum Lodge 1968. Apologies for a few late updates from our September Meeting-Technical difficulties



while traveling. We officially welcomed two new members, Rennie and Pat Norris. Rennie is the brother of our members, Sally (Norris) & Paul Graham. We were also blessed with a few young & hungry guests, Rocco and Johnnie Butorac, grandsons of members Mike and Kathi Butorac. They eagerly nodded “yes” when pressed on if they intended to join the Lodge. As the icing on the cake, we had our youngest guest (8 weeks), Baby Ally Juris, who stole all our hearts and was the perfect guest. Her parents, Craig and Angela Juris, promised that Ally would be a standard participant in our meetings. To share through caring with others, in September, we began passing a “Charity Basket” at each meeting. September’s charity was dedicated to Autism, which gathered \$45.00.



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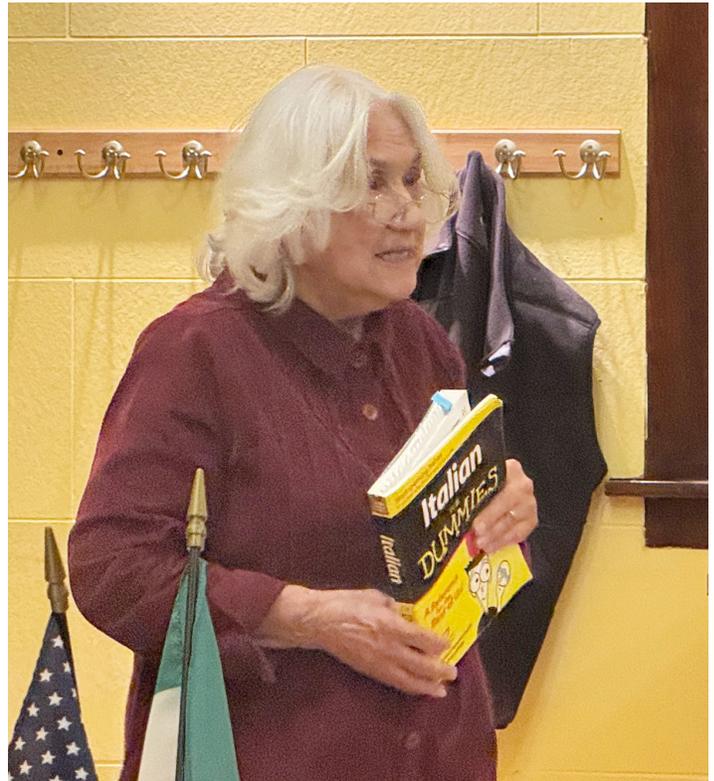
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Sally Graham volunteered to facilitate the basket passing at each meeting. This idea is a great way to remember those who can use extra help. October's meeting began with the usual frivolity and a catch-up on our individual updates. We start the official meeting with the recognition of our new members, Ken and Anne, as the first in the buffet line of scrumptious foods. After consumption, we began with our esteemed Lodge leaders providing report-outs on administrative topics and reinvestment opportunities. Report outs were met with acceptance and approval. The Scholarship committee reported the names of winners for the year 2025 submittals. A total of \$14,000.00 in help was distributed because of our annual Spaghetti dinner fundraiser.



We initiated 2 new members in October, Ken and Anne Kladnick, who we welcome with big smiles and open arms. We look forward to their shared stories and membership fellowship. President Mike and Secretary Kathi returned to Italy to the region where Mike's mom was born (Piedmont) and shared their experiences and photos of many more memories made. One of the complex issues they ran into was trying to figure out how to get the wine-making Barrel into their checked baggage. The Lodge discussed options for our upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner in November. We agreed to have dinner at our normal location at a restaurant. Our Turkey Master, Rich Grillo, has graciously volunteered



his skill in providing another perfectly cooked bird. Personally cooked side dishes are always a surprise, and that shall continue. Doug Chiechi has offered to cook his homemade sausage if we can get approval to use the kitchen



We wish these well-deserving students the best of success. Congratulations to: Ruby Farnsworth \$7000.00, Julianna Mostofi \$5000.00, Jaxon Hayes \$1000.00, Landon Stone \$1000.00 Virginia Depicolzuane led us all through a "conversational" language lesson, where we practiced greetings and daily exchanges verbally after she provided us with the linguistic example. Thank you, Virginia, for your generosity and time. We had lots of fun.



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appliances. Fingers Crossed, Doug.
 In trying to maintain our schedule, we all agreed to hold further questions till the next meeting. Ciao! Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin,
 Deesaldin@gmail.com

Mille Cugini
 #2659, Marysville, WA

Happy November, fellow Italian lodge members. We welcomed many guests to our gathering in October! Bill and Jackie Habershtock from Cataldo lodge traveled from Bremerton and brought their famous cannoli. It was a welcome treat. Danny Volpone, Mike Croce, and Steve Fontana represented the Seattle Fedele lodge. Millicent Paciaffi from Stanwood found us online and is in the process of becoming a member! Welcome Millicent. We hope to install her at the next meeting. Shelley Padilla and Angela Sgarlata are both from Bothell and met us at the GLNW booth

during Festa in Seattle last September. Angela, who was volunteering at the Casa booth, brought her 2 daughters, Adeline and Meadow, to our meeting. I think everyone really enjoyed the dinner that Patrick Jacoby, our President, made of Chicken Marsala served with linguini aglio d'olio. Thanks to everyone else for all the bread, desserts, and salads that rounded out the meal. We are pleased to welcome new members. We have recently created a partnership with Archbishop Murphy High School in Mill Creek with the hopes of sparking the interest of young Italian families who wish to join our lodge and assist them with their fundraisers in any way we can.

YOU'RE INVITED! Again, it's time to get ready for our annual scholarship fundraiser that will take place after our November 13th meeting. Every year, we have a Dessert Auction to raise money for our Mary Dellino Scholarship Foundation. Come and join us for a fun night and take home some home-baked treats for the holidays. If you cannot make it, but wish to support this cause, you can donate by mailing a check to our treasurer, Larry Pirone, or to me, payable to Mille Cugini Lodge 2659. Call or text me with any questions @ 425-422-7434. Buon Ringraziamento, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby

Rainier

#3019, Tacoma, WA

Ciao everyone! We have been busy planning for our social gathering in November and other gatherings for the year. On Nov 23, we are getting together and doing a walk-through through the zoo in Tacoma. For Dec and Jan, we are having other social gatherings. Keep your eye on the events section of the NWIN. Next month, we will have reports with pictures by Kathy Borges and Gina Natucci on their trip to Italy. Hope everyone has a great holiday season. Ciao ciao. Cassandra Collison, President, Rainier Lodge

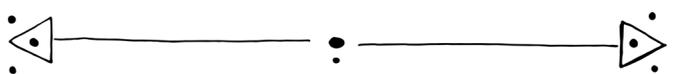


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Happy Halloween and Happy Early Thanksgiving! Where to begin. At our meatball sandwich booth at Festa Italiana, it was a lot of work, but it was full of friendship and laughter, which made it well worth doing. To help with the National Charity Jug Fundraiser, the Jug was set out, and we were gifted with over \$120 in donations! Whoo-Hoo! Thank you to all the volunteers who put in their time to do all the many jobs that make the booth a great success. At our October meeting, we had a Mariners watch party before the meeting began. With the help of our AV specialists, Danny and Ken Volpone and Jack Polet, we were able to watch it on a big screen and on a smaller TV. Popcorn and Peanuts were provided to make the experience more like being there. Then, everyone was treated to enjoy a meatball sandwich, garbanzo bean salad - made by our own Steve Fontana, and lettuce salad (of course), and for dessert there was an assortment of Halloween candy, panettone, and brownies. Thank you to the kitchen crew for all the work they have done to set up the buffet! Several members of our lodge - President Mike Croce, Danny Volpone, and Steve Fontana have made several trips to visit other lodges in the past month, and they have said they



have felt very welcome at all the lodges they visited and want to thank them all. They are hoping to get to a few more lodges in the next couple of months. Travels: The Volpone Family, several family friends, and the special appearance by our President, Mike Croce, and Audrey Manzanares all went to Reno, Nevada, to celebrate Columbus Day at the Great Italian Festival! We all spoke with Ray Massa and the Eurorhythms members, and they are very excited to come and help us celebrate our 100th Anniversary and see all of the friends and fans they have here in Seattle. They love coming to see all of us. **We still have tickets available for purchase for our 100 Year Anniversary Dinner, and they are selling fast! This is being held on November 22, 2025, at the Doubletree Inn in Southcenter. You can text Holly Cochran at 206-779-8663. There is an advertisement in this newsletter on page 13. For the 100 Year, we need volunteers to bake Pizzelles to add to our elegant dessert table, bring to November meeting on the 20th.** Following the Anniversary Party, please join us for our annual Children's Christmas Party on December 6th at 10am, held at Casa Italiana in Burien. Santa Claus will be making a special appearance to share a morning of fun and

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Ciao for now! Pazza sorelle, Elaine Volpone.

Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Hello and happy fall from the Tacoma Lodge! By the time you get our newsletter, our crab feed will be over, and hopefully everyone will be full of crab and pasta and ready to come back next year. This year, our lodge is concentrating on giving back to our community. The lodge has been providing clothing and food for our food banks. There is



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such a need. We will be adopting a school this Christmas that serves a lower-income area. The great is great. If anyone wishes to assist us, please reach out to me at 253-831-2733. Our lodge wishes all of you a healthy and joyous Thanksgiving full of love, family, and friends. Gina Costanti-Eacrett, President

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Citta Lodge has held two Lodge Planning Sessions. One in July and one in September. The purpose of these sessions was to address issues that directly affect the future growth potential of the

lodge. As a result of these sessions, the following committees were established: Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle - Consensus was to pause for the fall 2025 and reevaluate approaches for the future. Community Outreach, Membership, Recruitment and Retention, Finance Sustainability, Leadership Succession Planning/Training, Meeting Facility Needs/Solutions. In February 2026, the lodge will be electing new officers. This election will determine the future leadership of the Lodge and will impact all of the above action committees. The Lincoln Elementary School in Kennewick is sponsoring a Cultural Night for students and families on the 6th of November. Jackie Valentino volunteered to work with the school to obtain additional information as to how Tre-Citta Lodge can be involved in this community outreach activity. At our October 7th Lodge meeting, we tried something different. In the past, if you wanted to dine before the meeting, we would meet at 5:30 and the business meeting

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would start around 7:15. At the October meeting, we started a SHORT (30-minute) business meeting at 5:30, which was followed by a dinner/social time. This change was well accepted. Jack Barnaby, President

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA



Festa di Ognisanti, All saints Day November 1st
 Il Giorno dei Morti, All Soles Day November 2nd.
 November 13th, 2025, dinner and meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by November 9th, to Deanna Peters, call or

text 503-568-6672 or dpeters@peak.org Dinner is available. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building. On October 19th, we held our annual Spaghetti & Meatball dinner. We had around 180-200 people come to enjoy the event. We had about 30 raffle baskets of various sizes and items, including a fire-pit with smores goodies and such. There was also an evening at the Heathman Lodge



here in Vancouver. Our members came out to help with everything, including the local Sea Cadets Troop 360 from Vancouver. A BIG Thank You to everyone who helped in all parts of this event. In November, our Lodge will select a family or children from the giving tree that is sponsored by the church where we hold our meetings. We will purchase the needed things for their Christmas Holiday. We are also looking forward to our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 5th. 5pm-9pm. All are welcome. You can bring 1 bottle of wine to drink. We will not have "glass" glasses, so bring your own if you like. No bottles to be left behind! Cost will be \$25.00 per 12 and older, and \$12.00 for 5 to 11 years old. It will be held at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, and park in the rear of the building. RSVP by November 29th, to Deanna Peters, call/text 503-568-6672 or dpeters@peak.org



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