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

Coming Events!

Vancouver USA Lodge Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, October 20, 2024

American Legion Post #176
14011 NE 20th Avenue,
Vancouver, WA

Info: Mike Cherney (360)903-812

Crab Feed and Dance Tacoma Lodge

Saturday November 2, 2024
with the Mary Marchese Band
Slavonian Hall 2306 N 30th

Contact: Gina Eacrett 253-831-2733

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

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

Grand Lodge Northwest Annual Crab Dinner

Sat. Feb 15, 2025, 7:00 PM
Holy Family Church Hall,
Auburn, WA
Rosetta 206-478-3895



Autumn is here and we can enjoy the Festa Di San Francesco D'Assisi Patrono D'Italia which is the Feast of Saint Francis on Oct. 4. By visiting www.glnw.org in the Member Resource section under Italian Holidays & Culture, I was able to learn so many things about this great Italian Saint and suggestions/ideas of ways to share the meaning of this day.

On the same site, take the time to look up Oct 31 and all the fun information and ideas for all to bring a little Italian to a fun day. San Gennaro festival was so much fun. Thanks to the Mascio family for making this event happen. Thanks to our members who volunteered at our membership booth. We were busy sharing our love, excitement, and fun being members. We also were able to sell our Soul of Italy cookbook and our November raffle tickets. I am sure we will be doing the same at the Seattle festa at the end of September. It is so fun to get to see



so many members as we are getting back to meetings again; sharing stories of our summer trips, and activities and just checking in. Connecting with each other, learning what's happening, having fun are the best ways to make our meetings fun, and a reason why we belong to the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Your leaders will be meeting for our Grand Council meeting on Oct. 5. We have many important things to address, review, and share with members. I know their pride and joy in being Italian and sharing our Italian culture are clearly why they are our leaders. It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for our Grand Lodge Convention on May 16-17, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood. Each lodge will be preparing nominations for State Delegates for their lodge elections at your Feb. 2025 meetings. Check in with your lodge president or State Orator Dan Chicketti dan.c.chicketti@gmail.com as to qualifications. Also, with all elections, all Grand Lodge positions are open. Please consider stepping up and being a part of the Grand Lodge. Also, in November and December remember this is a great time to put a Memorial ad, or holiday ad from your lodge, your family, or yourself. Please contact our Publisher Patrick Jacoby patrick@glnw.org for details asap. If you are wanting a November raffle ticket, please call me at (253) 225-2483 or linda@glnw.org

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Buccini Anderson, President-GLNW



American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao amici.

Golden leaves adorn tree-lined streets in Spokane. Pumpkins are displayed on porches and the aroma



of cinnamon and fire pits fill the air. Although Fall is here, we reminisce about our last Summer's night fling at beautiful Arbor Crest Winery in late August. Members listened to good music by the Randalls, and enjoyed Great company and fabulous munchies all while watching a beautiful August sunset! Back to work in September, our club, alongside our partner Spokane/Cagli Sister City, continues to be a constant presence in our community by participating at the Intestate Fair. The fair's theme was a continuation of EXPO 74, and

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we were in the Agricultural Building which represented Italy. Our table included a beautiful Heritage Display, representing past and present club members and their families. Club history, club applications, and club information were also presented. Lodge meetings reconvened on September 11th, at O'Malley Hall, with a busy and full agenda. As we did last year our club will be participating in channel KREM 2 -Tom's Turkey



Drive. Members were asked to bring in canned food for our local community food drive to be distributed to a family in the Spokane community. LET THE DRUMS ROLL AND TRUMPETS BLARE!! For the first time in FIVE years, CLUB #2172 will have our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 24th, 2024, at Gonzaga Prep School from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm!!! Preparations and committees are busy with all that needs to be done as All Hands are called on deck to make this event a success. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased in advance at; aic-dinner.square.site. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund our Scholarship Fund. It's going to be an exciting few months ahead!! "In Italy they add work and life on to food and wine" – Robin Leach. Salute a tutti. Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus-Assistant Recording Secretary

Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Well, Fall is starting to show its colors. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge hopes everyone had an enjoyable summer. We held our first meeting on September 19, 2024. President Joe Chicano brought summer to a close with hot dogs and hamburgers as the dinner entrée. Appetizers, salads, and desserts were provided by Lodge members. As always, the meeting ended with a raffle. GLNW November raffle calendars were available for purchase at the meeting for \$20.

Joe and Connie Chicano thank all who helped and attended our annual summer picnic in August. A good time was had by all, old and young!

Mary Jane Rogers announced that the Amerigo Vespucci's Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner fundraiser will be on March 1, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Take-outs will be 4:00-6:00 pm and dinner will be at 5:30 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm. Dinners will be \$20.00.

The GLNW Council meeting will be on October 5, 2024, at Embassy Suites in Lynwood. Abigail Covall moved to approve giving an annual \$100 donation in June to Back to School Market Place in remembrance of Joe Cornell. Members approved the motion. Members were thanked for their contribution toward a raffle basket for Back to School Market Place which raised \$5,000.00 from the fundraiser.

Congratulations to Joe and Connie Chicano on their 48th anniversary. And "Happy birthday" greetings to Martha Carr and Rena Gegen on her 96th birthday. She is our Lodge's oldest member.



Past President Richard Luzzi will be a great-grandfather again with the birth of his granddaughter's baby boy in January 2025. Judith Braddon will be a great-grandmother for the first time with the birth of her grandson, Nicolas' and wife Abigail's twins, a boy

and a girl, also due in January! Vera Kay announced that she will be moving to Arizona next year. She will be greatly missed by the members of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge!

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will hold its October meeting on October 17, 2024. Social time will begin at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall followed by a soup supper

dinner and meeting. Appetizers and raffle items are, as always, appreciated. Fino alla prossima volta, ciao.

Judith Braddon. Reporter

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA



The days again grow shorter. (Goodbye, 8pm sunsets!) We trade shorts for a light jacket and gather together to tell tales of the summers we had. There was a lot to talk about at Auburn's September meeting, in fact! The lodge received word that our non-profit status has been renewed, and we are sending out awards to the schools of our scholarship recipients. Salvatore Cascone reported on the bocce tournament that took

place in memory of Ronnie Beyersdorf. In a moving moment, Rosetta showed Salvatore's first place medal, with Ronnie's image printed on it. Proceeds from the tournament (over \$700) were donated to the scholarship fund. In continuing with tradition, Mike Sepal is organizing a group to represent us in the Auburn



Veterans Day parade on Saturday, November 9. If you are interested in walking or riding with us, please let Mike know at sepalmj@aol.com. If you've never been, you're missing out! This is the largest parade west of the Mississippi, and the lunch afterwards is always delicious. Our October meeting will take place on Thursday, October 10 (2nd Thursday, like normal). Our lovely chefs will be out of town, so kitchen help is needed! The Lodge will provide fried chicken, but members please bring a side dish and dessert (think cornbread, potatoes, salads, coleslaw, etc.). Please note: our November meeting will take place on Friday, November 15. Additionally, please consider bringing a cash or food donation for the Auburn food bank in November. While summer is easily my favorite time of year, one of the perks of autumn is being able to enjoy the camaraderie we share at the Auburn Lodge! (Now, if only they'd stop making everything "pumpkin spice!") Sincerely,
 Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President



Greetings all! Benvenuto Autunno!



On Sept. 5th, Bella Vita hosted our Fall "Back to Italy" celebration with music, singing, dancing, food, wine, and a cultural experience presentation

on life in Reggio Calabria shared by former president



Sophia Risorto. Sophia had just returned from visiting family & friends in her former home there. As Sophia shared, it's still home because everyone was so loving & welcoming. Some of her favorite things were the coffee, croissants

with cream, walking, and the hospitality of friends. Now, that's Italian! We shared a delicious pasta with Vodka sauce & sausage prepared by National VP Tony Anderson. Unfortunately, Tony was unable to join us as he was at the Tacoma meeting. His lovely wife, GLNW President Linda Buccini Anderson, was present and not only brought the food but helped to set up & clean up. We appreciate both of you! We also appreciate all of our members who flooded tables with appetizers, salads, sides, & desserts. We were happy to be joined by former member & GLNW Recording Secretary Gina Natucci.



The highlight of the evening was the dance by members George & Diane Stefanini. As they danced to "O Sole Mio", other members joined in & we enjoyed a truly spontaneous Italian night together. Great time had by all!

Unfortunately, we were missing several members due to illness & travels but we look forward to all being

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 Spokane, WA**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM
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**AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814
 Aberdeen, WA**

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER
 306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA
President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano
 360-581-1072
cjchicano@comcast.com

**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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President John Partridge
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 253-350-4922

together again on Thursday, October 3rd, when Diane will be making her Italian meatball soup!
Not much business was done but we celebrated Bella Vita...a beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



Hello Friends. For our first meeting back after the summer on September 5th, we continued the recent tradition of having pizza at our first meeting back from the summer break, except this time instead of ordering from a Pizza restaurant, Lodge President Greg Osgood made pizza – mostly, because he also got a couple of frozen pizzas in case the two half baking sheet sized focaccia crust pizzas weren't enough. We ended up with some leftover pizza, but it's always better to have too much than not enough. Lodge Vice-President Linda Caputo made a very tasty salad, Joan Carson brought appetizers, and Linda Jacobin and Antoinette Folino both brought wonderful desserts. All in all, it made it a meal that was definitely worth coming back for.

Looking ahead, we are finishing the planning of our 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. All we have left to do is decide on the menu and the cost. This year we are reserving only one room so we will be limited to only 40 attendees.

The Lodging is already looking ahead to Lodge events a little further out and is starting to plan those events. We have created a committee for planning our annual Lodge Wine Tasting and we are looking to have the event in early April. I will let you know once we have the date set. We have also put together a committee

to plan our Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration in October of 2026. I know it's a ways off, but with the challenges of finding a hall to host the event and a caterer, it's never too early to start planning. But the Lodge is also planning more immediate activities, specifically participating in the Oberto Bocce Tournament at Festa Italiana. We're still working on putting a team together, but Laura Cosacchi is heading up that effort and I am sure that she put together a competitive team.

In Sunshine News, Linda Jacobin is doing better after her knee replacement surgery and is up and walking, which is great to see. Brandee LaBarbera missed out because she had to take her dog to the ER, and her dog ended up dying, so on behalf of the Lodge, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Brandee.

Our next Lodge meeting will be October 3rd 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. It will be our 48th anniversary so we'll be having a meal to honor our founding members and past presidents. I look forward to seeing everyone. Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood



The San Gennaro Festival provided an opportunity to implement a new fundraising endeavor that created enthusiastic participation by the members pictured below, in addition to generating interest in the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America by visitors to our beverage booth. We were delighted to greet three of these visitors at our September meeting and anticipate that two more individuals will be visiting us at a future

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
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*Black Diamond
Sons and Daughters of Italy
Lodge #1809*

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Join us at our October meeting. Come as you wish
- in full costume or simply wear a Halloween
hat/shirt/outfit, etc.

Friday, October 18th @ 6:30pm

Prize for the best costume - voted on by our lodge.





meeting. The cooler Northwest temperatures denote that fall is arriving, and the celebration for All Saints Day (commonly known as Halloween) is nearing. We send an enthusiastic invitation to all our Northwest brothers, sisters, and friends to don your costume of choice and join us at the Black Diamond Community Center for our October 18 meeting. Please note that the meeting has been moved to the third Friday of October to avoid a conflict with the Community Center annual fall fundraiser. We guarantee an eager welcome, prizes, and accolades for your festive costumes. Anyone for a



Kitchen Witch that brings good luck to your kitchen? It is a homemade doll resembling a stereotypical witch who is a wizard in the kitchen



and crafts personal space with great intention and care. Think of yourself, family, and friends who are worthy of this \$10 donation for their cooking and compassion. A limited supply of these Kitchen Witches were handcrafted and donated by Tom and Janice Cole's aunt Sharon just in time for the Halloween season.

We encourage you to reserve November 8 at 6:30 pm to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with us and to enjoy the fun on December 13 at 6:30 pm by participating in our festive and interactive Christmas ornament exchange. A creative family-oriented real-life Santa Photo Fundraiser will be on December 7 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Black Diamond Community Center with a magnificent view of Mt. Rainier on a clear day. Suggested donation is \$10 for photos! Bring your children, grandchildren, family, and four-legged friends. You will be sent a digital copy of the photo. Baked items will be available for donation and raffles. Celebrate the 2024 holiday season with us! Your Black Diamond Brothers and Sisters
Grazie, Janice Malvesti-Cole, 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.

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CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

**CLE ELUM
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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Cle Elum, WA

Michael Butorac, President

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

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

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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

7:00 Meeting

Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Our August Picnic was a great day with lots of food, wine, and games...

Steve Lebeda was the cook at the grill, doing hamburgers and Italian Sausage. The Famous White Elephant Auction was conducted by Bill Haberstock-- Really nice items were wrapped, and bid on sight unseen. It was especially good to see Nick Wancowicz show up with his wife, Josey. He is home now after a stroke and a long stay in Rehab.



The chef at the September meeting was Rose Marie Leggett and daughter, Nicole Davis. They made a fantastic Lasagna, complimented by appetizers, side dishes, and dessert. The meeting was presided over by Steve Lebeda, Vice-President, in the absence of Bill Haberstock-- he and Jackie are on a trip. After the business meeting, the Raffle was held by Steve Lebeda with the assistance of Sophia Davis who brought items to the winners. The next Cannoli fundraiser is November 9 with a booth at the Kitsap Handmade Bazaar-- indoors now at the Crossroads Neighborhood



Church in Bremerton. Bill and Jackie Haberstock will be there from 10:00-4:00 filling the cannolis as they are ordered. Happy Birthday to Joseph Davis, Diane Clementi, Maria Marsala, and Walter Harvey -- all of who will be celebrating in October. Some members of the Cataldo Lodge will be traveling to Italy in October-- Nicole Davis is going with her mother, Rose Marie, who is leading a tour to Rome and its vicinity. Carolyn Crabtree and I are excited to be leaving on a tour led by Gina Nattuci to Florence and Montecatini. As I have been on trips to visit relatives near Milan, sightseeing in Venice, Tuscany, and all-- this time will be pure Rest and Relaxation for me. You will hear about it when we all return....

Joyia (Migliorini) Rubens, Reporter

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

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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
OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL
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Seattle, WA 98144

Michael Croce
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206-391-1122

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Wednesday
Social 5:30, Meeting 6:30
Dinner Follows ~7:15
TOTEM YACHT CLUB
5045 Highlands St
Ruston, WA 98407

David Madrid, President
(253) 961-6526
motherlodge@yahoo.com

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Che Dio ti benedica! - God bless you!



Mille Cugini
#2659, Marysville, WA

We held a happy, energetic meeting where smiles filled the room. We all enjoyed hamburgers that Cheryl Petruccelli had frozen from the picnic at her home, for tonight's use. A big thank you to her. Thank you Rebecca for coming early to do the grilling. It was a tasty meal with satisfying cheeseburgers and hot dogs too, with all the toppings along with salads and tasty desserts so a hungry lineup filled plates with pure delight. Sighs of satisfaction flowed through the room afterward. We enjoyed Patrick Jacoby leading our meeting with the needed information for us all. His excellence is appreciated. We are fortunate to have him.

There were new faces at our meeting. We welcome them



to join and be a part of this wonderful group, a true family by all accounts. We have discussed multiple points to be considered for the best long-term value to our community through our contributions. There are proposals being mulled over now for

bringing ideas for future professions to the youth of our community; to stimulate them with possibilities where a broad number of vocations can be studied and direction and aim in their growing goal seeking can be chosen



and achieved. All this by speakers from our community leaders to our youth. We will invite speakers. Our goal is to support our youth and ignite interest in their future professions. Through the local Fire Department, instructions in CPR and basic first aid can be given. The

Police Department can bring information to our youth with involvement in public service. The Military can voice youth programs that give exciting plans to aim for. Marine, Navy, Army, and Air Force can add a variety of choices for their future by their individual outlooks. We live in a boating community, so ideas for the future in manning ferries and looking for other goal possibilities where interested students can come listen to various speakers. Some companies and corporations could join in and embrace the younger Jr. High school students as well.



We had a picnic at Dagmar's Marina. The weather surprised us with a full-blown downpour. It was chilly and windy but we didn't mind. Mary DeFilippo built a fire to keep us warm. Gary Nordby is a luthier and hand-makes amazing instruments.

He brought two handmade instruments and shared his gift of virtuoso. They sounded beautiful. He also plays an accordion and is quite gifted in Polkas, and so many

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

6:30 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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more. He is a talented man. And I, Judy Price, played several of my favorite instruments. At times we all sang along and had a great time, in spite of Mother Nature giving us all a surprise. The food was good even though we didn't have electricity or water available. We were all prepared and inventive. Paula, her sister Mary, Al Favre, Judy Price, and Pat Dama attended the outdoor picnic. We made the best of it, staying warm and dry in the covered area.

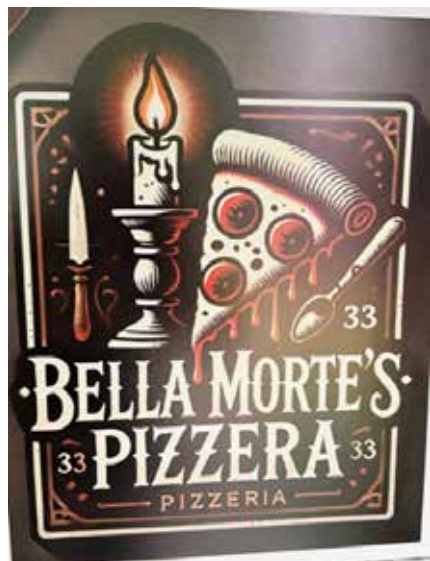
May we have fun and enjoy the children on Halloween. "Candy", the dentist's precursor for tomorrow's patients? We will pause to pray for those ill, and who are going through difficult times. They stay in our hearts and thoughts.

By: Judy Price



Olympic Peninsula
#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. We had a fun event in August that didn't occur in time for the September issue of Northwest Italian News, but we wanted to share it now. In late August, several lodge members participated in a Murder Mystery Dinner hosted by the Muggia family. Many attending the "to do" portrayed various characters and dressed (and performed marvelously) for their role. It was great fun for both the participants and those who came to be in the audience.



The Muggias went to great lengths to make their home feel like the scene of

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the crime. The characters consisted of the Ice Cream Lady (Peni Cenedella), the town Mayor (Don Zanon), an opera singer (Joe Schipani), a mobster (Armando Muggia), and his quite precocious daughter (Zoey Howe), a plumber who was at the wrong place at the wrong time (Bill Haberstock), a circus performer of questionable sanity (Yvonne Schipani), Bella, the owner of the pizza restaurant whose dearly departed husband was buried in the restaurant basement (Sandy



Mangino). And to round out this band of characters, an elitist magazine editor (Tinamarie Villani). What a crew thrown together to try to discover the murderer. The pictures included show some of the shenanigans of the evening. Thank you

to the Muggias for being such great hosts. We share this event here to encourage other lodges to do something similar, it was great fun, and quite different from typical lodge events. We hope everyone is enjoying the beauty of autumn. We send our wishes for good health and good cheer to all. And of course, remember...

...Life is Beautiful. Ciao for now!
Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

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Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

It's Fall again and a favorite season for me. Love to watch the leaves change and fall. My Dad would say, with love in his voice, "but you don't have to rake the leaves!" So on to the news: I missed this for the last newsletter, but it's never too late to celebrate a very happy occasion! Johnny and Jackie Vizzare welcomed their second daughter, Mila Rose, on July 18, 2024. Along with three-year-old sister, Julianna, Dad and Mom are very, very happy being a #PartyOfFour!!!! Congratulations to all of you! On August 31, 2024, our Lodge secretary Laura Cochran married Joe Ruzicka at Our Lady of Fatima Church. A beautiful reception followed at the Sunset Bay Lodge at the Ballard Elks. Congratulations to the Newlyweds!



All of us at Seattle Fedele Lodge send our condolences to the Dellino family on the passing of their mother, Mary. She is added to our prayers and thoughts. Also prayers and thoughts to the family of Nancy Croppi (former Black Diamond Lodge member and President) on her passing on August 18, 2024. On Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Italian Festival Luncheon, one of our own members, Jeff D'Amelio, was honored with the Italian Businessman of the Year! Congratulations!!! And in June, Jeff will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Bishop Blanchet High School for his contributions. Way to go!

Our September meeting was our ciambotta dinner, which we usually have in August, but we're all flexible, right? It was a great night having the "Dream Team" of cooks back in the kitchen - especially Chis Alfieri, Jetf D'Amelio, and Phil Lembo! They all did a wonderful job. I don't really care for this meal, sorry, I know, I can hear it now - "What? You don't like this meal? You're Italian!" LOL! But don't fear, there were two types of pasta, fava beans, and salad to choose from. We also had our Zucchini (which I do like!) contest and the winners were: First Place: Danny Volpone, Second Place: Brock Ricci, Third Place: Holly Cochran, and Honorable Mention: David Madrid. Way to go all of you. That's all for now. Thank you to everyone who contributed the news. So until next month, Sorellina Elaine Volpone
Sorella maggior Christina Volpone Gerling (who reminded me to do the article)

Notice: The Grand Lodge of the NW Director of Publications is stepping down after the next GLNW Convention, May 16-18, 2025. This position provides a vital function and helps keep our membership connected. It is a perfect opportunity to help the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the Grand Lodge of the NW, and you fellow Italian-Americans. It is also a perfect start for someone wishing to begin a cottage-industry/2nd income. If you are elected, you will be provided with the tools you need to be a publisher. To explore the possibility, email Patrick Jacoby at patrick@glnw.org to find out more.



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Tacoma
#1175, Tacoma, WA

Hello everyone from "The Mother Lodge of the Northwest" Yes we here in Tacoma are rejuvenated. We had our first meeting, dinner, and an all-around great time in our new location. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, and the incredible side dishes our members provided, not to mention desserts. A big thank you to a member we haven't seen in quite a while Mr David Viafore, who also graced us with homemade cannoli's YUM. The new facility has a super commercial kitchen that our cooks Thomas Huff, Jim Zink, and Gina Costanti really loved. Our first two new members to the venue were Susan Recco, a long-time Tacoma native, and Marilyn O'Malley Hicks, welcome, we are very glad you have joined us. OMG, we are gearing up like crazy for our Crab Feast. We have discounted rooms available at the Silver Cloud Tacoma Waterfront Hotel, regular cost is \$229 a night, by mentioning The Sons and Daughters of Italy when you book your reservation, the price is \$189 dollars. The hotel is approximately 3 blocks from The Slavonian Hall, and your room is right over the water. Speaking of the Hall, this is a great location, run by our Croatian cousins, a very large facility with a ton of history. Slavonian Hall @ 2306 N 30th 98403 in the heart of Old Town Tacoma. Call Gina Costanti @ 253-831-2733 for tickets. We are also having a huge Silent Auction and of course, the incomparable Mary Marchese Band, if you were at our 100-year celebration or if you heard about the fantastic time we all had this event promises to be even more fun and exciting. Tacoma Lodge is all about good times and remember all proceeds go to our SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM !! So make a weekend out of this. Come see the sites of Tacoma, Point Ruston, and Point Defiance Park, come on Friday evening and have a great Italian dinner at our members MACALUSO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT. We look forward to you all coming to see us at our event and also an open invitation to come to our monthly party, I mean meeting, we really do have some kind of fun. Our new location is Holy Cross Church Hall 5510

N 44th Tacoma 98407, we meet on the first Thursday of the month, and would love to see you all.

Respectfully submitted
President David :)



Tre Città
#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Citta Lodge is frantically getting prepared for our annual Taste of Italy Pasta Dinner and Raffle. This event funds the scholarships we award each year to deserving students of Italian heritage. The dinner this year will be on Saturday the 9th of November at the Richland Community Center from 4 pm to 7 pm. The dinner will consist of antipasto, pasta with marinara or meat sauce, salad and bread, spumoni, and biscotti. There will be no host beer and wine available. Coffee, tea, and soda will be available. Musical entertainment will also be available. The cost is \$30 per ticket. We will also have a raffle of very nice baskets.

Due to limited space at the Community Center, we will be selling a total of 128 tickets. Unfortunately, the Chairwoman and chief cook, Julianne Barnaby fell and broke her arm going into the right shoulder. Julianne will be in recovery for the next four to six weeks. We have had discussions with all individuals involved to discuss what has to be done and who will take the lead. Jack Barnaby offered to get the sauces from Olive Garden. He was quickly escorted out of the meeting. You can't trust the Cajuns. The bottom line is that we will be ready on the 9th of November!

For more information, please call 509-735-2163



Vancouver USA
#2690, Vancouver, WA

Look forward to welcoming new people on our Thursday, October 10th meeting at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA 98685 starting at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be Chicken Cacciatore by Barbara Blair. We will be serving this

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call (503)568-6672. If you have already prepared a basket for the event, please let Deann know when you can drop it off to her. DINE OUT for October is our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 20th at the American Legion, Salmon Creek Post 176, 14011 NE 20th Ave., Vancouver WA 98686. 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 for adults; children 6 through 12 are \$10.00; Kids age 5 and under are free!! No RSVP is necessary. Please attend and support your lodge and members and have a great time!!!

TANTE GRAZIE to Paul Zanobelli for keeping our bocce games going this summer. We are no longer meeting on Wednesday. We now are gathering between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays to play bocce at our courts at the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. Vancouver. Courts are behind the main building. Invite your friends and come join the fun!! Any questions, please contact Paul at (360)521-5584. WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's home. Bring a white elephant gift in a plain bag and a \$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 19th 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. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY on Friday, December 6th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church. Details to follow at our October meeting. CLUB NEWS: Dina Rizzo will be attending a "cousins" reunion in California this month. Nanette Walker and Kathryn Salverda will be heading to Lisbon, Portugal for a tour and then onto Milano to visit with family in Italy. Greg and Cathy Rafanelli will be cruising somewhere in the world in the month of October. Buon compleanno to our October birthdays!! Looking forward to "All Hallows Eve"!!

Barbara Blair



Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge 2734 met at the Harman Center for the first meeting after our 2-month break. As always our great Italian cooks and bakers provided a fabulous meal. Our deepest sympathy to Shirley Gulotta on the death of her brother Tony. Tony was

a retired firefighter and Fire Inspector for the City of Yakima. Shirley commented that he was her baby brother that she helped raise. Thank you notes were received from Beverly Arralde's family. We will miss our beautiful Beverly. We had asked everyone to come with a fun story from summer and they did not disappoint! What a fun meeting! Connie Blanchard made a trip to Wenatchee to see the Sound of Music performed as well as a hot air balloon ride. The balloon ride was a birthday gift from her daughter who was born on Connie's birthday. Marty Borello also saw the Sound of Music, as well as took a cruise to Alaska on the Norwegian Cruise Lines. Robin and Don Miller took their grandchildren to Triple Play in Hayden Lake Idaho. While there Robin played her first-ever game of mini golf and made 2 hole-in-ones! Move over Tiger Woods! Sr Charlyne and Sr Kathleen made a trip to Santa Cruz and visited the Red Woods. Sr Charlyne was amazed at how tall and beautiful the redwoods were. Sr Kathleen, who was the first administrator over Heritage University in the lower valley, reports that they have had their largest class ever since covid. They have received a grant and started a social workers program. The demand for social workers for mental health and behavioral issues has greatly increased since covid. Don and Kathy Guintoli have had a quiet summer helping to care for Kathy's 95-year-old mother. Don had fun at his class reunion and they are preparing to travel out of state to visit kids and grandkids. Don Picatti was approached by the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to write a history of his family's involvement with Hanford. His family's farm and home were appropriated by the Hanford Nuclear Commission in 1943. They were given less than a week to pack and leave their home. He has spent the summer writing that story. Ama Widner's summer was primarily taken up by family baby and bridal showers, and a wedding. Between those events, she did take a 3-day train trip to Calgary Canada. That trip had been on her wish list for some time. Jeanne Fasano spent July and some of August in Arizona. She was greatly impressed with the way that the state protects its cactus. The natural beauty of the state was amazing. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17th at the usual 5:30 PM at the Harman Center. Please watch your email for further information. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeanne Fasano



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