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Coming Events!

2025 Events:

Sunday October 19th

4:00 - 7:00pm

Vancouver WA. Lodge #2690

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
Basket Raffle(s)

14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver

Contact: Michael Cherney
Lakeshore.mc@gmail.com

Saturday, November 8

Veterans Parade in Auburn.

Free lunch for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Les Gove Park after the parade.

Please RSVP to Michael Sepal

Contact: sepalmj@aol.com
253-863-5216

Sun. 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

Sat, November 22nd, 6 pm

Seattle Lodge #1390

100th Year Celebration!!!

Featuring Ray Massa

Doubletree Suites-Southcenter

16500 Southcenter

Parkway, Tukwila

Contact: Holly Cochran

206-779-8663

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Events continued
on next page.



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



Saluti miei amici (Greetings my friends)

On September 5th, 1st Vice President Brock Ricci, 2nd Vice President Bill Haberstock, Orator Jeff D'Amelio, and Black Diamond Lodge President Janice Malvesti Cole assisted me in installing Rainer Lodge 3019, thus welcoming 27 new members into the Order. Grazie mille for choosing to join our beloved Order. It was an

honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the Grand Lodge festa booth. Thank you, Brock Ricci, for organizing the volunteer schedule. On October 4th at 10:00 a.m., the Embassy Suites Lynnwood will host our Grand Council meeting. I hope to see all of you there. Monday, Oct.13th, is Columbus Day, so Happy Columbus Day. It seems there has been a slowdown in the destruction of Columbus statues / switching to Indigenous Peoples Day, but we still need to be vigilant. If you become aware of anything you feel is anti-Italian or stereotyping contact Commission on Social Justice State Coordinator Past President Diane Scillo. If you desire more information concerning the ongoing battle over Columbus Day, go to osdia.org and click on CSJ. Sunday, Oct.19th 4-7pm the Vancouver USA Lodge is holding a spaghetti & meatball dinner. Check the coming events section of the NWIN for more information. A special thank you to Seattle Fedele Lodge President Mike Croce, Kenny & Danny Volpone, Steve Fontana, and Brock Ricci for taking the time, making the effort to visit as many of our lodges as they can, sharing the fraternity, friendship, and fellowship of the OSDIA. I greatly appreciate your effort in upholding our motto of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. I'm part Canadian so I will close with a quote from the Canadian produced Red Green Show. "I'm pulling for ya, we're all in this together."

Arrivederci, Leonard Folino, President, Grand Lodge of the Northwest



Photo from Installation of Rainer Lodge #3019 on September 5th, 2025

2026 Events:

Saturday, April 25

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

5:00 - 10:00pm

Bellevue Lodge #2377

50th Anniversary Party
Embassy Suites

3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue

Contact: Greg Osgood
osgood_g@msn.com

**Mark
Your
Calendar!**

Please check with event or
lodge contact to confirm
that events have not been
cancelled or rescheduled.



Ciao a tutti, An autumn breeze brings falling leaves. There is a nice, welcoming chill in the air. Everyone is getting ready for hot chocolate while roasting marshmallows over the fire pits and FOOTBALL!! Fall is my favorite time of year. Festa Italiana 3! Last-minute preparations are being made for our Festa on September 20th, Wall Street Downtown Spokane, 12-5pm. Our leaning Tower of Pisa has been repaired and will stand tall at Festa. The Tower has had a complete makeover. Everything from mechanical...the Tower can now be lowered. This is a great improvement as it makes winter storage more manageable. And she has been sanded down and repainted with a new base painted to represent the Italian flag. All this beauty didn't happen overnight. Club members Donna Clark, Judy Anselmo, along with Marty Bauer and John McClean, worked tirelessly into the night to make her shine. La nostra piu sincera gratitudine e ringraziamento per tutto quell oche hai fatto...Our most sincere gratitude and thanks for all you did. The Tower has a legacy of being a community favorite and a



club emblem; to have it restored represents a unique sense of pride. Along with our beautiful Tower, we will have a crooner, an accordion player, a spaghetti eating contest, activities for the children, and, of course spaghetti from Mama Mia's, along with a Beer and Wine Garden. Our club will be having a bake sale with a delectable array of baked goods contributed by our wonderful members, along with a club information table. So many moving parts to make it

**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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**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

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AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955

Auburn, WA

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

Meets the 2nd Friday in October

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



another success. There is no rest after Festa as we will be in high gear getting ready for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 16th at Gonzaga Prep High School, 1224 E. Euclid, Spokane. There are meatballs to be rolled, pizzelles to be made, items to be gathered for a Silent Auction, along with raffles, and our Club Bake Sale. Many meetings on the horizon. We



would love to have you join us!! Follow this link to purchase tickets and make table reservations online <https://aic-dinner.square.site/>. Come on down and mingle; we would love to see you. **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

Le foglie cadono, l'autunno chiamo...Leaves are falling, autumn is calling.

Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary

Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Fall is beginning to show its colors and bringing summer to an end. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge hopes everyone had a fun-filled summer and is ready to get back to business. We held our first meeting on September 18, 2025. There was a potluck dinner prior to the meeting, with a

November 8, 2025 , 5:30pm
 Connelly Center at Bellarmine Preparatory School
 2300 S. Washington Street Tacoma

**Tacoma Lodge #1175 Annual
 CRAB FEED '25**

contact Gina Costanti-Eacrett
 253.831.2733
Cost: \$75

**Come and join us for our annual Crab Feed!
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 and the Mary Marchese Band!**



variety of entrees, salads, and desserts brought by members. GLNW November calendar raffle tickets were available for purchase at the meeting for \$20. Anyone not at the meeting can contact President Joe Chicano and Mary Jane Rogers to acquire one. Kerin Covall shared information regarding purchasing tee shirts, polo and sweatshirts. Those present signed up if they were interested in having one. Mary Jane Rogers reported that our intended date for our Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner fundraiser is Saturday, February 28, 2026. Patti Percini will check with St. Mary's Church to make sure that date is available. Kerin Covall and Tammy Lund are going to a "and Daughters" to our Lodge banner. Members approved the purchase of two GLNW calendar raffle tickets for the Lodge. Mary Jane Rogers will be bringing a change

jug to the meeting to gather loose change at each meeting for the National Scholarship fund. Mary Jane Rogers also requested that the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge donate \$100 to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, which is owned by the SDOI, and have a brick with the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's name placed at the Museum. Members approve the donation. The GLNW Council meeting will be on October 4, 2025, in Lynnwood. Mark and Patti Percini were honored for their 39 years of dedicated service to Amerigo Vespucci Lodge with a pin by President Joe Chicano.

Past President Richard Luzzi and Judith Braddon attended the California Shasta SDOI Pisano Day fundraiser in September. Congratulations to President Joe Chicano and his wife, Connie celebrated their 49th anniversary. A "Happy Birthday" greeting goes out to Martha, Amerigo Vespucci's oldest member at 97 years. Also, I need to note that a correction to last month's article, as Rena Gegan



BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285
Olympia, WA
 Meets the 1st Thursday of each month
 Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm
 Meeting starts at 6:30pm
 McLane Grange
 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

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 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

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BLACK DIAMOND
LODGE NO. 1809
Black Diamond, WA
 Meets the 2nd Friday of each month
 Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.
 Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

BLACK DIAMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER
 31605 Third Ave (SR 169)
 Black Diamond, WA 98010

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President
 360.463.4671
jmalvesticole@gmail.com

received a 50-year pin and Vera Kay a 25 year pin. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have its next meeting on October 16, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm.

Ciao, Judith Braddon, reporter

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Quick Note: Please mark your calendars: Auburn's next meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 10th! We apologize for the change and promise that starting in November, we will return to the normal "second Thursday" date through next summer.

"Love Builds Up." Worthy President John Partridge repeated this refrain, setting the tone for this year. He reminded us that our beloved Order is built on a foundation of love. The more we pour in, the greater we become! It can be as simple as giving someone a hug every month when you see them, or bringing a raffle item, or more involved like helping out the kitchen crew or becoming an officer. When we come together, we create something truly special. As we opened our September meeting, after introducing guests and visitors, we took the time to also recognize our "future members," the kiddos in attendance. I also want to shout out Janice Cole, our new state deputy. Though not a stranger to Auburn by any means, welcome all the same in your official role! Another shout out to Danny

Volpone, our new director of publications, who attended with a sizable contingent from Seattle. Benvenuti!

During the meeting, we passed a change jar around and our members donated \$125 towards our National charity: the Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism. We will continue to pass the jar through June 2026. President John Partridge also issued a challenge to other lodges to see who can raise the most money



this year. At the Grand lodge level, there are also opportunities to purchase a book on Italian holiday traditions and November raffle calendars to support our Order and its charities. Sal Cascone announced that anyone interested in playing bocce at Festa this year should contact him. A huge thank you to Mike Sepal,

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

CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

201 East 3rd Street
Cle Elum, WA

Michael Butorac, President

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Mailing Address: PO Box 361
South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659 Marysville, WA

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA

Patrick Jacoby, President

(425) 478-0757 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

who has again taken the lead on the Veterans' Day Parade. The annual event will take place, rain or shine, on November 8th. Please see Mike if you're interested in representing Italians and veterans (or if you like parades and being fed!). We were reminded that the Auburn Lodge is cleaning out our storage unit and selling its contents. Please contact us if you are interested. We will be taking a group to see the Thunderbirds play hockey again this January, with details coming soon. May 23rd, 2026, has been confirmed as the date for our annual wine tasting event, so be sure to mark your calendars! And just like that, we're back into the school year with the holidays right around the corner! I sincerely look forward to another season of honoring traditions, making memories, and giving you all a big hug because, as you know, Love. Builds. Up

Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President



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Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti! September is a wonderful month because we get to meet again at Bella Vita and enjoy being together as famiglia! On Sept. 4th, our small Bella Vita family was honored to be joined by many guests...guests who are a part of our larger SOI famiglia! New GLNW President Lenny Folino was there as well as GLNW 1st VP Brock Ricci, GLNW Orator Jeff D'Amelio, Seattle Fedele President Mike Croce, and GLNW Publisher and Seattle lodge member, Daniel Volpone. Seattle lodge members Steve



Fontana & Kenny Volpone came and cooked a wonderful meal of pasta with meatballs, bread, and salad with the help of their Seattle crew. Bella Vita members added sides and desserts, and we all enjoyed a feast. Tacoma lodge members Sylvia Angelilli and Marina Picinich was also a guest and I hope they had a wonderful time. We all appreciate you and Thank you for coming!

We also celebrated Ludy Cristofaro's 84th

**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

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

732 18 TH AVE E, SEATTLE WASH 98112

Michael Croce

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**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



birthday. Ludy, you are a rock star! President Aaron and I had the opportunity to be at the Installation of Officers ceremony and dinner. for the new Rainier Lodge in Parkland. We enjoyed seeing members from many other lodges. supporting this group, and we wish them



all the best! There is a lot of buzz about Bella Vita right now. As the season is changing, so is Bella Vita. Fall Welcome in beautiful colors, and we pray the changes at Bella Vita bring beautiful things. We have a lovely famiglia and want us

to continue to be united through adversity. We appreciate all the support and prayers from other lodges! Bella Vita first! Bella Vita strong! Bella Vita... a beautiful life! We love you all!
Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, For our first meeting back after the summer on September 4th, we're continuing the tradition of having pizza at our first meeting back from the summer break, with Lodge President Greg Osgood making his focaccia crust pizza, mostly because he also got a couple of Costco pizzas for those who prefer Costco food court food. We ended up with some leftover pizza, but many people were eager to take some home. Lodge Vice President Linda Caputo prepared a delicious salad, and Ron Sangalang brought appetizers. For dessert, Linda Jacobin brought a cake to celebrate her and her husband Joe's 50th anniversary, and Mary Sangalang brought champagne and sparkling cider so we could all toast Linda and Joe's anniversary. I'm so glad that Linda and Joe wanted to celebrate their anniversary with our Lodge because they both mean so much to us.

In Sunshine News, Linda Jacobin reported that Joe's Alzheimer's has gotten a little bit worse, but that she has recovered pretty well from the stroke that she had. Michele Guerrini reported that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer

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
 7000 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick, WA
Jack Barnaby, President
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jabarnaby@charter.net
John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary
 360-509-8287
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VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690
Vancouver, WA
 Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
FAMILY OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
"We're here! We're in the back"
 3500 N.W. 129th Street
 Vancouver, WA 98685
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 Linda Gibson 760-450-8057
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two weeks earlier. She has to have some more tests done, but she says that they caught it early and that she will probably need to have surgery followed up by radiation. On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to express our wish that your treatment is a success and that you're not adversely affected. Michele also reported that she is moving her father, Bill Guerrini, who has been living with her for the past six months, into an assisted living community, because she is no longer able to provide the care that he needs. In good news, Past-President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, has retired from her job as a tech assistant at the Bellevue School District. Congratulations, Mary, and we hope you enjoy your retirement. The committee for our Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration has been working hard on the

planning. Currently, we're trying to find a DJ, so if anyone knows of a good DJ, please let me know. The celebration will be on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the Embassy Suites, 3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue, so mark your calendars. We're also planning our Christmas party for this year. The party will be on Sunday, December 14th, starting at 4:30 pm at Unity Church in Bellevue. This year's Christmas Party will be a potluck, so we're asking everyone to bring a dish to share with others. Our Lodge will be providing water and soft drinks, but everything else will be BYOB, and we will be having a white elephant gift exchange, as we have done in the past.

On a closing note, I will not be writing the column for the Bellevue Lodge next month, because my wife and I are going to France and Italy for a month. We will be visiting Paris, Rome, and Florence. I've received many recommendations and look forward to getting to as many as I can. Next month, Linda Jacobin has agreed to write this column, and Linda Caputo has agreed to take over as President, so I'm quite certain the Lodge will be in good hands. Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on October 2nd and November 6th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can). Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. I look forward to seeing everyone. Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood

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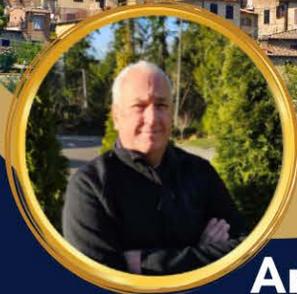
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Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA



We're back... The Black Diamond Sons and Daughters of Italy met again after summer break on September 12th. We enjoyed pasta, sausage, and peppers made by Barb Cloud. Back by popular demand, our famous dessert raffle is back this year. Raffle tickets can be purchased, and if you win, desserts will be



delivered right in time for Thanksgiving. Reach out to Tom Cole (tommaso.cole@yahoo.com) for tickets.



Join us on Friday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m. for our Halloween meeting. Come in costume if you wish, as there'll be prizes for the best costume.

Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

We were happy to see many out-of-town guests at our September meeting. Antoinette Folino and Geno Degidio came from Mille Cugini Lodge in Marysville; from Seattle were Steve Fontana and Mike Croce, President of Seattle Fedele. Brock Ricci, GLNW 1st VP, came from Mille Cugini and brought fresh corn on the cob from a farm in Snohomish--which



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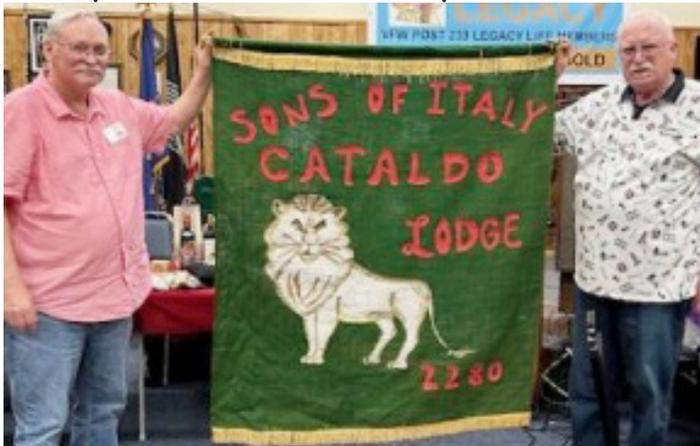
he donated to our raffle. Also attending was Paulette Mentor -- her late husband, Louis Mentor, was a Founder and Past President of Cataldo Lodge.

Chef of the Month was Joe Clementi, who made a delicious Spaghetti bolognese (also a meatless version) that was enjoyed by all.



President Bill Haberstock presented a banner that was recently found in the VFW storage. It was handmade -- probably dating back at least 40 years. Information was on display about Columbus Day, which is coming up. Linda Buccini Anderson stressed

how important it is that we continue to honor Christopher Columbus and to celebrate our history and culture on this day.



September Birthdays were remembered for Joseph Clementi and Diane Mahoney. The Cannoli fundraisers have been a huge success. Bill Haberstock, with Jackie and helpers, had a booth at the Crossroads Neighborhood Church Handmade Bazaar in August and September. The last one for the year will be in December.
Joyia Rubens, Reporter

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Felice fine estater from your loyal Lodge on the Eastern Slopes of the Cascades. We conducted our first Lodge meeting a week early to allow our Lodge President, Mike Butorac, and his wife, Kathi Butorac, to depart on their Italian vacation.



Pasta Fundraiser at the Eagles

We began with our standard reports from our Administrative Team members, with great results. Our summer activities were very full and best described by our photos. Con i più calorosi auguri per una facile transizione verso l'autunno.

Sincerely and Respectfully submitted,
Dee Saldin, Deesaldin@gmail.com



Pasta Fundraiser at the Eagles

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Happy October! Our September meeting was visited by Mark and Chris Gerling! We truly missed those of you who were unable to attend. Patrick Jacoby made meatballs and a lovely marinara to go with the pasta. Thanks to those who brought desserts and other yummy side dishes. Brock Ricci brought fresh corn from his farm to give away, and cooked some for our dinner too. We hope to see some new faces at the next meeting on October 9th. In the meantime, strike up a conversation with



someone who has an Italian last name and invite them to be our guest for dinner. Our sunshine committee chair, Cheryl Petrucelli, is in need of her own sunshine. We wish her well during this challenging time. Nate Pioli and Anne Wendt are expecting their 5th grandchild. Get out and enjoy the weather while you still can.
Ciao, Paula Jacoby

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Lodge #1390.



Rainier

#3019, Tacoma, WA

Ciao everybody. Let me introduce our newest lodge. Our lodge is Rainier Lodge in Parkland, WA. We have been meeting since November 2024, but officially got installed on Sept 6, 2025. We were very honored to have some of our Grand Lodge Officers, President Lenny Folino, 1 VP Brock Ricci, 2 VP Bill Haberstock, Grand Lodge Orator Jeff D'Amelio, and Grand Lodge Trustee Jackie Haberstock in attendance.



Our installation was sanctioned by the National Delegates and National Office during the National Convention in August 2025. We are also so happy to be part of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest. My family had always been the only Italians I knew until now. I am excited to be honoring my heritage with my new OSDIA family! We will continue to reach other Italian Americans in the Graham, Eatonville, and Spanaway, WA areas. Thank you all for the welcome. Arrivederci per ora!
Cassandra Collison – President Rainier Lodge #3019

Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Happy Fall! Starting out with what happened at our meeting in September, which I missed, so my help came from my ghost writers, who you all have heard about before (Holly, Ken, Danny, and Mike). It was the annual cimabotta dinner (in English, it is sausage and peppers). Also served was pasta with meat sauce! It must have been good, because it was all eaten! We also had the fun event of the largest grown



zucchini, which means the best! The winner was Kenneth Volpone! Not sure exactly what he won because that information was not shared by the ghostwriters. Maybe next issue, if I remember, I can fill you in. Matthew Fitzgerald gave us an update on his trip to the Supreme Lodge Grand Council Meeting back east. He was there to work with FOTO (Future Of The Order) committee. From what I heard, it was a good trip for him and some good things came from the meeting of minds. Cristina Zappoli Ryser spoke on how Kennedy High School is asking for donations to build a Marian Grotto/Chapel at the school, and with discussion among the members - not sure if it was too lively - it was voted by them to donate \$1,000 for the building of the Grotto. Thank you Cristina for bringing this wonderful idea to the lodge. On Saturday, September 13, 2025, the Annual Festa Italian Mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Virgin. The attendees were greeted after the mass with a beautiful spread of Italian dishes and desserts set upon white table cloths out on the street in front of the church. Thank you Seattle Fedele Lodge members who set up the spread. The weather was perfect for sitting, eating, walking around, and enjoying conversations with family and



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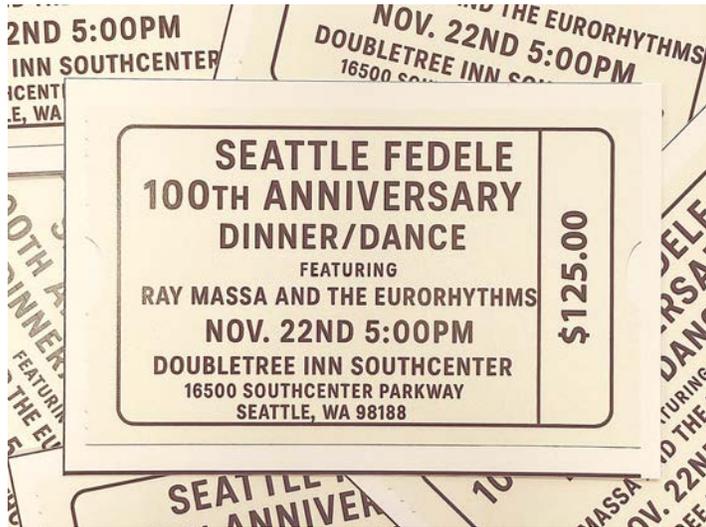
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friends. One attendee at the reception said “It was like a summer night in Italy.” I am sorry I missed it! Please stop by our meatball sandwich booth at Festa Italiana to experience our world famous meatball sandwiches!



There is still time to purchase tickets to our 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance which will be held at the Double Tree in Southcenter on November 22, 2025. Information about the event is in the advertisements in this newsletter or in last months. You can also contact Holly Cochran, 206-779-8663, for tickets and more information. At our next meeting and throughout the year, there will be a wine jug at the door of our meetings that is for any change (or bills) you can spare, the money will be going to Grand Lodge Charities, specifically to go to Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, which is one of the four Supreme Lodge Charities. That’s all for now, hope to see you all soon! Elaine Volpone, and my ghost writers: Holly Cochran, Ken and Danny Volpone, and Mike Croce.

Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

The Tacoma Lodge started the year with our first meeting of the 2025-2026 year by already welcoming 6 new members! We are growing, and we couldn’t be happier!

Our lodge is getting ready for our 2nd annual crab feed. We hope to see many who attended before, and we look forward to seeing all those who would like to come. Dinner includes pasta, salad, rolls, and crab that will melt in your mouth. Tickets are \$75 each. And what is a party without good wine and good friends? So come and join our crab feed on November 8th, starting at 5:30. The event will take place at 2300 S. Washington Street in Tacoma. This is being held at the Connelly Center at Bellarmine Preparatory School. We will also have a silent auction that will include drinks and appetizers while cruising the Puget Sound, Italian baskets, Italian dinners, and much, much more. Also, Mary Marchese and her band will be playing, so you know it is going to be a great time! Please contact Gina Costanti-Eacrett at 253-831-2733 if you are interested in tickets. There have already been lots of people purchasing tickets, so we hope to see you there!

October, we look forward to a good spaghetti and sausage dinner, so come and join us on the first Thursday of each month for good company, good food, and good friends! And thank you to Tony Anderson for the yummy sausage! Ciao, Gina Costanti-Eacrett, Tacoma Lodge President

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#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre-Citta Lodge did not have a September general membership meeting, but rather the Lodge had a “Take me out to the ole ball game outing.” Thirteen participants attended the



Tri-Cities Dust Devils baseball game and were treated royally. The Sons and Daughters of Italy in America were recognized multiple times by the announcers, and everybody had a grand time. Unfortunately, the Dust Devils did not win.

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA



It's been a busy few months for our Lodge, as we meet during the summer. We welcomed 3 new members over the summer. We are always looking for ways to find new members and



keep our current members. We held our annual Family Labor Day picnic again this year at Louisville Regional Park in Battleground. Thank you to Kathryn Salverda and her committee for getting this done from set-up to clean-up. It was a cool but beautiful day to spend with family and friends. The Lodge supplied the sausages, and our members provided peppers & onions and all the great sides, & desserts. There was bocce, giant water pong for the kids, Bingo, and hiking. Greg Rafanelli played the accordion for all to enjoy. We are also in the last bit of planning



for our Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, with our basket raffle. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

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All lodge members, and guests, of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America are invited, no matter where you live! Come

support our Veterans, current and past. It is a very moving experience, that will make you glad that you were part of the parade All ages are welcome.

A lunch will be provided for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Auburn's Les Gove Park following the parade. RSVP Mike Sepal at: 253-863-5216 sepalmj@aol.com

Garbanzo Bean Salad

Serves Four

Ingredients:

- 1 (14 oz) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
 - ½ stalk celery, sliced (include a few chopped leaves if desired)
 - A few slices red onion, sliced thin and chopped
 - 3-4 cherry tomatoes, quartered
 - 3-4 sun-dried tomatoes, thinly sliced
 - 4-5 raw carrot slices, shredded or julienned
 - ¼ cup canned baby corn, cut into ½" pieces
 - 6 marinated (or plain) artichoke heart quarters, halved
 - A few Tbsp red bell pepper, thinly sliced
 - 1 Tbsp chopped green onion (green part preferred)
 - 1 tsp chopped fresh parsley
 - 1 tsp chopped fresh basil (or ¾ tsp dried of each)
- Vegetable amounts are approximate—adjust to taste.

Mix all ingredients together. Chill if desired.

Dressing:

- ⅛ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Pinch of Italian seasoning (optional)
- Splash of balsamic vinegar (optional, for sweetness)

Add dressing shortly before serving. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed.

NATIONAL CHARITY JUG FUNDRAISER

Start Date: October Lodge Meetings



At each lodge meeting the charities committee is asking for your designated volunteer or president to place a Jug out for loose change/money donations. This fundraiser will be on going and targeted for the National Charities fund. We encourage you to decorate your jug in Italian colors or theme, see our example.

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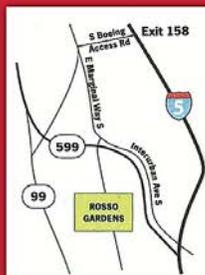
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