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Coming Events!

**Sat. September 20,
12-5PM**

Spokane Club #2172
Festa Italiana III
Wall Street, Spokane
Contact: John Caputo
509-220-5582

**Sat-Sun, September
27th - 28th All Day!**

with Seattle Lodge #1390
Festa Italia - Fedele Meatball Booth
Seattle Center
Contact: Michael Croce
206-682-2740
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

**Saturday, Oct 4, 10:00am
Grand Lodge Council
Meeting**

Embassy Suites- Lynnwood, WA
Contact: Janet Fritz
fritz.janet@gmail.com

**Sunday October 19th,
4 - 7 pm
Vancouver WA. Lodge
#2690**

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
Basket Raffle(s)
14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver
Contact: Michael Cherney
Lakeshore.mc@gmail.com

**Note: Saturday,
October 24, 2026, 5-10pm
Bellevue Lodge #2337** 50th
Anniversary Party
Embassy Suites
3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue
Contact: Greg Osgood
osgood_g@msn.com

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



Greetings, August has been an exciting month. I attended my first Supreme OSDIA Convention in Orlando, Florida, as your Grand Lodge President. Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to represent you at the Convention. The major item I will say about the Convention at this time is that Thom Lupo was elected to the position of Supreme Lodge President; however, I will have more to share about

what transpired at the Supreme Convention when our fall Grand Council meeting is convened on October 4 at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood. Hopefully, the month of August will end with a day of sunshine at the Tacoma Rainiers baseball game. Thank you to Tony Anderson for putting in the time and effort to arrange this fun event. The highlight for September will be the installation of our newest lodge—Rainier Lodge #3019 on Saturday, September 6. September is also the month of Seattle Festa, starting with the annual Festa Luncheon on Friday, September 5, at the Seattle Yacht Club and the traditional Catholic Mass in Italian at 5 pm on Saturday, September 13, at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church. Due to time restraints for me, Brock Ricci will be representing the Grand Lodge at both the Festa Luncheon and the Mass in Italian. The Grand Lodge will have a membership booth at Seattle Festa on September 27 and 28. If you are interested in helping out at the booth, contact Brock Ricci at (425) 345-6975 or riccivilla@hotmail.com.

Fraternally, Leonardo Folino, President, Grand Lodge of the Northwest



From left to right: National 1st Vice President Kevin Caira, National 2nd Vice President Mark DeNunzio, National 3rd Vice President Brian Andzik, National President Thomas A. Lupo, National 4th Vice President Frank Gattuso and National 5th Vice President Robert Ferrito pose for a photo.

Photo courtesy of Robin Haden.

**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 253-863-5216 sepalmj@aol.com

**Sun. November 16, 12-5pm
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
cochranh@pacificfoodimporters.com

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

Le Estate in Italy, where lemon orchards fill the air with fragrance and limoncello is a staple in every home. Summertime in the Inland Northwest brings many outdoor opportunities. Boating, hiking, fishing, and picnics unite family and friends.



Our summer began with our June Social at Arbor Crest Wine Cellars. Everyone enjoyed the food, and the Nu Jack City Band had us dancing. This was our second concert at the winery. The grounds were beautiful, and the wine plentiful. Hopefully, this becomes an annual event!



Summertime wouldn't be complete without a picnic. In August, we hosted our Annual Family Picnic at beautiful Manito Park. Our guests of honor were the exchange students from our Sister City in Cagli, Italy. The weather was perfect for grilling hamburgers, and of course, we had sausage and peppers. The picnic tables were full of fruits and vegetables along with macaroni and potato

**AMERICAN-ITALIAN
CLUB NO. 2172**

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

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President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano
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**AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955
Auburn, WA**

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

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

Dinner and Raffle following
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL
505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

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salads. Those with a sweet tooth weren't disappointed either, as there was a scrumptious Tiramisu, Italian cookies, and candies. And the day wasn't complete without Bocce Ball games. Fun times were enjoyed by everyone.

Fall will be very busy as we continue to prepare for Festa Italiana III, in partnership with Spokane/ Cagli Sister City. Our Festa is an outdoor street fair that will be held in Downtown



Spokane on 211 Wall Street on September 20th from 11am-6pm. We will have great Italian food from Spokane vendors along with a Beer/Wine Garden and an Italian car show. Please come and join us to celebrate our Italian

heritage. We will have an Italian bake sale with delicious goodies and candies, and games for the children.

After Festa, we will continue our preparations for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Gonzaga Prep HS, 1224 Euclid Ave, Spokane, on November 16th. This is our big fundraiser and comes with many moving parts. Stay tuned for all the details! Ciao a tutti.

Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary

Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge had a fun-filled summer with several group events. On June 9th, the Lodge held its last meeting before the summer break. President Joe Chicano and delegates Abigail and Kameron Covall reported on the Grand Lodge Convention, which they felt proved to be very informative. Amerigo Ves-



pucci's Lodge member Mary Jane Rogers was elected GLNW Financial Secretary and National delegate to the National Convention in August. Vera Kay received a 50 year pin, and Mark and Patti received 25 year pins. Kerin Covall has arranged for Amerigo Vespucci members to pur-

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

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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)
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chase club polo shirts, sweatshirts, and T-shirts through D4 Sports. Orders will be taken at our September meeting. Members also discussed redoing our Lodge banner in September. All members were invited to join in the Amerigo Vespucci recognition dinner on June 25, 2025, at La Spiaggia Ristorante in Ocean Shores. Great food and time were had by all who attended. Grazie to Connie Chicano for arranging this wonderful event! Amerigo Vespucci had a great turnout for the Mariners' Italian Heritage Night



baseball game on June 30th. Thank you, Joe Chicano, for getting the van, arranging parking, and ordering the tickets. Then August 10, 2025 was our Annual Amerigo Vespucci Picnic at Joe and Connie Chicano. There were scrumptious appetizers, several very yummy salads and delicious desserts furnished

by members to accompany the grilled burgers and hot dogs prepared by Joe Chicano's son. We were honored to have John and Kathi Butorac



join the festivities. Congratulations go out to Dennis and Mary Jane Rogers on the birth of their new granddaughter. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have a potluck dinner prior to our



September 18th meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social time starts at 5:30 pm, dinner will be at 6:00 pm, with the meeting to follow. As always, appetizers and raffle donations are appreciated.

Ti auguro ogni bene, Judith Braddon, reporter

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Quick Note: Auburn's next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10th! We apologize for the change. Please mark your calendars!

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

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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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MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659 Marysville, WA

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Meets the 2nd **Thursday** of each Month

Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30

Meeting follows dinner

Did you feel that breeze? That was summer rushing right by! It's once again time to resign ourselves to Pumpkin Spiced everything... Though I am personally partial to the summer months, I genuinely look forward to resuming



our monthly get-togethers!

Though it seems eons ago, it was only a few months since our annual June BBQ meeting. We had quite the turnout, including three new members, a few "future members," and a visit from some of the new officers at Black Diamond. We also welcomed this year's scholarship recipients to honor (and feed) them at the meeting. A heartfelt congratulations go to Natalie Barrett, Joey Beyersdorf, Joshua Gilcrest, Taya Schmidt, and Elena Warner for their hard work



and dedication. A special shout-out goes to Tatum Ankerfelt, recipient of the Ronnie Beyersdorf Honor Award. We were also honored and privileged to welcome three new members to our lodge: scholarship recipient Elena Warner, and Becky and John Eldridge. Welcome to the family! We received and read lovely letters from departing GLNW president Linda Anderson and from incoming GLNW president Lenny Folino. Sal Cascone invited everyone to come play bocce at Les Gove, which is ongoing and will continue until the weather dictates otherwise. It was also reported that our annual wine tasting event was a smashing success! I can personally attest to the vast sea of smiling people there, and want to thank everyone who provided support with table decoration, prizes, wine,



music, food... There was a lot of work to pull this thing off! Also, hats off to Aldo for getting the most votes in our homemade wine competition! I'm sorry to report that we had to cancel this year's summer picnic, but we look forward to resuming this well-loved tradition next year. As a teacher, the "back-to-school" season is a lot like a second New Year's. It's a fresh start with new faces. (New faces who, for some reason,

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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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 Constanti Eacrett, President

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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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don't know Geometry, despite the fact that I've been teaching it for decades!) I hope you, too, will use September as a time to take a renewed interest in our family. Please join us in person, because we'd love to catch up with you! If you're able, come help out with hall setup, in the kitchen, or on a committee. Small acts of service are what keep us going and truly define us as a community. Ci vediamo a presto!

Sincerely,

Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti! Hope you all enjoyed a fantastic Summer! Bella Vita had our last pre-Summer festa on June 5th at the McLane Grange. We enjoyed Ziti, salads, sides, appetizers, and desserts. We were blessed to be joined by Lodge President Mike Croce, Cristina Zappoli Ryser, GLNW Publisher Danny Volpone, and Steve Fontana, all from the Seattle Fedele Lodge and Vicki Hartson from the Bremerton Cataldo Lodge. What a great time! Thank you all for coming to our little lodge. Please come again! Aside from such wonderful guests, the other special part of the night was a young visitor named Austin, 27 years old. He saw our sign on the road while on his way home from work and he stopped and came in. He ate dinner, participated in the raffle,

and even stayed for the meeting. When Aaron called him the next day, he said what a loving and fun group we were and how welcome he felt in our Bella Vita famiglia. We hope to see him and his friends in September. Sergeant at Arms



Gary Haney and Former Lodge President Angelo Fazio received merit pins for all their contributions and service to the lodge. We love you guys! The night was topped off with the initiation of new member Cameron Schletzbaum and limoncello shots in celebration of June birthdays: Sophia Risorto, Dianne Stefanini, and Vera Kay, who all are beautiful women and special to Bella Vita! And last but certainly not least, was the formal announcement of the Silvio and Gina Vettori National Scholarship endowment set up by beloved deceased member James "Jim" Vettori. He donated over \$100K to create the endowment and there is not enough room here to express our admiration and respect!

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
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 Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
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On June 7th, Bella Foster, Aaron, and I went to the Jubilee Cafe Cabaret show, where our VP Shirley Delaurenti Garrison was a star: singing, dancing, and even having her solo. Talented woman! Although we planned to host the annual BBQ at our home this Summer, the tragic death of our cousin and his wife in a



motorcycle accident on June 13th kind of rocked our world. Thank you to all of you for your condolences and support! In July, Aaron and I participated in a memorial "Final" motorcycle ride for them, along with around 500 other bikers. It was a reminder that life is fragile. Live it well! We will meet again on September 4th and may have a BBQ in September. We'll continue to enjoy good food, love each other, support each other, and live a beautiful life! We're Bella Vita!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, We had our last meeting before the summer on June 5th with twenty-four members and guests. Michele Guerrini made Italian sausage (pork and chicken) sandwiches with

peppers, onion, and tomato sauce on Hawaiian bread rolls. Linda Jacobin brought potato salad and macaroni salad. Some were saying that it was the best Italian sausage sandwich they ever had, and by some, I mean me. Linda Caputo brought appetizers, and Linda Jacobin and Antoinette Folino brought dessert. It was the perfect meal for our last meeting before the summer.

In Sunshine News, in June, it was reported that Pete Edgar's Afib has returned, so he and his wife, Rachele, didn't attend the meeting. Pete, we hope your condition improves and we can see you soon. Janette Ball had a heart ablation procedure and was unable to attend the June meeting. Janette, we hope you recover soon. In August, Linda Jacobin had a small stroke and spent a couple of nights in Virginia Mason so they could run some tests. The tests didn't show anything, so the doctors think it was a temporary disruption of blood flow to the brain. Linda is back home now recovering, which our Lodge is relieved to hear. Linda, we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon. In more cheerful news, Mary and Ron Sangalang have a new granddaughter, Zoey, and Joan Carson has a new great-granddaughter, Hazel. Congratulations to Mary, Ron, and Joan, and we hope to see Zoey and Hazel at a future Lodge event.

Michael Brewer and Tessa Floreano, along with Lodge President Greg Osgood, attended the Grand Lodge Convention on May 16th-17th. It was the first time attending the convention for

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Michael and Tessa, so they got to see how the Grand Lodge works and meet a lot of new people from other Lodges.

Our May 1st meeting was the last meeting that Rosetta Beyersdorf would be our Lodge Deputy. Rosetta had been our deputy for several years, but is no longer able to make the trip up from Auburn. She has always been an avid supporter of our Lodge, and we owe her a depth of gratitude for her service. Rosetta will always be a friend of our Lodge. Audrey Manzanares agreed to be our new deputy. Audrey knows our Lodge pretty well and is friends with many of our members. Audrey is also a member of other Italian organizations around the Puget Sound and knows everything that is going on. We're so happy to have Audrey as our new deputy and look forward to seeing her at our meetings.

On August 17th, several members of the Bellevue Lodge attended the All-Italian Picnic. It was a lot of fun: lots of food, some wine, a beautiful day, and a wonderful way to spend time with friends.

And finally, I'm happy to report that we have selected a venue and a date for our Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration. The celebration will be on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the Embassy Suites, 3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue, so mark your calendars. We've still got lots of details to work out, but we have a planning committee working hard to ensure that it will be a wonderful event.

Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on Sept 4th, 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

Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Hope everyone had an outstanding summer. The Black Diamond #1809 lodge took a summer break but did meet for our annual picnic at the Mud Mountain Dam park in Enumclaw. A great time was had by all.



We will meet again on Friday, September 12th at 6:30PM and welcome you to join us to see all the fun we're having in Black Diamond.

We are sending well wishes to all those feeling under the weather and hope to see you soon.

Cataldo

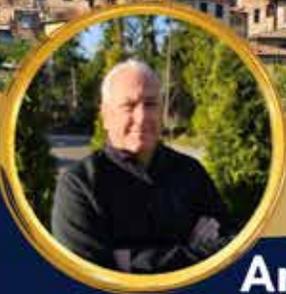
#2280, Bremerton, WA

We were honored at our June meeting to have Paul Spadoni and his wife, Lucy, members of the Tacoma Lodge, give a program. They shared their journey of how they came to live in Italy part-time. Paul wrote the book, *An American Family in Italy: Living La Dolce Vita without Permission*. I, Others, and in our tour group remember their hospitality of showing us around Montecarlo, Italy, last fall. In June, Steve and Darlene Haberstock prepared the dinner of Italian Sausage and Meatball Sandwiches. The Lodge's Educational Scholarship of \$1,000 was

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presented to G. Carter Lembo, who is attending the University of Washington. Merit pins were given to Joyia Rubens, Northwest Italian News Reporter, and to John Lembo and Steve Lebeda for their volunteer work at the cannoli fundraisers.



Bill Haberstock made Cannoli for a booth at the outdoor Handmade Bazaar for four months this summer... all have been very successful--but lots of work. Thank you to Bill for his dedication. A highlight of our summer was the Annual Picnic, August 10, at the Elks Picnic Shelter in Bremerton. We had visitors from other Lodges: Brock Ricci, Antoinette Folino

and friend, Geno, from Mille Cugini Lodge; Aaron Smith from Bella Vita, and Paul Piolli from Seattle. At the grill was Steve Lebeda, doing Italian Sausages, assisted by Chris Haberstock. Chris and his wife, Erica, are owners of Hammy's Burgers on Bainbridge Island-- and generously donated the hamburgers for the event. There were so many good side dishes brought by members, along with wine and other beverages. B and B Auto group joined the fun of Bocce Ball and other games.

Then, for the live Auction with Bill Haberstock as Auctioneer, assisted by Joe Clementi..... great gifts were wrapped-- some in paper bags-- and bid on without knowing what could be inside. Since we have many children attending, some items were for them only. So bids ranged from \$2 to \$45-- almost everyone went home with something. Al Yanity announced that Larry Mayer is in a Nursing home in Lynwood, and would be glad to hear from members.... His cell is 253-677-4250. Joyia Rubens, Reporter

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA



Lodge 1968 welcomed 3 new members at our sunseting summer meeting. We gratefully received John Storch from Roslyn, Craig, and




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Angela Juris from Cle Elum at the lodge, and we will enjoy their company and contributions. Our summer started with our season-end barbecue with our supreme coal masters,



Rich Grillo and Ron Dalle. Those who were available enjoyed great weather, laughs, and conversations. Cade Houser and his father, Jessie, are in the photo before the start of the Upper Kittitas County Pioneer Days Parade. Cade's 2.59-pound Boletus mushroom was



the 1st place winner at the Mushroom Queen/King Contest sponsored by the Cle Elum Lodge #1968 and Glondo's Sausage. Our final group activity was helping the Roslyn Heritage Club with their annual Bocce Tournament at the end of July. The weather was

amazing, and we helped set up, take down, and referee, selling Italian desserts and meatball sandwiches at Bocce intermission.

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Greetings to everyone! I'm hoping you're all staying safe, whether traveling or staying close to home. By the time you see this, it will be fall, a time for sweaters, scarves, and pumpkins. Mille Cugini enjoyed perfect weather for our picnic at Kayak Point Regional County Park on the beach near Stanwood. Thanks to ev-



everyone who brought great food and drinks to make the day a huge success. Besides enjoying good food, activities like crabbing, kite flying, beach combing, metal detectors, and lounging around while Judy Price played her guitar all made for a wonderful day. We missed everyone



who couldn't make it. Our 3-day fundraiser back in June was also a success. The weather was good, but almost too nice. The ice cream

and Italian sodas being offered on either side of us made it a little tough to sell sausage sandwiches on possibly the hottest day of the summer. Luckily, the other 2 days made up for it, and selling bottled water kept us very busy on that last day. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen, as well as those of you who came to Everett to support us. Please visit us for our next meeting at 6:30 on September 11th. We will remember all those we lost on that tragic day, 9/11, back in 2001. See our ad at the bottom for more details. Enjoy the Fall season. Goditi la stagione autunnale
Reporter Paula (Dellino) Jacoby

Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Ciao after a bit of a break!

Our Fava Bean Dinner was a night full of laughter and lighthearted fun. We want to thank everyone who came early in the day to enjoy each other's company and help shuck the fava beans (which, from what I understand, is no easy task!). Thanks to your efforts, everyone was able to enjoy them — even those who don't

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normally care for fava beans ended up loving them!

All-Italian Picnic – It was a beautiful day filled with sunshine and joy. We have so many people to thank, so here we go: A big thank you to the Lambo Family for sponsoring the Italian soda booth. I heard they were delicious (I didn't get to try one — they were gone by the time I went to grab one... totally my fault!). Thank you to John Morovich for his wonderful accordion playing and for singing beloved Italian songs and popular classics — you brought so much life to the day! And most importantly, a huge thank you to all the Seattle Fedele Lodge volunteers who spent the entire day helping set up, prepare food, and take everything down. We appreciate your time and energy more than you know. See you all next year! We're happy to welcome two new young members to our lodge family: George Irwin and Jack Irwin. It's encouraging to see the next generation stepping up, and we look forward to their energy and involvement in the years to come. Also pictured is member Joey Cori-



giano — always great to see familiar faces alongside new ones! Festa Italiana Luncheon is on Friday, September 5, 2025, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Seattle Yacht Club. We're proud to honor two of our own Seattle Fedele members: Lucy Salle and Steve Fontana. Tickets are \$60.00. Please contact Audrey Manzanaras at 206-779-7325 for more information.



Tickets are now available for Seattle Fedele's 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Featuring Ray Massa and the Eurorhythms at the DoubleTree Inn Southcenter, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188.

Tickets are \$125.00 each and can be purchased from Joanne Marchese at 206-940-2861.

They'll also be available at our meetings and at our meatball sandwich booth at Seattle's Festa Italiana. Get yours soon — they're selling fast! Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at St. Joseph's Hall. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served around 6:30 p.m.

It's our annual ciambotta dinner (or as I call it, sausage, peppers, and onions — yes, I still don't like it!). It was Papa Croce's and my dad, Albert Volpone's, favorite, though! Calling All Members! Volunteers are needed for Seattle Festa Italiana to help set up on Friday afternoon, September 26th, and to work the booth (prep-

ping, selling, and cleaning up) on Saturday and Sunday, September 27th–28th. We also need help with the take-down on Sunday evening. Signup sheets will be available at our upcoming meeting, or you can contact Mike Croce at crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com. Thanks for reading! Once again, it's just one of the pazzasorelle, Elaine Volpone, Holly Cochran, Ken and Danny Volpone.

Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Bentornati dalle vacanze estive!

We are so excited to start the 2025-2026 year! We had our picnic on August 17th at Whittier Park in Fircrest. The food was good, it was great seeing everyone so tan and rested. We had a bocce tournament and we would like to say Congrats to the winners, Tim and his son Gabriel Eacrett (yes they belong to me!). I think everyone is in agreeance that a good time was had by everyone there.

By the time we get this newsletter, we will have had our first meeting. It will be nice to see so many faces we haven't seen in a few months. DON'T forget our crab feed! If you have any donations you would like to give us for our silent auction, please do not hesitate to contact me at (253) 460-9520. Ciao!

Gina Costanti-Eacrett

Tacoma Lodge President

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On the 19th of July, the Tre-Citta Lodge held an off-site workshop in Kennewick, Washington. The moderator of the workshop was Marcel Bergeron. Twelve Lodge members participated, as well as John Intravratola from the Grand Lodge. The theme of the workshop was "Evaluating and Ensuring the Long-Term Viability of Our Lodge". The agenda revolved

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"...today I have a dream, and hope that someday,
even if it takes a hundred more years before we are
fully accepted, our children and their children's
children, even if they carry a single drop of Italian
blood will be able and proud to continue to carry
on our traditions, our culture and our language. It
is up to us, and what we do today!"

- Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro, 1905

David Aldrich, Amerigo Vespucci #1814

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who gave so much of his time
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around the following points:

State of the Lodge-Where we stand today
Discussions - Strengths, Weaknesses,
Opportunities, Threats, Strategic Focus
Areas, Action Planning and Next Steps.
Key strategic topics that emerged from the
very positive discussions were: Leadership
Succession Planning/Training Membership
Recruitment and Retention Community
Outreach, Engagement, and Visibility. Financial
Sustainability.

Meeting Facilities Needs/Options. A result of
these discussions was the establishment of the
following committees, with specific members:
Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle - Consensus
was to pause for the Fall of 2025 and reevaluate
approaches for the future. Community
Outreach Membership Recruitment and
Retention Finance Sustainability Leadership
Succession-Planning and Training Meeting
Facility Needs/Solutions.

A follow up meeting has been scheduled for the
27th of September for committee reports.

On another note, the Lodge is planning a mem-
bers' outing to attend a Tri-Cities Dust Devils
baseball game. The date is September 2nd.

Jack Barnaby, President

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Can you believe School is starting again?
Because of our Lodge Picnic on September 1st,
there will be no meeting in September!

We will have the next meeting on October 9th.
Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW
129th St., Vancouver, WA. Park at the rear of the
building.

Please RSVP by October 5th, to Deanna Peters,
call or text 503-568-6672 or dpeters@peak.org
September 20th and 21st - Some in our lodge
will help in Portland, OR. Italian groups cele-
brate Festa Portland. At St. Philip Neri Church
in Portland, OR. 2408 SE 16th Ave.

October 19th, 4 pm to 7 pm – Vancouver Lodge
2690 Annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. At
the American Legion, 14011 NE 20th Ave.,
Vancouver, WA. Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$10,
children 5 and under free.

It's been a busy summer for our members. High
school and college graduations. Some have been
able to travel. Watch for all the school buses and
kids.

Linda Gibson



From the desk of GLNW Director of Publications, Daniel Volpone



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Next year, February 2026, local lodges will elect officers and council members who will oversee their organization. NOW is the time each current lodge officer should be reaching out and finding their replacement and mentoring them. Even if you plan to run again. The National OSDIA Leadership Committee has put together a Mentor/Mentee program available for any member. This program will align you with the purposes and goals of OSDIA, whether you are a member learning about Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, as a current lodge officer, grand lodge officer or National officer wanting to help others become our future leaders, or someone wanting to take a more active role at any level in the organization. We are here to help.

Let's move away from the last-minute scramble to find officers. The famous last words, "don't worry about it, just say you'll run" are not supportive in helping your lodge grow and develop, support our culture, heritage, and traditions, or move us in a positive direction. You want a strong, healthy lodge with good leadership. Now is the time to help build your leadership by mentoring them, or by reaching out to gain skills and better understanding of what is expected in that officer's position. The same points apply for those committee chairs who run things such as fundraisers, activities, scholarships, and membership drives. We can only make what we do better when we understand what is involved. This is your organization, and you make it successful.

The Mentor /Mentee program is here for you. Please use the QR codes noted or links. Thank you for stepping up for your lodge and the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy.

The link to being a Mentee: <https://wkf.ms/30ccTF0>

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Mentee sign up form



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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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

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. If your lodge needs a Jug, we can provide one to be picked up at the October Grand Lodge Meeting.

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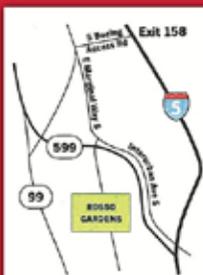
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