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Coming Events!

Saturday, March 5, 2022
2 PM to 5 PM
Annual GLNW Crab Dinner
Drive up dinner, Holy Family
Church, Auburn WA
505 17th St SE.

Saturday, April, 9 2022
Eventing event
Auburn Lodge #1955
Dinner Banquet 75th Year
Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 5:30pm
The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration
Contact Audrey Manzanaras
206-779-7325 or amanzanaras@live.
com

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Friendship Tea, Vancouver USA #2690
info: Linda Gibson (760)450-8057

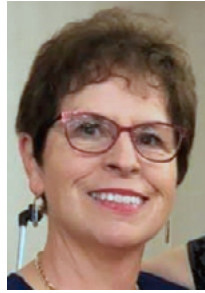
Saturday May 14th 2022
Italian Day in Black Diamond
The Black Diamond Museum.
1-3 pm on Mar 14, 2022.
Lenny Folino 206-696-5800

Spring Grand Council
May 21, 2022
Embassy suites,
Lynnwood, WA

Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:00 noon
Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter
Please come.

**Please check with event or
lodge contact to confirm that
it has not been cancelled or
rescheduled.**

From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



Dear Brothers & Sisters, it is hard to believe Christmas is here! I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and now it is onto all the fun activities for Christmas & New Years! Yes shopping, hopefully getting together with family and friends and sharing the traditions of being Italian. It is always interesting to have members talk about their memories of the holidays.

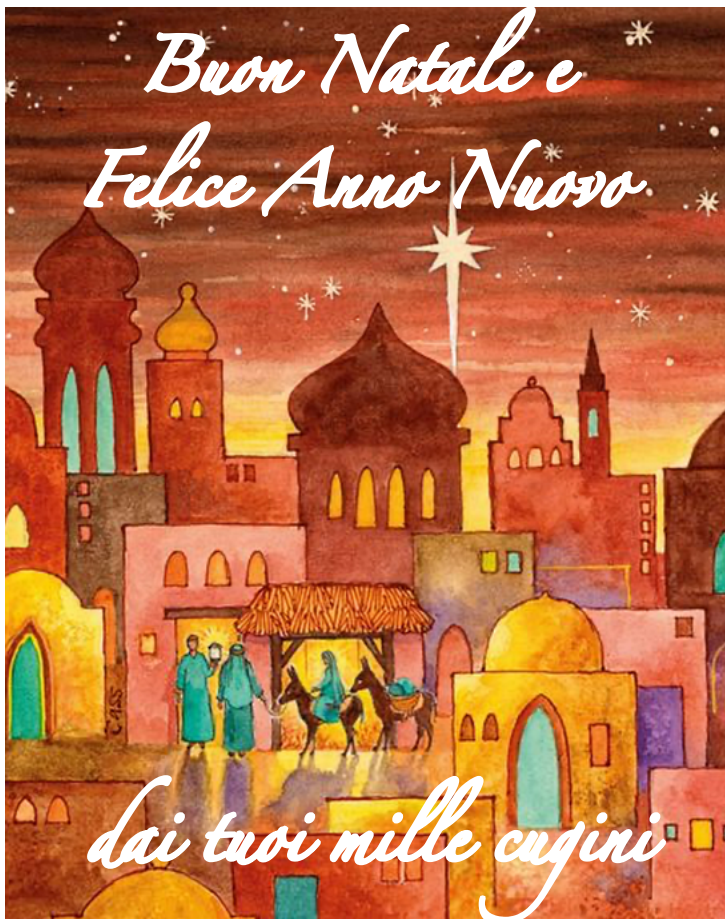
I know one time I asked each member to share their Christmas traditions and it was so interesting. You really learn a lot about your members and know that even though we are all Italian or enjoy the Italian culture, we are different as individuals as well as our famiglia traditions. That is the fun part.

During this Holiday season, I want to ask each of you to consider giving the gift of a year Membership for your lodge to a family member or friend who you think might eventually connect to the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

They may not currently be interested in attending meetings, but by your gift, they would receive the American Italian magazine, the Northwest Italian News as well as all your lodges emails, & newsletters. This gift of membership comes from your heart. What better gift is there? What a wonderful way to build a connection to someone special to you.

I just held my first Grand Council meeting as your President, & I want to thank my Officers and Committees for all they are doing. It was so fun to see so many members from throughout the state. Thank you all for taking the time to attend. I hope that you as a member will reach out and get involved. Call me and we can find the right place for you. It is also time to step up and get involved in your own lodge and take a leadership position. Once the fear subsides.... It is a lot of fun helping to build your lodge. Remember you are not alone. Any Grand lodge officer and I would be happy to help... Just let us know. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's,

Buon Natale,
Linda Buccini Anderson
GLNW-President
buccini@rainierconnect.com
253-225-2483



Alta Monte Lodge #2513 Eugene, OR

Alta Monte Lodge #2513 would like to wish every lodge, their members and families a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Ciao,

Betty Martin-Petti, Recording Sect.

American- Italian Lodge # 2172, Spokane, WA

The city of Spokane is finally opening up and it looks to be a beautiful holiday season. Traditionally held the third week of May, the Lilac Festival, one of Spokane's treasured events, had been on a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Today, the Spokane Lilac Festival arrived for its 84th year! The "Destination Spokane" Holiday Parade welcomed Santa back to Spokane and kicked off the holiday season with beautiful fireworks over Kendall Yards. It

**The Grand Lodge of the Northwest welcomes
our new members to the Order Sons and
Daughters of Italy in America!**

From Tacoma Lodge #1175

Robert LoFranco

Ronald Knudsen

Sharon Orlando

Nick Tucci

Thank You

Message from Rosetta Beyersdorf
To all the members of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest in all the Lodges who called me, text me, sent me cards, emails, made home visits, sent flowers: I want to say thank you all. Your love and affection for me really made me feel so good. I cannot say it any better. I would like to add that I love you all.

Fraternally Yours,

Rosetta Beyersdorf

Immediate Past State President, and National Trustee, Auburn Lodge #1955.

definitely brought holiday magic into the air!

In keeping up with the season we are currently working on our Festa Italiana to be held on December 5th, at David's Pizza on Mallon Street, Spokane.

Our theme is Holy Cannoli~Festa Italiana~Buon Natale. We hope to capture the Four F's of Italian

Culture~Food~Fashion~Film~Fun. We plan to entertain with the singing of Italian songs, along with a Cannoli Bar, a fashion show, an Italian film fest, and fun games for the entire family to play. In addition, there will be hourly drawings for beautiful gift baskets. All this fun while ringing in the holiday season too!

I had a little peek into Santa's bag today, and it looks like another celebration is on its way! Santa's elves swore me to secrecy so the details I cannot say! Lodge #2172 it's coming your way!! HO HO HO!!! We here in Spokane send everyone warm wishes for a season filled with joy and happiness. Buon Natale~Felice Anno Nuovo

Linda Marcus
Recording Secretary #2172
linda-marcus@hotmail.com

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge # 1814, Aberdeen, WA

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." -Hamilton Wright Mabie

We had our first in-person lodge meeting. It was wonderful to see each other in person.

We completed our annual audit. All of our financial records were balanced and in order. For our December meeting, we are meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. This meeting

will be a simple meeting and holiday celebration. We will share food and friendship. This will be at St. Mary's parish hall. Our community outreach for the holiday season will be in support of Luggage of Love, a nonprofit created to provide "Comfort Bags" for foster children.

We are excited to announce we will be bringing an old tradition, our Valentine's dinner in a new fashion. This will be a "Take Go Dinner" on Saturday, February 12th at St. Mary's Parish Center in Aberdeen, Washington. More information to come!

"Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici – We cannot have a perfect life without friends." -Dante

Nicole Evanson



**Wishing everyone in the GLNW a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
Lenny Folino 2nd State Vice President**

Auburn Lodge #1955, Auburn, WA

Here is wishing all our Auburn members and all the OSDIA GLNW a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of 2022. Let us hope that there will be relief from COVID in the coming new year and we can once again meet together.

Our November Thanksgiving meeting was switched to a zoom meeting because our offsite kitchens needed to support a dinner were not available and one of our main food organizers had emergency major surgery.

Congratulations to our Auburn Lodge Treasurer Debbie Sonstlie who is now also a State Trustee as of the last Grand Council meeting. These positions are compatible after the National Lodge changed the bylaws in the last two years.



Auburn parade participants from L to R, Paul Behrens, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Dan Chichetti, in back Tony Anderson, in front John Partridge, in back Salvatore Cascone, in front Linda Anderson, Rich Riotta and John Sanfilippo.

The Auburn Lodge participated in the 56th Annual Auburn Veterans Day parade this year. A total of 12 members of the OSDIA attended all but one from the Auburn Lodge. Paul Behrens, Col US Army retired Veteran, carried the US Flag, Sal Cascone Italian Army Veteran, carried the Italian Flag, three members carried the Auburn Lodge parade banner and 4 marchers were behind the banner. Ronnie and Tony drove two handicapped-marked vehicles with handicapped Veteran riders totaling 4.

The lodge provided sweet cakes and cookies and Tony, brought hot coffee for before the parade. This was a most honorable event

to participate in. Thank you all who braved the weather to come and support this year. Parade participants were: Linda Anderson, St Pres. OSDIA, Rich Riotta, Dan Chicketti, John Partridge, Shirlee Partridge, Natale Stella, Vietnam Veteran, John Intravartolo, Veteran, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Veteran, John Sanfilippo, Bella Vita Lodge. You can watch the entire parade by going to this link. The video part for the Auburn Lodge can be viewed at minute 131 <https://www.facebook.com/KOMONews/videos/251294813543796/> President Francesco named lodge secretary Ronnie to lead the nominations committee for lodge officers in 2022. It was very good to hear at the zoom meeting that almost all the officers have agreed to stay on for another year. Considering the situation with meetings, that is a blessing to have them volunteering. Due to COVID restrictions, the lack of meetings, and no charity fundraisers this year our charities account is at a maintenance level balance. One of the best alternatives is to have an Auburn Foodbank drive for donations, food items, and household goods at our live December Christmas meeting to substitute for what we have not been able to accomplish in 2021. Ronnie has agreed to coordinate all the logistics with the Auburn Foodbank.

Auburn member Rosetta Beyersdorf had major abdominal surgery last Saturday, November 6th, and is now home in recovery. Rosetta sends her thanks to all the members who have wished her well in her recovery. As of this writing, she is doing much better.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Stay safe and healthy for a better year ahead in 2022.

God Bless.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporter, Wb7tbg@aol.com
206-478-3876 or text

Bella Vita Lodge #2285, Olympia WA

Boun Natale e Buone Feste!

We are excited to bring you news of our in-person holiday party on December 5th at Mercato Ristorante in Olympia. Our club will host a luncheon for 30 attendees. An elegant basket of goodies will be raffled plus there is a fun gift exchange and maybe a few surprises too. If you are going, please remember you must have made reservations by responding to the club emails and meeting the deadline in November. Please celebrate responsibly using social distancing



**Merry Christmas
Happy and Healthy
New Year 2022 to all
our Brothers and Sisters
in the Grand Lodge
of the Northwest**

**Immediate Past President and
National Trustee Rosetta Beyersdorf
Senior State Deputy Ronnie Beyersdorf**

and wearing masks upon entering the venue. Those of us who are not going look forward to hearing about this fun event!!

Torta 'e Uguale All' Amore, our Remlinger Pie Fun-raiser, was a huge success. We delivered Italian amore and a carload of pies on a rainy but happy day. Thank you to all our drivers, coordinators, and customers! We hope you enjoy the pies and that you feel the love. Welcome to our



new member, Tony Ferrara! He joined us for the November meeting along with Vera Kay from the Aberdeen Club. We hope to be seeing both of you often.



Maria Mirabella

EVERYONE – please remember that annual dues are due by January 1st. If you haven't already paid please send a check to Bella Vita for \$40 per member to our treasurer, Mathew Williams. His address is 3738 Kin-sale Ln SE, Olympia, WA. 98501
Sunshine Report: We are sorry to report that Pam Daudet's husband, Tom, had a fall at home fracturing his hip and neck. He had hip surgery, is wearing a cervical collar and is planning on returning home as soon as possible according to his ability to walk. Please pray for and support Tom and Pam during this difficult time. In other news, Maria Mirabella is home and doing well after a visit to ER for a heart issue and Donna Cristofaro is receiving physical therapy following her back surgery and is mend-

ALTA MONTE LODGE NO. 2513

Eugene, OR

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of each month

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

1465 Coburg Road, Eugene

Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM
General Meeting - 7:00 PM

Scott Tommaso, President

altamonte2513@gmail.com

www.glnw.org/altamonte.htm



AMERICAN-ITALIAN

CLUB NO. 2172

Spokane, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday
of each month at 6:00 PM

INLAND NORTHWEST WILDLIFE COUNCIL

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Spokane, WA 99208

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Judy Anselmo, President

509-496-0031 judyvandyke@hotmail.com

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary

509-891-0916 smarcus2@centurylink.net

AMERIGO VESPUCCI

LODGE NO. 1814

Aberdeen, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month

5:30 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner,

7:00 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Vera Kay, President

(360) 581-9856

veratkay@gmail.com



Giannotti Family

ing well. We send greetings to Jim Vettori, who recently moved to Revel Assisted Living Facility in Lacey, and we'll be happy to see Jim at our future meetings. A few

of our members are currently traveling and we expect fun reports when they return. Recently Gina Natucci returned from Italy, visiting several sites including Lucca and Rome. We look forward to tagging along with her someday.

Per Natale preghiamo per la pace sulla terra e sull'umanità.

For Christmas let us pray for peace on earth and for mankind.

Dianne Stefanini, Reporter



Bellevue Lodge #2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

It was a dark and stormy night. I know that sounds like the opening to a bad novel, but it also describes our Lodge meeting on November 4th. Zoom attendance was at an all-time low, some of our members had power and cable outages making it impossible to join the meeting.

In sunshine news, Michele Guerrini's birthday was Nov 4th, which may be why she missed our Lodge meeting. Happy birthday Michele. Our Lodge deputy, Rosetta Beyersdorf, had emergency surgery on Nov 6th because of an inflamed appendix. I speak for the entire Lodge when I say we are praying for you to have a speedy recovery.

Linda Caputo told us about the trip to the Grand Canyon that she had made with some of her friends. Linda and her friends won a lottery to stay in the Phantom Ranch Cabins at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. To get there, they hiked down the Kaibab Trail, which Linda described as rather harrowing because the trail has many sheer drop-offs, and if that isn't daunting enough, the trail is also used by mule trains carrying people and provisions up and down the trail. Linda told us that when the mule went by she would have to press herself against the high side of the trail to give the mules room to pass. When they started at the top of the Grand Canyon the temperature was in the '40s, but in the 80's by the time

they got to the bottom of the canyon, having dropped in elevation from 7200 feet to 2460 feet. On the return trip, they offloaded some of their gear on the mule train and climbed up the Bright Angel trail. Also on that trip, Linda and her friends took a tour of the Lower Antelope Canyon, which is a slot canyon that is very narrow in places but is very beautiful and breathtaking. Our next meeting will be our Lodge Christmas party on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm via Zoom: dress festively. We'll be having Italian Trivia, so study up on your Italian trivia.

Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood

Black Diamond Lodge #1809, Black Diamond, WA

"Auguri per le Feste Natalizie" (Best Wishes for the Christmas Holidays)

We pray that you experienced a grateful "Giorno di Ringraziamento" (Happy Thanksgiving) with a focus on family and Italian camaraderie in your independent reflections and with those you treasure. As we enter the final stages of 2021, we wish you good health and safety from the ongoing pandemic. We are pleased to have maintained the loyalty of our members with an invitation to two potential members recruited from Festa Italiana this fall. It has been a pleasure to virtually meet with our Black Diamond members. In addition, the opportunity to participate virtually with

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

President Francesco Ortenzo

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Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf

206-478-3876 / WB7tbq@aol.com

BELLA VITA LODGE NO. 2285 Olympia, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month
Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm

VFW POST 318


2902 Martin Way E., Olympia, WA 98506

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 bellavitalodge@gmail.com

**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,
Recording Secretary**

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 Sons of Italy, Bella Vita Lodge
Olympia Washington

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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Bellevue, WA 98008

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(425) 649-2250 / collectingroots@msn.com

Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.
(425) 746-2487 / guerrini@aol.com



Announcement

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest is pleased to announce that the GLNW Scholarship Fund "GoFundMe" page is live! Please help us raise money for our scholarship fund with this no cost, no risk, high reward fundraiser. Share this over social media as you are able. And thank you again for what you've given in the past.

<https://gofund.me/67f5e7db>

the local lodge presidents each month has been a positive derived from our restricted COVID environments. It has been exciting to exchange techniques between lodges to connect our members throughout the Northwest.

Accordingly, we invite you to enjoy a Black Diamond Lodge method of connecting our members by sharing the family story of Paul Pioli, who is a longstanding OSDIA member and who has actively participated in several local and state positions in the Grand

Lodge of the Northwest.

My father Peter Pioli was born on June 6, 1903, in the town of Canigiano di Garfagnana. It's a town in the northern area of the province of Lucca. Since my grandfather was recruited by Pacific Coast Coal Co. to mine coal in Black Diamond, he came ahead of my father and grandmother. My father and grandmother left Italy in 1906. My grandfather came aboard the "Vincenzo Florio," and my father and grandmother came aboard the



"Lo Savoie." Upon completion of grade school, my father felt he'd had enough schooling and not wanting to work in the coal mines, left for Seattle to work in the shipyards. While in the shipyards, he became a journeyman machinist. He returned to Black Diamond to complete his education and graduated high school in 1924. He played all the sports and had a lifetime of friends. He often said that as a freshman he was older than the oldest senior. He became active in union activities during the coal mine strike at Black Diamond.



Later as a business agent for the machinist union, he was active in the Boeing strike of 1948. My mother Anita Angeli Pioli was born in Black Diamond. Her family came from Castiglione di Garfagnana which isn't very far from Canigiano. In fact, you drive past the town going to Canigiano. My mother had tragedy early in her life when her father Morris Angeli was killed in the Ravensdale Coal Mine explosion on November 15, 1915.

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

Marlene Palazzo, President
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marlene.palazzo@seattlecolleges.edu

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280
Bremerton, WA
 Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:30 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.

VFW HALL
 190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA

MAILING ADDRESS:
 P.O. Box 4243
 Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President
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CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968
 Meets the 2nd Sunday of Each Month
 Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m.
 Meeting follows

CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH
 201 East 3rd Street
 Cle Elum, WA

Cheryl Ficele, President
 (509) 674-5318 / ficelec@hotmail.com
 Mailing Address: PO Box 361
 South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

He was listed as Angelo Morris because men with Anglo-sounding last names got the better jobs in the mines. After a time, my grandmother married Peter Giannotti who was related to the Pennacchi clan, living in Ravensdale and moving to Kanasket, which is a



couple of miles east of Ravensdale.

My parents married in 1936 and moved to Seattle. The relatives of my father in Black Diamond were the Fontanas, Draghis, and Casinis. The Pioli, Fontana, and Draghi families all lived near each other. As chil-

dren, my sister Armida and I spoke only Italian at home, but when we started school, our Italian speaking stopped. My mother did not want confusion on our part with our education. During WWII my sister and I went with my father to the Italian Prisoner of War Camps in Seattle, where some of our relatives were living. Being away from their own families, they enjoyed having small children around speaking Italian with them.

Paul Pioli

GLNW Financial Secretary, Past GLNW Vice President

Past Black Diamond Lodge President, Past Seattle Lodge President

Past State Deputy to Bellingham Lodge

Past State Deputy to Olympic Peninsula Lodge

Cataldo Lodge #2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello everyone. I hope no one got washed away with all of our nasty weather recently. High winds and lots of rain...wow! Seven charity checks were produced and distributed of \$50 each for 7 food banks. It is great to remember those in need. We also collected Toys for Tots to donate as we do each year. Let's all remember the notice posted last month helping to establish and support The Marilisa Herndon Scholarship for the preschool program that Marilisa helped found and taught. To donate follow, this link: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/37344 If you have difficulty trying to do this you may mail a check to the Herndon family at 8955 Watson Place, Bremerton, WA 98311. Remember these children who will benefit from this are our adults of the future. We had a great time with our annual soup supper with so many varieties of soups. We also had a great time with our first time playing Tombola. Everyone had such fun as we laughed and

groaned during our first time learning. Not only did we learn how to play but we also learned some Italian language. We were laughing a lot and had a great time thanks to Jackie Haberstock introducing us to the game and Bill Haberstock calling the numbers!! What a good



idea that was. Fun Fun Fun!

Carolyn Crabtree was honored to receive a merit award presented by Bill Haberstock.

Carolyn is always there and ready to help set up, do a take-down, and assist in any way she can. She serves as our guard and is responsible for our 25 cent draws, she sells our raffle tickets and is always

reliably available. She goes above and beyond! Congratulations Carolyn! Guests at our meeting are as follows: Darlene, Joseph and Alivia Haberstock, Jim Karosich, and Anthony Haberstock. December 15th we are having our Christmas meeting. We are all looking forward to a lovely Christmas celebration and a great meal. Happy Thanksgiving and an early Merry Christmas from Cataldo Lodge!

Sincerely,

Diane Clementi

Cle Elum Lodge #1968, Cle Elum, WA

On October 10th members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met in friendship and fraternity and enjoyed a brown bag dinner of take-out and homemade favorites.

There was a good turnout for the meeting including guests and soon to be new members Linda Bullock, sister of Vice-President Mike Butorac, Bonnie Christian, daughter of past members Roy and Delphine Lumaco, and our State Deputies Janice Cimino Stauffer and Lisa "Cimino" Stauffer who will be dual members with Tacoma Lodge. Also joining the Lodge though not able to attend the meeting are Dee and Joe Saldin.

A frequent visitor, Victor Scarpelli, and brother of Lodge member Michael Scarpelli, also joined us for the evening.

Moving to Lodge business we discussed plans for our coming meetings in November and December. For November, if Covid parameters allow, we will have a Thanksgiving-style potluck turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Plans for our December meeting are to have

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

Marysville, WA

<http://marysvilleosia.org>

info@marysvilleosia.org

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA 98270

Patrick Jacoby, President

(425) 478-0757

Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary

(425) 892-5441

Meets the 3rd **Friday** of each Month

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting

Potluck Dinner following meeting

OLYMPIC PENINSULA

LODGE NO. 2733

Port Angeles/Sequim, WA

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month at 1:30 PM

METHODIST CHURCH

110 East 7th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Sal D'Amico, President

(360) 457-9005

sdamicojudydamico@msn.com

SEATTLE FEDELE

LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of each Month

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL

2800 S Massachusetts St

Seattle, WA 98144

Joe Megale, President

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a Christmas dinner with a gift exchange at the Sunset Café in Cle Elum. State Deputy Lisa Stauffer brought up the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and it was agreed we would seek a date in March to hold the event at the Eagles Lodge in Cle Elum. For the Good of the Order, Kathi Butorac shared her and her husband Mike's attendance at the dedication of the Spokane Italian Sister City Memorial.



New member initiation: October 10, 2021

From left: Bonnie Christian, Lisa Stauffer (duel membership with Tacoma and our Co-Deputy), Linda Bullock, and Janice Stauffer (duel membership with Tacoma and our Co-Deputy)

Joining them were GLNW President Linda Anderson and her husband Tony. Introducing one of the fundraisers for the GLNW charities Kathi displayed the Italian-themed note cards that she created using her artistic talent. The colorful cards come with envelopes and would make timely gifts and wonderful holiday greeting cards. To close the meeting Kathi presented an October Italian Culture Month game where attendees were to match the famous Italian with what they were famous for. Lisa Stauffer had the most correct answers. Our thoughts are with our brothers and sisters in the Grand Lodge and hope that all stay safe and healthy in these times of Covid.

On Sunday, November 14th members and guests met for our annual turkey dinner celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. Those present enjoyed a 20-pound turkey supplied by Sally and Paul Graham and this writer roasted the bird and blended the gravy from drippings and package flavoring, along with all the traditional trimmings and desserts brought by the members.

Joining us for the evening were guests Bob Bullock, spouse of new member Linda, and Victor Scarpelli, brother of lodge member Michael.

The dinner hour was leisurely as most attendees made second if not third trips to the food and wine tables.

Once everyone had a chance to have their fill, we shifted gears and took care of the business of the lodge. Recording Secretary Kathi

Butorac began with updating the lodge with efforts being taken around the state to save our statues of Christopher Columbus and the remembrance of our Italian Culture and Heritage. Her aunt Elenore Ficele of the Yakima Lodge has been active in publishing brochures to be distributed to help enlighten our communities about this important cause.

We will soon be locking in the dates for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Fundraiser in March to be held at the Eagles Lodge in Cle Elum.

Vice-President Mike Butorac presented his GLNW Council meeting report, the condensed version, to update us on the business of the Grand Lodge including projects to memorialize historic photos of lodge activities and charters.

Cle Elum Lodge will have our Charter present at our December meeting and Holiday Dinner at the Sunset Cafe to do just that. Ciao!

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

Mille Cugini Lodge #2659, Marysville, WA

We had a wonderful in-person meeting this month! Our 2 visitors included Jean Dellino and Marcella Maile, the latter intends to join in the future! Even though not all members were able to attend, it felt a lot like old times. I think we are getting there.

Brock Ricci has a new grandson named Sutton Mikhael. He was born on 10/19/21 to Brock's oldest daughter, Carissa Ricci-Schuster, and her husband Brad. Congratulations to Brock!



Some sad news to report is that Brock's father, a former Marine, Darrell Ricci, passed away on Nov 8th after a long battle with cancer and recent flu. He lived his whole life on his Italian immigrant grandfather's homestead where he raised his family with Joanne, his wife of 62 years. Besides being a community volunteer in Snohomish county, he was a dairy farmer and an internationally

recognized purebred Holstein breeder, even a longtime shipper to

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

AMVETS POST #1

5717 S. Tyler Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

David Madrid, President

(253) 961-6526

motherlodge@yahoo.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

Al Pardini, President

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John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary

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VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690

Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday
of each month

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

6:30 p.m. Dinner

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Vitamilk at Greenlake and Rainier Ave. Darrell did get to see his great-grandson before he died. He will be missed by so many. We are keeping the entire Ricci family in our thoughts and prayers. Congratulations to our youngest member, Rebecca Helling! After a long journey in a competitive market, she and her husband, Tim, are buying their first home.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to everyone.

Amore a tutti ♥

Paula Jacoby

Reporter, Mille Cugini

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390, Seattle, WA

The smell of roasting chestnuts, biscotti, and all the other wonderful smells of cookies baking is a sure sign that Christmas is coming. Chris and Mark Gerling attended the annual Italian Festival in Reno. Although the attendance was smaller due to COVID they had a great time. Lots of music, dancing, and good food.

Our sympathy goes out to Brock Ricci and his family on the loss of his dad. May he rest in peace.

ALERT; Save the date. We will be having an in-person mini-meeting and Christmas Party on December 16th at Mt. Virgin. It will be so good to see everyone again. The cost per person is \$8.00 for dinner. Be sure to check your email for more information.

I was in California for a few days visiting my 95-year-old cousin Millie. My daughter Nickie and 8-year-old great-granddaughter Olivia accompanied me. It was good to see family and we even made a trip to China Town.

We welcome two more future members: Linda Madrid's new grandson Theo and Brock Ricci's first grandson, he already has granddaughters

so this little fellow was a welcome surprise.

Chris and Mark Gerling flew to Las Vegas to attend the wedding of their nephew Kevin Volpone. Following the wedding, they rented a car and toured the Grand Canyon.

Be sure to watch your mail for a letter reminding you that dues are due. Because we have not been able to have our annual banquet it is important that we pay our dues ASAP.

Our 2022 Scholarship Application is on another page in this issue. Because of the generosity of an anonymous donor and Therese Bianchi we have 4 Scholarships to give out this year. Be sure to let your children and grandchildren know about the wonderful opportunity to help defray expenses for furthering their education.

Winter is coming. please drive carefully and stay safe.

Wishing you all a Buon Natale !

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Saluti a tutti! Unbelievably, Thanksgiving has already come and gone. We hope you enjoyed your holiday and didn't eat too much!

The next holiday is Christmas-The Most Wonderful Time of the



Year! November was a busy month! We held our general lodge dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Close to 90 members and guests attended the meeting. Guests included; Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson, Past-Grand Lodge President, Rosetta Beyersdorf, State Orator, Jeff Onelio, State Deputy, Bill Haberstock, State Trustee, Janet Fritz, State Trustee, Debbie Santo, and State Recording Secretary, Gina Natucci.

New members: Three individuals became members and were initiated at the meeting by State Deputy Bill Haberstock and our President David Madrid. The new members are Sharon Orlando, Nick Tucci, and Father Ron Knudsen. We're

happy you joined our lodge, welcome!

Announcements: Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson reminded everyone of the upcoming Lodge Elections and encouraged members to run for officer positions. Also, President David asked members to bring new and unwrapped toys for the Military Toy Drive put on by Santa's Castle at JBLM to our December meeting.



Member Mary Mangione-Lambie volunteers with Santa's Castle and is very involved with the charity.

Surprise! We had a couple of very special surprises during the evening. First, musician Lenny Luzzi serenaded the group with traditional accordion music while dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Next, President Madrid surprised members and guests by wearing a turkey costume in honor of Thanksgiving! Lenny played "The Chicken Dance" song on his accordion while President David danced. Thank you both for the wonder-

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In addition to the great entertainment, we had a delicious dinner of rolled roasted pork loin, pasta, and salad. Dinner was prepared by our very own, President David, Tony Camoroda, Thomas Huff, Egidio Fuoco, and Cindy Anderson. Grazie! Congratulations to Kristin Jensen! Kristin was the winner of our 50/50 Raffle at our meeting.

More Lodge news: Custom Italian rings: So far our Lodge has produced and sold five custom-made Italian rings. The individuals who purchased the rings could not be happier with them. The rings will be a keepsake that can be handed down. We are making custom sizes and have even produced a gold ring. The minimum we can produce is twenty at a time and fortunately, you still have time to place an order. Please contact President David Madrid for details and to order your ring.

Member, Pete Sluka was honored by the Metro Parks of Tacoma for volunteering at Point Defiance Park. You may recall that a few years ago Pete was a local hero at the park when he discovered and helped to save two women who went over a cliff while driving through the park. Pete was honored this year along with three other individuals who contributed more than 500 volunteer hours during the year! Way to go, Pete, you are awesome! Grazie for your dedication! Members with birthdays in December



wrapped toy! Be prepared to have fun and to celebrate Christmas!! Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!!

Ciao!

Julie Garitone

Tri-Città Lodge #2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On October 23, 2021, the Tre Città Lodge was able to hold its annual scholarship fundraiser dinner. This is the major source of our funds to award scholarships. There was some doubt as to whether we would be able to have this dinner as so many other Lodges had to cancel because of COVID concerns but we persevered and got it done. This event was by reservation only and we were limited to about 120 people. We, fortunately, sold



include John Forkenbrock-25th, Stan Jordan-3rd, Anthony Lamarca-22nd, Emma Martelli-20nd, John Messina-11th, Donald Moore-9th, Salene Rice-2nd, and Alex Spearman-3rd. Buon Compleanno a tutti! Please join us for our December meeting on Wednesday, December 1st at the Amvets Hall in Tacoma. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Remember to bring an un-



all our tickets and had a great turnout.

The dinner was called a "Taste of Italy" and was attended by our members and included some guests from other Lodges,

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including past Grand Lodge State President Rosetta Beyersdorf and her husband Ronnie, our current Grand Lodge State 4th Vice President Mike Butorac, and his wife Kathi, and our past Grand



Lodge State 3rd Vice President Pier Angela Dimico and her husband Dale Lancaster.

A guest accordionist played wonderful Italian music (and threw in a couple of Beatles songs as well) while everyone enjoyed their meals.

The dinner also included a basket raffle. The baskets were given out at the end of the dinner and the winners were thrilled to have won.

A special thanks to all the members who made the fundraiser a super success. Thanks to Jack and Julianne Barnaby, Gregg, Michele, and Nick Lumetta, Marcel and Linda Bergeron, John and Connie Cacioppo, Leonardo and Nadia Luzi, Bill and Margie Garner, Bill and Carol Romano, Sam DeRosa, Ed, and Jeanne McLaughlin, Mark and Carey Palazzo (who provided all the graphics for the flyers and tickets), and everyone else who provided baskets and support. The Lodge also thanks to the students from Tri-Cities Prep who did a wonderful job attending to our guests. We would also like to thank John Intravartolo and Lina Gagnon and Rosetta and Ronnie Beyersdorf for providing raffle baskets and Tony and Linda Anderson for a nice donation. Thanks to all.

The Tre Città Lodge is adamant about going forward with scholarship awards in 2022 and hopefully an award similar in amounts as we did this year. Our regular monthly meeting was held on November 2nd at Bella Italia restaurant and was attended by 13 members. The Tre Città Lodge meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia restaurant, 7000 W. Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA. The next Lodge meeting is planned for January 4th. There will be no Lodge meeting in December as we will have our annual Christmas party.

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Al Pardini



Vancouver USA Lodge #2690, Vancouver, WA

We will be celebrating a Nutcracker Christmas with your fellow members and guests on Friday, December 10th. Dinner at 6:30 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver. Dinner will be catered by Cracker Barrel serving: Home Style Chicken and sides, green beans, a mix of biscuits and corn muffins, and Italian Rum Cake. The cost is \$15.00 per person. RSVP no later than December 1st. Cash or check payable to OS-DIA. Treasurer Linda Cherney (360)903-0227 or nonna4ERM@gmail.com is collecting reservations and money. Looking for a gift for Christmas or the New Year? Give a gift of a membership to Sons & Daughters of Italy. This gift can increase the quality of time you spend with your family and friends.

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In December, we asked everyone to bring a pound of pasta for our local charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. We ask that you bring your donation to the Christmas Party.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB book selection for Monday, January 17th at 7:00 PM is The Story of the Lost Child. This is Book Four, we will be completing the series of Neapolitan Novels by author Elena Ferrante.. I will check with Barnes & Noble staff before our January meeting to see if they are scheduling group meetings and will let you know. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon.

Please bring any future book selections to this meeting. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984.

We are looking forward to Dine Out and Game Nite beginning in 2022. We will keep you updated!!

White Elephant Bingo will be on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM at Linda Cherney's home. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to join in. Wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. RSVP if you plan to attend at nonna4ERM@gmail.com or (360)903-0227.

Our Friendship Tea has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022. Please let Chairperson Linda Gibson know if you can host a table. We really need more participation from members to make this a successful event. You can contact Linda at (760)450-8057 or legogibson@gmail.com.

CLUB NEWS: Dolores Tarsi traveled to New Mexico to attend her grandson's wedding. Dee Newbern will be celebrating Christmas in California with her family. Buon Compleanno to our December birthdays!! Safe travels over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

HATS FOR HEADSTART – Please join Liz Haught and the group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in Kalama for a fun creative shared afternoon at Liz's home to knit/crochet/peg loom hats for the Columbia River Headstart Program or you can work on your own craft project! All yarn is donated for the hats; instruction is available on how to make them. Our collective goal is 500 hats. Contact Liz at (360)673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com if interested. (NOTE: occasionally on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 2:00 -4:00 PM, we also meet at Chuck's Produce Market in Salmon Creek, Vancouver. Contact person is Erin Winters (360) 562-6852.)

Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (December 5th and 19th) from 9 to 10 AM on KBOO FM 90.7. Listen to new and old Italian music and updates on what is happening in the local Italian Community.

Barbara Blair has a few glass Italian Flag ornaments available at \$15.00 each. Also, you can contact her if you are interested in purchasing Italian Notecards.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: It was nice to see Rita Piperno feeling better with her back issues to attend our November meeting. In early December, Barbara Blair will be having the first of three surgeries. Squamous cell cancer on the scalp; toe surgery in Janu-

ary along with glaucoma surgery. Good vibes sent my way will be greatly appreciated, so my body stops falling apart. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. But please remember some members are not comfortable being in a group setting at this time so make an effort to check on your fellow members and friends to see how they are doing and if they need anything.

Upcoming Events for December:

Tuesday, December 7th - White Elephant Bingo

Friday, December 10th – Christmas Party

Buon Natale a tutti!!!

Barbara Blair

Yakima Lodge #2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima lodge met in October with a good turnout and great conversation over a meal of Costco pinwheel sandwiches and pumpkin pie provided by the lodge.



We were blessed to have Sister Marina Rose Parisi and Sister Charlayne with us for the October meeting. Our dear Sister Marina Rose passed into Heaven on November 15 as a lively 89-year-old. A member of the Catholic order of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for more than 66 years, she was born in an Italian immigrant farming community in upstate New York (Clayville)

in 1932. From 1939-1945 her family was in Italy where she attended her first five grades. After two years back in upstate New York, the family moved to Seattle where she graduated from Immaculate High School. After joining the SNJM Sisters, she started her life's primary ministry of teaching little children, mostly poor or underserved, and also teaching religion

and sacramental preparation. After 19 years in western Washington and Oregon, she went to Peru, became fluent in her third language, Spanish, and served for 17 years as a teacher and principal in Arequipa. On returning to the USA, she served



in Wapato as Director of Religious Education, retired after 14 years, and moved to Toppenish. She was still serving as SNJM Mission Centre Coordinator for Yakima Valley SNJM Sisters and Associates and volunteering as a singing teacher at Heritage University's Early Learning Center. ...Continued page 18...

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390
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2. The applicant must be a member or have a parent or grandparent with membership in #1390 for a minimum of two calendar years. Dues for 2022 must be paid.
3. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and must submit a current sealed transcript and essay along with the application below. This must be received by the committee no later than Friday, February 18, 2022.
4. Selection of the winners will be made by the Scholarship Committee after a blind review of the applications.
5. Winners cannot apply two consecutive years.
6. Scholarships must be used the year they are awarded.
7. Awards will be deposited in the **student's name directly to the accredited college/university or trade /vocational school** selected by the student. The Scholarships will be awarded or announced in early March, 2022. Recipients will be notified via US/electronic mail by March 1, 2022.

Essay prompt:

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Complete the application below and send it along with a sealed transcript and essay to
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Sr. Rose lived life at its fullest right to the end. She gave the best hugs and was there for meetings and events with very few exceptions, including 2 shifts at the Indian John Coffee Stand every year. The rest area maintenance staff always came looking for her to get their hugs. She will be greatly missed, but Heaven is getting a real treat. Also passing away recently was long-time member Lou DeLuca, about a year after his wife Shirley passed away.



Recovering members from illness and surgeries are Dick Picatti, and Stephen and Jan Fancuillo, Missing from the meeting because of a trip to the ocean were

Beverly Arralde and Mary Kay Anabtawi. Don and Kathy Giuntoli received a wonderful gift from friends this fall. They were guests of their friends on a fishing yacht in Alaska catching 200 points of halibut. The Lodge was able to sell all 5 Grand Lodge fundraising calendars. Mary Kay was the winner of the Thanksgiving drawing last year, we are hoping for some wins this year as well. Sarah Judd gave information on putting gardens to bed for the winter. Thank you Sarah for getting us from planting to harvest and now bedtime for our gardens. We had planned to have a lunch pail dinner meeting in November with each bringing their own meal in a lunch pail with unique pails encouraged. However, the November meeting had to be canceled due to so few being able to attend. Watch emails for a decision if there will be a December meeting or if we will wait until January. Thanksgiving blessings to everyone. Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Fasano.

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