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Coming Events!

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 7:00 PM

Auburn Lodge 1955 Wine Tasting and Grand Hors d'oeuvres table
Holy Family Church Hall
Tickets are only \$25!
Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

Saturday February 14, 2023

Amerigo Vespucci #1814
Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner
and Wheelbarrow Raffle
Contact Mary Jane for tickets
maryjanerogers80@gmail.com

Saturday February 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

Grand Lodge Northwest Crab dinner
Holy Family Church Hall
Contacts: Rosetta 206-478-3895 or
Ronnie Beyersdorf, 206-478-3876.

Saturday, March 18th, 2023, 4 pm-7 pm

Cle Elum Lodge #1968
Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction,
Putnam Centennial Center,
719 E. 3rd St., Cle Elum,
Contact: Rich Grillo, 509-674-4206,
grillogo1@msn.com

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Tacoma Lodge #1175
"The Mother Lodge of the NW"
100 Year- Centennial Celebration
The Tacoma Yacht Club
Ticket price just \$60.
Contact: David Madrid
Cell: 253-961-6526
eMail: dsjrmadrid@gmail.com

May 18-21, 2023

Grand Lodge Convention
Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA
Contact: Dot Whitney 206-527-3235

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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and it's now Buon Natale. The weather has quickly changed, and we can hardly remember the many hot and dry days of summer. I am enjoying getting out to many of the lodges as possible. It is great to see more and more people coming back to their

lodge and feeling the fun and friendship as well as enjoying the food. I want to thank all that purchased the Nov. Money Calendars. It was a big success. It's been fun to see who wins each day. We have lots of events coming forward, wine tastings, lodge anniversaries, crab dinner and then in May is our Convention. Please check out our coming events section. Elections are coming up which will include your delegates for the convention. Please step up and become an officer in your own lodge and consider being an officer at the Grand Lodge. For eligibility questions, please contact our GL. Orator Ronnie Beyersdorf.

Remember, dues are due in January. If you are looking for the special gift for that someone, consider a Gift of Membership. Pay the dues for your friend, family or kids. Give them the nudge to keep their Italian Heritage in front of them.

Writer & Historian, Tessa Floreano is needing your help. She is writing a book on the stories of Italians in the 1880-1950 living in the Pacific Northwest which would include photo's. For details check in the glnw.org.

Enjoy the holidays ahead and as Italians, the importance of family and friends. It has been fun to share my traditions for the holidays with others and learn how many different Italian ways the holidays are celebrated. Take the time to talk with different members of your lodge and see how they celebrate the holidays.

Merry Christmas/Buon Natale
Linda Buccini Anderson
President-GLNW



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<https://GLNW.org>



**The Grand Lodge of the Northwest
Welcomes Our Newest Members:**

**American-Italian Lodge,
#2172, Spokane, WA**

GINA PEZZENTE MCLAUGHLIN
ALYSSA VENABLE
PETER VENABLE
PHILLIP BUTLER
JULIE PERRY
YVONNE BUCKLIN
KATHRYN FELICE

**Cataldo Lodge,
#2280, Bremerton, WA**

MICHAEL LEBEDA

**Bellevue Lodge,
#2377, Bellevue, WA**

WAYNE ROLLINS
PATRICIA ROLLINS
ADRIENNE PERRI
AARON NONIS

**Tri-Citta Lodge,
#2881, Tri-Cities, WA**

LUIS WILLIAMSON
MAUREEN MCGRATH
LINDA RAMBONE
PATRICK RAMBONE
MARIANNE BANTA
TOM BANTA
JUSTIN RAFFA
LISA MCCLINTOCK
JACKIE VALENTINO
ANTHONY GASPERINO

**Auburn Lodge,
#1955, Auburn, WA**

BEN GINGRICH
CLAUDIA LANG

**Amerigo Vespucci Lodge,
#1814, Aberdeen, WA**

SYLVIA PERCINI

Coming Events!

Saturday, June 3, 2023
Auburn Lodge #1955
75th Anniversary Celebration
Auburn Community & Events Center
Les Gove Park, Auburn WA
Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf
wb7tbg@aol.com

Sunday, July 30, 2023, Time: TBA
Tacoma Rainiers vs. Salt Lake Bees
Reserve Tickets are \$15 and include:
Admission, Hot Dog, Chips, and Bottled
Water.

A great gift! A great time.
Contact: Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson
253-677-9366 atony@harbornet.com

Sunday, August 27, 2023 12:noon
Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter
Bill Haberstock, 360-373-4341

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 2023*

From your cousins

at Mille Cugini

Lodge #2659

Marysville, WA



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

*Grand Lodge of the
Northwest*

Annual Crab Dinner

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Holy Family Church - 505 17th St, Auburn, WA

\$50.00 per person

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner served at 7pm

Crab, Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Bottled Water, Beer & Wine * Raffle Prizes Galore!!!



Seating Limited to 250 People
Buy Your Tickets Early!



THIS EVENT SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR - DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.
Ticket sales will end February 10, 2023 or when sold out.



To-go pick-up sales are also available separately- also \$50 ea.

For Information and Ticket Sales - Contact:
Ronnie Beyersdorf, Wb7tbg@aol.com, 206-478-3876

American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Dear Fraternal Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Ron Anselmo, our Beloved Past President, peacefully passed away on November 4th, at the age of 83 years. He was a loving husband to his wife Judy (our current President) and a wonderful father to his children Gary and Lisa and their spouses. Ron's love for his grandchildren: Jordan, Gabriel, Carson, Devon, and Korinne, was very special. He loved and cherished every moment with them.

Ron was born October 21st, 1939, to Joseph and Elizabeth



Anselmo in Spokane, where he grew up. After graduating from North Central High School and training with Army National Guard, Ron went on to enjoy a long career in the food service industry. Always committed to

community, Ron enjoyed being active with organizations such as the YMCA/YWCA, Special Olympics, and Spokane Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.S.) to name a few. Ron was involved with American Italian Club #2172 of Spokane for over 10 years. He served as our club President from 2017-2019.

He also served as a Board Member for the Spokane-Cagli Sister City Association. Ron managed to positively affect everyone he met with his great smile and warmth.

Living life to the fullest at every turn, Ron enjoyed traveling and exploring the Northwest. Ron Most enjoyed sharing time with family and good friends.

Ron will be remembered and missed for his generous heart and his love of family and friends. *Vivra per sempre nei nostril cuori.* He will live in our hearts forever.

Condolences may be sent to: Judy Anselmo, 1107 E. Eastview, Spokane, Washington, 99208.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary #2172

Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Season's Greetings to all from the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814. I'm sure that everyone is already busy getting ready for Christmas.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings prior to our November meeting, thanks to Mary Jane and Dennis Rogers. Other members provided some great appetizers, salads, rolls and desserts. We were pleased to meet and greet a new member to our Lodge, Sylvia Percini. She will be installed at our January meeting. Our wheelbarrow raffle is under way. Thanks to all the members who contributed all the great items to the wheelbarrow. Tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$20. You can contact Mary Jane Rogers at maryjanerogers80@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing tickets. The drawing will be done at our Valen-



tine' Spaghetti Dinner on February 11, 2023. Tickets for the dinner are \$20. The dinner is limited to 120 people, so be sure to get your tickets soon. There will also be take out orders for the dinner available. Contact Mark Percini for tickets or more information about the dinner.

President, Richard Luzzi, will make a basket for the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner raffle in February 2023. Joe

Chicano has reserved a van for those members going to the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner.

Vera Kay, nominating committee chairperson, reported that, at present, Joe Chicano is running for President in 2023.

Other officers will retain their positions, except for vice-president. A list of confirmed nominated officers will be presented at January meeting. 2023 by December 31, 2022, will be entered. The drawing will be done at January meeting. Mark and Patti Percini will be Amerigo Vespucci delegates to the GLNW Convention in May 2023. Connie Chicano handed out list of items for the Lodge Luggage of Love Christmas project. Christmas dinner will be December 15, 2022, in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5:30 pm. There will be a silent auction and Luggage of Love items will be collected at the December dinner. The budget committee will meet and present 2023-2024 budget at the Lodge's January meeting. Mark Percini will provide his chili at the January meeting. Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson suggested everyone consider giving a "gift of membership" to their family members and friends as a Christmas gift. It was nice having GLNW President and Secretary, Gina Natucci, join us.

Buon Natale everyone,

Judith Braddon

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

President Francesco Ortenzo welcomed everyone to our annual Auburn Lodge November annual Thanksgiving Dinner meeting of the Auburn Lodge 1955.

The members and guests were served a turkey dinner with, stuffing, mashed potatoes, creamed beans, and cranberry sauce. Thanks to the Auburn Lodge cooks who prepared the meal.

At our Thanksgiving lodge meeting collected 100 + pounds of food for the Auburn Foodbank. Ronnie delivered the food donations to the Auburn Foodbank on Monday. We also collected over \$335.00 in cash donations

President Francesco had all the American and Italian Veterans rise to be recognized for their service. This is the week of our National Veterans Day so we remembered all our veterans past, and present, and those members of the military currently serving. The Auburn Lodge lost no Veterans to death in the past year.



Ronnie reported on the 57th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade. The parade was held on November 5, 2022. This parade is the largest official government-sanctioned Veterans Day Parade West of the Mississippi River. We had about 14 Auburn Lodge members at the parade site this year. It was still a great parade. There was a really wonderful luncheon following the parade afterward at the Les Gove Park building. Thanks to the Auburn Lodge cooks who put that on. There is an Auburn Lodge banner hanging on Main St that honors veterans also one for Seattle Fedele Lodge. May all our veteran members and all Veterans past and living be honored for their service. God Bless our Veterans and our country. President Francesco appointed lodge secretary Ronnie to lead the nominations committee for lodge officers and delegates to the convention in 2023. The Auburn Lodge has a structured annual giving plan in place where we donate to the Auburn Foodbank, At the December Christmas party meeting, we will again collect for the Auburn Foodbank and take donations for the Foodbank. The Auburn Lodge Wine Tasting tickets are available for January 28, 2023, here at the Holy Family Church hall. Tickets are only \$25.00 which includes a huge food table, wine and beverages, and a home wine contest with people's choice

judging. (Nick DeGidio master wine-maker handling the contest) Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. The GLNW Crab Dinner is on Feb 18, 2023, here at the Holy Family Church hall. Tickets are \$50.00 each for dining in the hall again. There are also tickets for take-out-only crab dinners at the same price of \$50.00. See Ronnie for details. Sunshine report Fin Sec Michelle Binetti could not be at the lodge meeting because she is attending to her son Conner who was in a very serious car accident and has a long road to recovery. Michelle asks that we remember Conner in our prayers during this difficult recovery time Natale Stella, our Auburn Lodge Sentinel, and a Vietnam US Navy Veteran is home recovering from heart bypass surgery at the Veterans Hospital. Natale is the

brother to Rosetta Beyersdorf, Lina Gagnon, and Marie Lemons and is related to many members of the Auburn Lodge. (PS: Hope to see you at the 58th Veterans Day Parade next year Natale, Ronnie.) Annual Christmas Party meeting The 2nd Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Holy Family Hall will be our annual Christmas party meeting. The festivities will start with a social hour at 6 PM followed by a very short meeting program and dinner. We will collect food for the food bank at this meeting. 100% of the December raffle goes to Auburn Food Bank. Your dues for the Auburn Sons of Italy become due in January 2023, you can mail your dues of \$35.00 per member to Auburn Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 1224, Auburn, Wa. 98071-1224. Again we asking members to make a donation of \$5 extra above the \$35.00 to cover the assessments. Thank you for your past kind donations. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Stay safe and healthy for a better year ahead in 2023.

Joanne McDaniel and Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporting, God Bless.Wb7tbg@aol.com Call Ronnie at 206-478-3876 or text



AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172
Spokane, WA
 Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL
 330 E Boone Ave
 Spokane, WA 99202
 509-487-8552
Judy Anselmo, President
 509-496-0031 judyVandyke@hotmail.com
Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary
 509-891-0916 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814
Aberdeen, WA
 Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month
 5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Dinner,
 6:30 PM Meeting
ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER
 306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA
Richard Luzzi, President
 (360) 637-9193
Buttons575@AOL.com

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Buon Natale a tutti! On December 1 Bella Vita is having our Christmas Party featuring Prime Rib and other Italian (or not) traditional side dishes, salads, appetizers, and desserts. Thanks to all that will make this a memorable evening together! We had a great turnout at our November meeting



even with our unforeseen date change! It was great to see younger adults participating, conversing, and especially enjoying our meal together. Welcome to Del Foster, Gabriella Smith, Jacob Smith, Josh Smith, Colton Smith,

Amy, and Elliott. They will be forming our Bella Vita Gruppo di Giovane Adulti – Young Adult group. Our Gruppo Giovane is meant to attract younger adults who are Italian or have an interest in Italian culture and lifestyles. Gabriella has been nominated as our Ambasciatrice dei Giovani Adulti- Young adult Ambassador) and she will provide us with ideas and suggestions to attract younger Italian adults and especially to rejuvenate Bella Vita. Any member interested in joining this emerging group is very much welcome!

President Sophia Thanked everyone for their prayers and well



wishes while at Mayo Clinic for a stem cell transplant. It was a very emotional and physical experience with a very positive and meaningful outcome. Miracles are real! Thank you to Jim Vettori who was our November

Chef of the Month. He provided several Pizza choices, Birra Peroni, and Caesar Salad as a Thank you to Bella Vita mem-

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023

From the Officers, Members and State Officers of the Auburn Sons of Italy Lodge #1955

President, Francesco Ortenzo
Vice President, John Partridge
Immediate Past President, Dan Chicketti
Orator, Barbara DeCaro
Recording Secretary, Ronnie Beyersdorf
Financial Secretary, Michelle Binetti
Treasurer, Debbie Sonsteli
Trustee, Phil Celver
Trustee, Frank Scarsella
Trustee, Joanne McDaniel
Trustee, Joe Ripollone
Trustee, Lina Gagnon
Mistress of Ceremony, Sharon Lufkin
Mistress of Ceremony, Carolyn Jones
Sentinel, Natale Stella
Bartender, Sam Kamphaus
State President Linda Anderson
State Treasurer & State Deputy
Dorothy I. Miori Whitney
Imm'd St Past Pres & Nat Trustee
Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf
National 5th Vice President Tony Anderson

bers. We appreciate everyone who volunteers as our Chef of the month. Let President Sophia know if you would like to be a chef at one of our meetings.

Prayers continue for Genny Powell and Jim Vettori to regain their strength and energy. Prayers also to Joe Marmo who is fighting the flu. Let Shirley Garrison or President Sophia know if you are ill or celebrating a special event. Bella Vita is here to support you with prayers and best wishes, we are Famiglia.

Thanks to all who swiftly helped cleanup duty at our lodge last month. Let's coordinate each of our tasks to better organize and easily complete the cleanup. More to come at the next meeting! It is great to have such cohesive and helpful members!

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

206-769-8563 / ortenzo@gmail.com

Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf

206-478-3876 / WB7tbg@aol.com

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

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 bellavitalodge@gmail.com

Shirley Delauranti Garrison,

Recording Secretary

253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

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

Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, President
(425) 649-2250 / collectingroots@msn.com

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



***Pace e' felicità siano
con voi a Natale.
Buon Natale***

Bellevue Sons of Italy Lodge #2377

We have some committees to fill up, please consider participating: Monthly Newsletter Editor, Officer Election Committee, and Spring Pie Fundraiser Committee.

It's Election Time! All officer positions are open and available, if you would like to be an officer or remain as an officer, please contact President Sophia. We also need to elect 2 members as Delegates to attend the Grand Lodge Convention May 19-20. It is lots of fun and a great way for members to learn more about SOI. If you have questions about any position including delegate, please contact President Sophia. Auguri di Buon Natale e Felicità! Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happiness!

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA, WA



Hello Friends, At our last meeting on November 3rd, it seemed like the Bellevue Lodge is back in the groove. Every year it seems to take a meeting or two to get back into the groove. It might have been expected that this year it might take a little longer to get back into the groove after the pandemic, but the spirit of the Lodge brought us back from the pandemic with much the same energy and camaraderie. Of course, a big part of that is sharing a meal together, and we had a dinner worthy of acclamation. We had chicken and

lasagna. Not chick lasagna, chicken, and lasagna along with salad and bread.

Dinner was made by Patricia Rollins who came to her first meeting at the Bellevue Lodge last month and immediately decided to become a member of our Lodge with her husband Wayne. It was an incredible meal, but what was even better was having new members Patricia and Wayne join our Lodge.



At the meeting, we initiated three new members, Patricia and Wayne Rollins, and Adrienne Perri. Patricia and Wayne are from New York. Patricia is full-blooded Italian and Wayne is half Italian/half Ukrainian. After moving to Washington they missed being around a large Italian community. We may not be very large, but our little Lodge is a wonderful little community and we're very happy to have you join our Lodge. Along with Patricia and Wayne, another new member initiated was Adrienne Perri. Adrienne recently moved back to Puget Sound from the Tri-Cities. Her grandparents are from Italy, Naples, and Calabria, but she grew up in Los Angeles and moved to Western Washington in the nineties. Welcome to the Lodge Adrienne. I think you'll fit in well. We also had some guests at the meeting. Laura Cosacchi brought her son Ricky who came late because he had just come from classes at the University of Washington Law School. It was a pleasure to have Ricky visit. Jeanna Nitucci came with Ron and Rosetta Beyersdorf from the Auburn Lodge.

Jeanna, it was nice to meet you, I hope you join us again sometime. It was also our great pleasure to have Ground Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson join our meeting. In sunshine new Bill Guerrini recently turned 97. Bill has always been very active working on his farm and it's becoming more difficult for him to do all the things that he's always done, which he's finding difficult, but he still has a lot of spunk. I also have some sad news to report. Cathy Mettler's dog Dante recently passed away. Our deepest sympathies go out to Cathy. Dante was a wonderful dog. We will all miss him greatly. In lieu of our regular Lodge meeting in Decem-

**BLACK DIAMOND
LODGE NO. 1809
Black Diamond, WA**

Meets the 2nd Friday of each month
Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.
Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

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

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

**CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280
Bremerton, WA**

Meets the 3rd Wednesday
of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./
Potluck-6:00 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.

VFW HALL
190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA
MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 4243
Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President
(360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

ber, we'll be having a Christmas party on Sunday, December 4th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at Maggiano's restaurant, 10455 NE 8th St Bellevue. The price is \$40 for adults, \$20 for ages 5-11, and under 5 free. It includes family-style appetizers, salads, entrees, and a dessert - plus non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange for those who want to participate by bringing wrapped gifts valued at up to \$10. It will be our first in-person Christmas party since the pandemic, it's going to be a lot of fun. Another event that the Bellevue Lodge plans on bringing back is our annual wine tasting. It has always been a lot of wine and some pretty good wine. We're checking on available dates, but we are planning to have it sometime in the early spring. As mentioned earlier, we won't be having a regular Lodge meeting in December, so our next Lodge meeting will be January 5th 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.

Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood

Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

We in the Black Diamond Lodge wish you heartfelt Auguri per le Feste Natalizie (Best Wishes for the Christmas Holidays).



The winners of our Thanksgiving Dessert Raffle will have been drawn and the delectable treats graciously delivered by our President

Janice Cole and Treasurer Tom Cole when you receive this edition of the NWIN. Please see our Facebook invitation with instructions for our fun Christmas ornament exchange. We welcome you to join the activities planned for December 9 to celebrate the holidays. As we close our 85th year in 2022, Leonardo Folino would like to share the following historical points about Lodge 1809 that he has researched in collaboration as a docent for the Black Diamond Museum.

The Black Diamond Sons of Italy was founded in 1937. I was



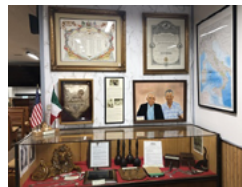
told that to assist in founding the lodge Oliva Rossi Merlini had to have one of her brothers drive her to the various Italian homes in the area to sign up members because she didn't know how to drive.

The Lodge had accrued the following from its past: a

1937 Gold Lion Banner; the Lodge Charter; the Proclamation from L'Ordine Figli d'Italia in America (Order Children of Italy in America) proclaiming the Black Diamond Lodge duly installed; a plaque from our Lodge sponsor Loggia Tacoma No. 1175 commemorating the occasion; and a couple of older regalia with a gavel from Spokane Lodge 1500 (1928-1955). The rest of our Lodge artifacts were thought to be lost.

In 2016 our longest-serving member (70 years) Marie Merlini Freeman passed away. Discovered in her basement were four boxes of well-preserved Lodge relics that her daughter Livia Ziebarth bequeathed to the Lodge. In those boxes were a Lion Statue, two handcrafted wooden boxes with black and white marbles used to vote on accepting or rejecting potential members. In addition, the original membership applications were filled out by the 97 charter members of the Black Diamond Lodge, a set of the first original Lodge regalia, the original Lodge seal, and four Masonic-style gavels.

In 2019 the Black Diamond Museum provided the Black Diamond Sons of Italy (SOI) with a display case in which to display these items. The Lodge was originally planning to celebrate the viewing of the display case in conjunction with the first Italian Day in Black Diamond, but then covid struck. Two years later on May 14, 2022, we were able to celebrate the first Italian Day in Black Diamond and the official viewing of the display case, in addition to the 85th Anniversary of the Black Diamond Lodge 1809.



The Lodge display case is the anchor of the Black Diamond Italian history located in the Museum. Around the corner from the display case is a photo of charter member Ruby Favro Andros-

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

Marysville, WA

<https://www.glnw.org/page-17>

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 **Tuesday** of each Month
6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting
Potluck Dinner following meeting

OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733

Port Angeles/Sequim, WA

Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month

Social begins at 12:30pm

Meeting begins at 1:00pm

Bethany Pentecostal Church
508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles
WA 98362

Steven Bridge President
imonit@wavecable.com
360-808-2989

SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL
2800 S Massachusetts St
Seattle, WA 98144

Jeff D'Amelio, President
206-251-0536

president@seattlesonsofitaly.org
jeffdamelio@live.com

ko and her husband Steve cutting their wedding cake. Next to that photo are her parents—Mary Hinaut Favro and Joseph Favro, who were one of the first Italians in Black Diamond having relocated with the Black Diamond Coal Company when it moved to the Washington Territory in 1885.

Around 1909 or 1910 Joseph Favro loaned money to Bill Hadley to build the Black Diamond Bakery. There are photos of Joe Silvestri's family from 1916 (Joe is not in the photo because he was born in 1920), along with the Vernarelli, Carnino, Dal Santo families, and more.

The Black Diamond Museum is located at 32627 Railroad Avenue, Black Diamond, WA 98010. Museum hours are Thursday 9 am - 3 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am - 3 pm. Come early, have breakfast at the bakery/restaurant, and then mosey on down to the museum. Bring the kids and grand-kids, so they can ring the bell and blow the whistle on the train engine, and operate a plunger-activated explosion box (hooked up to lights). There is a model coal town with a train that hauls coal plus a great many other items to discover.

Watch for more details about the Palmer Merlini family as Livia Palmer Ziebarth contributes to the beginning of 2023 in the January edition of the NWIN.

Leonardo Folino
GLNW Vice President
Past Lodge 1809 President
Black Diamond Museum Docent
Lincoln City Sustainability Committee
Washington State Governor's Committee



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA



Ciao a tutti. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. At our November lodge meeting, we had our annual soup supper. Since our lodge meeting is so close to Thanksgiving we have had soup suppers for several years. Members cooked and served a great variety of different soups and we were also able to serve gluten-free and vegetarian soups.

There was a very good variety of soups:



Gumbo, Italian Egg Drop, Creamy Tomato Basil, Dill Pickle, Cabbage Soup, Lentil Soup, Chili, Ham and Bean Soup. Of course, many also provided side dishes and treats.

On our November 16th meeting, we were also able to install new member John Lembo. John was an enthusiastic new



member and we look forward to his participation. John also was one of the November Calendar winners. Congratulations! Tommy Thompson received a \$1000.00 donation which was presented by Bill Haberstock for the VFW. Tommy is also a member of our lodge, he is also Quartermaster of VFW post 239. Michael Lebeda will be initiated soon. This

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young man has a busy life and will fit in well with our lodge as we look forward to his initiation as well. He is the Grandson of Steve Lebeda. Our Chaplain, Roberta Karosich, and her husband Jim Karosich had a great trip to Israel for one week and one week more in Naples to visit family. Sadly we would like everyone to know that Nicole Davis's father passed away. Also, Sal D'Amico is experiencing some medical issues. We will keep them both in our prayers. In November Cataldo Lodge donated to Toys for Tots. In December we will be donating non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul as well as \$40.00 monetarily. Steve Lebeda and Steve Haberstock have been working tirelessly to get a venue for our lodge's 50th anniversary. Cataldo lodge presented a donation of \$1000.00 to the VFW. This was presented by Bill Haberstock to Tommy Thompson who is also a lodge member and also the Quarter Master. Our guests for our meeting were as follows: Darleen, Joseph and Alivia Haberstock, Maria Marsala, Cathy Pearsall-Stipek, Gina Natucci (Gina Gan) The birthdays for December are Don Giamonna and Steve Lebeda. Complimenti a tutti e due!

Sincerely,
Diane Clementi

Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA



The work party: Patrice Swofford, Dee Saldin, Joe Saldin, Rich Grillo, Dick Watts (non-member, but a dedicated steward of the cemetery), Kathi Butorac, Mike Butorac, Craig Savio, and Linda Bullock.

The seasons are changing. September and October provided those in Upper Kittitas County with long days of sunshine, warm temperatures, and little wind. All of which provided a



rare opportunity to complete those necessary tasks of topping off the stack of firewood, getting in the last mowing of the lawn, almost completing that overdue painting project, but leaving less to do in the spring (this reporter), and getting outdoors to enjoying our favorite hike and bike routes of Cle Elum and Roslyn Ridge, Coal Mines Trail, Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, and Cooper River Trail among dozens of other options available in our community. On Sunday, November 13th, members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met in friendship and fraternity to celebrate the Holiday Season and enjoyed a Thanksgiving-style turkey dinner with all the trimmings provided by our members and guests. Joining us this evening were Bob Bullock, spouse of

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lodge member Linda, and Victor Scarpelli of Auburn Lodge and brother of lodge member Michael. Also joining us were our Co-State Deputies from Tacoma Lodge and dual members of Cle Elum Lodge, Lisa, and Janice Stauffer. Like this writer, most of those present made more than one trip to the buffet table. Following our dinner, Lodge President Cheryl Ficele called the group to order for our business meeting. With winter approaching a work party was set up to prepare the Italian Memorial Monument for the season. Plans are coming together for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction, scheduled for Saturday, March 18th, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm at Putnam Centennial Center, located at 719 East Third Street in Cle Elum. It was decided that our December meeting would be a potluck dinner to be held at the Cle Elum Community Church, our regular meeting place.

There will be a generic gift exchange with gifts to be in the \$20 range. Members were made aware that former member Lou Depicolzuane is currently home-bound. Member Quannee Eilers suggested we send a card that was provided by Recording Secretary Kathi Butorac and signed by all those present.

On Wednesday, November 16th members Mike Butorac and Craig Eilers retired the flags and lighting on the Italian Memorial Monument and were joined by other lodge members to clean up the Silvio Pellico Cemetery of fallen pine needles and tree limbs. In all several loads of debris were removed. Dick Watts, Chairman of the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club Cemetery Committee joined us as he always does to help with the clean-up. Snow is in the forecast this coming week for Upper Kittitas County so if you plan to travel during this Thanksgiving Holiday, please take the time to prepare for the weather. Carry food and water plus warm blankets in your vehicle, take your time and be ready for delays. Please drive safely!Ciao! Respectfully submitted,
Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

The holidays are upon us! This month our members were busy baking and shopping for our annual Dessert Auction. The auction was a huge success, thanks to everyone's generous bidding. It's our only Scholarship fundraiser. We were blessed to have many guests to help raise money for this worthy cause. Our guests included Mark and Chris Gerling, Diana Favre's daughter and son-in-law from Australia, Marie and Paul Eves, Cathy Lembo and Janet Orsucci, Frank Dellino, Jr, and my adopted daughter and son-in-law, and longtime friend of



Rebecca Helling, Jessica and Tim Aubert with their baby Teddy. We decided at this meeting to change our meeting day from Friday to the **third Tuesday of each month** with the exception of our Christmas dinner and White Elephant gift exchange, which will be on December 13th at 6:30pm (no meeting). We want to wish everyone a wonderful

and blessed Christmas and New Year's celebration. Happy Holidays! Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
Paula Dellino Jacoby, Reporter

Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful and chilly Olympic Peninsula. We had a snow fall early November, which is way out of character for our typical weather. It brought squeals of delight to kids, and groans from those who had to shovel. In true fashion of our area though, the weather turned nice again and melted it all away quickly. Climate change – leave us alone up here in the Olympic Peninsula where we like things just as they are. We had a delightful and delicious Thanksgiving meal during our last meeting. We were pleased to have quite a few visitors. We had a guest from our local Sons of Norway Lodge. They have invited us to their Christmas event; we hope this gets things back on track to enjoying attending each other's events. We had two new members join during this meeting. Claire Muggia and Eric Wilkinson; we will spotlight them in the next issue. We have moved our meeting times to our Winter schedule, starting an hour earlier. For Dec/Jan/Feb (and we'll see about March), we will have social time at 12:30, and meetings will start at 1:00.

Thanksgiving is a day of wonderful food, friends and family get together, and a day of reflection on gratitude. Our Lodge council is very grateful for our members and their genuine care and concern for each other. Other Lodges across our Nation no doubt feel the same. We wanted to share a letter addressed to all members of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest, from one of our members, Sal D'Amico. Sal is currently



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Seattle

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The holiday season has begun. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

DECEMBER MEETING DATE has been changed to Wednesday, December 14th. Same time, 6 P.M. at Mt. Virgin Church Hall. Please bring a gift for our raffle. A new year will be here soon and that means it is time to pay our dues for 2023. Please pay your dues as soon as possible .that will save the Lodge money as we will not have to mail out reminders to all of our members.

President Jeff is looking for people to serve on the Election Committee.

If you are interested in being on this committee please call Jeff or email him at President@seattle-sonsofItaly.org and let him know you are interested. Candidates' names/offices should be announced at our January meeting, elections are held at the February meeting and Installation of New Officers is held at the March meeting. The GLNW will hold a state convention in May 2023 which means we also need to elect delegates to represent our Lodge at the Convention. While serving in one or both of these positions means a little extra work and time and it is also fun and rewarding. Now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted and we can once again have in-person meetings and events we are looking for a hall where we can hold our banquet. Please contact President Jeff or one of our officers if you know of a hall that we might rent. This banquet is our biggest fundraiser and not holding this event for the last couple of years our treasury really needs the funds. Buone Natale to all of you .

Diane Scillo, Reporter

Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Tanti Saluti, we hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! Can you believe that it's almost Christmas? Our Lodge had its Thanksgiving dinner/meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at the Totem Yacht Club. We had a

going through a very difficult time with an extended illness. Sal and Judy have been long time members of our Lodge. Many of you know Sal and Judy. Even if you don't know Sal – you probably know someone like him. Picture that person in your Lodge who is first to raise their hand to help, first to offer whatever they can to help the Lodge or someone in need, and last to serve themselves. That is Sal.

We miss him and Judy at our meetings, and actively in our lives right now, and ask you all to keep the family in your prayers and thoughts. Even while struggling during this time of ill health, he is thankful and full of gratitude. He considers our Lodge, and yours his Family.

"I would like to thank my Family for the get-well cards, prayer cards and Mass cards. The number of cards I received is overwhelming. It is truly humbling to know that so many of you even know me. The love that I feel cannot be put into words, and the caring for my wife and the help that has been offered and given, really warms my heart. I hope to be back so I can return the love to my Family that has been shown to me. Ephesian 4:6, God our Father With a happy and grateful heart, Sal D'Amico" Come up and see us sometime but remember our new schedule – see it listed in the newsletter. (hint... they start at 1:00pm for Dec/Jan/Feb)

Ciao for now...

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

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great turnout of about 95 members and guests. The hall was decorated with festive fall and Thanksgiving décor including; flowers, pumpkins, and decorative signs. The theme was Giving and Gratitude. We want to thank all of our decoration Committee members, including Mary Garitone, Gail Messi-



na, Thomas Huff, and Cindy Anderson for their decorating skills! We had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all of the fixings, thanks to our awesome cooks. We also want to thank everyone who brought delicious appetizers, desserts, and raffle prizes. It was a wonderful evening filled with lots of surprises, including the appearance of our famous Thanks-

giving Turkey. Being the good sport that he is, President, David Madrid wore the Turkey costume. He certainly kept the group entertained! President David also kept the meeting moving. He discussed the Lodge's 100th Anniversary celebration with the group. The celebration will be at the Tacoma Yacht Club on Saturday, April 22, 2023. There are still some tickets available so if you are interested in



attending please contact Tony Camoroda. Tony is also handling the event's brochure. Keep in mind that the brochure ad sales will help offset the expenses of the 100-year celebration. For tickets or brochure ads you can reach Tony Camoroda at 559-905-0466. At the meeting, we had a great food and clothing drive thanks to the generosity of our members, grazie! Nick Santelli delivered the donated food to the St. Charles Food Bank and Rose Reeve delivered the gently used clothing to St. Francis House in Puyallup.

Birthdays: We would like to recognize all of our members who have December birthdays. These members include: Kori Campbell-17th, John Forkenbrock-25th, Stan Jordan-3rd, Emma Martelli-20th, John Messina-11th, Donald Moore-9th, Judy Reha-27th, Salene Rice-2nd and Alex Spearman-3rd. Buon Compleanno a Tutti!! Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at the Totem Yacht Club. Please join us for our Christmas dinner/meeting. Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30 pm. Please plan on a wonderful Christmas celebration. Remember to bring your favorite Italian appetizer or dessert!

We have so many wonderful Italian Christmas traditions; we hope you enjoy your family's favorites this Christmas! Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo from the Tacoma Lodge!

Ciao! Julie Garitone

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On Nov. 1st, 2022, our Lodge held its tenth meeting of this year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We had a total of twenty-two members and visitors in attendance. Our total

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lodge membership has grown to forty- five new members for the year. The focus of this meeting was to discuss and share the results of the Fall Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle at the Richland Community Center. The event is the highlight of our year and a resounding success. This dinner and basket raffle is our major annual fundraiser which has allowed us to fund three \$1,000 scholarships each year for several years, including the last two years of the pandemic. Many thanks and kudos to our Chairperson, Julianne Barnaby, and her husband Jack, and the many volunteers who did fabulous jobs preparing the delicious four-course meal, setting up and decorating the hall, taking in dinner tickets, selling fine Italian beer and vino and other beverages, selling raffle tickets at the door and during the evening, and helping with cleanup at the end of the night.

As a result of our success with the Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle this year, a motion was made and passed to increase our scholarships from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the coming year. At the end of our meeting, we had a monthly raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. With the generosity of members, we were able to raise \$128 at our meeting. Our charity fund has grown to just over \$1,000 and a motion was made and passed to donate \$600 to 4 local chapters of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a worthy local cause in our community.

If you asked any member of our Lodge how we are doing these days, we would respond by saying how blessed we are to live in the Tri-Cities and have the support of our generous lodge members and the Tri-Cities Community.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA. If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you. With the Christmas season and the New Year approaching this year, we extend a Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo to all our members and Italian friends to all SDOIA lodges across the state.

Ciao for now!

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY is scheduled for Friday, December 9th gathering at 6:00 PM, Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM. Two entree choices (beef tips & Mediterranean chick-

en) two side dishes, salad, rolls, & dessert). The cost is \$25.00 per person. You can also bring one 750 ml bottle of wine per couple to enjoy with your dinner. Family and friends are invited to attend so bring them to join in the camaraderie, music, and prizes. Any questions can be directed to Patti Borden at (360)314-2810 or jpborden@aol.com. We look forward to having a great time. There will be no regular meeting in December. Again, we are collecting a pound of pasta for our charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB met at our new time. It was great to be back at Barnes and Noble. We will meet again in Star Bucks at Barnes and Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd on Monday, January 16 at 2 pm to discuss To Us A Son Was Given, a new mystery by author Donna Leon. The book selection for March 20th is The Tuscan Secret by author Angela Petch. These books are available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Any questions call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984. White Elephant Bingo is Tuesday, December 6th at Barbara Blair's home. Bring a white elephant prize and \$1.00 to participate. RSVP to her at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. Game Nite is on Saturday, December 17th at Bruce & Barbara Blair's home. Please let them know if you plan to attend at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

CLUB NEWS: Dee Newbern is traveling to California to visit family for the Christmas holiday. Donna Covi will be in Mesa, Arizona. Bruce and Barbara Blair are taking the train to California between Christmas and New Year. Greg and Carol Rafanelli are cruising the Pacific coast down Central America returning to spend the holidays with family. Buon compleanno to our December birthdays!!

THE HATS FOR HEADSTART GROUP turned in 415 hats this October. They are still meeting on the first and third Wednesdays from 1;30 to 3;30 pm at Liz Haught's house. Any questions, contact her at 360-673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com. Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (December 4th and 18th) 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.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: This newsletter is a labor of love. Four days ago I fell and landed on my head and also broke my wrist. I will have surgery in three days to put in a few rods to set the fracture. The fun never ends!! I apologize for the one-handed typing and any mistakes. The good reporter always files her copy!! Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas!!! Barbara Blair



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Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima lodge met at the Harmon Center on November 17th for the Thanksgiving dinner. There was an excellent turnout with a feast provided by our good cooks. The Lodge provided roasted chicken. There are 3 of us watching closely for the daily calendar drawings! Come on Yakima!

Sr Kathleen Ross who has attended our lodge events with Sr Marina Rose and Sr Sharlyne received the Ted Robertson award on Nov 2nd. She along with 2 Yakama native women started the Heritage University 40 years ago and has since had 10,000 graduates from the 4-year university. Congratulations Sr Catherine. A new early learning center will soon open on



the Yakama Reservation with a playground that features a section with musical equipment. That section will be

named for Sister Marina Rose who spent many years volunteering at the Early Learning Center and dedicated her life to teaching children. It has been a year since she passed away and is greatly missed.



Sr Sharlyne has recently returned from Hawaii where she grew up. Matt Fasano is a new Grandfather

which makes Jeanne a Great Grandmother to a beautiful baby girl named JayeCey. Jeanne has also retired completely! Don Guintoli gave a report on his progress in his battle against Malignant Melanoma. He is having to make trips every 6 weeks to Seattle's Fred Hutchinson for infusions. Our prayers are with him. We had a number of veterans present. Don Picatti served in the Army, and Don Guintoli and Jerry Perrotti served in the Navy.



Thank you for your service. Nancy Carle's parents both were in the service. Robin told of an uncle that fought at the Battle of the Bulge. A discussion was held to plan for our Christmas meeting and dinner. There will be a gift exchange for anyone wanting to participate.

Bring a gift, get a gift. This will be instead of a raffle this month and there will be a \$10 limit. For a gift that can be used by a man or a woman, a label is suggested for what it is. Watch for more information as to the menu. Matt will make Minestrone and Jeanne sweet potatoes. The meat will be decided on and included in an email, if you could maybe let Robin or Ama know what you will be bringing, it would help to make sure we have a variety. Please also RSVP if at all possible.

The December meeting will be on December 15th at 6:30 PM at the Harmon Center. Stay warm and safe until then everyone! Respectfully,
Jeanne Fasano, Reporter

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