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Coming Events!

Saturday, February 12th, 3 - 5:00pm
Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814
Annual Valentines Day Dinner-Takeout
St. Mary's Parish Center
306 E 3rd St, Aberdeen, WA
Mark Perciniat 360-532-1983
see article on page 3

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.
Contact R. Beyersdorf, 206-478-3876

Saturday, March 19th, 4-7pm,
Cle Elum Lodge #1968, Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction,
Putnam Centennial Center, 719 E. 3rd St., Cle Elum Contact Rich Grillo 509-674-4206

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

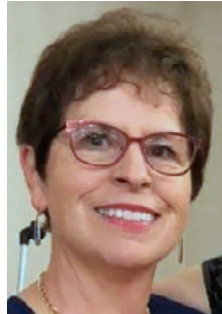
Saturday May 14th 2022
Italian Day in Black Diamond
The Black Diamond Museum.
1-3 pm on Mar 14, 2022.
Lenny Folino 206-696-5800

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Vancouver USA #2690 Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Contact: Frank Palandrani
(360)576-0453

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

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

Monday, September 5, 2022
Vancouver USA #2690 Labor Day Picnic
Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA
Contact:
Linda Cherney(360)903-0227 or
Linda Gibson (760)450-8057



February is an exciting and busy month, as we are all in the process of electing our NEW Officers, our NEW LEADERS for our lodges. This is your opportunity to get involved, whether you run for a position or are there to support your lodge by voting & electing officers. But remember, you need to have paid your dues to run or vote. Also, Recording Secretaries please remember to send your list of newly elected officers to NWIN publisher Patrick Jacoby and Recording Secretary Gina Natucci, as soon as possible (ASAP)!

As you know our GLNW Dungeness Crab dinner drive-thru is happening Saturday, March 5. We need your help by supporting this event. Please buy dinners and or buy raffle tickets for the cash raffle. We switched to a cash raffle to make it easier and more fun for everyone. The prizes are 1st-\$150.00; 2nd-\$100.00; 3rd-\$50 and then \$50 worth of Brown Bear Car Wash tickets donated by the Bellevue lodge. Go to <https://grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site> or contact Ronnie Beyersdorf (206)478-3876 (see page 2). We are on a deadline, February 20th, so please pass on the word to everyone ASAP. You do not need to be a member to purchase dinner or buy raffle tickets. The GLNW scholarship application is in the NWIN (page 4) and is due by April 15, 2022. Hopefully, many are taking the time to see the National News 12 each Sunday. Remember you can also see these interviews via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LINKEDIN. Yes, it is time to get your grandkids over to help keep you aware. On Jan 26, I met with the Lodge Presidents and Grand Lodge officers via Zoom. There are several things coming up. I will keep all of you up to date as we move forward.

I hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Reach out to your friends and stay connected in whatever way works best for you, and especially with your fellow lodge members.

Remember Tony's Motto: "Anything we accomplish in life is never accomplished alone but TOGETHER"

Fraternally,

Linda Buccini Anderson

GLNW President

buccini@rainierconnect.com

GLNW 2022 Crab Drive-thru Dinner

Since we are still dealing with Covid-19 we are not able to meet in our usual fashion to partake of our Annual Crab Dinner. However, we have a **SOLUTION!**

A drive-thru dinner!

Your meal will include mouth-watering Dungeness Crab, pasta Aglio e Olio, salad, roll and dessert. It will come in a take-out box which will be safely delivered to your car by hardworking GLNW Officers.

Meals are \$50 each, pre-paid ahead of time, and pick up is on March 5th, 2022, from 2 pm - 5 pm at Holy Family Church, 505 17th St SE Auburn, WA.

Last chance to order is February 20th!!



This year our Crab Dinner will feature a **Raffle for Cash Prizes!**

1st prize- \$150, 2nd- \$100, 3rd- \$50 and 4th is \$50 worth of Car Washes.

Tickets are \$5 each or buy 5 for \$20. Purchase them at the same time you order your Crab Dinner from our Square Site.

Tickets can be bought separately if desired.

Donations can be made there also.

To order, visit our Square Site at:

<https://grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site>

If you need assistance with ordering, please contact Ronnie Beyersdorf 206-478-3876 or wb7tby@aol.com

Alta Monte

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Our lodge is still not meeting in person, but we hope we can get together soon.

Happy St. valentine's Day to all, " Buon San Valentino a tutti."

Betty Martin-Petti

Rec. Sect.

Alta Monte Lodge #2513

American-Italian Club

Ciao a tutti,

Walking along the downtown streets of Spokane, a winter wind blows a sharp chill through the air. This is February, and February brings Valentines, and Valentines bring the hearts that dot the landscape, and the floating hearts dancing in the store windows bordered with white twinkling lights. Hearts that spark cozy warm feelings. Those cozy warm feelings are what we are planning for our upcoming February meeting.

This will be our first in-person meeting in two (2) years! It will be held at the Shadle Park Library in Spokane.

We have a very full agenda for that meeting. We will be holding elections, planning upcoming activities, and fundraising events. And of course, lots of socializing!! We would like to thank GLNW OSDIA President, Linda B. Anderson, for being so gracious in attending our Zoom meetings. It is always a pleasure to see you, and we value your input.

There will be much more to report next month!

Wishing you Love and Happiness on St. Valentine's Day!

From our hearts to yours.

Respectfully,

Linda Marcus

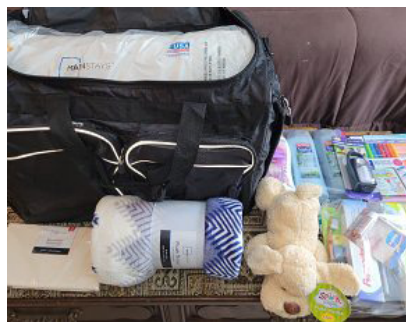
Recording Secretary #2172

linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Amerigo Vespucci

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

We are extremely excited about our Annual Valentines Day Dinner-Takeout! This event is on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Aberdeen,



WA. We will have a delicious menu of spaghetti in red sauce, homemade Italian meatballs, tossed green salad, garlic bread, and biscotti. Tickets are \$15.00. We are doing prepaid



tickets only so get your today. For tickets please contact Mark Percini at 360-532-1983 or mail a check to PO Box 2247 Aberdeen, WA 98520. We look forward to this wonderful

event-takeout style. Giving back to our community is something that is important to our lodge. As a lodge, we worked together to create care packages for teens and infants. Our wonderful chairperson Connie Chicano gave this wonderful feedback about this project: "Thanks to the generous donations of both money and goods from our Lodge at our Christmas party, I was able to assemble one preteen bag and two infant bags to donate to Luggage of Love. They will then deliver them to Child and Family Services for foster children in the Aberdeen area. Thanks again to all who participated!" We look forward to more opportunities to give back to our community in the future.

We are enjoying having our meeting in person again with social distancing. If you are interested in coming to a meeting please contact one of our lodge members for more information.

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

-Dante

Auburn

Our new year is underway at the Auburn Lodge and we are now dealing with the Omicron COVID outbreak so our January meeting was online via ZOOM. Even with shot, our membership was hit with Omicron so we went to the online meeting.

Auburn members are reminded that their dues of \$35.00 per member are now due. Dues checks can be mailed to: Auburn Sons of Italy Lodge #1955 PO Box 1224, Auburn, WA 98071-1224. Make checks payable to Auburn Sons of Italy. If those paying dues would be kind enough to donate an extra \$2 each to cover the Grand Lodge Scholarship assessment that would be greatly appreciated. A number of members have already made that donation. We have not raised the Auburn dues so this is voluntary.

2022 dues must be paid to maintain membership, vote, hold office, or participate in the scholarship program. Dues can be paid online at <https://auburn-sons-of-italy.square.site> for the Auburn Lodge.

At our January meeting, we welcomed the reinstatement of former member Lisa Ficele Brown who has paid her dues for 2022. Lisa Ficele Brown now resides in Odenton Maryland. Lisa is the daughter of our member Joe Ficele. (continued page 5)...



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Grand Lodge of the Northwest 2022 Scholarship Application

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member or the child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a member of the OSIA GLNW.
- Member or sponsoring member must be in good standing and have been a member for at least a year.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in a post-secondary course of study.
- Applicants are limited to one high school and one post-secondary scholarship.

Application Requirements

- Applicant's full name, address, phone and email.
- Sponsoring OSIA member's name, Lodge and relationship to applicant.
- Letter of recommendation from sponsor (or if applicant is self-sponsored, from another OSIA member)
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, coach or community leader.
- A recent photo of applicant for the *Northwest Italian News*
- One copy of applicant's most recent transcript
- A personal statement in three parts (each should be fewer than 150 words):
 - 1) How has Italian culture, community or heritage shaped who you are today?
 - 2) What drives you? Who are you now and who would you like to be?
 - 3) How have you given back to your community? How will you give back after your studies?
- A copy of the signed Acknowledgement at the bottom of this form
- Finalists will be asked to participate in an interview via Zoom prior to selection.

Two (2) \$1500 scholarships will be awarded.

Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 15th, 2022.

Recipients will be notified by May 15th, 2022.

Scholarship applications should be emailed to glnwsholarship@gmail.com.

Attachments must be in Word, Google Docs, or PDF formats.

Applications may also be physically mailed to:

Francesco Ortenzo, GLNW Scholarship Chair, 10277 Sentinel Loop, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: *To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and complete. I authorize OSDIA to share this application and other relevant information with the GLNW Scholarship Committee and/or donors. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information may be released for publicity purposes or to meet requirements for receiving awarded funds.*

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have questions, please contact Francesco Ortenzo (206-769-8563)
or e-mail (glnwsholarship@gmail.com)

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

6111 N. Market Street

Spokane, WA 99208

509-487-8552

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

At the January 13th Zoom meeting the Nominations Committee chair Ronnie reported on the slate of officers for the election.

The CASA \$1000.00 single scholarship application is now available and there is a 3-page form to review and comply with. The Auburn Lodge is a member of CASA so all our eligible members, children, or grandchildren are eligible. Our applicant member would have to have been a member of the Auburn Lodge for two years for the "CASA" scholarship only. One of our "members" actually won this scholarship in 2018. The application link was sent out with the meeting notice. If you did not get that you can get a copy from CASA member and Auburn Secretary Ronnie. The applications for the Auburn Lodge scholarships will be available by the end of January and the deadline for submittal is Friday, July 15, 2022, following all the graduations. Scholarship winners last year are not eligible for this year. Comply with the requirements noted on the application form.

Applicants must be an Auburn member, son or daughter of an Auburn member, or grandsons or granddaughter of an Auburn member.

Since we cannot have our usual annual seated Grand Lodge crab dinner this year we will be having a drive-through crab and pasta dinner on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Auburn. The cost will be \$50.00 per person which will include 1 ½ crab, pasta aglio e olio, salad, roll, and cookie. Hard regular tickets are available from Ronnie Beyersdorf for \$50.00 each at 206 478 3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com. The link to order meals is online and in the NWIN. Purchase by using credit cards and donations are possible also if you wish. We will also be having a cash raffle with \$150, \$100, \$50 and \$50 worth of Brown Bear car wash tickets donated by the Bellevue Lodge. Information on this is on the GLNW crab dinner online link. All dinner sales must be paid in advance. If you need assistance purchasing dinners call Ronnie Beyersdorf 206 478 3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com.

Copy this link and order:

grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site

Auburn lodge member Lina Gagnon just had some seri-

ous emergency eye surgery to repair a torn retina. Lina is home and has to rest and restrict movement while she recovers with the repair in place.

Member Joyce Pelozo is home recovering from a really bad bout with pneumonia which had her in the Auburn Hospital for a number of days. Joyce is in good spirits, however still suffering the effects of her ordeal. Please keep Joyce in your prayers and thoughts during her recovery.

Member Grace Lupo slipped on the ice and broke her ankle. She had surgery with 14 screws in her ankle to repair the damage. Grace was able to attend our meeting by ZOOM with her daughter Angie Artura.

On December 23, 2021, our long-time member Joanne DeGidio Masteller passed away after a long with Alzheimer's. The family is planning a service at Mt Virgin in the mid-February time period and more will come out as we just get more updates. The family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Our sympathies to the DeGidio and extended Patricelli and Chicketti, families. Joanne will be missed by all those who knew and loved her and her gregarious generosity.

On Monday, January 3, 2022, our beloved Auburn and Black Diamond member Bill Anardi passed away at the Swedish Hospital from a cardio incident. Bill was a wonderful happy person who spread joy with a hearty laugh and a friendly personality. Our sympathies to his partner Darlene Bjornstad and the Anardi family. There will be no funeral services only private family services.

The Auburn Lodge planned for a 75th Anniversary Banquet for April 9, 2022, this will now be scheduled at some future date. God Bless you all and hope to see you all soon.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporter

Wb7tbg@aol.com 206-478-3876

Bella Vita

Bella Vita met in person on January 6th at our VFW lodge for dinner, a raffle, and our first in-person meeting in a long time! Tony, Terra, and daughter Sophia Giannotti prepared delicious homemade lasagna and there

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 6:30 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**

253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

 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

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



was enough left for all to take some home. The officers were elected and installed: President- Sophia Risorto; Vice President- Adriane Smolen; Secretary- Shirley Garrison; Treasurer- Mathew Williams; Trustees- Ludi Cristofaro, George Stefanini and Kathi Borgess; Sentinel- Pam Daudet; State Deputy- Nick DiGidio; Sergeant of Arms- Jim Vettori and Gary Haney. We also installed



five new members: Tony Giannotti, Terra Giannotti, Linda Nielson, Vera Kay, and Tony Ferrara. Terra has been helping Tony with club meals and events and we are so glad she has joined us. Linda met us

through Jerry Patten and came to our Christmas party and we welcome her. Tony Ferrara is new to Olympia. He knows about wine and port, bakes delicious Italian desserts, and is looking to meet more Italians. Vera Kay recently moved from Aberdeen and is a dual member with Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. We are excited to have



so many new members to start 2022! We are including a few photos in this issue from our December Christmas party. It is nice to

look back on such a wonderful get-together and appre-



ciate the warmth, love, and fraternity we have for each other. Prayers for Marina Foster, who is home following a hospital stay for pneumonia. Donna Cristofaro is still recovering at home from her back injury but is responding well to therapy. Tom Daudet, Pam's husband, is still home recovering from

a broken hip that required surgery and is improving. We are thankful that these folks are on the mend! Jerry Patten is not well and is no longer able to care for himself or make meals and is not financially able to care for himself. Currently, he is in the hospital and cannot return home due to safety issues. President Sophia will keep you informed as soon as she knows more. Jerry has been a member for over 25 years and, if you have time, Jerry just requests a visit, a check-in, a meal, a smile to get him through each day. He would be more than grateful as his prognosis is poor. Please keep him in your prayers.



There are still a few people who haven't paid their dues yet. If you are one of these members and you wish to continue having great Italian fun and fellowship with Bella Vita

please send your \$40 for this year to Mathew Williams, 3738 Kisale Lane SE, Olympia, WA 98501. If you have decided not to continue membership please let us know by calling Sophia Risorto or any one of the officers. We won't try to talk you out of it but we will point out how

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
 (253) 631-3659
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
 (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

much we will miss you.

Grand Lodge is hosting a drive-through Crab Dinner on March 5. Please consider buying one or more dinners and participating in the raffle. Also, don't forget about Grand Lodge scholarships! If you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew entering college please remember to apply. Information about both of these events is in the NW Italian News and has been emailed to you plus you can check Facebook for details.

Our next meeting is February 3rd and tentatively we plan to meet at our lodge in the Olympia VFW, 2902 Martin Way E. This is dependent on the current COVID outbreak. If we can meet in person we will have Happy Hour at 5:30, Italian Dinner at 6, Raffle at 6:30, and our Meeting at 7:00. COVID precautions will be in place. President Sophia will send out an email with more information prior to the event.

February is of course the month we celebrate amore on Valentines Day. Buon San Valentino! Also this month, on Feb 5th, is Liberation Day for San Marino, the world's oldest surviving republic and "the other small country" within the boundaries of Italy. For those of us with connections to the Adriatic coastal regions, San Marino is our good neighbor. Bella Vita wishes each of you, and all your loved ones, lots of love and friendship on Valentine's Day and every day. Auguriamo a voi e ai vostri familiari amore e compagnia per questo San Valentino e sempre!
Dianne Stefanini

Bellevue

At our Lodge meeting on January 6th, we reinstated three members to the Bellevue Lodge: Cathy Mettler, Darlene Marasco, and Jerry Nonis. Cathy and Darlene were previously members of the Bellevue Lodge and speaking for the Lodge, I'm really glad to have them re-join our Lodge. I've missed them while they were away because they both add so much to our Lodge. Jerry was a member of another Lodge first joining the Sons of Italy in 1993.

Speaking for the Lodge, I'm happy that Jerry has chosen to join our Lodge and I'm eager to get to know him. The three new members bring our Lodge membership

to 39.

At the Lodge meeting, we also had a special guest: La Befana. Which was perfectly timed, being that our meeting was on January 6th, the Epiphany. Befana joined our Zoom meeting, but quite honestly wasn't very engaged in the meeting, she kept sweeping, and didn't stay on the meeting for very long; rushing off to do some baking or something. It was nice to have La Befana join our meeting, but I hope next time she'll put down the broom and Zoom with the rest of us. If she's worried about how messy the house is, just do what I do and set a Zoom background image of a nice tidy home.

In Lodge Sunshine news, Past-President Paul Osgood went into the hospital again at the end of December, but was released just after the New Year, and is home now recovering.

Carmelo Ricciardelli was hospitalized with pneumonia, his son Robert Ricciardelli posted on Facebook "99.5 years old and he still wants to live. He is a warrior, a Centurion! Keep praying!" Those of us in the Bellevue Lodge will most certainly do that. Michele Guerrini's dog Oscar has cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Michele said that he is responding well to the treatments and has been a very cheerful patient. I'm sorry to report that Chris Fazio contracted COVID and has not been doing very well. Rosetta Beyersdorf reported that six people in her family have gotten COVID. The omicron variant has created another spike, so I hope everyone can stay safe and stay healthy. And finally, in Sunshine new, our President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang announced that her oldest son Paul has gotten engaged to his girlfriend Kristen.

They hiked in the snow near Index Washington and then climbed an 80-foot fire lookout. It sounds like a beautiful way to propose and on behalf of the Lodge, I'm happy for you both and wish you happiness in your life together.

As a final piece of business, I would like to ask if anyone has any information about the creation of the Bellevue Lodge to send me.

Northwest Italian News newsletters from 1975 or 1976

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 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
(206) 276-4498

president@seattlesonsofitaly.org

may have information about the formation of the Bellevue Lodge, so if anyone has a newsletter from that time frame can you please pull them out. And if there's anything else with regards to the Bellevue Lodge can you please send it to me at 6214 Dayton Ave N. Seattle WA 98103.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood

Black Diamond

“La Festa degli Innamorati”

Valentine's Day, February 14, is an old tradition from the Roman Empire that celebrated the Queen of Roman gods and goddesses—Juno, the Goddess of Women and Marriage. May you reflect on your gratitude for all the loving individuals throughout your life.

It is with sadness that Black Diamond Lodge announces the death of our dear brother Bill Anardi, a dual member



of Black Diamond and Auburn Lodges. Bill added love, flattery, and a fun touch of humor to our gatherings. Our prayers go to Darlene and their families for strength and courage during this time of loss.

Black Diamond had an energetic, interactive virtual meeting in January to welcome the New Year 2022. It is excit-

ing to introduce you to our four new members: Mark Fasano, Ann Fasano, Maddalena Costanzo, and her husband Salvatore. In addition, we welcome back Paul and Sharon Pioli as dual members of Black Diamond and Seattle Lodges.

A heartfelt welcome home, also, to Darrell Palmer's daughter Sarah Palmer (who Marlene Palazzo likes to believe has been her surrogate nonna for over 30 years in the Black Diamond Lodge). Accompanying Sarah is her fidanzato (fiancé) Christopher Pedrini and their

two beautiful daughters Lilliana and Brooklyn who will represent five generations in the Black Diamond Lodge as they mature into membership.

Our Lodge election, installation of officers, and initiation of new members will occur during our February 11 virtual meeting. Each member's vote is critical to maintaining the camaraderie and participative energy that has developed, despite the constraints and escalation of the global COVID variants. Member notation: your vote will be valid only IF your \$40 dues are received prior to our February 11 virtual meeting by Treasurer Barbara Benedetti Newton (28938 - 218th Avenue SE, Black Diamond, WA 98010).

The Black Diamond Lodge enthusiastically introduces the author of our next Northwest Italian family story



to you. You are familiar with the accolades that Joe Jacobin consistently merited as the former Editor-in-Chief of this Northwest Italian News

publication, but are you aware that he was a past president of the Black Diamond Lodge, also? If you visit our website <https://www.glnw.org/blackdiamond.htm>, you will note that twenty (20) presidents have directed Black Diamond Lodge 1809 during the 85 years since it was chartered in 1937.



Joe and I (Marlene) have an OSDIA working relationship that spans over 30 years. Reading his story, I just learned that we were neighbors in our pre-OSDIA years,

Joe resided in Skagit County and I in Island County (Camano Island).

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

509-308-6581 / alpllc@hotmail.com

John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary

360-509-8287

john.cacioppo2@gmail.com

VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690

Vancouver, WA

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I was asked by Marlene Palazzo to share a bit of my Italian ancestry, so here it is. I grew up in Hamilton, Skagit County, a small town of fewer than 300 people prone to flooding every few years. Hamilton wasn't always small. A little more than 120 years ago the town was touted to be the "Pittsburgh of the West." Just across the Skagit River stood two mountains: Coal Mountain and Iron Mountain. Many people came to the area, including Italian immigrants, in hopes of finding good-paying jobs. Unfortunately, the coal was soft and the iron ore was limited. However, many stayed. My great-grandfather, Peter Jacobin (Iacobucci), was born in 1841 in Pietrovairano, Caserta, Italy. We have his diary, and it is an interesting story of his life in Italy. Peter arrived in New York at Castle Garden several years before Ellis Island was the main point of US entry. He spoke several languages and for several years was employed as an interpreter at the port of New York. While I could find no record of him leaving New York, he made his way to Sparta, Illinois, where he and his wife, Catherine McHale, managed to have four children including my grandfather, Frank. Peter and Catherine continued their western journey, and we next find them in Roslyn, Washington, where he was a shopkeeper until a massive fire destroyed many businesses, including Peter's.



This was about the time Peter must have heard of the next Pittsburg, so we find them in Hamilton in the early 1900s where he had a saloon, a store, a movie theater, and several other enterprises. Peter died in 1921. From his obituary it reads, "Up to a few years ago he led a very active and adventurous life, making money easily and spending generously. He looked upon life as a good and pleasant thing, and it was his pride to be

called a little more than just and fair in his dealings with his fellows."

My grandfather, Frank, and his wife, Ada, had two children. Joe, my father, was born in 1909 and died in 1998; and John, my uncle, was born quite deformed but he was also extremely intelligent. Due to constant flooding and a divorce between my parents, my mother, sister, and I moved to Sedro Woolley in the 1960s. Following my graduation from the University of Washington in 1974, I worked for Southland Corporation (parent company of 7/11 Stores).

I met Linda L. Jordan in 1975 and we were married that same year. Linda's Italian ancestry is through her mother's side of the family, named "Regis" (King), in the Turin, Piedmont, area of Italy. My company moved us several times from Seattle to Portland, OR, to Medford, OR, and Eugene, OR. In fact, we were in Eugene when cousins of mine, Bonnie and Fred Duncan from the Black Diamond Lodge, came to Eugene for the installation of the Alta Monte Lodge, but somehow we missed the chance to be Charter members.

Both Linda and I quit our jobs in Eugene and, with our son James, moved back to Seattle in 1985. A few years later, Bonnie and Fred Duncan told us about a camping club they belonged to called the Rolling Romans. We went on one of their outings and loved it, so we wanted to join. They said there was only one requirement: we had to join the Sons of Italy. Well, we both said "that's fine," so we joined the Black Diamond Lodge. I became the Recording Secretary shortly thereafter and then became Lodge President in 1994, followed by 30+ years as Editor of the Northwest Italian News. Fraternally shared with Black Diamond by Joe Jacobin, Seattle Lodge Member, Past Editor, GLNW Northwest Italian Newsletter

Past President, Black Diamond Lodge, Past Recording Secretary, Black Diamond Lodge

(Notes: Peter Jacobin's diary is online at <https://tinyurl.com/4maw844u>. There's also more information about my Uncle John, the Frog Boy, at <https://tinyurl.com/2cnvvkn7>.)

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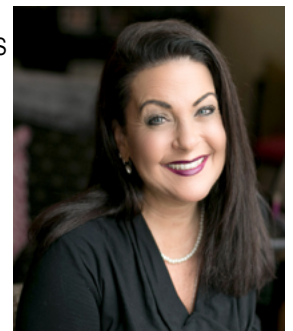
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Cataldo

Well, we all survived the snow and ice. Flowers have already begun popping out of the ground and hope for better times is in our grasp!

One more reminder, dues are due at this time. Nominations were held in January and elections will be conducted in February. Thank you again to Steve Lebeda for handling this process of nominations and elections. Roberta Martinetto Karosich has graciously accepted the role of Chaplain for our lodge. At the January meeting, we were able to see her in action and we are grateful for her presence.

Steve Haberstock and his wife Darlene Haberstock have donated Mexican food for our January lodge meeting. Thank you to them both once again. Other lodge members took care of appetizers, desserts, and salads. It was a great meal! It was also nice to see Rossetta Byersdorf, Tony and Linda Anderson, and Ronnie Byersdorf.

Joe Clementi has signed up to cook for the lodge meeting in February. What that meal will be remains to be decided. There are more openings available for April, May, June, October, November, and December, to be the chef. Our lodge does reimburse for expenses up to \$75.00.

Ronnie Byersdorf has become a member of Cataldo Lodge as well as being a member of Auburn Lodge. He will be a very good addition to our lodge.

Honoring JoAnn Zarieki a \$10.00 donation from Joy Epstein of Sun City Arizona for our educational fund was received. Also, Bill and Jackie Haberstock made an additional \$20.00 donation in memory of JoAnn to educational funding for a total of \$30. Card sets are still available for purchase. Contact Jackie Haberstock to purchase them. (they are beautiful). The GLNW is sponsoring a crab feed to be held on March 5th at Holy Family Church from 2- 5 p.m. Contact Linda Anderson for more information.

A small change was made when we discovered that St. Michael's in Silverdale opened up the possibility of donations of toys and activities for donations for children. Our collection of those articles was donated in lieu of previously only being able to donate to the Toys for Tots. It was wonderful for the children in the hospital to

receive Christmas gifts at that time.

Setting up the Lodge for our meeting was assisted by Joseph Haberstock and Alivia Haberstock. Those two did a bang-up job and were a great help. Guests at our lodge meeting included Jim Karosich, Joseph, Alivia, and Darlene Haberstock. We welcome people with open arms to bring a friend or family member to our meetings. Birthday congratulations for January include Frank Lara, Gabrielle Herndon, and Tommy Thompson. Buon Compleanno!

Happy Valentines Day
Diane Clementi

Cle Elum

Members of Cle Elum Lodge send out greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in the Grand Lodge. We postponed our monthly meeting in January to Sunday, February 6th at 5 p.m., at the Cle Elum Community Church, 201 E. 3rd Street due to a spike of Covid-19 Virus in Upper Kittitas County. Also, recent snowfall of up to 5 feet or more in Cle Elum and surrounding areas made travel difficult if not impossible.

On Saturday, March 19th, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., we will be holding our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction at the Putnam Centennial Center (Senior Center) located at 719 E. 3rd St. in Cle Elum. This event is our primary fundraiser to support scholastic and vocational scholarships for graduates of Cle Elum Roslyn High School. To help support the charities of the GLNW, Barbara Blair has available artistic Italian Stationary available for sale. She can be reached at 360-253-7984 or Buy online at <https://grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site>

January is dues season. Dues for 2022 are \$40 and can be mailed to: Cle Elum Lodge, P.O. Box 361, South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361.

Also, you can bring them to the February meeting or drop them off at Mike and Kathi Butorac's home at 619 E. 2nd St., Cle Elum.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

Mille Cugini

I'm happy to feature some valuable insights and memories shared by Mary Dellino, a 50-year member of OSDIA. Our senior members have so many great stories that give us a better understanding of the his-



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tory of our beloved lodge. She wrote this article upon my request. I hope you enjoy reading it. Maybe you will recognize some of the names that are mentioned.

“Since February is the month we remember and honor our Nation’s founding fathers, it may be an appropriate time to recall some of our past officers of the Order. How many recall a Ladies’ Lodge named Loggia Fedele #1469? We met in the lower level of the Serbian Hall on Beacon Hill. The men’s Seattle Lodge met upstairs. Frank Dellino drove a 1960 Ford Country Sedan Station Wagon from the Green Lake area with the rear seat alive with eager members on a night out. Sharon Pioli, Gilorma Taverniti, and Nellie Rinaldi were those ladies.

Irene Emmi was in the front seat with Frank and me. Seat belts were not required. When I joined the Seattle Lodge in about 1965 the officers I can recall were Gladys Jackson, Claryce Grosso, and Rose Santora, of happy memory. They and many others led with grace, fortitude, and a strong sense of the importance of our Italian heritage. We strictly observed Robert’s Rules. During that time, our storage area in the Serbian Hall was broken into and all our records and regalia were stolen. It was a sad and critical loss. When the meeting was over, we joined the men for dinner which their kitchen crew had prepared. Those were happy memories. Over the years I have been blessed with countless memories and friendships. The Lodge has been instrumental in bringing people of Italian heritage together. Thank you to all our former and current officers. – Mary Dellino

Paula Jacoby, Reporter, Mille Cugini

Seattle

Hope you all survived the snow. I am from the mid-west and I love snow. I like it, even more, when I do not have to drive in it. It is so beautiful to look at as long as we can stay snuggled in our warm houses with a good book, an exciting football game a glass of wine, and a

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good plate of pasta. Roses, chocolate, and red hearts, all reminders to wish your loved ones a Happy Valentines Day.

Sadly we have lost another beloved member of our Lodge. Barbara Peretti passed away in January. Our condolences go out to Rico and Dino Peretti and their families. Barbara always had a hello and smile for everyone. We have missed seeing her at our meetings. Plans now are to have a live meeting at Mount Virgin in February. Be sure to watch your emails for details. We will be electing new officers. If you want to vote be sure your dues are paid for 2022. Call or email Jeff D’Amelio or Laura Salle if you are willing to run for an office. Thanks to everyone who purchased a panettone over the holidays. This was an easy way to raise funds for our Lodge. Because of COVID, we have had to find new ways to raise money to support our charities and other expenses. If you have suggestions on how we can do that be sure to give President Joe, Laura, or Jeff your suggestions.

The GRAND LODGE will be hosting their annual Crab Dinner on March 5th. It is a drive-by dinner. See the ad in this issue of the NWIN. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The dinners MUST BE PRE-ORDERED. The DEADLINE

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FOR ORDERING dinners is February 20th. We are also having a raffle; raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00 First prize is \$150.00, 2nd prize is \$100.00, and 3rd prize is \$50.00. There is also a prize of \$50.00 Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets that the Bellevue Lodge is donating.

The Committee to Save Mount Virgin will be meeting with the Archbishop on February 7th, 2022. The January scheduled meeting was postponed.

We have 4 scholarships to award this year. Please urge your children/grandchildren and maybe yourself to apply for these funds. Applications for the scholarship must be received by the committee by February 18, 2022.

Please say prayers for President Joe Megale's father and also for our own Douglas Chiechi who underwent knee surgery in January. Sending a big HELLO to Deanna Dent. It was good to see a picture of her on Facebook once again playing the piano.

Drive carefully and stay safe.

Ciao,

Diane Scillo, Reporter

Tacoma

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Saluti a tutti! We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

We held our Officer's Board meeting via Zoom on December 29th and discussed several important topics such as the Tacoma Lodge's 100th Anniversary and fundraisers. We also planned the meal for the general Lodge meeting that was to be held at the Tacoma Amvets on January 12th.

Unfortunately, we were not able to meet in person on the 12th but did have a Zoom meeting. We had about 25 members and guests on the call. Meeting guests included: State President, Linda Buccini Anderson, and Joanne Marchese. Upcoming Lodge elections were discussed by Orator, Tony Camoroda. The elections will take place at the February meeting. Tony is encouraging members to contact him if they are interested in running for a position.

This month we honor long-time member Ernie Reda. Ernie was born on May 21, 1924, to parents Frank and Maria in Tacoma's Little Italy (Hilltop). His parents were from Sambiasi Calabria, Italy.

While a senior at Stadium High School he enlisted in the US Army to serve in World War II. He took part in the Normandy Invasion and fought in the "Battle of the Bulge." Leaving high school prior to graduation he was unable to receive his HS diploma. On December 20, 2021 (78 years later!) he received his HS Diploma in a ceremony at Stadium High School and also received an original 1943 Stadium Year Book.

CONGRATULATIONS ERNIE!



President, David discussed the Tacoma Lodge's 100th Anniversary. We are still working on the event that will now take place in March or early April of 2023. Watch for more information about this event in the upcoming months. Also, watch for information about our future fundraisers. During the meeting State President, Linda Buccini Anderson spoke to the group. She thanked David as well as the members for attending the Zoom meeting as these are still very difficult times. She also thanked the group for all of the hard work done so far on Tacoma's 100th Anniversary celebration. Linda said she appreciates the support of the Tacoma Lodge for the annual Grand Lodge drive-up crab dinner on March

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5th. Our lodge is purchasing a crab dinner to donate. Despite having a virtual meeting President, David Madrid was able to make it lots of fun! He capped the evening off with two \$25.00 cash drawings for those of us who participated in the meeting. Judi Bambini and Cindy Anderson were the lucky winners!

February Birthdays: Neil Beck-6th, Bob DeRosa-23rd, Gina Costanti-Eacrett-8th, Paula Fiorino-22nd, Kathleen Grinager-22nd, Sharon Knezvich-28th, Guelda Messina-21st, Kate Norris-7th, Dave Peluso-20th, Les Rosi-25th, Joe Verrone-11th. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Sunshine Report: Sadly, member Nick Tucci passed away on Sunday, January 9th at the age of 92. Our sympathy goes out to Nick's wife, Gloria, and their family. Also, please keep member Ernie Reda in your thoughts and prayers. He was recently hospitalized after falling and fracturing his hip.

Our next Lodge dinner/meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at the Amvets hall in Tacoma. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Please plan on joining us for a molto delizioso Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner! Ciao!

Julie Garitone

Tre Città

On January 4th, 2022, the Tre Città Lodge held its first meeting of the new year. The meeting was attended by 17 members at our normal meeting place Bella Italia restaurant. The final results from our 2021 Fall Dinner and Basket raffle "A Taste of Italy" were discussed and the good news is that the Lodge anticipates providing 3 scholarships in 2022. The Lodge continues to apply funds from our monthly meeting raffles of gifts provided by our members and anticipates supporting another \$500 contribution to a local charity this upcoming year. The Lodge is already discussing our next Fall Pasta Dinner and Basket raffle. We normally have this event in October so we will soon contact personnel at the Richland Community Center which is where we have chosen to hold this event. In the next month or so we will finalize the event date and put our down payment to hold the Center for our fall event. The Community Center is large enough to hold somewhere around 160 people which is perfect for our event.

Last September we had a bocce get-together at Book-

walter winery. It was so successful that we plan to possibly have two of these events this upcoming year, one in the spring and again one in the fall.

We are somewhat limited as the winery only has two courts, but we hope we can get even more of our Lodge members to participate.

The Tre Città Lodge election committee has provided a slate of officers for the upcoming year. The slate will be announced at our next meeting.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 1st at Bella Italia restaurant. The Tre Città Lodge meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia restaurant, 7000 W. Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA.

Al Pardini

Vancouver USA

We will be having a Super Bowl Party with food and games at our February meeting on Thursday, February 10th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver. Dinner at 6:30 PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Please remember that the church has requested that you wear a mask except when eating. We will have to sanitize all tables, chairs, and areas that we have used after our meeting is finished. Dinner will include all the fixings plus Chili, veggies, nachos, chips & dip, etc., and dessert. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson no later than Monday, February 7th at alamunno@gmail.com with SUBJECT LINE: OSDIA DINNER February 10, 2022, or call her at (360)281-0915.

Yearly dues of \$38.00 per member are now due. You can pay at the February meeting or mail it to our PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682. Please make check payable to "OSDIA".

We will be voting for a new slate of officers at our February meeting. There are still a few offices to be filled. Please let Mike Cherney know if you can help our club in this way.

In February, we are asking everyone to bring "underwear and hats" for our local charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. You can bring your donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB finished reading and had a dis-



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cussion of the Neapolitan Novels. A great story. HBO will be coming out with another season of this book later this year. For our Monday, March 14th book selection we will be reading a book written about one of our members, Filomena Forsyth's ancestral town of Vica Equense, Italy. Author Robert V. Camuto (Filomena's cousin) has written about wine, food, and the true soul of Italy entitled South of Somewhere. If you would like to get ahead start on reading our May selection, it will be Eternal by author Lisa Scottoline. These books are available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. At this time, Barnes & Noble is not open to groups. But we will check again in March to see the status. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984. No Dine Out in February.

Game Nite will be Saturday, February 19th at 7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Barbara Blair at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984 if you plan to attend.

White Elephant Bingo will be on Tuesday, February 1st at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's home. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year's "Year of the Tiger". Make sure to wear "red" to symbolize "prosperity and health". 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 blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

Come join us for our "Mad Hatter" Friendship Tea and

celebrate the craziness of the last year. The date is Saturday, April 30, 2022. The time is 1 pm to 3 pm. The cost is \$20.00 a ticket. The venue will be at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver, WA. Contact Linda Gibson by phone or text at (760)450-8057 for a reservation.

Mark your calendar for the return of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 15th at 40 & Eight, 76th Street, Vancouver, WA. Frank Palandrani and the committee are starting to work out the details at this time. If you can help with this committee, please let Frank know.

Donna and George LaFrazia have been hiding out and enjoying the warm weather in Palm Springs. Former member Robin Clark passed away from pneumonia. He has been at Touchmark Senior Living for several years. He always delighted us at meetings with his trivia questions. Buon Compleanno to our February birthdays!!

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. Con-

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tact 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 (February 13th and 27th) 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: Bob Battaglia will be having shoulder surgery. Barbara Blair is recovering from foot surgery. 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 January:

Tuesday, February 1st – White Elephant Bingo

Thursday, February 10th – Super Bowl Party/Meeting & Election of officers

Saturday, February 19th – Game Nite

Send a Valentine Card to our veterans at your local VA Hospital. Let them know how much we appreciate their service. Local address is: 1601 E. 4th Plain, Vancouver WA 98661

Barbara Blair

Yakima

Happy New Year to everyone, we are hoping you are all warm and healthy. If you have needs that we can help with please call one of your officers.

The Yakima Lodge met in December at the Harmon Center but with the rise of the Omicron variant and with the winter weather it seemed prudent to hold off on meeting in January.

The December meeting was well attended with several that have not been able to attend in recent months. It was good to see Joe Ficele, Don Guintoli, Dick and Janice Picatti, and Jerry Perrotti. Dick has recently been in the hospital for a month, so it was good to see him recovering well enough to join us. Don Guintoli has also been recovering from illness and is looking good.

The past few months have been very difficult months

for our beloved President, Robin Miller. She has had several deaths in her family including a nephew and her Mother who passed away within days of each other. Our thoughts and prayers are with Robin, Katherine, and their family. Robin has continued carrying out the office of President throughout all of the heartbreak. We are so fortunate to have her. Please be watching for ways to relieve some of her load. If anyone is willing to take on the role of president for the coming year it would be a tremendous blessing to her. The Lodge has a new and badly needed coffee maker compliments of Shirley Gulotta. Thank you, Shirley!

February is dues month and election month. We are asking for the dues to be \$40 this year, and the lodge will cover \$5 of that for each person from our savings account. The money in savings is money you have all raised so this seems appropriate. Anyone wishing to pay the full amount, of course, is welcome to do so. Please plan to bring your dues to the February meeting or send them to the Lodge mailbox: Yakima Sons of Italy, PO Box 2513, Yakima WA 98907

February is also election month. Anyone willing to step into the role of an officer would be very welcome and needed. Your current officers have been held in place for many years and would be willing to help new officers but are in need of relief.

On the agenda in February and March is a fun topic. We would like a discussion around what you would like to see your lodge be? What are some things you would like to see us do more of or try for the first time? Bring your ideas.

Sr Joseph's School will again this year be doing their drive-through Fish fry every Friday during Lent from 5-8 PM. That will be from March 4 to April 8. You pull in one end of the parking lot, place your order, and pick it up at the exit at the other end of the parking lot.

Our next meeting is on February 17 at 6:30 PM at Harmon Center. We are suggesting that each person bring their own individual meal.

Don and Dick Picatti picked up pizza, pies, and pop for the meeting last month, and Darlene Picatti Lust made pizzelles thank you Picatti family!

See you Feb 17!

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanne Fasano

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- Helen DeRosa Ames, #1175
- Tony & Linda Anderson, #1955, #2280 & #2285
- Anna Bangham, #2377
- Bill Anardi & Darlene Bjornstad, #1809 & #1955
- Richard Aries, #1955
- Andy & Irene Bevilacqua, #1390 & #2349
- Ronnie & Rosetta Beyersdorf, #1955 & #2377
- Mimi Beltramo Burwell, #1390
- Anthony Camoroda, #1175
- Douglas Chiechi, #1390
- Joan Carson & Doug Warne, #2377
- Mike Di Grazia, #1390
- Fred & Kathy DiNicola, 1809
- Joseph Ficele, #1955 & #2732
- Lisa Ficele Brown #1955
- Kim Ficele-Jones #1955
- Matthew ("Matteo") P. FitzGerald, #1390
- Lenny Folino, #1809
- Ansano & Joann Giuntini, #1955 & #2172
- Rich Grillo, Jr., #1968
- Bill & Jackie Haberstock, #2280
- Rebecca Helling, #2659
- Emily Jordan, #1955
- George & Donna LaFrazia, #2690
- Tony & Michele La Stella, #1390
- Margie & Jim Lambo, #1390
- Charles LoPresti, #2881
- Linda Madrid & Don Gulden, #1390
- Patrick & Paula Jacoby, #2659
- Audrey Manzanares, #1390
- Al & Vickie Marino, #2690
- Joseph Munizza, #1175
- Patrick Nolan, #1390
- Northwest Italian Radio Show
- Tim "Faraca" Parcher, #2172
- Dino & Kathy Patricelli, #1390
- Tony & Rose Petrarca, #2377
- Philip Privitera, Nat'l Recording Secretary
- Toni-Ann Privitera, Nat'l Autism Committee Member
- Payton Privitera (Son)
- Presley Privitera (Daughter)
- David Recchione & Kim Glass, #1955
- Carmelo G. Ricciardelli, #2377
- Mary Jane & Dennis Rogers, #1814
- Joe & Judi Quilici, #1175
- Salle Family, #1390
- Janet Salomone, #2172
- Velva Saltarelli, #1390
- Mario Santelli, #1175
- Diane Scillo, #1390
- Mary Scoccolo, #1955
- Lisa "Cimino" Stauffer, #1175
- Joni Gasperatti Thomas, #1175
- Gary & Kristi Thorn, #1390
- Darrell & Linda Vacca, #1809
- Dick & Dorothy Whitney, #1390

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