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Coming Events!

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

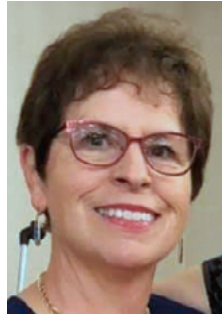
Saturday, May 21, 2022
Spring Grand Council
Embassy suites,
Lynnwood, WA

Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:noon
Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter
Bill Haberstock, President
360-373-4341
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

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

Space for Current Events! is reserved
for GLNW Lodges only
and must contain
Date, Time, Event Title, Location, and
Contact info.



As I am writing this article, it is beautiful outside, & Spring is on its way. It is exciting to see so many lodges working together and electing their new officers. Congratulations to those newly elected, those officers who are continuing as leaders in their lodge & those who are stepping down. The GLNW owes you all a debt of gratitude.

Our Grand Lodge Crab drive-thru dinner is happening as you are reading this. Thank you so much to the lodges and members for their support by purchasing dinner and/or raffle tickets. Also, thank you to all our Grand Lodge officers for pitching in to make this event happen. Like most, I'm looking forward to the return of in-person events. The heart of Italians is being together, sharing food, stories, and hugs. National VP Tony, National Trustee Rosetta, and I attended the National Plenary via zoom on 2-11,12-2022.

The link to watch the Plenary 11th- <https://youtu.be/03fy0045aAg> and 12th- <https://youtu.be/vYcidMeJKWg>.

It would be well worth your time to watch firsthand. There are many very positive things happening at the National level which we all know will benefit us.

Remember, Scholarship applications are due April 15th. Also, look at our Coming Events section; more and more activities are being posted. The energy of our membership is building as it's becoming safer to be together. So, get out and join in. March is the official month for the installation of the new officers. Go and be there to support this special event. Bring a carload of friends and go visit other lodges, support each other's events, and have fun. Again, I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

Lastly, the GLNW and National have updated their logo to say Sons and Daughters of Italy. Here is the new GLNW logo & the new National logos.

Linda Buccini Anderson,
GLNW President,
buccini@rainierconnect.com



What does National do for us?

Becoming a member of OSDIA is a choice, but when you do, you are joining the oldest & largest organization of Italian Americans in the USA & Canada.

Benefits for Lodge Members & National At-Large Members include:

- Free print & online subscription to Italian America® magazine, the most widely read cultural magazine in the U.S. for people of Italian heritage.
- Access to OSIA.org, and information about issues programs, reports and research important to Italian Americans, and other benefits available only online.
- Discounts on various products and services, including genealogy research, travel, Italian language instruction, and more. .
- Email promotions and giveaways. Early notice of new features on www.osia.org.
- Eligibility for OSDIA scholarships and participation in OSDIA youth programs.
- Italian America® magazine advertising discounts. More information.

Free benefits & discounts on various products and services, including: Wireless, Prescription Savings, Travel Health & Wellness, Genealog, Language Instruction, Insurance, Culinary products, and much more!

Additional Benefits for Lodge Members Only:

- Hold local, state, and national leadership positions in OSDIA.
- Represent your lodge at local, state, and national meetings of OSDIA.
- Vote on important issues within OSDIA, the Sons of Italy Foundation® and the Commission for Social Justice®.

Free Limited-Access Website Pass Benefits:

- Select OSIA.org content chosen for Website Pass users; content may change.
- Select email promotions and giveaways.
- Early notice of new features on OSIA.org.
- Participation in select polls and surveys.

Your Membership helps OSDIA:

- Promote Italian language and culture in U.S. schools and colleges.
- Educate the public about the historical achievements and contributions of Italians and Italian Americans.
- Fight the stereotyping of Italian Americans by the U.S. entertainment, advertising and news media.
- Advocate for Italian Americans pursuing federal and state appointments, and for important legislation affecting the Italian American community.
- Assist Italian American students and young professionals with their career plans through internships, mentoring, and youth programs.
- Award scholarships to young Italian Americans at leading universities.
- Donate funds to medical research, disaster relief efforts, education, cultural preservation, and other important projects. [nearly \$117 Million]
- Support Italian government efforts on a wide range of cultural, educational, and humanitarian activities.
- Maintain www.osia.org website

You can also join the Gold Membership level that's in addition to the regular, Social or At Large levels. The Gold membership in OSDIA has always been the premiere membership package that not only shows your support for what we do, but also provides you with great value as a premiere member. The cost of being a Gold Member has remained \$100 since its inception. Please check out all that is included with this level of membership at www.osia.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, as I will do my best to help.

Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson
atony@harbornet.com
253-677-9366
National 5th Vice President
GLNW – Past President



The most definitive information about our beloved Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America can be found on the National Headquarter's website at: www.OSIA.com. You can also view the OSDIA YouTube channel. Just Google: "OSDIA YouTube".



If you'd like to be emailed your OSDIA National website
Member's Only login and password,
email your full name and the name of your lodge to: info@glnw.org

Alta Monte
#2513 Eugene, OR

We 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. Patrick's Day to all.
Scott Tommaso, President, Alta Monte Lodge #2513

American-Italian Club
#2172 Spokane WA

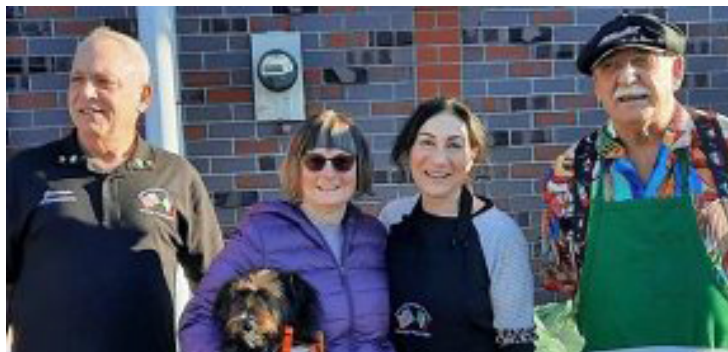
Ciao a tutti,
On February 9th, Lodge #2172, conducted our first in-person meeting in almost two years. It was held at the newly built Shadle Park Library, in Spokane, and was a very uplifting occasion! Those members that ventured out into the cold were greeted with warm hugs and beautiful smiles. It was so good to see our members again. New club member, Ginnie Williams, was finally able to attend her first meeting, and it was such a pleasure to meet her. We were so busy socializing it was hard to get the meeting started.
The meeting opened with a discussion about a new meeting location. Everyone present was impressed with the new Shadle Park Library. The room we were in was spacious with beautiful floor-to-ceiling windows, and a small kitchenette for our potluck dinners/luncheons. The members liked this location so much it was voted that we conduct our March meeting here as well.
Elections were held and, with unanimous votes, all current Officers were reinstated. Past President~ Ron Anselmo, President~ Judy Anselmo, Vice President~ John Lucassen, Treasurer~ Ansano Guintini, Recording Secretary~ Linda Marcus, Orator~ John Caputo.
Trustees, Kim Assay, Susan Riley, Mary Taylor, Phyllis Wardle. Mistress' of Ceremony, Donna Clark, and Georgia Seeberger. Guard, Tina Santorosla. We will have our Officer's initiations at next month's meeting, which will be a formal Business meeting.

We discussed our Wine Tasting which will be held as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted. Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held this year (again Covid Restrictions permitting.) We are also talking about including another Festa with the dinner as well. This will greatly help in our fundraising efforts. Spokane just announced that the city will be holding its' Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is an annual event that our club actively participates in. It's always so much fun walking the parade route next to our Leaning Tower of Pisa and handing out candy. The city's announcement has caught us by surprise but hopefully, we can get organized in time to join in the fun. In the spirit of St. Patty's Day:
May the winds of Fortune sail you, May you sail a gentle sea.
May it always be the other guy who says the drinks are on me. Respectfully submitted,
Linda Marcus
Recording Secretary
Lodge #2172

Amerigo Vespucci
#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Hello March: May the early spring awake your soul and remind you to celebrate the season with the hope and joy it brings.

Attention members, please remember \$40 dues need to be turned in this month. Dues can be mailed to PO Box 2247 Aberdeen, WA 98520. Thank you in advance.
We are excited to hear from some of the old members of our lodge they are ready to come back. We look forward to seeing them soon.
Our first Valentine's take-out dinner was a success. With lots of teamwork, we had a wonderful time. The members of our lodge enjoyed preparing, assembling, and distributing the meals to the smiling drive-up diners. We missed the fellowship of the dinner but we hope that will come again soon. Thank you to all of our Sons of Italy friends that made a gracious donation to the dinner that could not attend.



Mary Jane Rogers is looking for information about the history of the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. If you have any please send them her way.

Our next meeting will have the installation of officers with a potluck and an Irish theme. Dinner and social time 5:30-6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. This will be on March 17th at St. Mary's Church in the fellowship hall.
"Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici – We cannot have a perfect life without friends." -Dante
Nicole Evanson

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

The Auburn Lodge meeting for February 11, 2021, was a live meeting called to order by President Francesco Ortenzo Auburn members are reminded that your annual dues of \$35.00 per member are due on January 1, 2022. You can pay by mail with a check payable to the Auburn Sons of Italy for \$35.00 per member. The mailing address is Auburn Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 1224, Auburn, WA. 98071-1224.

Here is the link for paying the Auburn Lodge dues OSDIA #1955 for 2022 online.
Dues are \$35.00 per member. Members are asked to donate an additional \$2.00 each for the Grand Lodge Scholarship assessment this is optional as we have not raised the dues. Please list the full name of each member whose dues are being paid online. Ronnie, secretary
<https://Auburn-sons-of-Italy.square.site>
for Auburn SOI dues.

Congratulations to these new Auburn Lodge members who were voted in at our meeting. Joseph Artura applying as a regular member, Joseph is the son of Richard and Angie Artura and grandson of Grace Lupu.
From the Marsilio & Magda DiGiovanni family we have three new regular members;Continued on 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
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner,
7:00 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

PO BOX 2247, Aberdeen, WA 98520

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Richard Luzzi, President

(360) 637-9193

Buttons575@AOL.com

George Miller (DiGiovanni) grandson, new members Steven & Lydia Voiland (DiGiovanni) George Miller was a 2017 Auburn Lodge Scholarship awardee while he attended Washington State University. Go Cougs. Now he is a member of the Auburn Lodge.

The Auburn Lodge is saddened by the loss of two of our long-time members in the month of February Joyce Peloza passed on February 13, 2022, after having been ill and in the hospital last fall and seemingly recovered so her sudden passing was a shock to us all. Funeral arrangements are still unknown at this time.

Longtime member Salvatore Perry passed away early on February 20, 2022, following heart surgery and complications he was not able to overcome. Salvatore is survived by his wife Janis and daughter Linda Perry Stewart both members of the Auburn Lodge and many family members in the Auburn area.. May these two wonderful members Rest in Peace with God. Both Joyce and Salvatore attended Holy Family Church in Auburn WA.

The Auburn Lodge #1955 OSDIA held out annual elections at our February meeting.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Auburn Lodge Officers 2022-2023 Incoming Officers:

President, Francesco Ortenzo, Vice Pres., John Partridge Past Pres., Dan Chicketti, Orator, Barbara DeCaro, Rec.Sec., Ronnie Beyersdorf, Fin Sec, Michelle Binetti, Treasurer, Debbie Sonsteli, Trustees starting 2nd 2-year term Trustee, Phill Celver, Joe Ripollone, Joanne McDaniel Starting 1 of 2-year terms, Lina Gagnon, Frank Scarsella Mistress of Ceremonies, Sharon Lufkin, Mistress Ceremonies Carolyn Jones, Sentinel Natale Stella, Bartender Sam Kamphaus

Scholarship committee,

The applications for the Auburn scholarships are now available with the deadline for submittal set at April 15, 2022. Scholarship winners last year are not eligible for this year. Please 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.

Contact Ronnie Wb7tbg@aol.com or 206-478-3876 cell for applications. I can email them or mail them to you.

Also, thank all the donors throughout the year for their donations and donations to the Grand Lodge Scholarship program by adding to their dues.

Auburn Lodge family members currently serving in the US

military: Lt Robert Vic Savino is a US Air Force pilot currently stationed on Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. Vic is a member of the Auburn Lodge. Vic is the son of Robert of Valerie Savino members of the Auburn Lodge.

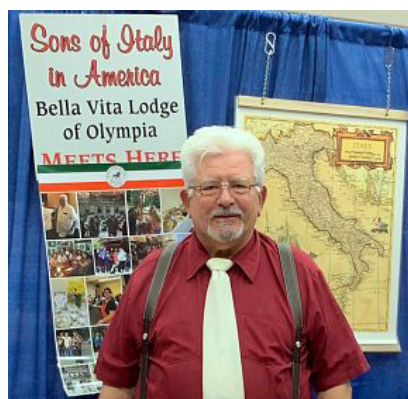
Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 10, 2022, which will be a meeting live at the Holy Family Church Hall.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, Auburn Lodge, Secretary, reporter 206-478-3876 Wb7tbg@aol.com

Bella Vita #2285, Olympia, WA

It has been an interesting month; we planned to meet at the VFW Hall on February 3 but found out it was no longer available. We met via Zoom on February 10 and are trying to find a suitable place to have our meetings. In the meantime, we will meet at the Mercato restaurant in Olympia (111 Market St. NE) for our next in-person meeting. Sophia will be sending members an email with the details.

Unfortunately, we have lost several members due to relocation. Also, I am sad to report that Jerry Patten passed away on February 4, 2022 while on hospice at Capitol Medical Center in Olympia. His will to live was strong, though his last year was very tough. Now he is at peace, watching over us at Bella Vita! He considered Sons of Italy his Famiglia and



participated in many SOI events and meetings. He especially loved our meals! Jerry was a member of Sons of Italy for over 30 years and was always one of the first to volunteer and give his time- until he was physically unable.

At our next in-person meeting we will dedicate a special time to remember

him.

Vai in Pace, Jerry! Che Dio ti stringe forte!

Be in Peace, Jerry! May God hold you tight!

In club news: Tony Giannotti is currently working on a Bella Vita webpage. Additionally, some of our members enjoyed watching the Italian rock band Måneskin featured on SNL. It was the first-ever Italian Band featured on the show. You can find them on YouTube.

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

Eight Italian Traditions to Celebrate St. Joseph's Day on March 19th- Give food to the needy; this is a lovely activity to do with children that ties in alms during lent.

Wear red clothing; the choice of color is a patriotic gesture as St. Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily, whose flag includes the color red. Eat a zepolle. Serve food with bread crumbs; the reason Italians eat food with bread is that the crumbs represent the sawdust of all the hard work that came from



Joseph, who worked as a carpenter. Create a St. Joseph's altar; the altar is filled with religious images, statues, medals, candles, liquor, wine, flowers, favas beans, and other practical food that will be given to the poor. Fava Beans; tradition states when there was a famine in Sicily patrons prayed for rain and asked St. Joseph to intercede to save the crops and save the people. Burn Wood; villages used to burn logs in the village square before the feast in order to honor St. Joseph. Italian Father's Day is celebrated on the same day as St. Joseph's feast day. Buona festa del papa', Happy Father's Day!!

Donna Cristofaro Blla Vita, Lodge #2285

Bellevue
#2377, Bellevue, WA, WA

Hi everyone! Greg Osgood is unable to write the report this month, so Linda Caputo and Linda L. Jacobin are collaborating to make this report.

We met by Zoom for our February 4th meeting with 14 members and guests taking part, led by our President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. We held our elections, and everyone is staying in their offices with no changes. We learned that Andy and Debbie Moretti have asked to transfer their membership to the Kenosha, WI lodge because that is where they have moved to help their daughter with college. We filled their positions with Roger Faso and Ron Sangalang.

Charter members Mary May just turned 92 years young, and Mary DeMatteo has COVID but is asymptomatic. Roberto Cittadini is doing well after his medical treatments. Cathy Mettler has been having problems with her back. Chris Fazio also had COVID and is on the mend. Our past president, Paul Osgood (Greg's father) was in the hospital but is back home now. He had COVID last year! Linda L. Jacobin reported that her sister, Vicki Jordan, has COVID but is getting better. Bill Guerrini has had some eye problems. Ralph Kleim said it's hard for him to attend because he's taking care of his wife. He and Darlene Marasco are in the same caregivers group for Parkinson's. We got an email from Tony Ascanio. He is having back trouble also and can't drive at night. He missed the Zoom meeting because he was at church for a function. We have had so many members of other lodges pass but so far, we've been lucky. Stay healthy! Lisa Speno says that it's been snowing or having freezing rain where she is in Alaska. She wants warmer weather! Linda Caputo, on the other hand, has been taking advantage of the recent snowfall by going to the Pass to cross-country ski; she wants more snow! Joan and Doug Warne are staying mostly at Lake McMurray for isolation. Mary reported that her son Paul Sangalang is now engaged to Kristen as of Christmas Day! Congratulations. Another special congratulation goes out to Rosetta Beyersdorf who has now been a member of the OSDIA for 55 years, followed by her husband Ronnie Beyersdorf who has been a member for 50 years...wow! What a super couple! Jerry Nonis is working on his Ontario Nicodemo family genealogy. Laura Cosacchi reported that her son Conor Adams has a band in Portland, OR called "Cosacchi" in honor of his Italian heritage. He sings lead and plays the keyboard, trumpet, and guitar. His band is playing at a wine bar called "Forte". If you're in Portland, drop by!

Our State Deputy, Rosetta Beyersdorf, talked about the Grand Lodge Northwest Crab Feed in March. You can find the information about it elsewhere in the NWIN. We voted to donate 10 car wash tickets for the Crab Feed raffle. And we have more car wash tickets! If you need tickets to buy or sell, please contact Mary Sangalang at collectingroots@msn.com or call 425-649-2250. The price is \$5.00 each. Brown Bear has raised their price of a basic car wash to \$11.00, so this is a bargain. Linda and Joe Jacobin also have tickets. Call Joe at 206-276-3248 or Linda at 206-276-6373. If you haven't paid your dues yet, there's still time. Linda J. will be sending out a "Did you forget?" notice soon. They were due on January 1st in the amount of \$50.00, and you can call

**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

Linda if you need her address (see the previous paragraph). There are many other happenings going on in the Grand Lodge, including scholarships, dinners, and fund-raisers, so please read the calendar for more information. So many ways to participate, even from home!

Please keep our servicemen and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our next BSOI meeting will be Thursday, March 3, where we will install our officers. Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Jacobin and Linda Caputo
Bellevue Lodge #2377 Interim Reporters

Black Diamond
#1809, Black Diamond, WA

It has been an honor to be entrusted with the presidency of Black Diamond Lodge 1809 three times throughout the past 23 years. It is my sincere pleasure to announce our 2022 President Janice Malvesti Cole, who will lead our Lodge into the 85th year since it was chartered in 1937. In my transition to Immediate Past President, I would like to share how Michele and I became affiliated with the Ordine Figli d'Italia in America.

I was a U.S. Cultural Ambassador to Italy and Michele was an Italian Cultural Ambassador to the U.S. We were selected by our respective Departments of Agriculture. This ambassadorship was established in 1948 with the primary goal to connect grassroots populations to avoid a third world war. I worked with the officials and lived with families of varying means in the provinces of Modena, Trento, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Udine, Lucca, Rome, Taranto, and Sardegna. Michele's U.S. work and family connections were in Missouri, Oregon, and California.

Following four years of "licking stamps" (as Michele describes our long-distance courtship with only two weeks of face-to-face contact), we married in his hometown of Castellaneta, Province of Taranto, where his cousin still owns Rudolph



Valentino's family home. After a brief residency in Italy, we left his tear-filled Papa' Ettore at the Castellaneta train station as his oldest son boarded a train to Rome for our flight to America. Relocating from our first year in Burien to Kent, Angelo Marinaro was the first Italian who made contact with Michele and encouraged us to join the Black Diamond Lodge in 1969 so Michele

could speak his home language. We enjoyed visiting with the older members who shared conversations in their village dialects. When our daughter Lucia and son Ettore were born, we had to leave the Lodge to prioritize our limited time between family and work.

As our children matured, it was the persistence of Angelo Marinaro, once again, and his love for the OSIA organization that encouraged us to rejoin in 1990. Additional dedicated couples, including Evo and Shirley Toschi, George and Sharon Collura, and Mario and Dorothy Santelli, encouraged me to run for an office. Thus, began my active participation as a Trustee, Vice President, President, and eventually National Trustee.

As a tribute to the memory of our beloved OSIA brother Angelo Marinaro, I would like to share the following story he wrote on August 5, 1999, that was published in the Italians of the American Northwest compilation by Charley Vingo of the Italian American Club in Spokane.

I was born in Elkhorn City, Kentucky, on January 4, 1921. My father Cataldo Marinaro was born in 1886 in Talsano, Provincia di Taranto, State of Puglia, Italy, located on the Gulf of Taranto by the shore of the Ionian Sea. He left Italy in 1907 at about the age of 21 and settled first in Canada. He helped build the first elevator ever constructed in Niagara Falls,



which was for the purpose of tourism. After saving his money, in 1910, he bought a ticket to go West to help build the Clinchfield Railroad. He had a traveling store that followed the building of the railroad through Dante, Trammel, Nora, Fremont, DeLano, and some of the Hamlets in Virginia along the way to Kentucky, selling his hot baked

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

Marysville, WA

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bread and other items needed by the rail crews and passengers. He acquired the moniker of "Kelly."

In 1920 he met his Venus de Milo, the answer to his dreams. He fell in love with Maria Paonessa, born at Gimigliano in the Sila Mountains of Calabria, Italy. They married that same year, spent \$600 on the wedding, and moved to Elkhorn City, Kentucky. He set up a business providing edibles for trains, stores, and restaurants. He became a successful realtor, a truck mine operator, worked in a shoe store, a rooming house, and a restaurant. He said, "Anybody who would starve in this country is either lazy or a fool."

In due time, young Kelly Marinaro became Papa Marinaro, bursting with pride for his four fine boys, Angelo, Nick, Frank, and Joe, and a daughter Mary. He wanted the best for his



children. He wanted them to have faith, honesty, good health, education, an appreciation of the finer things in life, and all good and enduring values. He lived to see each of his children receive some honor, and not one of them failed him. He would say in his old age of his children and 17 grandchildren, "There is not a lemon in the bunch." I, Angelo,

was a principal at South Williamson Elementary, South Williamson, West Virginia before I moved to Washington State to become active in their school system. During World War II, I served in the Army for three years and five months, being discharged at Fort Lewis, Washington. I met Joyce Cowan while stationed in Fort Lewis, and we were married on June 2, 1945. We returned to Appalachia where I joined the OSIA Gentile Lodge in South Williamson, West Virginia, in 1948. In 1950 we returned to Washington State, and I transferred my OSIA membership to the Black Diamond Lodge 1809 and served one year as Venerable. I transferred to the Seattle Lodge 1390 and then the Olympic Peninsula Lodge 2733 when I retired to Sequim, Washington. My children are Kathy (deceased), David, Mark, and Joan (Jenkins). I enjoy playing my concertina for many events and all occasions.

In loving memory of Angelo Anthony Marinaro
June 4, 1921 - January 17, 2012

Fraternally submitted, Con Liberta, Ugualianza e Fratellanza

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Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello everyone. We hope all is well with all of our fellow lodge members.

We have some exciting news. In 2023 our Lodge will be celebrating our 50th year anniversary. We are starting to make plans well in advance, Joe Maggi suggested a celebration in July. It has also been suggested that we take a cruise. More to come on what we will decide to do.

From our Sunshine Committee, a card was sent to J.R. and Mary Ann Freeman with our thoughts and prayers as their granddaughter is battling a medical issue.

Cathy Croce Valpone recently passed away. She will be missed.

Elections are coming up. Luckily Don Giamonna has volunteered to hold a trustee position. Thank you so much, Don! We are still in need of 2 trustee positions and Master and/or Mistress of ceremonies. Elections will be held at the March Lodge meeting. Thank you letters were received from Fishline, North Mason, and DePaul food banks for our donations. Speaking of donations, our March meeting's raffle proceeds will be donated to our national charities, so let's get lots of items to raffle off, and/or donations.

We are still holding off on "Let's Do Lunch" but hope to reopen up on this soon. We will keep you posted. There is a possibility Tony's Pizza will be our first "Let's Do Lunch" for 2022! Steve Lebeda will let us know asap if this pans out, no puns intended.

Our February meeting had a pasta meal prepared by Joe Clementi, made with shrimp and calamari. The crab would have been added but the chef is allergic to crab. Tony and Linda Anderson will be chefs for the March meeting, menu to be announced. Bill and Jackie Haberstock will be the chefs in June. September, October, November, and December are still open for volunteers. There are also openings available in 2023 if you are so inclined.

Guests for our lodge meeting included Linda Buccini Anderson who is also Deputy at Cataldo Lodge, Jim Karosich, Darlene, Joseph, and Alivia Haberstock. The twins, Joseph and Alivia were very gracious to assist with the decorations for our meeting with the Valentine Genre. Thank's so much!

Birthdays for February include Carolyn Crabtree, Steven Haberstock, Antonia Lebeda, Joseph Maggi, Mattie Maggi, and Nick Wancowicz.

BUON COMPLEANNO a tuti!

Diane Clementi

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

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Meets the 1st Wednesday

Social 5:30, Meeting 6:30

Dinner Follows ~7:15

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Social/Dinner 5:30 pm

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Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

The record snowfall of over five feet in just a few days of early January 2022 has mostly melted away making life in Upper Kittitas County much easier. Though the largest of snow piles are still and will be, with us awhile longer Cle Elum Lodge members and guests met on Sunday, February 6th in friendship and fraternity to enjoy a pot-luck dinner of Italian favorites.

Following dinner, Lodge President Cheryl Ficele welcomed and thanked all those in attendance for making it to the meeting a week earlier than regularly scheduled to avoid a conflict with Superbowl 2022. Business discussed included our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner and Auction in March and all the ancillary activities and projects to make it a success. New members Char and Craig Savio were inducted into the Lodge with the help of our State Deputies Janice and Lisa Stauffer



performing the ceremony.

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->

YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732

Yakima, WA

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This time of year 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 March meeting or drop them off at Mike and Kathi Butorac's home at 619 E. 2nd St., Cle Elum.

Thanks to the February 17th edition of the Northern Kittitas County Tribune, our local weekly newspaper, this reporter learned and would like to share, that the City of Cle Elum turns 120 years old this month. "The citizens of the mining and railroad town had taken to the polls on February 12, 1902, to vote on whether to incorporate as a municipal corporation of the fourth class." And it passed. "The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners certified the vote on Monday, February 17, 1902."

Like many other communities in the weather's path, we were not unscathed.

Calamities such as building collapse, gas leaks causing home explosions and fire, backcountry snow avalanche, and travel accidents on slippery icy roads can and will happen, thus we must be careful and vigilant in our daily activities. Cle Elum Lodge wishes the best of health and safe travels to all our Brothers and Sisters in the Grand Lodge.

Ciao!

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillogo1@msn.com

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Spring is coming soon! We're happy to welcome new people into our lodge. We had several guests at our February meeting that included Patrick's son, Robert Jacoby, and Marcella Maile, wife of member Don Maile. Both are soon-to-be members.



Christina and Mark Gerling also joined us in person. Linda Anderson joined us on zoom.

Our honorable Recording Secretary, Rebecca Helling, just moved from Bothell into her new home in Snohomish. We wish her and her husband, Tim, all the best of luck with renovations and getting settled.

Several of our members have injuries or illnesses that

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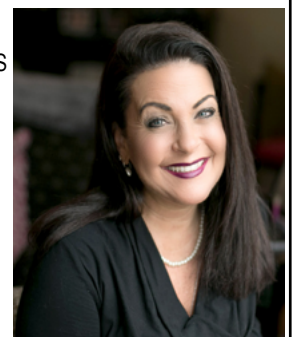
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prevented them from attending. We hope and pray for their recovery and look forward to seeing more and more people in attendance as time goes on.

We are happy to announce that most of our officers will serve in their positions for another year! Thank you to everyone who



works towards keeping our lodge a vital group, bringing new ideas, and growing our membership so we can continue to serve our Marysville community.

For dinner, we enjoyed lasagna made by Patrick with fresh pasta. Members

and guests brought fresh vegetables, salads, bread, pies, and drinks, including wine, which made for a great time socializing after the meeting.

Adam DeFilippo, son of our newest member, Mary DeFilippo, and grandson of Mary Dellino, is getting married in May. We wish him and his bride, Alana, many blessings and years of happiness together.

Amore a tutti.

Mille Cugini, Reporter: Paula Jacoby

Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula and Lodge #2733. Our members send best wishes and greetings to one and all. Our Lodge meeting of Feb 20th was an extra special one. We had the pleasure of having our State President, Linda



Buccini Anderson visit and assist with the installation of our 2022 officers. Also, our State Deputy Jackie Haberstock was

part of the ceremony.

Here is a picture from the ceremony. Great appreciation is given to our outgoing President, Sal D'Amico who not only served as President for an accumulated 10 years since the institution of this Lodge, but he is also one of our Charter members. Sal has been involved in every aspect of Lodge activities. It's no surprise that he accepted the nomination and was elected as the 2022 Vice President. We can continue to learn and grow from his experience. Likewise, Judy D'Amico, our outgoing Recording Secretary, has been filling this role for 10 years. Her kind and welcoming demeanor and commitment to our Lodge is so appreciated. Our outgoing Treasurer/Financial Officer, Don Zanon has been the Lodge number cruncher for 10 years as well. He is a wealth of knowledge and information in conducting Lodge financial business. Our valued and much-appreciated Trustees have remained in their positions for 2022. A big thanks to them. Our previous Vice President Steven Bridge was elected as the 2022 President; we are thankful for his experience. Our Lodge is anxious and ready to get back to pre-COVID activities in the coming months; we encourage and welcome visitors to any of our meetings. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. See our Lodge info in the Newsletter for meeting location and contact info.

Come up and see us sometime!

Ciao..for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary



Seattle

#1390, Seattle, WA

February started with the Groundhog predicting 6 more weeks of winter. We have 3 weeks to go and then spring will arrive and we will hopefully see camellia's, crocus, and daf-



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fodils in bloom.

Get well wishes to Beverly De Mattea who is in the Burien Nursing Center. She fell at home and has had to undergo some neck surgery. Her phone number is 206-439-5387. She would appreciate phone calls but they have to be short, she cannot

tolerate long phone conversations.

Joey Marchese will be on the lookout for a new vehicle.

Someone broadsided his car, he is okay but those airbags cause lots of bumps and bruises.

We have passed the deadline for receiving applications for our Scholarship Program. We will announce the winners in our next column. We received some excellent applications Gianna Marchese is recovering from a broken finger. Imagine trying to complete mid-terms/finals with your finger in a cast. Feel better soon and good luck with your tests.

A shining light has gone out in our lodge. We lost a very special member Cathy Croce Volpone. Our sympathy and prayers go out to all of her family. I will miss her warm smiles, friendly hellos, and beautiful singing.

It looks like we will soon be able to have in-person meetings without masks. Won't that be wonderful? Let's hope COVID continues to decrease and our Governor bans the wearing of a mask. On March 17th please drive carefully as people of all nationalities will be on-road celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Many of them will have had a glass or two of Guinness a sip of Tullamore Dew or a shot of Jameson's. Others may raise a glass of wine and toast St. Patrick who was Italian. Whatever you do stay safe and well.

Diane Conley Scillo, Reporter

Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Saluti a tutti! March has arrived and before you know it Spring will be here!

We had our Lodge board meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022, via zoom. President David Madrid presided and as



always we had a very productive meeting. We discussed elections, fundraisers, and the Tacoma Lodge's 100th anniversary.

We held our regular Lodge meeting in person on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. The meeting was held at the Dock Street Deli because our regular location, the Tacoma Amvets hall, was being remodeled. We had a very good turn-out of members and guests for the meeting. Some of the guests included; State President, Linda Buccini Anderson, 5th National Vice President Tony Bisceglia Anderson, Past State President Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf, State Trustee, Janet Fritz, and State Recording Secretary, Gina Natucci. We enjoyed a delicious dinner of chicken cordon bleu, pasta, and salad,



prepared and served by Gallucci's Catering. We want to thank the Dock Street Deli for their hospitality and all of their hard work! Grazie molto!!

President, David kept the meeting fun and interesting. Jamie Moore and Payton Moore applied to

become members of our Lodge. They will be initiated at a future meeting. Our 2022 elections were also held at the meeting. Orator Tony Camoroda did a very good job of presenting the information and completing the elections.

Thank you Tony for all of the work you put into the election process. Many of our board members have maintained their offices but we want to welcome two new officers: Janet Fritz as our new Vice President, and Nick Santelli as a new Trustee. Thank you!

You will be great additions to our board!

You may remember that we celebrated member Ernie Reda at the meeting. Sadly, Ernie passed away the morning of February 7th at the age of 97 years old. Ernie was the father of board member, Cindy Anderson, and member Ernie Reda Jr. He was also the brother of member Al Rettura. Ernie regularly attended our monthly Lodge meetings and always had a big smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. Please keep all of Ernie's family in your thoughts and prayers. Our sympathy goes out to all of them.

March Birthdays include Brad DiLuzio, 19th, Cynthia Gilletti, 14th, Tom Manza, 24th, Agnes Patten, 2nd, Mike Porco, 2nd, Joe Quilici, 25th, Geri Rendina, 15th, Lisa Stauffer, 31st, Mary Zadow, 17th. Buon Compleanno!!

Great news! We'll be having a new drive-thru fundraiser in April. We're planning to serve an incredible meal that has never been available around here. Stay tuned, we'll have

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more information out about it very soon!!

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm and a delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. A lively and informative meeting will be held after dinner.

Please bring your favorite desserts or appetizers to share. Also, it would be great if you would bring a raffle prize. We look forward to seeing you!

Ciao!

Julie Garitone

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On February 1, 2022, the Tre Citta Lodge held its second meeting of the new year. Fourteen members attended this meeting held at Bella Italia in Kennewick.

Due to the tremendous success of our 2021 Pasta Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle last October, we were able to approve support of three \$1000 scholarships this coming year during our February meeting. Our scholarship committee prepared and sent out packets of information on our application process to all local high schools and colleges. Thanks go out to our scholarship committee Chairman, Chris Murray, and committee members, Sandy Pardini, Michele Lumetta, and Jack Barnaby for their efforts in making the program happen. We look forward to getting applicants for our scholarships by the middle of March and hope to select the new recipients of our Scholarships in the May timeframe.

During our last meeting, we also voted in a final slate of officers and conducted our new officer's installation. Congratulations are in order for our newly elected officers for the next two years who are as follows:

President - Marcel Bergeron

Vice President - Greg Lumetta

Recording Secretary - John Cacioppo

Treasurer - Linda (Luchini) Bergeron

Financial Secretary - Jack Barnaby

Trustee - Sam DeRosa

Trustee - Charles LoPresti

Trustee - Rick Boarder

Orator - Bob Carosino

Mistress of Ceremony - Margie Garner

Guard - Leonardo Luzi

At all our business meetings, we have a raffle for items of various kinds donated by lodge members that have brought out the wonderful generosity of our members. We typically raise enough raffle proceeds at each meeting during the year that allow us to donate up to \$500 to local organizations and worthy causes each year

We have already begun discussing and planning our next Fall

Dinner and Basket Raffle at the Richland Community Center. In our last meeting, we picked a tentative date for the event (Oct. 22, 2022) and put down a payment to hold the Center for that date. Detailed planning for this event usually begins in June.

We also discussed initial planning for our first social get-together of the year involving a Sunday afternoon for bocce play at Bookwalter Winery in Kennewick. They have two nice bocce courts to play on. We had an outing at this winery last fall and had a great turnout and lots of lively bocce matches. We hope to do this kind of event both in May and sometime this fall.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on March 1, 2022, at Bella Italia. We hold our monthly meetings at Bella Italia, a popular local Italian restaurant owned and operated by two of our faithful lodge members. Leonardo and Nadia Luzi. Thanks go to Leonardo and Nadia for their great food and warmth every time we meet. Many of us in the lodge try our best to support their establishment year-round and recently participated in their Annual Valentine's Day dinner is a delightful multi-course feast of Italian dishes with excellent vino!!! We all thoroughly enjoyed our time together and thank Leonardo, Nadia, and their staff for a wonderful evening. We schedule the Tre Citta Lodge monthly meeting for the first Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA. If you are ever in the Tri-Cities at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you.

Marcel P. Bergeron

Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

We are sorry February's meeting and election of officers had to be canceled due to covid issues. Our March meeting on Thursday, March 10th will be our election of officers and installation at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver. Dinner at 6:30 PM with a meeting and installation 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 be Ravioli with meat sauce/gravy, tossed salad, bread, and cake for dessert. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson no later than Monday, March 7th at alamunno@gmail.com with SUBJECT LINE: OSDIA DINNER March 10, 2022, or call her at (360)281-0915.

We plan on playing TOMBOLA (Italian bingo) after the meeting. Tombola is a traditional Italian lottery game. We will be

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We are still looking for yearly dues of \$38.00 from some members. Please send your check or pay at the March meeting or mail it to our PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682. Please make check payable to "OSDIA". March 31st is our cutoff date for renewing your membership.

Any updates to this newsletter will be sent out to our members by email.

This March, we asked everyone to bring "personal hygiene for woman" for our local charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. You can bring your donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, March 14th. The book selection we are discussing is 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. Our May selection is 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. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984.

No Dine Out in March.

Game Nite will be postponed till the fourth Saturday of the month, due to the host being out of town. Please come and join us on Saturday, March 26th at 7:00 PM. RSVP to Barbara Blair at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984 if you plan to attend.

White Elephant Bingo will be on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM at Linda Cherney's home. Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us!! Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to join in. Wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. RSVP if you plan to attend at nonna4ERM@gmail.com or (360)903-0227 or if you need directions.

Come join us for our "Mad Hatter" Friendship Lunch & Tea. Hours are 1 to 3 PM on Saturday, April 30th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA 98685. The menu to be served is a light lunch, assorted desserts, and tea. We will have a craft for all to take home. Invite your family and friends to attend this event. The cost is \$20.00 per person, space is limited. Contact: Linda Gibson for information and tickets at legogibson@gmail.com or (760)450-8057. Hope to see you there!!

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. This is our main fundraiser for the year and helps support our club's endeavors and charities. All members' participation is needed by selling tickets and helping at the event. We look forward to getting back out in our community.



SNOWFLAKE QUILT RAFFLE. Member Linda Gibson has made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off. The Snowflake Quilt is 80"x 80". Medium Green with white snowflake, grey and black accents. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Contact Linda Gibson at (760)450-8057 or legogibson@gmail.com if you would like to see a color photo or are interested in purchasing tickets. Drawing to take place in Fall of 2022. Look for a photo of the quilt in this NWIN.

CLUB NEWS: Unable to attend the Grand Lodge Crab Feed?? You can buy a raffle ticket for cash prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or buy 5 for \$20. You can purchase them at our Square Site. <https://grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site>. Buon Compleanno to our March 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 .. continued page 15



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hats; instruction is available on how to make them. Our collective goal is 500 hats. Contact Liz at (360)673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com if interested. (NOTE: occasionally on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 2:00 -4:00 PM, we also meet at Chuck's Produce Market in Salmon Creek, Vancouver. Contact person is Erin Winters (360) 562-6852.)

Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (March 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: Filomena Forsyth is recovering from a broken arm. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully in the next few months, we will be able to all get together without restrictions.

Upcoming Events for March:

Tuesday, March 1st – White Elephant Bingo Thursday, March 10th – Dinner, Election & Installation of Officers Saturday, March 26th – Game Nite Buona giornata!!

Barbara Blair

Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

Greetings, the Yakima Lodge didn't meet in February to give the Valley a few more weeks to recover from Covid. Numbers are dropping and we are so excited to start planning for the March 17th meeting!

Sarah is in Seaside this week for some rest and relaxation. She suggested that any dues that were outstanding can be sent to the Lodge mailbox and she will deposit them on her return. Ama has been picking up the mail, thank you Ama for all you do. This will enable a more complete report on membership numbers for the March meeting. They can be sent to PO Box 2513, Yakima WA 98907-2513

The March meeting is to be at least the start of elections for the coming year. Please think about any way that you might be able to participate in the lodge. Some suggestions would be trustee, Sunshine committee sending get well cards and other correspondence, sports committee to plan picnics or

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bocce games in the summer, fund Raising Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter for the Newsletter, Vice President, and President. As you can see not all opportunities for participating are officers, but officers are badly needed. The present officers have been in place for many years and need a break. They would, however, be happy to assist new officers.

Ideas for programs for monthly meetings are also eagerly sought out. Is it time for a bingo night again? Does anyone have an Italian recipe to share or even demonstrate? Does anyone have a favorite Italian book or cookbook to bring? I am loving the one written by Darlene Pacatti Lust's daughter “A Bountiful Feast”.

For our March meeting, we have had a suggestion of each person bringing their own individual meal with the hope that we might be able to return to potlucks in April. Watch your email for more information.

If anyone needs a ride, or any other assistance please call one of your officers. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Please plan to attend the March 17 meeting at Harmon Center at 6:30 PM and bring a raffle item if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Fasano

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