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## Coming Events!

**Saturday, April 20**  
Bellevue Lodge Wine Tasting  
6:30-8:30pm  
Unity of Bellevue Church  
Tickets - Linda Jacobin  
lindalkitten@gmail.com

**Saturday, April 27**  
Spring Grand Council  
Embassy Suites-Lynnwood  
Contact: Linda Anderson  
Linda@GLNW.org

**Saturday, April 27**  
Seattle Fedelet Lodge #1390  
Annual Banquet  
Kennedy Catholic High School  
Contact: Laura Salle  
lsalle@comcast.net

**May 11th – The Silk Road**  
EXPO 74-50TH ANNIVERSARY  
Riverfront Park, Spokane  
Contact: Linda Marcus  
linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

**Saturday, May 11, Starts at 6:00pm**  
Auburn lodge annual Wine Tasting  
Holy Family Church  
505 17th St. S.E.  
Price \$35.00 per person  
No one under 21 years of age  
John Partridge 253-350-4922  
partridge427@gmail.com

**Friday thru Sunday June 7-9th**  
Sorticulture 2024 Mille Cugini #2659  
Plant, Gift, Garden, and Food Booth  
Downtown Everett on Colby Ave  
between Everett & Pacific avenues  
Contact: Paula Jacoby  
olycot@gmail.com

**TUES. JUNE 11, 2024**  
Italian night at the Mariners  
Contact Mariners ticket office

## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



Spring "primavera" has finally started to kick in. It is exciting to see the sunshine and feel the temperature getting warmer. This really says it is time to make a few friends and do a road trip to visit other lodges, as well as support other lodges' events. Check out the NWIN as well as [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org).

I want to congratulate the newly elected officers for stepping forward and getting involved. Thank you also to those who have been officers, your work is appreciated.

I know many of you have seen the movie CABRINI, it is Fantastic.

To learn so much about Mother Cabrini and to see how bad it was for our ancestors. Vincenzo Sellaro founded the Sons and Daughters of Italy to help the many Italian immigrants struggling to start their lives in America. Look in [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org) for Dr. Sellaro's 1905 inaugural address. At the end, he says "...I have a dream, and hope that someday, even if it takes a hundred more years before we are fully accepted, our children and their children's children, even if they carry a single drop of Italian blood will be able and proud to continue to carry on our traditions, our culture, and our language. It is up to us, and what we do today!"

At your lodge meetings, is a valuable time to continue your love of Italian traditions and culture. A few ways are saying a prayer in Italian, acknowledging the Italian flag, using Italian words- i.e. birthday song - Tanti Auguri a Te; Ciao, Buona Fortuna, talking about your family history or your trip to Italy and of course the food... are just a few ways to ensure we continue our love of being Italian and sharing our Italian culture. Get involved in your lodge welcome new younger members & help them learn about who we are & then elect them to your leadership positions. Make it fun, and have fun, you will reap the benefits. Our Grand Council will be held on April 27th in Lynnwood. Officers,



Lodge Presidents & Deputies will be attending. Guests are always welcome. Please register to make the deadlines noted for both meal choice and courtesy block of hotel rooms set aside if you want to stay overnight on Friday night. Remember, the Grand Lodge Scholarship application deadline is April 15th. The recipients will be announced in our May NWIN. The 2nd Santelli award picnic will be held at my home Sat. July 20, 2024. Our address is 7502 N 15th St. Tacoma, WA 98406. This event is held to Honor Dorothy & Mario Santelli & to raise money for our Scholarship program. The cost is \$30 per person & is held every other year to acknowledge individuals who positively represent and share their love of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. I am excited to announce our recipients, Diana Sciola Warczak, and Lenny Folino. The Santelli Award is a fundraiser to support our scholarship and our charity programs. I want to thank the Santelli family for their continued support! Lastly, please let us know if you have any members reaching the fifty-year member or seventy-five-year member category. If you have missed someone who is over these two monumental numbers, please tell us too. This is special & we want to acknowledge them. Having said this, National President Michael Polo was recently in the Northwest, and he acknowledged Lucy Salle with an eighty-year member certificate. It was a night to remember because you could see it in her face, it was lit up all night. Grazie Mr. President! Thank you all for your continued support and love of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Respectfully,  
Linda Buccini Anderson  
President-Grand Lodge of the Northwest



Events continued on  
back cover.

## ***American-Italian Club***

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,



Please join us in welcoming our newly elected President Kim Asay and her new board of Executive Officers. Kim has been a club member for five years. She has served as club Trustee and has always been our go-to person in all tech matters and she has kept us “posted” on all our Social Media accounts. We look forward to traveling the road with her in her new role as President. Tanti Auguri Kim. We had great attendance for our March meeting and a very busy agenda. The Installation of new officers was officiated by State Deputy Ansano Giuntini. Club member Georgia Dimico Seeberger added another pin to our map of Italy for our Italian Heritage segment. Georgia shared with us the journey of her paternal grandfather Sebastiano DiMicio, as he traveled from Santa Croce Del Sannio, Italy in 1892, through Ellis Island to Harrison, Idaho. After he became a naturalized citizen in 1907, he proved his homestead, and the land remains with the Dimico family.



Vice President Carr Mancini and Linda Marcus reported on EXPO '74-50th Anniversary Spokane, May 4th through July 4th. Our club has the opportunity to participate in two scheduled events for the nine-week celebration which will take place throughout the

city of Spokane. Our first event on May 11th is the Silk Road celebrating Spokane's once-vibrant International Trading District. On June 15th we will be participating in the Tour of Europe, a 15th-century Renaissance experience. At both venues, our club Vice President Carr Mancini, will be dressed as Marco Polo wandering amongst the crowds. He will be encouraging people to take “selfies” with him and then presenting the photo at the AIC booth for a prize. We have visions of representing a large footprint. This would include an information/recruitment table, a bake sale table along with the sales of Italian tchotchkes and much more. All details are still fluid as we move forward in our plans. There is one thing that is certain we have a lot of work to do to be successful. This is a wonderful opportunity for our club to build a connection with the Spokane community.

We have scheduled our Annual Family Picnic for July

21st at Manito Park. This is also our opportunity to host students from our Sister City Cagli, Italy. We have an ongoing Bocce battle of the Champions. The picnic is always a popular and fun-filled day. “No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn” Buon Primavera a tutti. Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary #2172

## ***Amerigo Vespucci***

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

“Felice Primavera!” to all from Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. So good to have it finally arrive. The Amerigo Vespucci Lodge March meeting will be held on March 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Of course, it will be a St. Patrick's Day theme and include corned beef, furnished by Mary Jane Rodgers. Members will provide



sides, perhaps cabbage and/or Irish potatoes, salads, and desserts. Appetizers and raffle items are also appreciated. The meeting will include the installation of 2024-2026 officers and financial report from the February Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner. The new slate of officers is President Joe Chicano; Past President Richard Luzzi; Vice President David Aldridge; Orator Judith Braddon; Secretary Connie Chicano; Financial Secretary Kristine Finazzo; Treasurer Patti Percini; Trustees; Eva To, Mark Percini, Joe Cornell, Sylvia Percini, Kameron Covall; Sentinel Ted Danials; Mistress and Master of Ceremony Kerin and Ron Covall.

Scholarship applications are now being accepted and are due by the April 18th meeting. Contact Connie Chicano for an application, if you haven't already received one, at (360)-581-1229 or cjchicano@comcast.com.

Aberdeen Lodge is deeply saddened by the passing of our very dedicated member, Joe Cornell, on February

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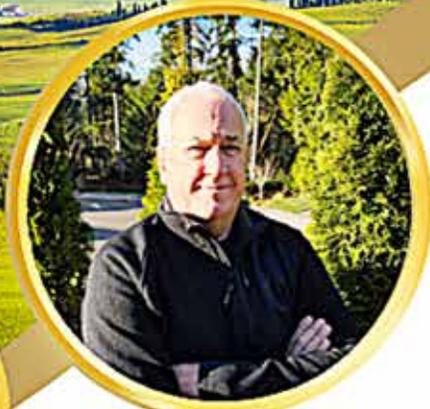
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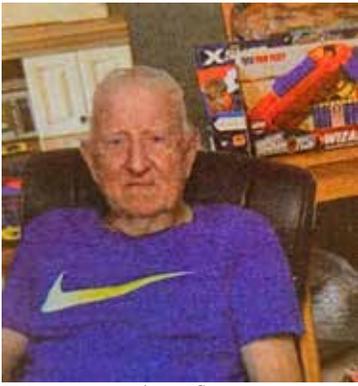
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20, 2024. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for his kindness and service to Amerigo Vespucci Lodge and the Kids of Grays Harbor. He diligently dedicated his time to acquiring donations for our annual Spaghetti

Dinner and raffle every year and was always willing to help in any way he could. He spent every Fall collecting and dispersing school supplies and clothing for kids at all the schools in Grays Harbor. The April meeting for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will be on April 18, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

Hope you had a "Buona Pasqual."  
Judith Braddon, reporter

### **Auburn**

#1955 Auburn, WA

In March, the Auburn Lodge enthusiastically installed our new officers for 2024-2025 (elections were held last month). We also recognized our wonderful Rosetta



Beyersdorf and Antoinette Muir for their hard work on the Grand Lodge crab dinner. They also announced that next year would be their final year running the crab dinner,

so we wanted to doubly thank them for their years of service to the Grand Lodge. The 20th Annual WA State Bocce Tournament will be held on April 6th, and the roster is full. Please come to support your favorite team and enjoy this fun event! Applications for the Auburn Lodge scholarship will be due April 15th. David Manning will head up the team for this year's Auburn



Clean Sweep, happening April 20th at Game Farm Park. Please consider signing up for a morning of fun and service. The Auburn Lodge annual

Wine Tasting and Competition will take place at Holy Family on Saturday, May 11th. Please contact Nick DeGidio for info on how to enter your wine. Members are encouraged to bring appetizers and desserts. Tickets to the event will be \$35. The Auburn Lodge hopes you and your family had a wonderful Easter and look forward to longer days ahead. See you in April!  
Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

### **Bella Vita** #2285, Olympia, WA

Bouna Pasqua!

As we all look forward to celebrating Easter, March has already been a month of celebration for Bella Vita!



In honor of our out going president of 7 years, Sophia Risorto, our new president, Aaron Smith, hosted a "March Mardi Gras Festa" in her honor. She was crowned Mardi Gras queen & the event included music, masks, beads, and authentic creole gumbo. It was a hit with fun had by all! We were joined by 7 guests and had 4 previous guests apply for membership. They will be initiated next month & we are excited about the youth &

#### **AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172 Spokane, WA**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM  
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL  
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Spokane, WA 99202  
509-487-8552

**Kimberley Asay, President**  
Americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com  
**Marilee Reagor, Recording Secretary**  
Americanitalianclubspokane@gmail.com

#### **AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA**

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month  
5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Dinner,  
6:30 PM Meeting

**ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER**  
306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA  
**President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano**  
360-581-1072  
[cjchicano@comcast.com](mailto:cjchicano@comcast.com)

#### **AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955 Auburn, WA**

[www.auburnsonsofitaly.org](http://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 John Partridge**  
[jpartridge427@gmail.com](mailto:jpartridge427@gmail.com)  
253-350-4922



enthusiasm they bring. Our lodge cannot adequately show Sophia how much we appreciate her dedication & hard work through the years but members pitched in to give both her & out-going

VP, Vera Kay, gift cards to show our thanks. We love & appreciate you both so much! Lodge member, Mary Jane Rogers, was recently appointed Financial Secretary of the GLNW. Congrats Mary Jane and grazie! Aaron & I were able to attend the Auburn Lodge meeting on March 14th. We enjoyed the hospitality & the opportunity to make new friends in the organization. We look forward to many more exciting events at our lodge & encourage you to join us. It's Bella Vita...A beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

### **Bellevue**

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

Before our Lodge meeting on March 8th Laura Cosacchi gave a presentation about the sabbatical she took to Italy last year. Laura went to Messina in Sicily where her family is from. Her family left between 1901 and 1907, just before an earthquake leveled most of the city in 1908. At first, Laura stayed in Airbnbs which are expensive and she found them to be impersonal. But Laura soon found an apartment to rent for \$400/month which was not only cheaper but gave her better contact with some of the people of Messina. Even though Laura didn't get to stay as long as she would have liked, she really enjoyed her stay in Messina with all the beauty that surrounds the area.

For dinner, at our meeting, Cathy Mettler, Michele Guerrini, and Nello Prissinotti made baked ziti and served it with bread and salad. Everyone raved over

the baked ziti, which how could you not? I think that if Italian cuisine consisted of only baked ziti, it would still be the best cuisine in the world. Try to convince me otherwise. Antoinette Folino brought her ambrosia salad, which just to let you know how selfless she is, she's not able to eat because it has pineapple, but she did say she snuck a bite, which how could you not, it's so good. Linda Jacobin made brownies which she served with ice cream, which may have been too much goodness for one meal, but were just impossible to pass up.

In Sunshine News, Antoinette Folino is still healing with her foot in a boot, which didn't stop her from being her normal cheery self.

First State Vice-President Brock Ricci and Past President Rosetta Beyersdorf conducted the installation of officers. Greg Osgood is our new President and Linda Caputo is our new vice-President, Peter Edgar retains his Orator position, along with Linda Jacobin retaining the Financial Secretary/Treasure position and, Michele Guerrini keeps the Secretary position. Laura Cosacchi, Michael Brewer, Joan Carson, Brandee LaBarbara, and Joe Jacobin are the Trustees, Nick Wheeler and Ron Sangalang stay as Masters of Ceremony, and Nick Montecalvo as Sentinel. Big thanks to Brock and Rosetta for conducting the installation. It's always a great pleasure to have both of you at our meetings.

Outgoing Lodge President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, gave out merit pins to a few of our Lodge members who work really hard for the Lodge. She gave merit pins to Joe Jacobin, Linda Jacobin, Michel Guerrini, and Greg Osgood. The first three work hard for our Lodge. Our Lodge wouldn't be what it is without them. As far as the last one goes, I'll let others judge, but all he does is write this column and how hard is that? There is one other person who deserves a merit award and that's our outgoing President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Mary works tirelessly for our Lodge and really kept our Lodge going both during the pandemic and when meeting again in person after the pandemic. Our Lodge gave

**BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285**  
Olympia, WA  
Meets the 1st Thursday of each month  
Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Meeting starts at 6:30pm  
McLane Grange  
931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

**Aaron Smith, President**  
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**Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary**

**BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377**  
Bellevue, WA  
Meets the 1st Thursday  
of each month / Social: 5:30 PM  
Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

**UNITY CHURCH**  
16330 Northeast 4th Street  
Bellevue, WA 98008

**Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, President**  
(425) 649-2250 / [collectingroots@msn.com](mailto:collectingroots@msn.com)

**Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.**  
(206) 979-9147 / [guerrini@aol.com](mailto:guerrini@aol.com)

**BLACK DIAMOND**  
**LODGE NO. 1809**  
**Black Diamond, WA**  
Meets the 2nd Friday of each month  
Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.  
Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

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

**Janice Malvesti-Cole, President**  
360.463.4671  
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her a \$200 gift certificate to Montalcino restaurant in Issaquah. On behalf of the Lodge, we hope you enjoy a wonderful dinner at Montalcino's, you greatly deserve it. This is the last chance I have to tell you about the Lodge Wine Tasting. It will be Saturday, April 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. Since it is a Wine Tasting it's limited to people 21 and older and costs \$25. To get tickets contact Linda Jacobin (lindakitten@gmail.com/206-725-9494), Michele Guerrini (Guerrini@aol.com/206-979-9147), or Mary DeMatteo Sangalang (collectingroots@msn.com/425-649-2250). Tickets are also available online at <http://bellevue-sons-of-italy.square.site/>. Our next Lodge meeting will be March 7th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each.

Buon Cannoli!  
Greg Osgood

**Black Diamond**  
#1809, Black Diamond, WA



The loss of a former long-standing Lodge member LaVerne Casini leaves a void in our hearts as we remember the dedication, commitment, and hard work that she and her husband Gus devoted to the Black Diamond Lodge. The lodge continues to conduct in-person meetings with a virtual option for members

who are unable to physically attend or are traveling for work and/or pleasure. Caelin, Lilliana, and Brooklyn have added youthful joy to our recent meetings with Barb Cloud developing creative kits for the children



to assemble during their visits. The Board and members have brainstormed innovative fundraiser events that are being considered for 2024 – 2025, and we encourage you to maintain “un occhio aperto” (eye open) for coming events. Our traditional Black Diamond picnic will be on July 20 at the Mud Mountain Dam Park. Cary Inman, a



newer member, joined the lodge as her son Tom is Treasurer, and daughter-in-law Janice Malvesti-Cole is President. Cary grew up in the Midwest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, married a military man, and moved all over the United States. One of her favorite

locations where she lived was in Oahu, Hawaii, and has a passion for Elvis Presley's music and memorabilia. Cary has three children and settled in Seattle where she resides today. While Cary



is mostly Austrian and German, she celebrates the connection to Italy as she recalls hearing her Austrian Grandfather speak of his travels from just over the border in Austria to Italy (near Tarvisio) to get fresh fruit and vegetables when the weather permits. Cary's Grandfather Martin immigrated to the United States via Bremen, Germany, in 1905. The

voyage on the SS Kronprinz Wilhelm from Germany to New York (Ellis Island) typically took about six weeks, but with high wind or weather, the journey could take upwards of fourteen weeks. Martin arrived in the United States at age 18 with \$23 in his pocket. Once he settled, Martin married and raised a family of seven children in

**CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280**  
**Bremerton, WA**  
Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:00 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.  
**VFW HALL**  
190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA  
**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
P.O. Box 4243  
Bremerton, WA 98312-0243  
**Bill Haberstock, President**  
(360) 373-4341 / [habpal@hotmail.com](mailto:habpal@hotmail.com)

**CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968**  
Meets the 2nd Sunday of Each Month  
Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting and Raffle follows  
**CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
201 East 3rd Street  
Cle Elum, WA  
Michael Butorac, President  
(509) 674-2940/  
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**MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659**  
**Marysville, WA**  
**MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**  
6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA  
**Patrick Jacoby, President**  
(425) 478-0757 [patrick@glnw.org](mailto:patrick@glnw.org)  
**Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary**  
(425) 422-7434 txt  
Meets the 2nd **Thursday** of each Month  
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30  
7:00 Meeting

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cary has not been to Europe but hopes to make the trek to Austria and surrounding communities to visit the family's homestead which dates to 1800. While in Europe, son Tom and daughter-in-law Janice Malvesti-Cole hope to show her their favorite places in Italy.

Cary Inman

### **Cataldo**

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to everyone. Welcome members and guests. We are so glad to see everyone. Just to remind everyone of the schedules we utilize will explain the times, Social 5:53/ Dinner at 6:00 p.m./ Meeting is at 7:00.

We are also very excited to read the Olympic Peninsula article. It was a treat to read for March. Frank Buonpane once more. If you missed it, it is his historical story. The article was written by Yvonne Schipani and it was a treat to read, she did a great job! Joe Clementi and Diane Clementi have been friends with him for many years. We are excited also to add the names of Vickie Hartson, Diane Mahoney, and Rose Marie Leggett to our list of members. Pictures will be presented at our meeting, I just hope I get them taken and can pass them on to Patrick Jacoby in time for them to be published. I see also that we have another member listed, G. Carter Lembow. He is a very busy young man and we are looking forward to meeting him as well. I also noticed that Steve Lebeda has a growing number of members with Steven, Antonia, Jake, and Michael. It is so great to have these younger folks be involved and we are looking forward to meeting them all. Steve does a great job with his family. We will be participating in local projects in the next 2 months. In April we will be participating in a multicultural event at Kingston High School. In May we will be holding cannoli sales locally. Birthday wishes are for Mike Lebeda and Vicki Hartson. Buon Compleanno a Entrambi!

For our dinner, on MARCH THE 20TH, Bill Haberstock is cooking corned beef, potatoes, carrots, and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick. Corned beef is courtesy of the 4th National Vice President Tony Anderson. Members are asked to bring salads, side dishes, or desserts to share. Come celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph together. If you have not yet turned in your annual dues of \$40.00 which are due by the 31st. They may also be paid at the meeting, cash or check only. If you send them to Cataldo Lodge, P.O. Box 4243, Bremerton, WA 98312, or pay as previously noted.

Monthly Raffle. The proceeds from this month's raffle will benefit our National Charities which are Autism, Cooley's-Anemia, Help Our Military Heroes, and the Alzheimer's Association. Each March before the Grand Lodge Convention, the lodge donates the proceeds of the raffle to the National Charities. Please be generous and bring a raffle item for the raffle and loose change for the Charity Jug. One more thing, we still need to have an ambassador, feel free to step up if you can.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Caio Caio,

Diane Clementi

### **Cle Elum**

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

The weather gods showed their strength to overpower the El Nino weather pattern and steer to the northern reaches of Upper Kittitas County with the return of sufficient snowfall to refresh the slopes and trails for



#### **OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733**

**Port Angeles/Sequim, WA**  
Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month  
Social begins at 12:30pm  
Meeting begins at 1:00pm  
Bethany Pentecostal Church  
508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles  
WA 98362

Armando Muggia, President

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#### **SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390**

**Seattle, WA**  
Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month  
Dinner at 6:15 PM  
Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM  
**OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL**  
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Seattle, WA 98144

Michael Croce

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#### **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  
**TOTEM YACHT CLUB**  
5045 Highlands St  
Ruston, WA 98407

David Madrid, President

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all the winter enthusiasts who visit or call the Cascade Mountains home.

With a short and convenient break in the weather, a large gathering of members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge convened on February 18th, in friendship and fraternity, to enjoy a potluck feast of local favorites to energize the group for the tasks before them. Guests on this evening included Virginia Depicolzuane and her son Ed. Sunshine committee chair Char Savio sent a get-well card to member Doug Chiechi who is recovering from knee surgery. Members Mike and Kathi Butorac shared their experience at the GLNW Crab Dinner in Auburn. Both of them helped with the serving and cleanup and enjoyed their dinner and best of all, were able to bring some crab home.

President Mike Butorac opened the meeting for business and the final preparations to be made and confirmed for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction including making sauce, buttering bread, making meatballs, pizzelles, and breadsticks, setting up tables and chairs and all that is needed to serve 250 people or more.

Members and guests met again on Sunday, March 10th for our regular meeting. Joining us for the meeting was Brock Ricci, a member of Mille Cugini Lodge in Marysville. President Mike immediately put Brock to work as Herald for the initiation of our three new members Judi Sandretto, Virginia Depicolzuane, and Ed Depicolzuane. Thank you Brock, and welcome to the lodge Judi, Virginia, and Ed.

On March 16th, after months of work and preparation, the Cle Elum Lodge held its 37th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction at the Upper Kittitas County Senior Center/Centennial Center in Cle Elum. Our auctioneer, Dave Sandona, has volunteered his services for many years and has been instrumental in making our event successful beyond expectation. His skill, humor, and familiarity with the audience are special. And of course, there is the sauce. Lodge

members make upwards of 30 gallons of spaghetti sauce, which is then mixed to blend all the flavors from all the recipes into one spectacular topping. This year we served over 250 people and raised over \$15,000 in Scholarship Funds for graduating students from Cle Elum/Roslyn and Easton High Schools. We are very grateful for the support we receive from our local community and those in the Grand Lodge who work with us and join us for this worthy event.

Ciao! Respectfully submitted,  
Rich Grillo; grillo1@msn.com

### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA

Hello Cugini. Our guests last month were Mark Sfaras and also Mark and Chris Gerling. Mark Sfaras, a retired chef, is from Chicago. He has cooked in restaurants in Redmond and Edmonds. He connected with Patrick Jacoby last summer at the San Gennaro Festival and is now our newest member. Welcome, Mark! We look forward to learning more about you throughout the following months. Thank you, Mark, for the giant



homemade square pizza! Al Favre shared his homemade meat sauce and pasta. His wife, Judy Price, shared a hand-painted whimsical St. Patrick's Day card. Marcella and Don Maile made several pans of yummy lasagna for our dinner. Dick Nanni baked his ever-popular cherry cheesecake. Others brought beautiful desserts and salads

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to round out the meal. We are so blessed to have such a creative and talented group. Last month, we decided to have our fun activity before the meeting instead of afterward. It was a little chilly as the warm sun was setting, but bocce on the lawn behind the museum was fun for all those who joined in. For some, it was a new experience. We hope to play again as the weather allows. Happy Spring! Felice Primavera! Reporter, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby

## Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. Our March meeting was well attended with most folks wearing some form of green. After all, on St Patrick's Day, everyone is a wee bit Irish. We celebrated the March birthdays of Annamarie Willms and our Chaplain, Pat Restaino. Our favorite teen twins, Zoey



and Jacob Howe also celebrated their birthday this month. They could not attend the meeting, but we wish them a wonderful year ahead. Claire Muggia brought an amazing green pudding cake to honor the birthdays and St Patrick's Day. Thanks to Claire for her culinary delight. We are

looking forward to starting our bocce ball events and anticipate our first outing will be in May. This month we held the installation of officers. All previous officers will remain in their positions for the coming 2 years. State President Linda Buccini Anderson was on hand to assist State Deputy, Jackie Haberstock with the installation. Thank you, Linda, for making the trip to be with us. Big thanks are overdue to "Cinderella and her Cinder-fella". When meetings are over, and we have enjoyed a grand buffet meal, what's left to do? Clean up! We always have



several helpers, and as they say, "many hands make quick work." We thank everyone who takes part in the cleanup; still, there is one couple you will find at the sink washing and drying the many dishes we use. Bob and Anne McGonigel are there till the last dish is washed, dried, and put away. Bob and Anne both grew up in Italian neighborhoods, Anne in White Plains, NY, and Bob in Newark, NJ. They each enjoyed and embraced the Italian sense of family and togetherness. When they moved to Sequim from the New York City area, they discovered this lodge. They quickly found that many of the lodge members were also originally from the East Coast and immediately enjoyed that connection. The family feeling of the small lodge brought back very familiar and comforting feelings to both of them. And of course, as Bob put it, "It's about the food too." They have been members for 6 years and when asked what about the lodge brings them joy, they said "Celebrating the Italian culture and remembering its contribution to the development of Western civilization. Also enjoying the fellowship and did we mention the food?" They are enjoying retirement which provides time to pursue their interests. Both are involved with their local church, helping in any way needed. Anne enjoys knitting and staying healthy at the gym. Bob, has a few unique hobbies, or so he says. He enjoys flower arranging, and training for the Senior Olympics, he is a student of the "husband academy" and since moving to the peninsula, is transforming into a "sensitive Northwest New Age Guy." His sense of humor is quite well known, and it seems he may be gathering material for a stand-up comedy routine. Thank you Bob and Anne for your



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commitment and contributions to the lodge. Look for joy in the mundane such as washing and cleaning up, and remember Life is Beautiful. Ciao for now!

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

## ***Seattle Fedele***

*#1390, Seattle, WA*

Happy Easter! Hope the Bunny is/was good to you and brings/brought you lots of yummy candy. Our last meeting was on the 21st of March and we collected food for the food bank in recognition of St. Joseph's Day. Our cooks made a delicious dinner of fettuccine marinara (very long noodles!) and a lovely ham (the cooks decided to do ham that is why we had marinara sauce), and roasted cauliflower, carrots, and potatoes. Yum-Yum! For dessert, there was a delicious cake congratulating our new field of officers.

Speaking of officers, we installed our new board. Thank you Tony and Brock for presiding over the installation. Our new board is: President - Mike Croce, Vice-President - Holly Croce Cochran, Orator - Joanne Spino Marchese, Recording Secretary - Laura Cochran, Financial Secretary - Steve Fontana, Trustees are: Jeff D'Amelio, Christine Volpone Gerling, Ken Volpone, Joe Megale, Christopher Alfieri, 1st Alternate Trustee - Daniel Volpone, Master of Ceremony - Bruce Leone, Master of Ceremony - Sharon Leone, Sentinal - Paul Pioli, and our Past President - Laura Salle. Oh, and by the way, the position of Treasurer is open and we hope someone steps up and joins the fun!

The winners of the Seattle Fedel/John Croce 51st Annual Homemade Wine Festival are: For Red - Single Grape: There was a tie for 1st Place: Justin Fontana Fiones and Dino Patricelli, 2nd Place: Nick DeGidio, 3rd Place: Mike Croce and Ken Volpone. Next: Red-Blend: 1st Place: Randy Garcia, 2nd Place: Liz McConnell, and 3rd Place: Bill Valela. There was no White wine entered this year, maybe next year! The Best In Show was awarded to Liz McConnell for her Red-Blend wine.

Congratulations to all the winners. I hope everyone turns out again next year and I hope a few more come to help celebrate the makers of homemade wine! As always, good food will be provided.

We have some travelers in our mists: Ken and Dan Volpone took an impromptu trip to Las Vegas to catch some taste of the wonderful food, lights, and entertainment that only Las Vegas can provide! They took a side trip to check out the Hoover Dam - which I think both of them had not seen before. Our members (and cousins) Tony and Cherie Finazzo traveled to visit friends in Arizona and they decided to wander over to the Grand Canyon. Then they were almost there, there was a winter storm warning which brought them snow! Good thing they had some warm coats!

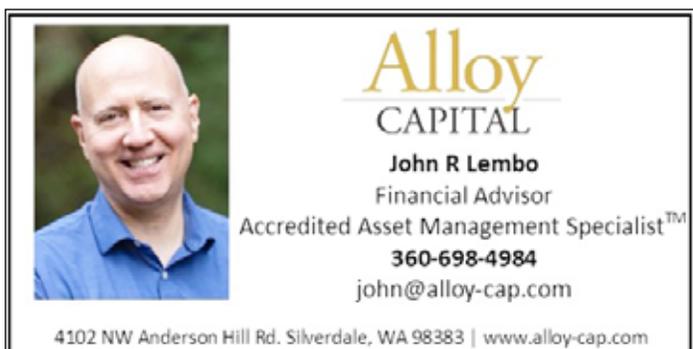
The next activity we are hosting is the Annual Banquet. It is being held at Kennedy High School at 140 S. 140th St., Burien, WA, 98168, on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from Joanne Spino Marchese by calling her at 206-284-6938 or if you don't get ahold of Joanne, call Holly Croce Cochran at 253-631-1561. Speak to either of them if you have questions. That's all for now. Entertain you all next month! The Crazy Sorelle,  
Elaine Volpone and Christina Volpone Gerling

## ***Tacoma***

*#1175, Tacoma, WA*

Well, we are happy spring has sprung, and we are a little disappointed we have to postpone our POKER TOURNAMENT. We have some issues to work out with the state gambling commission. We will have more information later but we are shooting for a late fall date. More to come!

At our March dinner meeting, we celebrated St Patrick's Day. Thanks to Cindy Anderson and Gloria Tucci, for the wonderful decorations. Our kitchen crew really broke the mold by serving Italian chicken cutlets, topped with burrata mozzarella, and pancetta and drizzled with balsamic, and olive oil, with angel hair



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pasta as a side. Oh, and we ran out of wine very fast, of course, we had close to 90 folks there. We had a fabulous time. We would love for any other lodge members to come and enjoy an upbeat sometimes crazy but fun evening with us. We were honored to have newly elected President Mike Croce, and Officer Kenny Volpone of Seattle Fedele Lodge as guests. We would like to thank Joe Munizza for just being Joe. That's all for now, hope to see some of you around this spring

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### *Tre Città*

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

No article submitted

### *Vancouver USA*

#2690, Vancouver, WA

All officers and members are invited to a Board Meeting at Barbara Blair's home on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:00 PM. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net.

At our April meeting, Deanna Peters will present her family story to us. Dinner will be provided by Paul Zanobelli. He will be serving, Chicken Parmesan, antipasti salad, mixed green salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at alramunno@gmail.com or (360)281-0915 no later than Monday, April 9th if you plan to attend. Please bring a prize for the raffle tonight.

Past President Rosann Grzesiowski wants to thank all members for their support this past year. She wishes the incoming officers a successful year ahead!

OUR LOCAL CHARITY is the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center in downtown Vancouver. We help them throughout the year. In April, we will be collecting "can goods" for the vets. This is strictly voluntary. If you wish to participate, please bring your donation to our meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, April

2nd at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's house. You can RSVP at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. Please bring a white elephant prize in a paper bag and \$1.00 to participate.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB Our selection is Bitter Taste of Murder by author Camilla Trinchieri. This is the second book in her mystery series. We will meet on Monday, May 20th at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 7700 E Fourth Plain Blvd at 2:00 PM on that date for discussion. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

DINE OUT will celebrate "Festa della Liberazione" (Italian Liberation Day) at Billy Blues Bar and Grill, 7115 NE Hazel Dell Avenue in Vancouver (360)694-3114) at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25th. RSVP to Dorrie Palandrani at (360)576-0453 or pfdorrie@q.com no later than Tuesday, April 23rd. Come join the fun!! CLUB NEWS: Tante Grazie to our State President Linda Anderson and State Deputy Gina Natucci for taking the time to drive down for our installation in March. We always enjoy their company. Carol Liberato has been spending time in Arizona this winter. Buon compleanno to our April birthdays!!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Rosann Grzesiowski is recovering well from hip surgery and is starting to get around. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Buona Pasqua!!  
Barbara Blair

### *Yakima*

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge met for the March meeting at the Harman Center on March 21st. This was our yearly soup and salad dinner and was greatly enjoyed. Desserts were especially good this month too, thank you to everyone! We were delighted to welcome a new member, Connie Blanchard, this month. Welcome Connie! Don and Cathy Guintoli were here and had wonderful news. Don has had his 6-month checkup and is cancer-free and looking marvelous!

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Jan Fancuillo's surgery is over and her results were also good. She is home and back teaching part-time. Stephen Fancuillo has been in the hospital followed by rehab and home. He is still in a great deal of pain. Dick Picatti has been in the hospital, he is home recovering. Beverly Arralde is still having health issues. Your thoughts and prayers and perhaps a card or note to our members with health issues would be a real spirit lifter for them. Ama Widner reported that Zillah won the 1A Basketball championship. Ama's granddaughter played for Zillah last year and was a Grand Lodge scholarship recipient. Treasure Sarah Judd and President

Robin Miller reported on the Lodge's financial situation and financial obligations as a part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for 2024. A discussion followed to decide on the member dues for 2024. A decision was made to set the amount at \$40. Robin asked anyone who felt they were unable to pay that amount to quietly talk to an officer. Dues need to be in by the end of the month. Paying in installments is also possible. A group of 12 people from the Yakima Lodge, or extended family of members attended the Cle Elum Spaghetti Dinner. Excellent food and a great time were had by all. Good job Cle Elum! The April meeting will be on April 18 at the Harman Center at 5:30. Watch your email for more information. Raffle items are always appreciated. The raffle paid our rent again this month, thank you everyone! It was so much fun to have such a good turnout.

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