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## Coming Events!

### Saturday February 11, 2023

Amerigo Vespucci #1814  
Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner  
and Wheelbarrow Raffle  
Contact Mark Percini for tickets  
360-532-1983

### Saturday February 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

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

Cle Elum Lodge #1968  
Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction,  
Putnam Centennial Center,  
719 E. 3rd St., Cle Elum,  
Contact: Rich Grillo, 509-674-4206,  
grillo1@msn.com

### Saturday, April 15, 2023

Bellevue Lodge #2377  
Wine Tasting  
Unity of Bellevue Church  
16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue  
Contact: Mary DeMatteo Sangalang  
collectingroots@msn.com

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

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

### Sunday, April 23, 2023

Vancouver USA #2690  
Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
Location: TBA Contact:  
Frank Palandrani (360)576-0453

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## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



Happy Valentine's Day! Yes, we are already into February and all lodges are terribly busy with Electing their new Lodge officers and their Delegates for the upcoming Convention in May. Delegates are an especially important part of building and strengthening the Grand Lodge so please take this position and election very seriously.

Remember, only Delegates will be able to run for a Grand Lodge office and vote at the convention. Also, the dele-

gates will be part of committees at this convention and continue participation within those committees during the next two years. Due to the number of delegates, I will assign them to the committees for the convention. Following the convention, those seeing another committee that might be a better fit, can request to be switched. This will allow the committee make-up to have people who want to be a part of said committee. Hopefully, this will make committees strong, active, and productive.

I also plan to have a zoom meeting for all delegate prior to the convention to share information and answer questions. Please review your next months NWIN closely as details about registration costs, hotel information, convention details and menu choices will be available.

Amerigo Vespucci in Aberdeen will be holding their Spaghetti dinner Feb 11, 2023 & that is when they will be drawing for that fantastic Wheelbarrow full of surprises. Hope you got your ticket. Of course, The Grand Lodge Crab Dinner will be held Feb. 18. Please connect with Ronnie Beyersdorf for a ticket. All lodges and members are encouraged to send a raffle prize of some sort to help with the Fantastic Raffle that will be held. This is an important Fundraiser for the Grand Lodge to help offset costs so that we will not have a Grand Lodge Per Capita increase.

Remember: Look over the Coming Events for further information about these and many events coming forward. Our National President Robert Bianchi held an all-member Town Hall Zoom Jan 14th for all members to participate. It was particularly good and interesting. A lot of information was shared. It was unfortunate that attendance was low. This is the first time a National President has been so accessible. This was your opportunity to see what the National office is doing for YOU.

President Bianchi shared how much needed work has been done to help build and strengthen the Sons and Daughters of Italy. This all will help us to continue to have an organization that helps showcase and defend our Italian heritage, Culture and Pride.

In closing let me say, I am excited for our future and all we can accomplish as members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Remember Tony's Motto, "Anything we accomplish, is never accomplished alone but TOGETHER."

Respectfully,

Linda Buccini Anderson, President- GLNW



## Coming Events!

### Saturday, April 29, 2023

Seattle-Fedele Annual Banquet  
Blanchet High School  
Seattle, WA

Contact:  
Jeff D'Amelio, jeffdamelio@live.com

### May 18-21, 2023

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

### Saturday, June 3, 2023

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

### Saturday, July 15, 2023

GLNW bocce tournament  
Les Gove Park, Auburn WA  
Outdoor bocce courts  
Entry fee \$100.00  
Apps available for 4 person teams.  
Contact, Ronnie Beyersdorf  
206-478-3876 wb7tb@aol.com

### Sunday, July 30, 2023, Time: TBA

Tacoma Rainiers vs. Salt Lake Bees  
Reserve Tickets are \$15 and include:  
Admission, Hot Dog, Chips, and Bottled  
Water. A great gift! A great time.  
Contact: Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson  
253-677-9366 atony@harbornet.com

### Sunday, July 30, 2023

Auburn Lodge annual Lodge Picnic  
Les Gove Park, Bocce Courts Auburn  
WA.  
Free admission. RSVP to Ronnie  
Beyersdorf  
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

### Sunday, August 20th

Festa Italiana Portland & Bocce  
Tournament  
Cedarville Park  
3800 W. Powell Loop, Gresham, OR  
Contact: Barbara Blair blairbjb@  
comcast.net

### Sunday, August 27, 2023 12:noon

Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic  
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter  
Bill Haberstock, 360-373-4341

**Be sure to check with the event  
contact person to verify times and  
dates.**



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

## Grand Lodge of the Northwest

# Annual Crab Dinner

Saturday, February 18, 2023

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

**\$50.00 per person**

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner served at 7pm

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



Seating Limited to 250 People  
Buy Your Tickets Early!



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



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

For Information and Ticket Sales - Contact:  
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#2172 Spokane WA

Winter has made an appearance in the Inland Northwest with evening temperatures dipping into the single digits. Low temperatures, freezing fog, and icy roads have kept most of our members homebound sitting safely in front of a cozy fire. For those of us who forged out into the cold of night, we did manage to create a quorum for the January meeting. This enabled our election committee to accept nominations for our upcoming election of officers. At our February 11th meeting, we will hold elections with the installation of officers taking place at our March meeting. Our February agenda will be full. Along with elections taking place, we will be planning for our fundraising events. Busy, busy, times ahead and we are very happy to be busy. Amore regge senza regge - Love rules without rules. Amore vincit omnia - Love conquers all. Buon San Valentino, Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary #2172 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

## **Amerigo Vespucci**

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

February greetings to all Sons and Daughters of Italy from the members of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. Hopefully, the groundhog won't see his shadow and we'll have an early Spring this year. Aberdeen SDOI Lodge #1814 held its January meeting on January 19, 2023, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A big thank you to Mark Percini for the tasty chili, and all the members who brought the appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. The Covall family, who joined just before the Covid Pandemic, and new members, Dave Aldrich and Sylvia Percini were installed at our January 19, 2023 meeting. The drawing for a \$20 Safeway gift card for those members who paid 2023 dues by December 31, 2022, took place, and the winner was Gina Rector. Mary Jane Rogers reminded everyone about Wheelbarrow Raffle. Wheelbarrow Raffle tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$20 and can still be purchased up until the February Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner. Contact maryjanerogers80@gmail.com. Final arrangements for the Valentine's Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner on February 11, 2023, at St. Mary's Parish Hall were presented by Mary Jane Rogers. To-go meals will be available for pick up from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Doors will open for dinner seating at 5 p.m. and the Spaghetti Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The raffle drawings will take place at 6 p.m. There will also be Bake Sale items for purchase at the dinner. The Wheelbarrow Raffle drawing will take place at the February Valentine Spaghetti Dinner. Joe Chicano reminded members about the GLNW Crab Dinner on February 18, 2023, and that we have van transportation to the event. New officer nominations were presented at the January 19th meeting. Nominated are President, Joe Chicano; Vice President, Mary Jane Rogers; Secretary, Connie Chicano; Financial Secretary, Kristine Finazzo, and Treasurer, Patti Percini; Orator, Judith Braddon; Trustees, Mark Percini, Eva To, Martha Carr, and Ted Daniels. Elections will be held at the lodge's February meeting. Connie Chicano was approved to

be our new delegate to the GLNW Convention in May. Aberdeen OSDIOA's next meeting will be on February 16, 2023. Social time begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. with a meeting at 6:45 pm. in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Have a fun-filled February, Judith Braddon, reporter

## **Auburn**

#1955 Auburn, WA

The Auburn lodge activities for the New Year are underway and we held our meeting on January 12, 2023. Auburn members are reminded that their dues of \$35.00 per member are now due. Dues checks can be mailed to: Auburn Sons of Italy Lodge #1955 PO Box 1224, Auburn, WA 98071-1224. We asking members to include a donation of \$5.00 to cover the rent and assessments for a total of \$40.00. Make checks payable to Auburn Sons of Italy. You can also pay your dues online Auburn Lodge online square. <http://auburn-sons-of-italy.square.site/> 2023 dues must be paid to maintain membership, vote, hold office or participate in the scholarship program.

The Auburn lodge welcomed, Mary Jo Popich (DeGidio) application for reinstatement. Carolyn Candito a reinstatement. Emily Jordan a transfer back from an at large member. New member Margie Cristofaro, A big welcome to all. At the January meeting the Nominations Committee chair Ronnie reported on the slate of officers and convention delegates for the election. The Nominations Committee members are: Nominations Committee Chair Ronnie, meeting December 28, 2022 Barbara DeCaro, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Debbie Sonstelie, Dan & Dot Chicketti, Michelle Binetti, John Partridge out of town.

The job of the nominations committee is to accept nominations and prepare a slate of qualified officers one for each office in accordance with the bylaws and Roberts Rules of order. All of the nominees are qualified to hold or run for the offices for which they have been nominated. To be a voting member you must have been a member for 3 months. To run for office one must have been a member for six months. The lodge election will take place in the month of February. Dues must be paid to vote or hold office in the lodge or participate in the meeting. All of the candidates for office have stated that they will accept and run for the office all are qualified to hold office. The election will be held at the February meeting. Scholarship program

The applications for scholarship applications will be available at the end of January and the deadline for submittal is April 15, 2023 (tax day). Scholarship winners last year are not eligible for this year. Applicants must be an Auburn member, son or daughter of an Auburn member or grandsons or granddaughter of an Auburn member. To obtain an application copy email Ronnie at [Wb7tbg@aol.com](mailto:Wb7tbg@aol.com) or call or text at 206-478-3876. Annual Auburn Lodge event dates please mark your calendars for 2023. Our regular meeting date is the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meeting dates at Holy Family

## Coming Events!

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

Fall Grand Council  
Embassy Suites  
Tony Anderson  
atony@harbornet.com

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

City of Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade  
Luncheon for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Les Gove Park free after the parade.  
Contact Ronnie Beyersdorf,  
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

## The Grand Lodge of the NW Welcomes Our Newest Members:

from Bella Vita, Lodge #2285

**Amy Hatfield  
Cathy Pearsall-Stipek**

from Auburn Lodge, #1955

**Margie Cristofaro  
Emily Jordan**

from Cle Elum Lodge, # 1968

**Norma Marin  
Patrick Willis  
Diana Peccia  
Frank Peccia**

from Bellevue Lodge, #2377

**Tessa Floreneano**

## The Grand Lodge of the NW Welcomes Back:

Auburn Lodge, #1955  
**Mary-Jo Popich  
Carolyn Candito  
Amy Barrett**

Church Hall are subject to availability and are sometimes moved to alternate dates. So read the Northwest Italian News.

Coming event dates: The Wine Tasting is on Sat Jan 28, 2023 at Holy Family.

The annual picnic will be held at Les Gove Park, in Auburn at the Bocce Courts on Sunday, July 30, 2023. The Auburn Lodge 75th Anniversary Dinner Banquet will be held on Sat June 3, 2023 at City of Community Events Center, Les Gove Park.

The 58th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Luncheon in the multipurpose building next to the museum.

If you know of any of our members who have moved away please let the lodge secretary know so their membership status can be verified. Also if you know of a member who has extended illness sick or in the hospital up you can contact Ronnie and I will pass that information on to our sunshine committee Joanne McDaniel. What does not get reported goes unknown. Holy Family Hall set up help - we normally set up the hall at around 4:30PM on the second Thursdays of each month. In January Dan Chicketti set up the hall by himself with some help from Joanne McDaniel when she arrived. If you are an able member and live reasonably close to the hall it would be great to have some help with set up. It does not take long and it will be appreciated.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporter

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*Bella Vita*

#2285, Olympia, WA

Bella Vita welcomed our New Year 2023 with a Prime Rib Dinner cooked by Tony Giannotti. We also received a special visit from La Befana who brought fine chocolates to those that were nice and charcoal to those that were not so nice! Special Thank You to Vera DiGulio Kay who convinced La Befana to visit Bella Vita this year.

Our prayers are with Jim Vettori who is currently in the hospital and struggling to get his energy back. He hopes to be at our next meeting. He thanks everyone for all the support and prayers from Bella Vita. It was great to see Pam Daudet with her pretty smile at our meeting. She brought 2 guests, Nick and Jennifer, who enjoyed visiting with our lodge. Please keep Pam's husband in your prayers as he is in poor health.

Jon and Genny Powell continue to improve with their health. They are glad to be at



their Senior living home closer to doctors and their family. They do miss attending Bella Vita meetings and we sure miss them!. Gen is continues with cardiac rehab while Jon had a recent fall and is regaining his strength. They are both home.

Welcome to our new members Cathy Pearsall Stipek and Amy and Elliott Hatfield!

Thank you to Vera DiGulio Kay who was

### AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172

**Spokane, WA**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM

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**Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary**

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### AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814

**Aberdeen, WA**

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

### ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

**Richard Luzzi, President**

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persistent with finally receiving our Hood to Coast payment. Vera will be coordinating the 2023 Hood to Coast Relay on Saturday June 3. Please consider volunteering for

this event. This is our main fundraiser, the more participants the more \$\$ we can make to keep Bella Vita healthy. Tony Anderson and Nick DeGidio shared their delicious homemade wine. We hope some members join the Auburn Lodge Wine Tasting on January 28. At our next meeting don't forget to bring a nonperishable item for the Food Bank. It is now that the Thurston Food Bank need us to help those in need. If you have not paid your dues please do so. You can mail a check to Mathew Williams, our Financial Secretary. Mathew Williams, 3738 Kinsale Ln, Olympia Wa 98501. We will be having our election at our next meeting, if you would like to run for an officer position, please let President Sophia know and we will place you on the ballot. Buon Anno a Tutti! We are looking forward to a fun 2023! Great to see more of our members attending our meetings. Socializing with each other, sharing a meal, drinking some fine wine together is the best part of Bella Vita.



Hello Friends, at the Bellevue Lodge meeting on January 5th we celebrated the New Year with a traditional dinner of lentil soup with salad and bread. The lentils represent coins for prosperity in the New Year. We also had cream puffs with chocolate and lemon curd sauces, and mandarine oranges, which are also round items that represent coins for prosperity. The soup and salad were made by Mary DeMatteo Sangalang and Michele Guerrini, and Michele brought the bread. Linda Jacobin brought the cream puffs and accompanying sauces. Wine was provided by Linda Caputo and Pete Edgar and appetizers were brought by Greg Osgood. It was all very delicious and after dinner we received a visit from La Befana

who visit was perfectly timed on the eve of the Epiphany. Two new members Aaron Nonis and Tessa Floreano were initiated at the meeting. Because our State Deputy Rosetta Beyersdorf wasn't able to make the meeting, Greg Osgood served as Herald for the initiation ceremony. He also served as Vice-President and Immediate Past-President. If I didn't know better I'd say that guy really like to hog the spot light. Also serving in the ceremony were Mary DeMatteo Sangalang as President and Peter Edgar as Orator. Aaron Nonis is the son of Jerry Nonis who recently joined our Lodge. Aaron is a musician and computer engineer who owns and runs a computer game company. He lives in Auburn with his wife and their 20 month old son. Tessa Floreano was a member at large and has decide to join our Lodge after visiting us in October. She is a dual citizen of the U.S. and Italy and all four of her grandparents came from the same town in Italy. Welcome to the Lodge Aaron and Tessa, we're very happy to have you in our Lodge. In sunshine news, before the start of our meeting we held a moment of silence for Carmelo Ricciardelli who passed away on December 4th at the age of 100. Ralph Klein had surgery on his hand, Cathy Mettler had COVID, but had recovered and was able to make our Lodge meeting, and Rosetta Beyersdorf's sister was not doing well, so she and her husband Ronny were not able to make the Lodge meeting. In more joyful news, Peter and Rochelle Edgar celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve, which from looking at them means that they got married when they were 5 and 3 years old respectively. Happy anniversary Pete and Rochelle. The event of the year is coming up and by that I mean the Bellevue Lodge Wine Tasting and Raffle on Saturday April 15, 6:30-8:30 pm at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. It will be the first Wine Tasting that we've had in three years, but I'm sure it will be just as wonderful as the Wine Tastings we've had in the past with lots of great food, some really good wines to try, and a chance win a raffle prize. The cost is \$25, everyone is welcome, so invite all your Italian friends and family, but get your tickets early because they will be going fast. With the New Year I need to include a gentle reminder that if you haven't paid already, the annual \$50 membership fees are due. Fees can be paid using Square at <https://bellevue-sons-of-italy.square.site/>. Please pay as

**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**  
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**Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf**  
 206-478-3876 / [WB7tbg@aol.com](mailto:WB7tbg@aol.com)

**BELLA VITA LODGE NO. 2285**  
**Olympia, WA**  
 Meets the 1st Thursday of each month  
 Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm  
**Meeting starts at 6:30pm**  
**MCLANE GRANGE**  
 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512  
**Sophia Risorto, President**  
 760-333-7964 [bellavitalodge@gmail.com](mailto:bellavitalodge@gmail.com)  
**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,**  
**Recording Secretary**  
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**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  
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soon as possible, otherwise next month I may not make the reminder so gentle, and may need to resort to bolding the reminder or USING ALL CAPS. Our next Lodge meeting will be February 2nd 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. We will conducting the election of Officers. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood



## Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Black Diamond featured the origins of the Roman Valentine's Day in the February 2022 issue of the NWIN. The title of this special day (Valentino) holds a proud meaning for the population of member Michele Palazzo's hometown of Castellaneta in the province of Taranto and region of Puglia. Actor Rudolfo Valentino (1895-1926) was born in Castella-



neta and made a significant impact on the silent movie industry when he immigrated to America. Details of the struggles this Italian American endured can be found at <https://www.biography.com/actor/rudolph-valentino>. An interesting fact is that Michele's cousin owns Rudolfo's original family home as pictured.

The April 2022 issue of the NWIN introduced you to the Malvesti paternal heritage of our President Janice Malvesti-Cole on the East Coast. We now invite you to join Janice and Tom Cole on their recent return to the Malvesti origins in Italy. Black Diamond Lodge President, Janice Malvesti-Cole and her husband, Black Diamond Lodge Treasurer Tom Cole, have travelled to Italy many times. Janice's father's side comes from Sulmona, Italy, as her great-grandparents, Antonio and Anna immigrated to the United States from Italy. Tom Cole's mother's side of the family comes from Feistritz an der Gail, Austria, just a few miles from the Italian border (close to Tarvisio). Tom's great-grandparents, Martin and Lucille, told stories about frequently crossing over into Italy

for vegetables before they immigrated to the United States. Sulmona (pronounced Sue-Mona) is located about an hour and forty-five minutes east of Rome and about forty-five minutes west of the Adriatic Sea. The beautiful town of Sulmona is located in the Abruzzo region located at the foot of the Majella mountains and is famous for being the capital of sugared-coated almonds, known as "confetti" in Italian. Its streets are adorned with colorful confetti bouquets, which



you can buy in any imaginable flavor – Nutella, tiramisu, ricotta, and pear just to name a few. Sulmona's famous aqueduct in the center of town dates back to 1256 and along the

aqueduct you'll find Piazza Garibaldi, known for a medieval tournament in the summer and a market held each Wednesday and Saturday.

Tom and Janice have been fortunate to travel to Europe many times and had a trip scheduled for December 2020 which was cancelled due to COVID. When this was cancelled, Tom had made an arrangement with a local artist in Sulmona, Italy, to have a painting completed to give to Janice for Christmas. This painting was then mailed and while it was in-transit, it was held up and confiscated by the Italian post office. About two months later, the painting was released by the Italian post office to the artist, Lorenzo, who painted



it – long story, short, the Italian post office viewed this art piece as possible theft of art. Lesson learned, don't mail art from Italy or if you do, expect to pay a high cost for permitting. Tom worked with the artist, Lorenzo, and told him to hold onto the painting until we can pick it up in person.

Fast forward, to December 2021 when we thought we'd make it back to Italy as we booked a trip but once again due to COVID, the trip was cancelled. Then, in 2022 we booked a trip and were beyond thrilled to return to Italy. In late December, we kicked off our trip in Amsterdam, Netherlands, before head-

### 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  
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### 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  
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### CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

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

**Cheryl Ficele, President**  
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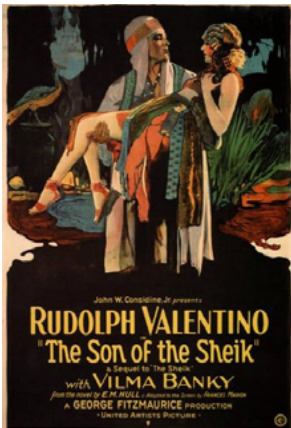
ing to Berlin, Germany, where we celebrated New Year's before exploring Dresden, Germany. From Dresden we headed to Rome, Italy, where we visited sights early before most tourists were awake (highly recommend). A highlight in Rome was a visit to The Vatican where

we wanted to pick up a rosary. We had learned of the passing of Pope Benedict a few days prior and wondered if we'd even get into Vatican City. To our surprise, we spoke with someone near the Vatican who mentioned we could get into St. Peter's Basilica and off we went. We were in and out of St. Peter's Basilica within fifteen minutes where we paid our respect to Pope Benedict as he laid in state – a memory we'll hold forever. From Rome, we headed to Sulmona and we had wonderful accommodations



at a Bed-n-Breakfast with double doors and a balcony overlooking Piazza Garibaldi and the aqueduct. While in the Abruzzo region, we spent our days and nights enjoying the culture, food, and people of Italy and after a long two-year wait, Janice was finally able to retrieve her painting and both Tom and Janice met the artist, Lorenzo. We also met a potential cousin of Janice's, Marco, who works for the local television station in Sulmona. After our time in Sulmona came to an end, we headed back to Rome and then eventually back to the States via Amsterdam. We look forward to going back to Sulmona again soon and spending more time – it doesn't matter how many times we've been in Sulmona, it's just as magical each and every visit. Ciao!

Tom and Janice Cole



## Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to all.

Cataldo Lodge has had some challenges including terrible weather for our Christmas meeting but we always bounce back. A few moments of silence were held for the memory of our friend Sal D'Amico who recently passed. Sal was a good friend to many of us.

Cataldo Lodge collected many food donations for Fish Line, Poulsbo, and S. Kitsap HelpLine. Cataldo Lodge has helped out for many years and this has been so helpful for those in need. Steve Lebeda has been working for many months to help get a venue for our upcoming celebration of our 50th anniversary. After much work we have okayed and paid a deposit to the Elk's Lodge for a deposit to make sure we have a venue to celebrate. This has been a challenge to obtain a venue and Steve has worked on this for many months. There will be more announcements to come as to costs etc but it should be a great time on Pine Road, Bremerton.

Christmas gifts were distributed to all members and friends for all present at our lodge, A huge thank you to Bill and Jackie for all of their efforts and sharing,

Maria Marsala was our Chef of the month for January. She cooked and served a wonderful pasta and peas dish which was delicious! Maria was also the one who arrived early, stayed late and I'm sure she went home very tired as she did all of the clean up as well, At the end of the lodge dinner cannoli were served as one more treat, cannoli shells both gluten free and regular. Our chefs have been very much aware of vegans as well as gluten issues and we are proud to be able to provide for them. Convention is coming up and we will be choosing delegates. Guests in attendance and some new possible members are as follows; Don and Shelly Gudden, Richard Ramsey, Joe Montisa, Janice Stoffer, Gina Natucci and Linda Buccini Anderson (Linda is also as GLNW State President). We were glad to see Joseph and Nicole Davis who are members as well. The extra treat was that we got see their 2 children and how much they had grown. One is seven and the other is three. Children in the lodge is always a treat. Elections are upcoming. Vice President Steve Lebeda is in charge of the election and has asked for folks who might participate in the upcoming election. Steve is like the energizer

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6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting

Potluck Dinner following meeting

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**LODGE NO. 2733**

**Port Angeles/Sequim, WA**

Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month

Social begins at 12:30pm

Meeting begins at 1:00pm

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**LODGE NO. 1390**

**Seattle, WA**

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bunny.....always working for others! What a great asset he is. Birthdays for January are Frank Lara, Gabe Herndon and Tommy Thompson. February Birthdays include Carolyn Crabtree, Steve Haberstock, Antonia Lebeda, Joseph Maggi, Matti Maggi and Nick Wancowicz . Buon Compleanno! Sincerely, Diane Clementi



### **Cle Elum**

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met on Sunday, January 8th in friendship and fraternity, and enjoyed an “eclectic dinner that proved the ‘good luck’ of a potluck, well balanced and delicious,” as described by Recording Secretary Kathi Butorac. Vice President Mike Butorac called our meeting to order welcoming all those present. Guests joining us included Victor Scarpelli of Auburn Lodge, and Frank and Diana Peccia joining us for a second visit and becoming the newest members of Cle Elum Lodge. With the GLNW Crab Dinner coming up on February 11th the lodge approved donating a gift basket for their raffle. With the Cle Elum Lodge Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction on Saturday, March 18th member Bonnie Christian suggested the Lodge consider designing and selling a t-shirt or similar with a lodge and spaghetti dinner theme. Bonnie and Kathi B. will work together and come back to the lodge with a proposal. VP Mike B. took a few minutes to share news of the passing of lodge member Luciano “Lou” Depicolzuane with services held on January 14th and burial in the Silvio Pellico Cemetery of the Historic Roslyn Cemeteries. Lou joined the Cle Elum Lodge in February 2010 and was active in all lodge activities. He was most proud of his Italian heritage and will be long remembered by this reporter for the monthly Italian language lessons he gave at our lodge meetings. Lou is survived by Virginia, his wife of 62 years.

Lodge member Rachele Rogalski has taken on the task of keeping track of the birthdays of all members. One member of three was present with a January birthday and received a small gift. In closing Kathi B. and Bonnie C. shared the fun story of La Befana, the Italian Christmas “witch”, a very sweet old lady who delivers little gifts to sleeping children on the eve of Epiphany, January 5. Good job ladies. Ciao! Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

### **Mille Cugini**

#2659, Marysville, WA

’Tis the season of LOVE. It’s not only for sweethearts. This is an opportunity to let those whom we love know how much we love them. Our aging loved ones offer so much to appreciate. Keep them connected to their families with love that is shared.



Did you know:

“The popular customs of showing love and affection on St. Valentine’s Day is almost a coincidence with the feast day of the saint: During the Medieval Age, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on Feb.14, “half-way through the second month of the year.” Chaucer wrote in his “Parliament of Foules” (in Old English): “For this was on Seynt Valentyne’s day, When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.” For this reason, the day was dedicated to “lovers” and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.” One of 3 martyrs named St. Valentine was a priest and a physician in Rome. He comforted martyrs and then became one on February 14 AD 270.

Mille Cugini had a lively meeting in January. Our guests included Mary Dellino’s son, Giovanni Dellino, who is also Paula Jacoby and Mary DeFilippo’s brother. Lisa Ugliodoro and her partner Michael with their children, Evan, David, and baby Emma came too. Antoinette Folino, Mark and Chris Gerling also visited. We all sat in a smaller room while offering the main room to another group due to a mix-up at the Museum. Like true Italians, we made it work. The meeting went well. Dinner was plentiful and great! Mille Cugini Reporter, Paula Jacoby



### **Olympic Peninsula**

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. We send warm greetings to everyone and hope 2023 is off to a good start. Our Lodge held a “Ceremony for the Departed” for Sal D’Amico on January 14. Along with our own Lodge members, there were friends from other Lodges present. Additionally, many longtime family friends were there. Several who attended shared stories of their connection with Sal, and as they shared their heartfelt stories, a common theme became apparent. Sal was greatly valued for his friendship, men-

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#### **TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881**

#### **TRI-CITIES, WA**

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Social/Dinner 5:30 pm  
Meeting follows at 7:00 pm  
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#### **VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690**

#### **Vancouver, WA**

Meets the 2nd Thursday  
of each month

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torship and had a great talent for all things Italian – especially food. It was endearing to hear from young adults who remembered working with Sal in the kitchen when they were very young; he had a big impact on them then and it has remained. The memories we each have of Sal are precious and are a testament to his legacy within the Olympic Peninsula Lodge. We continue to extend our thoughts and prayers to Judy and her family. We are glad to know we will continue to enjoy Judy’s company and contributions to the Lodge, as she plans to remain a member, and stay active in the Lodge. They had been married for 46 years and were part of this Lodge for nearly 25 of those years. Sal was instrumental in the institution of our Lodge, and for that, plus so many other reasons, he will be remembered with great respect and admiration. Thank you to all who participated in the planning of the ceremony, and a special thank you to all who attended to honor



Sal D’Amico. One story that was shared during Sal’s ceremony is the lead-in to a beautiful February, Valentine’s Day story. Anna Maria Vanto Willms shared how Sal and Judy were instrumental in her joining this

Lodge. She told how she needed transportation to the meetings, and without even knowing her at all, they picked her up and took her to her first meeting, and several afterwards. That’s where our Valentine story begins. Anna Maria calls herself a Neapolitan although she was born in Taranto, Italy (near the heel of the boot). At just 8 days old, her mother and sister had to leave Taranto in order to be safe from the bombings of WWII. The family had to move to Naples. Her father, a coast guardsman, had to stay behind. She spent the next 19 years in Naples before moving to America with her husband. Skip forward to just a year or so ago, Anna Maria

left her home, friends, and garden in California due to health reasons, and moved to Sequim to live with her son.

She was pretty lost in this new location, however, her son reached out to Sal on social media to connect Anna Maria with the OSDIA Lodge. And that is where she met Luigi Nicoloso. Luigi was born in Buia, Italy in Northern Italy and he too came to America when he was 19 years old. He has been a longtime member of our Lodge, and always has a delicious Italian dish to add to our buffet meal. Luigi is also one of our Trustees. Both Luigi and Anna Maria have known the loss of a spouse, and have been alone for several years. Luigi is one of the few members of our Lodge who speaks Italian – and at that time, may have been the only one.

(we now have a few members who speak Italian, and a couple who are trying to learn). When we learned Anna Maria spoke Italian, we immediately put the two together at the meetings. What a joy for Luigi to be able to speak his language on a regular basis. It wasn’t long before Luigi volunteered to pick Anna Maria up for the Lodge meetings. She was extremely grateful and thought Luigi quite kind to do so. After a short time, Luigi asked her if she would like to go to the movies – then, “how about going to dinner”, and then, “would you like to go dancing?” And of course Anna Maria said yes to all of it (wouldn’t be much of a story if she didn’t). They now enjoy dancing each week, frequent trips to Seattle for shows, and Anna Maria has been a key factor in Luigi returning to regular attendance at the Catholic church. It looks like the Italian Cupid visited our Lodge; this is a “made for the movies” chance meeting, and we are very happy for them. So, hey, come up and visit Anna Maria and Luigi sometime! They would love it. Ciao for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary Lodge 2733

**Seattle**

#1390, Seattle, WA

A bit of trivia; the most days for marriage proposals are Valentine’s day and Christmas and florists are busier on Mother’s Day then on Valentine’s Day. WE had a good meeting in January, good food, lots of visiting and a successful raffle. Those of you who were unable to attend the meeting and pay your dues for 2023 please watch your mail for a letter from Karen Hudler reminding you of the cost of your dues

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and where to send your check. Many of us had a great time visiting with Joe Munizza, Past President of the Tacoma Lodge. Joe sends a special hello to President Jeff D'Amelio who, because of ill health was not able to attend our meeting. Please keep Jeff as well as our other members who are ill in your prayers. We will be holding a Wine Tasting on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Mt. Virgin Hall from 12 Noon – 4:00 P.M. Please contact Holly Cochran for tickets, \$15.00 per person for those who enter a bottle of wine and \$25.00 per person who DO NOT enter a bottle of wine. I hope you all tell your children and grandchildren about our Scholarship Program. The application is on our website and is also in this issue of the NWIN. Welcome to our new member Emily Purainer and returning members Geri Scaringi and Mike Albaese. Tessa Floreano spoke to us about a book she is writing about the early Italian settlers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. She is anxious to talk to anyone who has pictures/articles or stories about the Italians who were here from 1880 – 1950. Her phone number is 425-890-3592 and her email address is: tessafloreano@hotmail.com. . This is a perfect opportunity to get the history of the Italians of the Northwest published so everyone is aware of the contributions our ancestors have made to our communities. Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day and a safe and fun filled President's Day weekend. Jeff D'Amelio is very excited that the Seattle-Fedele's annual banquet will take place Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Blanchet High School in Seattle. It's been a few years since the last one. Jeff and the entire lodge are very grateful for all of the support in previous years and look forward to treating you again. More info to follow. Chio!

Diane Scillo, Reporter



## Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

“The Mother Lodge of the Northwest”

Welcome February! This month we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th. Did you know that St. Valentine was born in Italy and was a 3rd century Roman Saint? Happy Valentine's Day! Our Tacoma Lodge Board meeting was held on December 28th. The dedicated board members met at President David Madrid's house to discuss and prepare for the January general Lodge dinner/meeting. The Lodge's January Dinner/Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4th at the Totem Yacht club. Approximately 80 members and guests attend-

ed. President David Madrid setting the tone for the evening greeted everyone wearing his sunshine yellow shirt! He called the Lodge meeting to order before dinner. During the meeting President David discussed the upcoming elections which will be held in February. Also, he discussed the 100 year Anniversary celebration that is coming up very quickly in April. The event will be held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. For any remaining tickets please contact Tony Camoroda. Just a reminder, the date of this special celebration is Saturday, April 22nd! The dinner was prepared by our very talented cooks. Our cooks include; David Madrid, Cindy Anderson, Gina Costanti-Eacrett, Tony Camoroda, Thomas Huff and Egidio Fuoco. The menu consisted of marinated Hawaiian pork chops, baked beans, coleslaw and Hawaiian rolls. Grazie for a wonderful and delicious meal! We did things a little differently this month by serving up dinner family style! Sunshine Report: Our sympathy goes out to member Joe Doria whose



lovely wife Barbara passed away in January. Barbara was also the sister/sister-in-law of members Dan and Paula Fiorino. Please keep the Doria and Fiorino families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please keep Marlene Carino Hughes in your prayers. February Birthdays; please join us in wishing the following members a Happy Birthday! Neil Beck, Charlie Degidio, Bob DeRosa, Marina Dobbie, Gina Costanti-Eacrett, Paula Fiorino, Kathleen Grinager, Sharon Knezvich, Guelda Messina, Kate Norris, Sharon Orlando, David Peluso, Les Rossi, Joe Verrone. Buon Compleanno! Please join us at the Totem Yacht Club on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 for our February dinner/meeting. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer and a special raffle prize. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 with the meeting following. If you have not already done so please be prepared to pay your annual dues at the meeting. Also, we will have the election of officers so be ready to vote! Ciao! Julie Garitone



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## Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On Jan. 3rd, 2023, our Lodge held its first meeting of this year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We had a total of twenty-three members and visitors in attendance. Our total lodge membership has grown to forty-five new members this past year. The focus of this meeting was to discuss some

new things that our lodge will be doing in the coming few months. One of the items discussed was the first social event for our members this year. We will be having a Mardi Gras party for our members that will be held from 3 to 6 pm on Feb. 12, 2023, at the home of Julianne and Jack Barnaby. Thanks to Julianne and Jack for hosting this great event for our members. If you happen to be in the area and would like to join us

for this event, please RSVP to Julianne and Jack at 509-735-2163 by Sunday, Feb. 5th. We are also excited that our members and the public can now follow us on Facebook. Many thanks go to Jackie Valentino, one of our dedicated members, for created our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIATrecitta>. We believe that this use of social media and a presence on Facebook will be a great way for our Lodge to provide more information to our members and the community about upcoming lodge happenings and events and get more exposure for possible new members in the Tri-Cities area. Please visit our Facebook to learn more what is happening with our Lodge and lots of other information that we will be sharing about OSDIA as well as about Italian food, culture, and traditions. At the end of our meeting, we had a monthly raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. With the generosity of members, we were able to raise \$133 at our meeting. Our charity fund has grown

### Mardi Gras Social

Come join us and celebrate Mardi Gras from 3 to 6 pm on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at The Barnaby's 737 North Pittsburg St Kennewick, WA 99336

RSVP by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 509-735-2163





Margie Garner, receiving one of our raffle prizes from our January meeting

to just over \$1,000 and, earlier this month have donated \$600 to 4 local chapters of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a worthy local cause at our community. We scheduled our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting

will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA. If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities on that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you. Ciao for now! Marcel P. Bergeron, President

## Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

WE welcomed and installed two new members at our January meeting. John and Leane Olmstead invited neighbors, Deanna and Bill Peters to join our group. We can't wait to get to know them better. DUES of \$38.00 for the year 2023 are due in January. If you haven't paid them yet, please pay at the February meeting or mail a check payable to "OSDIA" and send to PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682.

We will be celebrating our February meeting on Thursday, January 9th with a Super Bowl Party. Dinner at 6:30 pm with a regular meeting to follow. Dinner tonight is nachos, sliders, finger food, salads, and desserts. If you would like to prepare something, please let Louise Ramunno-Johnson know when you RSVP. You can turn your receipt in for reimbursement. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at (360)281-0915 or email her at [alamunno@gmail.com](mailto:alamunno@gmail.com) Subject Line: February Dinner. RSVP no later than Monday, February 6th. We will be holding election of officers this evening. If you are interested in running for an office and helping our club in this way, please contact either Frank Palandrani or Jim Borden.

We are collecting "underwear and hats" in February for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. Please bring any donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary.

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Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd on Monday March 20th at 2 pm to discuss *The Tuscan Secret* by author Angela Petch. Barnes and Noble and Amazon have these books. Any questions call Barbara Blair (360)253-7984.

White Elephant Bingo is the first Tuesday of the month, February 7th. We will be meeting at Linda Cherney's home at 7:00 PM. RSVP to Linda at (360) 903-0227 or nonna4ERM@gmail.com. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to participate. Game Nite is on Saturday, February 25th at Bruce & Barbara Blair's home. Please let them know if you plan to attend at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

Mark your calendars for our ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER on Sunday April 23rd. Frank Palandrani is seeking someone to replace him as chair person with his guidance. This is our major fundraiser that helps support our club, charities, activities, and scholarship. Please consider helping your club in this way. CLUB NEWS: Congratulations to Mary Scoccolo whose picture was in the Italian American Magazine as our longest living member of OSDIA. I met her many years ago. She is a wonderful person. Buon compleanno to our February birthdays!! THE HATS FOR HEADSTART GROUP are still meeting on the first and third Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Liz Haught's house. Any questions, contact her at 360-673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com.

Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (February 12th & 26th ) 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: I(Barbara Blair) am finally able to remove my cast for typing from my broken wrist and surgery. Now there is no excuse for any mistakes! Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Valentine Day 2023!!

Barbara Blair



## Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA



The Yakima Lodge met January 19th to celebrate the Christmas meeting that was delayed due to the weather. A delicious meal prepared by the lodge officers and a fun gift exchange was enjoyed. Who



doesn't love a late Christmas gift? There were some really creative gifts brought! The thought of starting our meetings an hour earlier was introduced. The thinking was that we would be eating at a more normal dinner time and would get out earlier. There was a unanimous decision

to start our meeting at 5:30PM with set up at 5:00PM and finish our meeting by 7:15 with cleanup until 7:30. NEW START TIME 5:30PM starting in February. The Lodge ad in the Newsletter will be updated with the new time when our annual ad fee is paid. Our annual membership dues are now due. The vote was to keep our dues at \$35, more information to follow by email. Dues can be sent to the lodge PO Box at: Yakima Sons of Italy, Po Box 2513, Yakima Wa 98907-2513. Sick members this month include Don and Dick Pacatti, Stephen Fanciullo, and Mike Butorac who has had surgery. It was wonderful to have Don and Kathy Guintoli at the meeting and looking good. We are all pulling for you Don and looking forward to when you are completely recovered. I'm sure a card to cheer our sick members would be appreciated as well as a thinking of you card to Beverly Arralde and Mary Kay Anabtawi that have not been able to attend recently. Prayers that everyone will be well for the February meeting. So good to see Katherine Miller too! Katherine teaches and has such long days. Thank you for all you do for children in our community Katherine. The February meeting will be election of officers. Please be thinking about how you might be able to participate. I've always heard the expression "many hands make light work". The Harmon Center is collecting toiletries for the women's shelter until the first of March. Bringing an item or two with you for the February meeting would be a real blessing to some ladies going through a tough time. Suggested items include shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, body wash, deodorant, lotion, combs, brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes. The February meeting will be on the 16th at 5:30PM at the Harmon Center. There will be a potluck dinner. Raffle items are always appreciated, the raffle almost always pays our monthly rent and is almost as fun as a Christmas gift in January! Looking forward to seeing everyone. Consider bringing a guest with you.

J. Fasano, reporter

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- 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 cannot win in consecutive years.

### Application Requirements

- Applicant's full name, address, phone and email.
- Sponsoring OSDIA member's name, Lodge, and relationship to applicant.
- Letter of recommendation from sponsor (or if applicant is self-sponsored, from another OSDIA 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, 2023.**

**Recipients will be notified by May 15th, 2023.**

Scholarship applications should be emailed to [glnwscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:glnwscholarship@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)  
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**Awards:**

Two individual scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each and the Therese Bianchi Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 will be awarded after a comprehensive review of each applicant's transcript and essay. The Scholarship Committee also reserves the right to award additional scholarships depending on the strength of the applications received and the amount of funding available, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of #1390.

**Application information and requirements:**

1. Scholarship awards are open to students who are currently full-time high school seniors, college graduate or undergraduate students, or vocational/trade school students. High School seniors must submit a letter of acceptance from a college, university, or trade school.
2. The applicant must be a member or have a parent or grandparent with membership in #1390 for a minimum of two calendar years. Dues for 2023 must be paid.
3. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and must submit a current sealed transcript and essay along with the application below. This must be received by the committee no later than Saturday, April 1st, 2023.
4. Selection of the winners will be made by the Scholarship Committee after a blind review of the applications.
5. Winners cannot apply two consecutive years.
6. Scholarships must be used the year they are awarded.
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**Essay prompt:**

In a 300-400 word essay, describe an experience that generated pride in your Italian heritage. Please note that essays will be scored on the understanding of the prompt, original thinking and literary style, grammar, and spelling.

**Complete the application below and send it along with a sealed transcript and essay to**  
**Scholarship Committee Seattle Fedele Lodge # 1390**  
**C/o Diane Scillo**  
**11500 Pinehurst Way NE #202**  
**Seattle, WA 98125-6342**

**Application:**

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