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Coming Events!

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 7:00 PM
Auburn Lodge 1955 Wine Tasting and
Grand Hors d'oeuvres table
Holy Family Church Hall
Tickets are only \$25!
Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

Saturday February 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.

grillogo1@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

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Tacoma Lodge #1175
"The Mother Lodge of the NW"
100 Year- Centennial Celebration
The Tacoma Yacht Club
Ticket price just \$60.

Contact: David Madrid Cell: 253-961-6526

eMail: dsjrmadrid@gmail.com

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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



We are off to a New Year- 2023. We have so many great and fun things that will be happening this year. We have a Wine tasting in Auburn, the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner in February, The Cle Elum super Spaghetti/Scholarship fundraiser in March, Tacoma Lodge will be celebrating their 100th anniversary as our first lodge in April, in May our Grand Lodge Convention will be held, in June Auburn

celebrates its 75th Anniversary as a lodge, July it's Rainiers baseball & in August our National Convention. Wow what a line-up. That is just a taste of the many extraordinary events that are coming up in the first 8 months of 2023 that you can be a part of.

It is time to get involved, participate and of course help. You will not be disappointed. You will get more than you give. Dues are due in January. In February, it is time for your lodge elections. Not only do you have the opportunity to build your lodge as an officer, but your delegates for the Grand Lodge Convention will also be selected. Please read the NWIN, it will have some details for the upcoming convention. Be excited and proud of your Italian heritage and to be a part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Share that excitement and pride with your family, friends, acquaintances by asking them to your lodge meetings and events. Do not stop there, ask them to become a member. I want to thank you all for your help and support. Respectfully,

Linda Buccini Anderson, President-GLNW

Dear Members:

Our National President for the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Robert Bianchi, wants to hear from you. He has set up a zoom meeting for all members to participate on Saturday Jan. 14th, 9am pacific time. The zoom info is below.

Also, please note:

Members with questions for President Bianchi should submit them in advance to nationaloffice@osia.org. Please include your name and the name and location of your lodge. President Bob will address as many pre-submitted questions as time permits.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84682286927?pwd=T2J0WXc0YnIrMllJQXpa-elpGT3crZz09

Meeting ID: 846 8228 6927

Passcode: 592665

Dial by your location- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Coming Events!

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Vancouver USA #2690 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Location: TBA Contact:

Frank Palandrani (360)576-0453

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

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.

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

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

5th Biennial Limoncello Contest!

We are excited to announce our 5th Biennial Limoncello Contest. It will take place on <u>Friday, May 19th</u> during our Convention hospitality event.

All those members who think they have what it takes to make the best Limoncello, here is your chance to prove it. The Entry fee is \$10. Get your lemons and start



The contest will be a "People's Choice" with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. All are welcome to participate in the judging for a \$5 fee. All types of Limoncello will be judged together.

All funds go to our National Charity Help Our Military Heroes.

Contact Contest Co-Chairs: Douglas Chiechi (206) 963-0044 Mary Jane Rogers (360) 470-2851





Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Grand Lodge of the Northwest

Annual Crab Dinner



Saturday, February 18, 2023 Holy Family Church - 505 17th St, Auburn, WA



\$50.00 per person

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner served at 7pm Crab, Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Bottled Water, Beer & Wine * Raffle Prizes Galore!!!



Seating Limited to 250 People Buy Your Tickets Early!



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

















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

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

American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA



Ciao a tutti, Buon Anno! In early December we Celebrated the Life of our Beloved Past President, Ron Anselmo. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our National 5th Vice President, Tony Anderson, for joining Northwest Italian News, January 2023





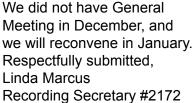
us. Although the weather was harsh, Tony made the trip to pay his respect and then turned around and flew back home. Thank you, Tony, for your kindness. We did gather later in the month for our Annual Christmas Dinner Party for a delicious meal of either Prime Rib, Tuscan Chicken, or

Sicilian Lasagna, at

the Ruby River Hotel. We also had a feisty Elephant Exchange!! Everyone had a wonderful evening in a beautiful wintery atmosphere.











Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Buon Anno to all Sons and Daughters of Italy from the members of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge.

The Lodge had a fun and festive time at our December Christmas dinner meeting. We were honored with the presence of guests: National 5th Vice President, Tony Bisceglia Anderson, GLNW President, Linda Buccini Anderson, GLNW Secretary, Gina Natucci, and Cle Elum President, Cheryl Ficele. Dennis Rogers did a great job on the prime rib, which was enhanced by

member's additions of mashed potatoes and gravy, delicious green beans, assorted salads and desserts. There were also some tasty appetizers prior to meeting and dinner. The Silent Auction provided additional fun



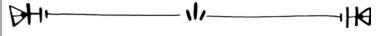
to the celebration.

Welcome to new member, Dave Aldrich, who was introduced during the meeting. He and Sylvia Percini will be installed at our January 19,2023 meeting. Lodge members were reminded that those who pay dues by December 31, 2022, will be put into a drawing for a \$20 Safeway gift card. Mary Jane Rogers reminded everyone about Wheelbarrow Raffle and Valentine Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner on February 11,2023 at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Wheelbarrow Raffle tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$20. Valentine Spaghetti Dinner is \$20 and is limited to 120 people seating. Take out dinners are also available. Contact Mark Percini for dinner tickets at (360) 532-1983 and Mary Jane Rogers at maryjanerogers80@gmail.com for Wheelbarrow Raffle tickets. Joe Chicano reminded members about the GLNW Crab Dinner on February 18, 2023, and that we have van transportation to event.

New officer nominations will be presented at the January 19th meeting. Mark Percini has volunteered to provide his delicious chili for the dinner prior to the meeting. Social time begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. with meeting at 6:45 pm. in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge was saddened by the news of the passing of our friend and former State Deputy Danny Dymarkowski. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Sumi and family.

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy New Year in 2023. Judith Braddon, reporter



Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Here is wishing all the Auburn members and their families and the members of the OSDIA GLNW a Happy and Healthy New Year 2023. We had a wonderful December Christmas party/meeting on December 8h and we raised charity funds for the Auburn Foodbank. Thanks to the ladies who cooked the meal and the members who brought all the snacks and raffle prizes.

Because of our raffle as well as people donating cash and our lodge charity year-long collection we made a \$1090.00 cash donation to the Auburn Foodbank. We also brought in nearly 100 hundred pounds of food and household items. Thanks to our members and guests



Caption: The 2022 Auburn Lodge Annual Service Award was given to our bar tender Sam Kamphaus. Congratulations Sam for all your years of work for our lodge not only at the bar but at the Auburn City Community events and at our fundraisers.

Each year we recognize the year's membership starting at 5-year anniversaries. Pins are awarded for 25 and 50 years of membership. Here are the anniversaries for our Auburn Lodge members in 2022:

Auburn Lodge 1955 membership anniversaries 2022 **5 years 2017**: Dana Cella, Bo & Jo Gallagher, Marie Lemons, Mya Mancuso, Austin Scarsella, and Emil Scarsella

10 years 2012: Becky Celver, Judie Fox, Cheri Martin, Joseph Parente, Barbara Roeben, Melissa & Ty Podeswzwa, and Victor Savino

15 years 2007: Dee Meneghini, Francesco Ortenzo, Dianne Smith

20 years 2002: Sarah Beyersdorf, Sharon Lufkin, and Victoria Raccagno

25 years 1997: Dario Brancato, Bill Findley, Joann Mikoski, Cory Stella, and Natale Stella

30 years 1992: Trish Borden, Lisa Brunner, Erika

Moore, Rich & Carol Riotto, and Chris Ward

35 years 1987: Randy & Anna Marie Andersen

45 years 1977: Phil & Joyce Celver, Bill & Margie Garner, Maria Mancuso, and Frank & Maria Scarsella

Honorable mention Auburn Lodge members on longest and Life Members: Theresa Venzone Payne, 1955, 62-year member former officer. Aldo Storino, an Auburn Lodge member since 1964, 58 years Past Lodge president, and ticket seller. Rosetta Beyersdorf, Past State President 56 year member 1966. Yolanda Scarpelli Clark, sole surviving Charter 1947 member 76 years. Mary Fantello Scoccolo, the Most senior member in the OSIDA a member since 1940 83 years. Past lodge officer and Grand Lodge officer. (assisted living in Issaquah).

In memorial, the Auburn Lodge 1955 lost the following six members in 2022. May they Rest In Peace with the Lord: Bill Anardi 1-3-2022 age 90, Joyce Peloza 2-13-2022, Salvatore Perry 2-20-2022 US Air Force Veteran age 88. Vincenzina Venzone Manka 10-10-2022 age 91 Life Member, John Leggett, 10-16-2022 age 64, and Richard Aries 10-28-2022 age 93 Life Member Auburn Lodge elections: Nominations and election of officers and convention delegates will start with nominations in January 2023 the nominations committee is headed by chair Ronnie Beyersdorf, secretary. To vote or hold office your dues must be paid. The nominations committee is pulling together the names of those who will run for office including the existing officers. To run for office the member must be a regular member of the lodge for more than six months. Social members shall have the right to hold any office except President, Vice-president or State Delegate. The election is in February 2023.

The Auburn Lodge dues are now due and are \$35.00 per member. We asking members to help us by paying an extra \$5 or more if you choose to assist in the assessments for \$40.00 per member. Dues can be mailed to the Lodge PO Box Auburn SOI PO Box 1224, Auburn WA 98071-1224 or pay at the meeting in January. Dues can be paid at the Auburn Lodge online square. http://auburn-sons-of-italy.square.site/ Please use the donation area for the extra dues amount over \$35.00. Thank you. The Grand Lodge Crab Dinner is now set to go as a Dine in the Hall Dinner on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 6 to 9 PM at Holy Family Church Hall.

The Grand Lodge of the NW Welcomes Our Newest Members:

Olympic Pennisula Lodge, #2733, Port Angeles, WA

Claire Muggia Eric Wilkinson

AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172

Spokane, WA

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM St ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL 330 E Boone Ave Spokane, WA 99202 509-487-8552

Judy Anselmo, President 509-496-0031 judyVandyke@hotmail.com

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary 509-891-0916 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Richard Luzzi, President (360) 637-9193 Buttons575@AOL.com Tickets are \$50.00 each.

The Auburn Lodge has our Wine Tasting and Home Made wine contest on January 28, 2023, here at the Holy Family Church Hall. The tickets are only \$25.00. This is the only fundraiser in quite some time so we need the members' support. Both tickets are available from Ronnie at 206-478-3876 or Wb7tbg@aol.com

Ronnie Beyersdorf, Reporter





Buon Anno a Tutti! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season as we prepare for 2023 to arrive! Unfortunately, we did not have our December Lodge Christmas Party. It was postponed due to snow. Instead, we will celebrate La Befana on Thursday January 5. Our menu will include a delicious Prime rib. We are also expecting La Befana to make an appearance! Elections are approaching. If you would like to be an officer or delegate for the 2023 Convention please let President Sophia or the Election Committee know. Only one delegate will represent Bella Vita this year. Please pay your dues of \$40. Bring check to our January meeting or send check to Mathew Williams, our Financial Secretary. If you no longer wish to be a member, please let President Sophia know so we can

update our membership list. Send membership dues of \$40 to: Mathew Williams, 3738 Kinsale Ln Olympia Wa 98501

Our prayers continue for Jon and Gen Powell, Jim Vettori and Donna Cristofaro.

Congratulations to George and Dianne Stefanini for celebrating their 50th anniversary. They are now snowbirds, heading to Arizona and returning by March or April. Safe travels to the Stefanini's! Shirley Garrison took a trip in December with her sister to enjoy the sun in Palm Springs. Jim Vettori's Birthday surprise was not what we expected as we had to cancel our December meeting! Thanks to all who sent him a Birthday card! He was pleased to receive so many Birthday Cards for his 90th. He shared that in all his 90 years of birthdays he never had so many Birthday cards mailed to him as he did this year. Jim was especially surprised by a visit from our member Linda Nielsen who dropped off some homemade apple crisp. He enjoyed them! Grazie! 2022 has been a very challenging year for Bella Vita. We returned to in person meetings despite some unanticipated roadblocks which we all got through very swiftly. In 2022 our membership dropped as several members moved away or passed away- remembering Jerry Patten. We struggled with location and needed time to regroup and reconnect with each member. It is now time that Bella Vita steps up, share some ideas for fast and easy fund raisers and participate in the many events that ours and other lodges offer!

Vera DiGulio Kay will be checking the feasibility for another Pie Fundraiser, unfortunately pie costs have increased. By the way, last year Vera moved from Aberdeen to Olympia. She was a very active member with Aberdeen lodge and has now made Bella Vita her primary lodge! She is bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and information regarding fundraisers, membership, budgeting, and participation. Last year she helped Bella Vita with Hood to Coast Fundraiser, Christmas Party and shared ideas for activities and membership needs. Welcome Vera as a primary Bella Vita member! We appreciate your dedication!

As we begin 2023 Bella Vita is encouraging members

AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955 Auburn, WA

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour Meeting at 7:00PM Dinner and Raffle following

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL

505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

President Francesco Ortenzo 206-769-8563 / ortenzo@gmail.com

Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf 206-478-3876 / WB7tbg@aol.com

BELLA VITA LODGE NO. 2285 Olympia, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting starts at 6:30pm MCLANE GRANGE

931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

Sophia Risorto, President 760-333-7964 <u>bellavitalodge@gmail.com</u>

Shirley Delauranti Garrison, Recording Secretary

253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377 Bellevue, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month / Social: 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

UNITY CHURCH

16330 Northeast 4th Street Bellevue, WA 98008

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

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

to step forward and participate! Please consider making a New Year's Resolution by attending at least one of these events:

January 28 at 7pm Auburn Lodge is hosting a Wine Tasting and Grand Hors d'oeuvres \$25

February 11 Amerigo Vespucci in Aberdeen is hosting Valentine Spaghetti dinner \$25

February 18 at 7pm Crab Dinner- limited seating- tickets can be purchased NOW \$50- Bella Vita has been invited to ride with Aberdeen in their Fun Bus, Don't miss out! April 23 Tacoma Lodge 100 Year Centennial Celebration \$60- live Italian music, dancing, wine/bar and full course meal -if you have interest, questions, carpooling ideas please contact President Sophia or members of the lodge directly. Don't miss out, seating to all these events is limited. Bella Vita wishes everyone Happiness, Health, and Hope that you choose to attend one of these events as your New Year Resolution! Buon Anno a tutti!



Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA, WA

Hello Friends,

Expectations were high for the Bellevue Lodge Christmas party, December 4th at Maggiano's restaurant. We weren't sure if the party would be able to meet the expectations because this was the first Lodge Christmas party in three years, but the Lodge didn't hold back. We reserved a larger banquet room and top notch entertainment. I'm happy to report that all expectations were met or exceeded. 47 adults and 7 children attended, most of whom had family pictures taken by the Christmas tree. Before the meal was served, members mingled while enjoying pre-dinner drinks and live music supplied by Bonnie Birch. Maggiano's provided a bountiful and delicious family-style meal with three different starters, three different entrees, and two types of desserts. I guarantee nobody went home hungry. After dinner, Lodge President Mary DeMatteo

Sangalang gathered all the children and read the story of La Befana, then each of the children were given Lego gift sets from the Lodge, and we had a gift exchange with many surprises and steals, but in the end everyone went home with a delightful gift. It was a truly wonderful party. It will be hard to top, but I'm sure we'll try to top it next year. Special thanks go to Doug Warne for arranging the entertainment, Michele Guerrini for making the table cards, Linda Jacobin for making the reservations, getting the gifts for the children, and crocheting Santa pins for all the attendees, and Mary DeMatteo Sangalang for organizing the party. In sunshine, I'm saddened to report that Carmelo Ricciardelli passed away on December 4th. He had fallen one day earlier breaking five ribs, his hip, and his leg. Carmelo leaves an incredible legacy. He lived to be 100 years old, was a member of the Bellevue Lodge for over 30 years, was a veteran of the Korean war, retired from the Boeing Company after a long and productive career as an engineer, raised 7 kids, had 21 grandkids, 27 great grandkids and 4 great great grandkids. On behalf of the Bellevue Lodge I would like send our deepest sympathies to the entire Ricciardelli family. We will miss Carmelo greatly.

Our next Lodge meeting will be January 5th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood



Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Salvatore Spirito proposed that at each meeting we learn two new phrases in Italiano. Join us in extending the beautiful Italian language by learning our December phrases of Buon Natale (Merry Christmas) and Felice Anno Nuovo (Happy New Year). Salvatore and his wife

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

imalvesticole@gmail.com

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280 Bremerton, WA

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

VFW HALL

190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 4243 Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President

(360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

201 East 3rd Street Cle Elum, WA

Cheryl Ficele, President

(509) 674-5318 / ficelec@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 361 South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361



Maddalena will begin weekly lessons to learn Italiano and the art of cooking delicious Italian dishes. Please visit our Black Diamond Facebook page (or contact our President Janice) about joining this class that will be conducted at the Lake Wilderness Lodge through the Maple Valley Parks and Recreation Department. Members, family,

and friends joined together for a fun-filled Christmas celebration at the Black Diamond Community Center. The joyful evening included a delicious lasagna dinner



(presented by Mary Ann Webb and Cathy Raunig), generous door prizes for everyone (gifted by President Janice and Treasurer Tom), a competitive ornament exchange, and a delightful holiday raffle. Nominations are actively being submitted for the 2023 Black Diamond Board of

Officers. If you would like to be a nominee for any of the offices, please contact Leonardo Folino (lennyfolino@ yahoo.com) or Marlene Palazzo (mmpalaz@msn.com), and your name will be eagerly placed in nomination.



We proudly welcome you to Nuovo Anno 2023 with an extension to Leonardo's historical December 2022 article with a heartfelt Merlini family rendition by our member of 40+ years who literally grew up from infancy in the Black Diamond Sons of Italy.

I'm Livia (Palmer) Ziebarth proud member of Black Diamond #1809. I have been coming to this lodge (usually working) since I was 4 or 5 years old. My Mom is Marie Merlini Freeman, my maternal grandparents were Oliva (Rossi) and Nello Merlini.



My grandparents came to this country in 1919. Oliva, along with her mother Ermelina and many siblings, landed at Ellis Island on her 18th birthday, September 28th (I don't know when Nello arrived). She was from San Romano in Garfagnana. He from the next hill town over called Verrucole (both in the prov-

ince of Lucca). They didn't know each other, but Nello's best friend was Oliva's brother, Emil Rossi. Emil encouraged Nello to come to Black Diamond. "My family is here. It will be just like home." So Nello arrived in time to meet all the Rossi family, especially Oliva. Suffice it to say, they hit it off and escaped by train to Seattle and got married a few weeks after meeting much to the displeasure of Ermelina who already had Oliva lined up to marry the local banker.



Eventually, the Order of Sons of Italy came into Black Diamond looking for members. I know most of the people on our Charter. Domenic Agari was my step-great grandfather. He sponsored or signed up a great many of our charter members. Romeo and Margaret (Morganti) Vernarelli were my godparents, Domenico Geminiani and Ermete Crudele were bachelor cousins of my grandpar-

ents, and they lived with us. My grandmother's siblings are listed—Alberto, Hortense (Auntie Artie) and Harry

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659 Marvsville, WA

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

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA 98270

Patrick Jacoby, President (425) 478-0757

Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary (425) 892-5441

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each Month 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting Potluck Dinner following meeting

OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733 Port Angeles/Sequim, WA

Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month Social begins at 12:30pm

Meeting begins at 1:00pm Bethany Pentecostal Church 508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles WA 98362

> Steven Bridge President imonit@wavecable.com

360-808-2989

SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390 Seattle. WA **Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month** Dinner at 6:15 PM Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL 2800 S Massachusetts St Seattle, WA 98144 Jeff D'Amelio, President 206-251-0536 president@seattlesonsofitaly.org

jeffdamelio@live.com

Rossi. Oldest brother Emil is not listed as a charter member. I'm sure there is a story there. My grandmother is listed as Olivia Merlini. She was called interchangeably Oliva or Olivia by family and friends. Louise Pagani and her mother Aurora were at our house for dinner and TV viewing most evenings. As to the others, we were at their houses, or they were at ours. Most attended the many, many Sons of Italy functions that occurred every month throughout the Northwest. The Italian community was the center which we all circled around. Food, festivals, weddings, births, and deaths were celebrated. Let us not forget the amazing, packed-sand bocce court (la gancha) that Nello built and maintained at the Merlini home. There were weekly SPIRITED games where my brothers and I learned many Italian words we were not allowed to repeat. And, oh . . . the meals before each meeting were epic! Tons of food—stufato, polenta, ravioli, spaghetti, insalata, cannelloni, manicotti, biscotti, pizzelle, cake, homemade red wine, coffee . . . the list went on and on. We had tons of hungry visitors. It was like extended family came to eat and meet. My brothers, Darrell, Randy and I were expected to serve, clean up, and behave. My mom worked, so we had to go wherever Nonno and Nonni went and earn our keep.

I remember serving hordes of people when our meetings were at the old Masonic Hall which was in the same building as the old Black Diamond Post Office and, also, at the Eagles Hall. We were very young but compliant. If we didn't behave, my 4' 10" tall Nonni made us go outside to cut our own chestnut switch for punishment. If it wasn't the correct size, you had to keep going back out until you got a satisfactory size whip. Fortunately, this was not usual treatment. The OSDIA had marvelous Christmas parties with lots of singing and dancing. Uncle Tony Merlini would generally leave his Maple Valley Serve U grocery store, bring his accordion to the lodge, and play for hours. He was a natural talent. The summer picnics and old-timers' gatherings were well attended. I loved going to them and listen to the stories that were told. Heaven! My Nonni believed her children and grandchildren must learn American ways and language. She loved her new country. But we must never forget to honor "la famiglia" and the old ways. And we ALL spoke Italian and American English, often not realizing we were speaking a mixture of both out loud.

In our lodge, I have held many offices in the past— Board Member and Recording Secretary for a number of years. I worked every function we had, such as dances, server at our annual Mother's Day dinners, and eventually being the hostess at the event. This was a successful annual fundraiser for many, many years. The days leading up to it required us to prep a great deal of food. After so many years of doing it and giving up our Mother's Day every year, we retired from all that work. About 25 years ago, my husband and I started our family (in North Seattle), and I turned my attention to other things besides being a Black Diamond Lodge officer. I remain a staunch member. I'm proud of my Italian Heritage and I'm thankful for the rich life we had, immersed in the beautiful culture of the Italian family. Livia (Palmer) Ziebarth

"For last year's words belong to last year's language.
And next year's words await another voice". T.S. Eliot



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Here we are once again at the end of one more year as we are also looking forward to next year.

Our December lodge dinner of Prime Rib was provided by Steve and Darlene Haberstock. We also held the wrap Christmas gift again. The gift isa game to music similar to musical chairs. The last person to unwrap the gift is the winner! It's always such a fun time with everyone entering in. Cataldo Lodge also held a food donation collection. The food banks are always in need for distribution and it is a pleasure to be able to help others this way. We always have a plentiful amount to share. Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor. Sadly, Salvatore (Sal) D,Amico of Olympic Peninsula

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175 "The Mother Lodge of the Northwest" Tacoma, WA

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Lodge passed away 12-15-2022. Sal has been very close and supportive of our lodge for quite some time. He always attended our summer picnic, cooked his homemade sausages and also collaborated with Bill Haberstock in making cannolis. Our prayers go out for Sal, his wife Judy and their extended family including their children. He will be greatly missed.

Maria Marsala has recently been reinstated. She recently moved back to this area after originally joining in 2000. We are pleased to see her enthusiasm and she has graciously developed our Facebook page. Join us at cataldolodgekitsap. Steve Lebeda is our elections chairman. He always does such a good job with this. At this time all lodge offices are available. Birth Day Salutations to Frank Lara and Tommy Thompson.

Buon Anno a Tutti! Sincerely Diane Clementi



Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Members and guests of the Lodge met Sunday, December 11th in friendship and fraternity and enjoyed a Christmas Ham with potluck side dishes of tasty local favorites. A short business meeting was gaveled by Vice-President Mike Butorac to discussup coming lodge activities including our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction, scheduled for Saturday, March 18th, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm at Putnam Centennial Center, located at 719 East Third Street in Cle Elum. A Christmas gift exchange was a hoot and enjoyed by all those present. Merry Christmas from Cle Elum Lodge. Ciao! Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillogo1@msn.com



Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

Our Christmas party was full of fun and laughter, not to mention lots of food! It was a great chance to take

a break from the stress of Christmas shopping and share a nice meal and exchange gifts. Hopefully everyone went home with something useful or fun. We missed those who could not be there. Thank you to Cinda Janik and her mom, Linda Lingel, for bringing a meal to Rose Mary Barretta. Her health did not allow her to attend, but we are hopeful

she will be able to attend in the future.

I think it qualifies as a feast when there is everything imaginable on the table. Main courses were provided by our members: Thank you, Don and Marcella Maile for bringing the ham. Thank you to Dick Nanni for bringing fried cod. Thank you to Pat Dama for bringing a pork loin along with garlic mashed potatoes and his cheesy garlic bread. Patrick Jacoby made homemade ravioli, a great accompaniment to the many other sides dishes, breads and desserts that were shared. I know more people went to great efforts, especially on des-



serts, so pardon me if I didn't mention your name. We are looking forward to our next meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023! We will have to vote again to determine what day our regularly scheduled meetings will be held due to the availability of our hall. Happy New Year! Felice Anno Nuovo Paula Dellino Jacoby, Reporter

YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732 Yakima, WA

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Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA



Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. Snow closures and cold weather is how 2022 ends. And oh, at the time of this writing, a warmup is coming with potential flooding from snow melt. Everyone is sure hoping 2023 is a little more predictable and consistent with our typical weather. We are saddened to say we lost

one of our long-time members. Sal D'Amico passed away December 15. Sal was one of the first members of this Lodge; he worked with a few others to start the Lodge nearly 25 years ago. He held officer positions nearly from the beginning and was involved in every activity. His efforts within the Lodge will be everlasting. This picture is typical of Sal. It catches him in action doing the "Sal" thing, working an event involving food. We offer Judy and her family our sincerest condolences and support.

In November, we held the initiation ceremony for 2 new members. We are encouraged to have younger people join our Lodge. Claire Muggia is a delight and has been supporting the Lodge even before joining. She brings a vibrant spirit and just a spark of joy to the meetings. Claire currently works for the VA and says she enjoys being around the "baby boomers." That's a good thing because our Lodge has lots of them! Eric Wilkinson brings with his membership the joy of cooking. His Italian heritage comes from his mother's side; her last name was Colasanti. Eric cooked the turkey for both our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. He says he prefers to eat at home, and just enjoys being helpful. We look forward to more of his contributions to our buffet table. We welcome both Claire and Eric and thank them for what they have already given to the Lodge. Our December meeting had a smaller attendance but was nonetheless another



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enjoyable time to get together and share social time and eat together. We enjoyed a mix of traditional Christmas songs and Italian played by Joe Schipani. We did have a few of our friends from the Sons of Norway join us as well. Progress is slow in regaining the momentum

from before the COVID-time warp, but we are looking forward to 2023 and keeping the progress going. Happy New Year from our Lodge to yours and maybe this



is the year you come up for a visit. The beauty of the area is calling to you. So hey ... Come up and see us sometime. Ciao....for now Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary





Seattle

#1390, Seattle, WA

As we say goodbye to the old and welcome in the new I wish you good health, happiness, and good fortune in 2023. It was so good to see so many members at our Christmas party. A special thanks to Holly Cochran and Laura Salle for decorating the tables. Our cooks were a little short on help but those who were there prepared a fabulous roast pork dinner. We had music provided by The Rigatones and Bonnie Birch and her group, there was a lot of singing and many raffle prizes. It was so nice to see Lisa Marchese. She had just flown in from Italy to spend the holidays with her family. Karen Hudler just returned from a trip to Hawaii and Laura Salle left the next day for Hawaii.

We have received notice that our monthly rental of Mt. Virgin has been approved for another 6 months. That will give us more time to look for a new meeting hall. Our President Jeff has been in the hospital. He is still recovering at home. Members Beverly DeMattea and Deanna Dent are still in Rehabilitation facilities, and Linda Madrid and Don Gulden are recovering from COVID. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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Northwest Italian News, January 2023

Please remember that dues are due in January. Members will be receiving telephone calls asking you to run for an office in our Lodge and elections will be held in February. Many of our long-time members have held an office for many years, it is time for our newer/younger members to step forward One thing that keeps a lodge healthy and active is new blood that brings forth new ideas. President Jeff asked me to extend his best wishes that you all have a happy holiday with your family and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Ciao. Diane Scillo, Reporter



Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a Buon Anno! We held our December Lodge dinner/meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at the Totem Yacht Club. It was a great, festive Christmas gathering with about 90 members and guests. Our guests included; Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson, Past Grand Lodge President, Rosetta Beyersdorf and State Trustee, Maryann Rogers. We also had guests from the Auburn Lodge, the Cataldo Lodge, Bella Vita Lodge, and the Aberdeen Lodge; it was so great having all of you at our Christmas meeting! Speaking of Christmas we had a very special musical guest, John Morovich. John sang while playing all of our favorite Christmas songs on his accordion. Thank you John for your wonderful and festive holiday music! Our President David had invited everyone to wear their ugly or favorite Christmas sweaters to the event. Some people really went all out and we had fun checking them out! For dinner we had five different delicious homemade lasagnas. The lasagnas were made by members who cooked up their favorite family recipes. We also had salad and traditional Italian fried bread. Once again Grazie to all of our talented and gracious cooks! After dinner President David Madrid called our meeting to order. He discussed the 100 year Anniversary celebration which is coming up very quickly in the spring! Remember if you're interested in attending this special event being held on Saturday April 22, 2023

and/or interested in placing an ad in the program please contact Tony Comorada at 559-905-0466. President David mentioned that next month we will begin our election process for 2023 so if you are interested in running for an office now is your chance.

During the meeting we initiated three new members. The new members are: Heather Anderson, Teresa DePaul and Sally Warden. Welcome to the Tacoma Lodge! Birthdays: Members with January birthdays include: Kevin Crisalli-26th, Tony DeRosa-10th, Gary Errigo-3rd, Chris Fowler-20th, Clara Greer-4th, Ed Greer-29th, Linda Madrid-16th, Gina Natucci-17th, Linda Pearn-8th, Theresa Reda-15th, Ron Rosi-17th, Paul Spadoni-26th, Roger Spadoni-12th, Steve Tucker-9th and Vicki Zink-6th. Buon Compleanno a Tutti!!



Sunshine Report: Please keep long time member Janet McIntyre in your thoughts and prayers. We'd love for you to join us at our next dinner/meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at the Totem Yacht

Club. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 with the meeting following. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert and a raffle prize.



Buon Anno a tutti! Ciao! - Julie Garitone

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Tre Cittá

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On behalf of all members of the Tre-Citte Lodge, our wish for you for the coming year is that God may shower you and your families with love and happiness! We are enormously proud and blessed to have accomplished all that we were able to this past year and look forward to new challenges and opportunities offered to us in the coming year. We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA.

If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities on that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you.

Best wishes and season's greetings for the New Year. We hope that you and your families have a Buon Anno filled with hope, health, and cheerful friendship - with a generous sprinkle of fun! Ciao for now!

Marcel P. Bergeron

President, Tre Citte Lodge



Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

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TANTE GRAZIE to Patti Borden and her committee for a wonderful CHRISTMAS PARTY. The hall was nicely decorated in a festive mood, dinner was served, and a yummy table with Italian desserts was enjoyed by members and guests. It was nice to see our State President, Linda Anderson, who forged through the rain to attend. We appreciate her dedication to our members. DUES for 2023 of \$38.00 for the year are due in January. You can pay at the January meeting or mail a check payable to "OSDIA" and send to PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682.

February's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th. Dinner at 6:30 pm with a regular meeting to follow. We will be nominating officers for 2023. Election at our February meeting. Dinner tonight is Braised Beef Tips and Mediterranean Chicken, salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise

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ELECTION of officers for 2023 will take place at our February meeting. 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 "gloves and socks" in January for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. Please bring any donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary. We did send a \$200.00 donation to them at Christmas. Tante grazie to everyone for participating last year on our monthly donation.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet at Star Bucks in Barnes and Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd on Monday January 16 at 2 pm to discuss To Us A Son Was Given, a new mystery by author Donna Leon. March book selection is 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 will be the second Tuesday of this month January 10th at Barbara Blair's home at 7:00 PM. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to participate Game Nite is on Saturday, January 21st 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 SPAGHET-TI DINNER on Sunday April 23rd. Frank Palandrani has graciously volunteered again to chair this important fundraiser for our club.CLUB NEWS: Make your resolutions for 2023!! Invite someone to join our club and activities. Buon compleanno to our January 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 (January 15th and 29th) 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 still recovering from surgery on my broken wrist. Dolores Tarsi is on the mend from a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. Louise Ramunno-Johnson is recovering from eye surgery right before Christmas. Please keep



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all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Felice Anno Nuovo 2023!!
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Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge December Christmas meeting was postponed due to the weather and out of concern for the amount of sickness in the community. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution and a desire to to have all our members healthy for Christmas. Your lodge officers wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

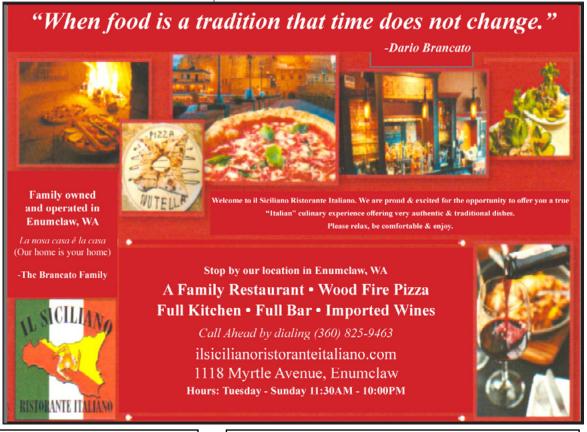
The Christmas celebration and gift exchange will take place at the January 19th meeting. Bring a gift for exchange if you would like to participate. About a \$10 limit was suggested for the gift exchange. This will take the place of the raffle for January. Watch your email for more details about the January meeting.

We have sadly learned of the passing of Pat Willard and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Evelyn. Pat and Evelyn have been members of our Lodge in the past. Pat was 76 when he passed. He was a sailor stationed in Italy when he met the love of his life Evelyn. He brought his wife back to the United States where they had a marriage that lasted 52 years and produced 2 children and 5 grandchildren that were the joy of his life. Pete and Sari Fadish have been very ill, prayers for a full recovery appreciated. Christmas is a time where many families

and nations have traditions. Nancy Carle tells me that a southern Italy tradition is the Feast of 7 fishes on Christmas Eve. Her family was in Northern Italy and had meat, little birds, rice, bread, and sweets. Panettone and vino especially in the northern part of the old country. She remembers her family walking through deep snow to their landlords house to take them a bottle of wine and a beautifully wrapped fresh Panettone. Robin says her Spokane family celebrated the Feast of Seven Fishes. Sarah still does but has reduced her fish dishes to 2 or 3 fish dishes, shrimp, baked stuffed calamari and clams. The Fasano's always have clam chowder on Christmas Eve. A discussion of family traditions might be fun at our January meeting. Stay warm and well everyone. We hope to all be together for our January 19 meeting at the Harmon Center. We love you and are wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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