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# Northwest Italian News

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## Coming Events!

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
12:00 - 4:00pm

### Seattle Fedele #1390

John Croce Homemade Wine Festival  
Burien Elks, 14006 1st Ave So.  
Burien, WA 98168

Contact: Michael Croce  
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, 10am**  
**Spring Grand Council**

### Embassy Suites-Lynwood

Contact: Tony Anderson  
Osdia1957@gmail.com  
(253) 677-9366

**Sat. April 18th, 2026, 6pm**  
**Seattle Fedele #1390**

### Annual Banquet

Kennedy Catholic Highschool  
140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168

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crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
6:30 - 8:30pm

### Bellevue Lodge #2377

Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser  
16330 NE 4th St, Bellevue

Contact: Linda Caputo  
lindacaputo@live.com

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**  
12:00pm - 5:00pm

### Cataldo Lodge #2280

Cataldo Lodge  
Annual Family Picnic  
4131 Pine Rd. Bremerton

Contact: Bill Haberstock  
habpal@hotmail.com

Events continued  
on next page.



## From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW Leonard Folino, President



Buona festa di San Patrizio

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to everyone. Since I am a history geek and Saint Patrick's Day is March 17th, I would like to share this information I came across on Facebook. This tells how two despised ethnic groups, Italians and Irish, banded together to help each other.

The following is from American Immigrant Stories.

In the winter of 1911, an Irish widow named Nora Kelleher came to New York. Her only possessions were a carpet bag and a letter from a parish priest. Her husband had died in a mill accident in Massachusetts. She had no children, no saving and no family to help. She took up residence in a small room in an Irish hotel, but widows were often targeted - landlords raised rents, men loitered in the hallways, and a single woman wanting to live alone was often considered immoral, so she never felt safe. She went to a priest who sent her to an unlikely place, Little Italy. Italian neighborhoods had their struggles, but they were known for one thing: no women were ever left alone. She took a room in the Diluca family home. A home packed with cousins, Aunts and Borders. On her first night, Nonna Rosina knocked on her door and brought her a bowl of soup and said you stay here, no trouble comes to women in this house. It wasn't charity, it was culture. Italians believed that a widow brought blessings into the home, and in return, Nora helped with sewing, watched the younger children, and read letters to the elders who could not read English. Nora became known as La Signora Nora, the Irish Auntie of Mulberry Street. She never walked alone again, day or night, she was protected by a community that became hers not by blood but became Her's by love. Such stories appear again and again in early 1900s urban archives.--

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*more* **Coming Events!**

**Saturday, October 24,  
2026**

**5:00 - 10:00pm**

**Bellevue Lodge #2377**

50th Anniversary Party  
3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue

Contact: Greg Osgood  
osgood\_g@msn.com

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Doors Open 6:00pm**

**Auburn Lodge #1955**

Annual Wine Tasting &  
Holy Family Catholic Churg  
505 17th St. SE, Auburn

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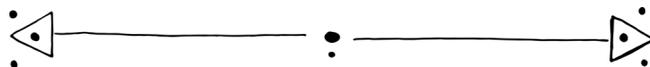
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**From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW, Leonard  
Folino, continued from front cover**

Irish widows find safety inside Italian families who treat them as their own. Sometimes family becomes yours not by blood but by love and choice. This is why many Italian families have an extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins that are not blood-related. Also, this could explain why there are several Italian / Irish families. Remember, we have a Grand Council Meeting coming up on April 11th, 2026. **See the notice on page 17 for the room rate and meal selection.**

Till next time, Lenny Folino, GLNW President.



***American-Italian Club***

*#2172 Spokane WA*

Ciao from your American Italian Club famiglia!

This year is molto speciale! We're celebrating the 60th anniversary of our lodge! We hope you will join us for one of our gatherings! So far on the calendar, we have a Culinary Plant Sale in May, an Annual Picnic in July, a Festa Italiana in September, and a Spaghetti Dinner in November. A little something for everyone! One of the many things we love most about the Spokane area is the incredible sense of inclusivity among our cultural organizations.

There's always an open invitation to pull up a chair, share our story, and celebrate together. In February, we proudly hosted informational booths at the Norwegian Craft Fair in Coeur d'Alene and at the Lunar New Year Festival in downtown Spokane. Alongside friends from Sons of Norway, Swedish

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**Spokane, WA**

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**AMERIGO VESPUCCI  
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**Aberdeen, WA**

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

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VASA, Asian Hawaiian Pacific Islanders, and many others, we enjoyed great conversations and even better connections. It's always a wonderful time and a fantastic way to spread the word about our lodge while celebrating cultural pride together. Just ask Donna! She always comes away from these events with new friends and fun stories.

Next up, we're thrilled to once again roll out our beautifully renovated Leaning Tower of Pisa float at the St. Patrick's Day Parade! There's nothing quite like seeing our iconic tower making its way through the streets of Spokane. We can't wait to show it off and bring a little Italian flair back to the parade route! At our February meeting, members gathered for budget approval and officer elections. We're proud to announce that we'll once again be offering three scholarships this year. Applications are now open and will be accepted through April 15. We're

## CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

### ATTENTION ALL LODGES:

It is now time to empty your Charity Jugs and mail your check to Grand Lodge Treasurer Janet Fritz at:

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Mark the envelope "Attention: Charities Account."

After mailing your check, please email Jackie Haberstock at habpal@hotmail.com with your lodge's donation amount.

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at 360-373-4341 (landline).

**DEADLINE: April 1, 2026**

Thank you,

Jackie Haberstock & Kathy Butorac  
Co-Chairs, Charities Committee

also welcoming two new officers to our board: Randy Saccomanno, Orator, and Don Colistro, Trustee. A heartfelt grazie to everyone who has served over the past two years and beyond. We have truly had an outstanding leadership team. I also want to give a big thank you to Linda Marcus, who has written this article for many years. She is now in retirement from her typing duties! Grazie Grazie!

Here's to 60 years of heritage, friendship, and looking ahead together. Avanti!



*Amerigo Vespucci*

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Greetings to all the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy from the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. Hopefully, Spring will begin soon. Some of the blossoms around the northwest think it's already here. Don't forget to spring forward your clock on March 8th. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge held its general meeting on February 19, 2026, at

St. Mary's Parish Hall. Following the social time at 5:30 pm, the Lodge had a potluck dinner, which was followed by the meeting. Members brought a variety of delicious entrees, salads, and desserts. Kerin Covall gave Amerigo Vespucci Lodge shirts to those who had ordered them. If you haven't ordered one and would like one, you can purchase one from D4 Sports in Montesano. Final arrangements for the Spaghetti & Meatball Fundraiser on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Mary's Parish Hall were discussed. Chairman Mary Jane Rogers gave everyone a list of jobs and a time schedule for the event. Elections for the 2026-2027 Amerigo Vespucci Lodge were held. The 2026-2027 officers are President Joe Chicano, Vice-President David Aldrich, Recording Secretary Connie Chicano, Financial Secretary Kristine Finazzo, Treasurer Patti Percini, Orator Abigail Covall, and Sentinel Ted Daniels. Trustees are Kerin Covall, Tammy Lund, Mark Percini, Mary Jane Rogers, and Eva To. The Master and Mistress of the Ceremony are Ron Covall and Sylvia Percini. Congratulations to all! The budget for 2026 was presented by Financial Secretary Kristine Finazzo. Members discussed and approved the budget as presented. Scholarship applications are available from Connie Chicano and must be

in by April's general meeting. Condolences to Eva To on the loss of her "father-in-law." A happy birthday greeting to Past President Richard Luzzi, from Amerigo Vespucci Lodge!

Remember, the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner fundraiser is Saturday, March 14th, at Bellarmine Preparatory High School, 2300 S. Washington Street, Tacoma. Tickets are \$75 per person. For tickets, contact Debbie Sonsteli (253) 797-9515, or sonsteli4@hotmail.com.

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will hold its next general meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, followed by St. Patrick's Day-themed dinner at 6:00 pm with a meeting to follow. Appetizers and raffle items, as always, are appreciated.

A "Happy St. Patrick's Day" to all.

Judith Braddon, Reporter



### *Auburn*

#1955 Auburn, WA

The February meeting brought lots of news, and more than a few cannoli! In addition to welcoming said cannoli-bearing Haberstocks and our other guests and dignitaries, we welcomed a new member, Richard Serpe, a longtime teacher and member of the

**BELLA VITA LODGE No. 2285**  
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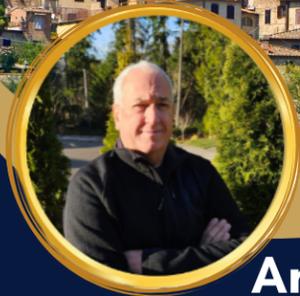
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Auburn Bocce Club. First off, dues are past due. For a mere \$40, you can keep your membership in good standing (if funds are an issue, let us know, and we'll figure something out). A big thank you to recording secretary Amy Barrett for heading up the scholarship committee. If you (a member in good standing), your child, or your grandchild will be attending college this year, please email Amy at [avcbarrett3@gmail.com](mailto:avcbarrett3@gmail.com). Be sure to also apply for the GLNW and CASA scholarships! Our hockey committee reported that this year's event was a big success, despite conflicting with playoff football. Thanks to trustee Joe Ripolone for organizing this, and well-wishes as he continues to recover from illness. For bocce, Sal Cascone reported about the tourney coming at the end of February

(which will have occurred as you read this). Clean Sweep, headed by the dapper Dave Manning, is happening again this Earth Day. Please consider helping out as we spruce up the cemetery. The Auburn Wine Tasting, our lodge's only fundraiser, is happening on May 2nd at 6pm. Tickets are a very reasonable \$40. As always, we are looking for volunteers to decorate tables, serve wine, etc. Please consider giving us a hand, and definitely attend this incredible party! Also, this month, we elected our new officers!

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to both our outgoing officers and our newly elected slate of officers, set to be installed in March: President Nick Degidio; Vice President Michelle Binetti; Immediate Past President John Partridge; Orator Barbara DeCaro; Recording Secretary Amy Barrett; Treasurer Debbie Sonsteli; Financial Secretary Becky Celver; Trustees: Lina Gagnon, Frank Scarsella, Phil Celver, Joe Ripollone, and Ronald Manuel; Mistresses of Ceremonies Sharon Lufkin and Carolyn Jones; Sentinel Natale Stella; and, official in our hearts,



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Bartender Sam Kamphaus. This month, we also established an arbitration committee. I, Francesco Ortenzo, will serve as chair, accompanied by members: Dave Manning, Becky Celver, Eric Vaona, and Adalinda Vaona. We also established 5 alternates: Dan Chicketti, Dot Chicketti, Phil Celver, Lina Gagnon, and Charlie Degidio. Lastly, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not extend a huge shout-out to our kitchen crew, who prepared a lovely soup supper for us this month. Before I let you go, I must say a few words about our outgoing president and VP. John Partridge had barely been installed when Ronnie passed. It was John's clear and decisive leadership that saw our beloved lodge through those rough seas. I cannot overstate the job this man has done in service to Auburn Lodge. Dave Manning, for more years than this math teacher cares to count, has worked hard behind the scenes wherever he was needed. Whether he's physically moving tables and chairs, chairing Clean Sweep, doing dishes, serving drinks, or serving multiple terms as VP, Dave has been there for us. Gentlemen, we are truly in your debt, and we thank you.

Sincerely,  
 Francesco Ortenzo,  
 Immediate Past President



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

Ciao a tutti!  
 As we approach the end of February, most lodge elections have taken place. We at Bella Vita would like to congratulate all newly elected lodge officers and wish you the very best. We were thankful to have Linda Nielsen step up to run for Financial Secretary and be elected to the position. A huge thank you to Matthew Williams, who served faithfully in that role for five years and did an amazing job. We also thank new member Dave DiTommaso, who has jumped right in and was elected Trustee. Bella Vita met on February 5, with Linda Nielsen preparing huge vats of minestrone and pans of homemade focaccia bread. Members contributed appetizers, sides, and desserts. As always, it was a wonderful feast. Thank you, Linda, and thank you to all our



**MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659**  
*Marysville, WA*

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 Meeting follows dinner

**SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390**  
*Seattle, WA*

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 \*this March on the 2nd Thursday  
 Dinner at 6:15 PM  
 Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM  
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**RAINIER LODGE NO. 3019**  
*Tacoma, WA*

Meets the 1st Wednesday of each Month

Meeting at 6:30 PM  
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famiglia. We missed Donna Cristofaro again, as she is still recovering from her broken femur. She is doing well and appreciates your prayers. Vice President Shirley Garrison will be having spine surgery on March 3, and we pray for her quick and complete recovery. Recently re-elected President Aaron Smith just returned from Cambodia, where he traveled to watch his son and former member, Colton Smith, compete in an international Muay Thai tournament. Colton took the silver medal while representing Team USA. He has been living in Thailand for the last four months, so hopefully, now that he is back, he will renew his membership.

Though we are a small lodge, we are blessed because we love like a family. Come and join us sometime! Bella Vita! It is a beautiful life! Respectfully submitted, Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary



**Bellevue**

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Seahawks Fans,  
As I write this, we're in the middle of an incredible two weeks of Italian sports. First, the Seahawks beat the Patriots in Super Bowl L, which I'm considering Italian sports because of the usage of Roman numerals. Also, the Winter Olympics are taking place in Milano-Cortina, Italy, and there's a lot for us to cheer. Italy is second in the medal count, and the United States is third. The only country with more medals is Norway, which should make our Trustee Doug Warne and his friends at the Sons of Norway happy. At our Lodge meeting on February 5, Michele Guerrini and Greg Osgood made spaghetti and turkey/chicken meatballs. Joan Carson made a delicious salad, Tessa Floreano and her husband Jason Goertz made garlic bread, Roberto Cittadini brought appetizers, and Linda Jacobin brought the beverages and King Cakes that

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**Vancouver, WA**  
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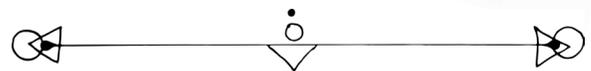
she had made. Historically, King Cakes blended ancient Roman Winter Solstice Feast with Christian Epiphany celebrations, which became a New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition with the cake colored in purple, green, and gold symbolizing power, faith, and justice. There's also a small baby doll hidden in the cake. Ron Sangalang found the baby and received a bag of gold chocolate coins.

We had elections for Lodge officers. Greg Osgood was elected President, Linda Caputo – Vice President, Tessa Floreano – Orator, Linda Jacobin – Treasurer, Recording Secretary – Michele Guerrini, Sentinel – Roberto Cittadini, Masters of Ceremony – Ron Sangalang and Ron Roletto, Trustees – Joan Carson, Laura Cosacchi, Doug Warne, and Joe Jacobin, and Past-President – Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Tessa is new to the board, so it's really great to have her join. Michael Brewer has declined to continue being a Trustee, so we have one Trustee position open. Linda Jacobin announced that she cannot continue as Treasurer after this term, so we need to fill the Financial Secretary position, so that person can train alongside Linda Jacobin. Next month will be the initiation of the officers. Our 50th Anniversary planning committee is progressing on our plans for the

Anniversary Dinner. We plan on having tickets available in April to sell at our Lodge Wine Tasting. Hold the date, October 24, 2026. Our Lodge Wine Tasting is just two months away on April 25 at Unity Church. Ron Roletto and Nick DeGidio will be presenting the wine program. We'll have plenty of great food and a raffle with lots of awesome prizes. You won't want to miss it! Mark your calendars now.

In Sunshine news, Linda Caputo is still recovering from rotator cuff surgery and was sick, so she wasn't able to make our meeting. A memorial mass was held at St. Louise Church on February 11 for Tony Petrarca, who passed away on January 7, 2026. Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on April 2, May 7, and June 4 at Unity Church: 5:30 social hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 dinner (\$10), 7:15 meeting, followed by a raffle (tickets are 6/\$5). I look forward to seeing everyone.

Buon Cannoli!  
Greg Osgood



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

Ciao from Black Diamond!  
We welcome our new President of the Black Diamond Lodge, Jan D'agosto-Gill. Outgoing President, Janice Malvesti-Cole,



**Leonard Folino**

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handing the gavel over to Jan D'agosto-Gill, new #1809 Lodge President. Thank you to our now Immediate Past President, Janice, for her four years as Lodge President, and we will have continued success with President Jan at the helm. In February, we had a fabulous meal prepared by the one and only Rosetta Beyersdorf. We enjoyed sausage and polenta, and always appreciate her generosity. The creative baker, Barb Cloud, cranked out another masterpiece in celebration of Janet Henkel's 90th birthday. We are sure spoiled here in Black Diamond.



It's great to see the guests who join us from other lodges. We always appreciate seeing faces from Auburn, Tacoma, Seattle, and even as far away as Marysville. GLNW State President and Black Diamond's own, Lenny Folino, often makes the trek up from Lincoln City, Oregon.

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**Cataldo**

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Chef of the Month for the February meeting was Tom Grinsell. He made a delicious Farfalle Prosciutto e Piselli Crème --Farfalle Pasta with Peas, Ham, and Cream. We were pleased to have guests Sherill

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Lanbruschini Taylor, Denise Lasala Carr, and Pat Izzo Anderson all coming from a distance. The main event was the Installation of two new members, Susan Van Ort and Paulette Mentor. Linda Buccini Anderson conducted the ceremony with President Bill Haberstock. There was an emotional moment when Susan said she felt like she was honoring her Italian grandparents' (Ciccio) heritage by joining the Sons of Italy. We all could relate to that...

Steve Lebeda reported for the Nominating Committee, presenting a slate of officers for next year: President-- Bill Haberstock, Vice President—Steve Lebeda, Recording Secretary—Vicki Hartson, Financial Secretary—Jackie Haberstock, Treasurer—Joe Clementi. Trustees—Rachel McBain, Tom Grinsell, Steve Haberstock, Walter Harvey, and John Lembo. Guard—Carolyn Crabtree, Orator—Diane Clementi. Mistress and Master of Ceremony remain vacant. All were elected by acclamation and will be installed next month. Two new members were added to the Arbitration Committee ... and five Alternates. Best wishes are sent to Carolyn Crabtree, Steve Haberstock, Antonia Lebeda, Joe Maggi, and Bob McGonigel for February Birthdays. Bill Haberstock told of participating in a special event at Kingston High School with his grandson, who graduated from there. They set up two tables of information about Italy. Submitted by Joyia Mentor Rubens



*Cle Elum*

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

We began our February meeting with extended time for socializing and saying hello to each other, as that is sometimes just what happens. When you get a room of Italians together. We opened with our review and business discussions, with no reported discrepancies.



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activities to cover. We confirmed who will be creating gallons of their favourite sauce. The sauces will be combined and spread on the pasta the night of the dinner. Approximately 25 gallons of sauce will be produced, and any extra sauce will be sold as part of the evening's fundraising.

The meat will be combined in bulk by Glondo's Sausage Co., then formed by hand into a precise weight by trusted volunteers' hands. President Mike Butorac introduced two special guests, Rocco Butorac and his cousin Mario. The young men helped with setup, raffle ticket sales, and enjoyed dinner with us. They are



Then off to our food buffet dinner before the agenda items.

The first item of business was the Spaghetti dinner volunteer assignments. We thank everyone who can help, as there are so many

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Two individual scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each 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 2026 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 Friday, April 3, 2026.
4. Selection of the winners will be made by the Scholarship Committee based on GPA and essay score, which is determined based on the understanding of the prompt, original thinking and literary style, grammar, and spelling.
5. Winners from previous years cannot apply.
6. Scholarships must be used the year they are awarded.
7. Awards will be deposited in the **student's name directly to the accredited college/university or trade/vocational school** selected by the student. The Scholarships will be announced at the Sons of Italy #1390 Annual Banquet on April 18, 2026.

**Essay prompt:**

Italian heritage is expressed through traditions, values, and a strong sense of community. In an original essay that is between 300-400 words, reflect on an experience that made you feel proud of your Italian heritage. Describe what happened and explain why it was meaningful to you and how it shaped your identity.

Discuss how you plan to stay connected to your Italian heritage in the future. This may include preserving family traditions, participating in cultural organizations, learning the Italian language, or passing these values on to future generations. Explain why maintaining this connection is important to you.

Finally, describe why involvement in your community matters. How has your heritage influenced your sense of responsibility to others, and how do you hope to contribute to your community moving forward?

Complete the application below and send it with a sealed transcript and printed essay to:

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always a great addition to the evening and bring lively exchanges. Virginia led us in



the Italian language experience with common phrases, which always provided many laughs and smiles.

With wishes

for a healthy and happy month ahead to all. Disfrutat tu dia al maximo. Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin, Deesaldin@gmail.com



### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA

Please welcome our newest member, Millicent Paciaffi. It's now official! Thank you to Barbara Rakes for inviting her to our lodge and standing by her side during the ceremony. Mark Gerling brought Chris Gerling, our State Deputy, who was nice enough to assist us with the installations. We look forward to her new energy! It was nice to see a few faces of members we haven't seen in a while. Hopefully Spring will come soon, and we will all be out and about a lot more. We did our voting for new and existing officers. Peter Maile will take over for Cheryl Petrucelli as Orator. Nate



Pioli will be our new Vice President. Millicent Paciaffi agreed to be a trustee. Al Favre and Judy Price will also be trustees! We are so grateful to everyone for their past and current contributions. The following are some fun facts I recently learned. I thought you might find this article interesting.

### **5 Italian Behaviors That Feel Rude to Tourists (But Aren't):**

Italian social norms are rooted in familiarity, efficiency, and daily routine. What feels abrupt at first is usually just normal life.

1. Not smiling or greeting strangers automatically. In Italy, smiling is typically saved for people you're interacting with, not everyone you pass. A neutral face doesn't mean someone is upset or unfriendly. Once you engage — ordering, asking a question, saying buongiorno — warmth usually appears



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immediately.

2. Standing closer than you're used to. Personal space is smaller, especially in cities, shops, and public transport. Italians are used to crowds and close proximity. Stepping closer during a conversation is normal and not meant to invade your space.

3. Direct language and expressive tone. Italians communicate clearly and often passionately. Voices rise, hands move, and sentences are short and direct. This is emphasis and involvement, not anger or impatience.

4. Lingering at the table without pressure to leave. Restaurants don't rush guests. Servers won't check in constantly or bring the bill unless you ask for it. Staying after a meal is expected and considered respectful, not inconsiderate.

5. Jumping into conversations or correcting details. Conversations are interactive and overlapping. Interrupting or correcting is seen as participation and interest. Silence, on the other hand, can be interpreted as disengagement. The key to understanding Italian behavior. Italy values connection and presence over formality. Once you adjust expectations, interactions feel warmer and more human. Save this for your next trip to Italy.

Reporter: Paula (Dellino) Jacoby



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## *Rainier*

#3019, Tacoma, WA

Hi from the Rainier lodge. We had two visitors to our lodge in February. Antoinette Folino (our Grand Lodge President's cousin) and Geno Degidio! It was so good having them come. We made Valentine's cards for the elderly at a local nursing home. We would love to have you all visit us! We are located at 214 121st St S., Tacoma 98444. We are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Ciao for now!



## *Seattle Fedele*

#1390, Seattle, WA

Happy March! We all know what that means - Beware the Ides of March! Okay. Next. CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT: Our March meeting is going to be on Thursday, March 12, 2026, due to a conflict with a parish function. The meeting is still at the same place and time. Please come and help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day at St. Joseph's Parish Hall (kind of fitting, huh) by making zeppole, the traditional pastry to celebrate the day. I know I want to help! During our meeting in February, two new members were initiated into our lodge family. They are New York transplants Louise and Christopher Rubino. Welcome! Come visit us to meet the new members. As usual, the cooks did a wonderful job on snacks before dinner, then dinner (I really, really loved the roasted carrots!), and thank you for the

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great selection of desserts. Thank you, Linda Jacobin, for the King's cake. Steve Fontana got the baby in his piece of cake, so he won some coins (chocolate ones)! Congratulations. It was great seeing member Jeff D'Amelio at the meeting. He wanted to let us all know that our lodge brother, Paul Pioli, is not doing well health-wise and is asking for good thoughts and prayers for Paul. We will keep everyone updated on Paul.

We elected and installed our new board members. They are: President - Michael Croce, Vice President - Holly Cochran, Orator - Joanne Marchese, Recording

Secretary - Daniel Volpone, Treasurer - Laura Salle, Trustees: Cristina Ryser, Steve Fontana, Christina Gerling, Mistress of Ceremonies - Lisa Haynes, and Sentinel, yours truly, Elaine Volpone. We still have a few positions open: Financial Secretary and two trustees are still needed. Michael has asked all members to really think about volunteering to join the board. Thank you all for stepping up and volunteering! **Also, members, your membership dues are due. They are \$50.00. You can come to the March meeting and/or mail them to the P.O. Box: Seattle Fedele #1390, P.O. Box 94467, Seattle, WA 98124.** Tickets! Tickets! Are now available for Seattle Fedele #1390 John Croce Homemade Wine Festival! It is on Sunday, March 22, 2026, starting at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 4:00 p.m. (ya right :) Ha-Ha!). It is being held again this year at the Burien Elks, located at 14006 1st Ave. S., Burien, WA, 98168-3402. Tickets are \$30.00 and \$15.00 if you submit a jug of wine for judging. Tickets are available in several ways: Contact Holly Cochran at 206-779-8663, come to our March meeting, or you can buy them at the door! Hope to see you all there for a wonderful day of fraternity and laughter! Well, that's all for this article. Type at you next month. Elaine Volpone and ghost writers Holly and Ken



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## Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

(No Article Submitted).



## Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Tre-Città elected officers to serve for the next two years at the monthly lodge meeting on February 3rd. The slate of officers was streamlined to those necessary for the lodge's functioning. Gregg Lumetta will serve as President, Michele Lumetta will serve as Recording Secretary, and Bob Ruddell will serve as Treasurer. Three trustees were also elected: Al Pardini, Charles LoPresti, and Marcel Bergeron. The next social event for the Tre-Città Lodge is an outing to a Tri-Cities American hockey game on March 20th.



## Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Our Lodge is looking to the future, not just next year. Our next meeting is on March 12th, 2026. Our Dinner will be Lasagna. Cost is \$10.00 per person. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Deanna Peters, Phone/text (503)-568-6672, email: dpeters@peak.org  
In February, we voted for our Lodge Officers for the next two years. It is great that we will have both new and old members for



these important positions. March will see us installing the Officers in their positions. President, Linda Gibson. Vice-President, Richard Cabot. Recording Secretary, Kathryn Salverda. Treasurer, Donna Covi. Financial Secretary, Cathy Rafanelli. Orator, Greg Rafanelli. Hospitality, Judy Noble & Liane Cabot. Trustee, Jim Borden. Dina Rizzo, Trish Kellogg, Deanna Peters, & Sharon Sorensen. Guard, Frank Piperno. Board of Arbitration, Frank Palandrani, Leanore Olmstead, & Paul Zanobelli. Thank you, everyone. In February, we welcomed a new member, Gabriella Palandrani, another of Frank's granddaughters. Again, a big Italian welcome to all! Our Lodge does a "Dine-Out" most months. It is not our meeting, but just a fun time with other members and friends; it has also been a great way to try new restaurants for some of us. In January, we had about 10 members go to lunch at KC Teriyaki. Thank you, Frank, for setting this up for us. Everyone had a great time. Linda Gibson, President Vancouver Lodge

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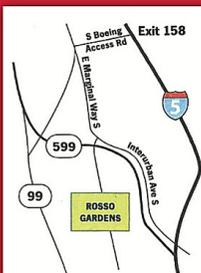
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