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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



May brings us so many great and fun things. First of course, is Mother's Day, then all the flowers and sunny days and lastly our Convention May 19-20th. All the delegates attending will elect our new Grand Lodge officers. My expectation is that all the delegates will be at the convention to work, gain

information to help build, strengthen their own lodges and to have lots of fun.

Delegates, I encourage all attending to visit with members from the different lodges, share your successes, ideas as well as concerns. Most importantly, share or get back the positive energy, excitement, and pride of being a Sons and Daughters of Italy member. Remember, guests are welcome to attend the convention. You can attend the hospitality night on Friday and enjoy bocce play or judge the limoncello contest and get to know other members. I encourage guests who want to see the installation of the new officers, have a great meal, take a chance at the silent auction, or just enjoy the music (by Michael Powers) and dancing to sign up for the Saturday banquet. If that hits the spot, please connect with your lodge president. Remember the deadline is May 5th.

I am running for re-election as your Grand Lodge President. My goal is to help officers better understand their duties, whether as President, financial officers, orator, deputy, or trustee. The better you know your job, know the resources you have, then the better your lodge will run and the more fun all will have. Our website, glnw.org has the list of delegates running for GL office. Within the NWIN the current list of delegates running for GL office is posted. Remember to check out the many coming events and get involved. Get a few members together and it is a road trip to visit another lodge meeting or support their event. Membership is our life's blood, so be a member & get a member!

Fraternally,

Linda Buccini Anderson

buccini@rainierconnect.com

Coming Events!

May 13, 2023 10:00am - 4:00pm

Cataldo Lodge #2280, Cannoli Sale at Kitsap Handmade Bazaar, Crossroads Church 7555 Old Military Rd, Bremerton
Contact: Bill Haberstock, habpal@hotmail.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

Friday, June 9, 2023 see ad in NWIN

Mille Cugini #2659 Sorticulture 2023 Plant, Gift, Garden, and Food Booth Downtown Everett on Colby Ave between Everett and Pacific avenues
Contact: Paula Jacoby, olycot@gmail.com

Tuesday June 27, 2023 6:40pm

Mariner's Italian Heritage Night
Italian Themed Apron Give-away
\$37 Main Level or \$25 View Level
mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/italian-heritage

Saturday, July 15, 2023

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

Sunday, July 16, 2023, Time: 1:35

Tacoma Rainiers vs. Round Rock Express
Tickets are \$15: Admission, Hot Dog, Chips, & Bottled Water. A great gift! A great time.
Contact: Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson 253-677-9366
atony@harbornet.com

Saturday July 22 12:00 noon to 4pm

Black Diamond Lodge picnic Mud Moutain Dam, 30525 SE Mud Moutain RD. Contact: Lenny Folino, lennyfolino@yahoo.com

Saturday July 22

Cataldo Lodge, Bremerton Elks 50th Celebration Dinner
Contact: Bill Haberstock
habpal@hotmail.com

Coming Events!

Saturday July 22

American-Italian Club #2172 Annual Family and Spokane/Cagli, Italy Student Exchange Picnic
 Contact: Linda Marcus linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Sunday, July 30, 2023 -CANCELED

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

Sunday, August 20th Italian Community Picnic
 Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley. Contact: Mike Croce
 michaelc@pacificfoodimporters.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
 Contact: Bill Haberstock 360-373-4341

Sept 8, 9, 10 2023 San Gennero Festival George Town, Seattle

Sept 23-24, 2023 Italian Seattle Festival, Seattle Center, Seattle

Saturday, October. 21, 2023 Fall Grand Council
 Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA
 Contact: Tony Anderson atony@harbornet.com

Saturday, November 11, 2023
 Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
 Free lunch for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Les Gove
 Park after the parade.
 Ronnie Beyersdorf, 206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

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

5th Biennial Limoncello Contest!

*We are excited to announce our 5th Biennial Limoncello Contest.
 It will take place on **Friday, May 19th**
 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 brewing!
 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) 470-2861



American-Italian Club #2172 Spokane WA



Ciao Amici, ME: Is it going to be hot or cold today?
 Spokane: Yes. And that's the way it's been. In one day,
 we experienced wind, rain, grapple, snow, and sunshine.
 We just want it to warm up and let it be Spring! We have
 been very busy working to plan, execute, and promote
 our Festa Italiana 2, and it has proven to be a very high
 learning curve for us. I'm very proud of our members!
 For the past 4 weeks they have given their time to gather
 and plan this event. Ladies have given up their time and
 personal recipes to make various selections of Italian
 cookies to be sold as part of our fundraising efforts. The
 brainstorming and discussions over coffee and donuts.



Sorticulture

2023

Mille Cugini Lodge #2659 Marysville, WA
 Invites you to visit our Plant and Raffle Booth
 also our Italian Sausage Sandwich Booth

Sorticulture is a three-day outdoor festival that celebrates the
 best parts of Pacific Northwest outdoor living. Hosted in the
 seaside city of Everett, WA, Sorticulture is the premier festival
 for garden art, local plants and flowers and handmade outdoor
 products. Sorticulture is free to attend.

SAVE THE DATES:

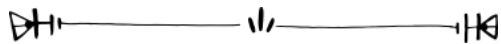
When:
 * Friday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 * Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 * Sunday June 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where:
 Downtown Everett on Colby Avenue, between Everett
 and Pacific avenues



A lot of dedication and hard work grows within Local #2172!! We plan to have our leaning Tower of Pisa there for photo ops, games for all ages, along with raffles and drawings with great prizes throughout the day. We are excited to have an Italian crooner and there will be a dance performance of the Tarantella by a local dance studio. We will have a fashion show and across from the stage 4 Italian sports cars!! Ohh, and did I mention food?? We will have food vendors selling lasagna, pizza from a wood oven, gelato, spaghetti, and meatballs. And to wash it all down please have a seat in our beer garden where we will be showcasing our very own Sister City Brew. This brew is a collaboration between Spokane's own Whistle Punk Brewery and Birreficio del Catria in Cagli Italy. And back by popular demand the Holy Cannoli. So, as you can see, we've been very very busy. It has been a huge undertaking with only 10 days left to go. I have included a picture of our tireless Saturday crew, and from the bottom of my heart I sincerely say Mille grazie. I would never forget to say to all our beautiful Mothers and Nonnas, Buona Festa Della Mamma. Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary, Spokane #2172



Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Hope everyone had a Buona Pasqua. If April showers bring May flowers, we should have a bountifully, blooming May! President, Joe Chicano, thanks the past officers for all their hard work, and welcomes aboard his new officers. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have a meeting on April 20, 2023, at Saint Mary's Parish Hall. Social time 5:30 P.M., Spaghetti dinner at 6:00 P.M., with meeting beginning at 6:30 P.M. Members are to bring appetizers, salads, or desserts to accompany the spaghetti provided by President, Joe Chicano. Looking forward to seeing everyone! A raffle will conclude the meeting. All raffle items and/or appetizers are greatly appreciated. Raffle funds go toward scholarships. Don't forget to turn in scholarship applications to Connie Chicano. The deadline is in May. President, Joe Chicano and Connie Chicano will represent Amerigo Vespucci Lodge at the GLNW Convention in Lynnwood, WA, May 18-21, 2023. Mariners' Italian Heritage Night is June 27, 2023. Members are to purchase tickets themselves. Those going will carpool to the game. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's May meeting will be on

May 18, 2023, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Have a festive Cinco De Mayo and don't forget Mother's Day, May 14th.

Reporter: Judith Braddon



Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Our Auburn Lodge meeting was held on April 13th, 2023. It was good to see the tables filled with familiar faces and members connecting. Our 5th National Vice President sat in as our club secretary and State Deputy John Intravartolo as our Orator for the evening. After a time of visiting and appetizers, the meeting started at 7pm. The excitement is building for our Annual Banquet commemorating our 75th Anniversary celebration on Saturday June 3rd. The event includes a three-course meal, entertainment and dancing. You will not want to miss this celebration. At last count, only 87 seats (43 couples) are left. We expect to be sold out by May 12th so reserve your tickets now. Tickets are \$75 each and are available ONLINE: <https://auburn-sons-of-italy.square.site/> OR you can mail a check to Ronnie Beyersdorf made out to the Auburn Lodge OSDIA #1955 (call 253-478-3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com). Advertising for the program is also needed for the support of the Lodge. Contact Ronnie for a full page (\$100), half page (\$50) or patron listing (\$20) to commemorate a loved one, market a business or voice your encouragement. Come celebrate with us! The Scholarship Committee reported that applications are available upon request. This year, we have sent out FIVE applications and are hoping for more. Please encourage family of members to apply. Graduation is coming. We are happy that Auburn Community Clean Sweep event is back up and running. It is scheduled for April 22nd. We were fortunate receive a project at Les Gove Park working on the outdoor bocce courts. The city is bringing in two yards of material to spread out and do a full site clean-up. The four courts will look spectacular. Finally, in the welfare of the order we learned that our Vice-President Dan and his wife Dot Chicketti will be moving to eastern Washington to be near parents and a new work opportunity. Their presence locally will be sorely missed but we wish them the best. We also continue to pray for members needing healing and those suffering from the loss of a family member. Our Italian chefs came through with a fabulous dinner and numerous raffle prizes were taken home. Next meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

John Partridge, Lodge President

Bella Vita
#2285, Olympia, WA



Thank you to our Bella Vita April Cooks: Amber Smith, Shirley Garrison, Dianne Stefanini and Donna Cristofaro for their delicious soups! We enjoyed a variety of Zuppas: Ham and Bean Soup, Kale bean soup, Clam Chowder and Lentil Soup! Thanks for sending



the recipes to our members! Bella Vita sending our condolences to Pam Daudet. Her husband, Tom, was on hospice last month and passed away at home with Pam by his side. Thank you to all for keeping her in your

prayers and supporting her during this hard time. Pam appreciates Bella Vita's caring famiglia. Aaron Smith organized a fun Sunday afternoon of Billiard playing at the El Toro Mexican Ristorante and Cantina. Many of us learned how to play billiard, enjoyed Happy Hour Margaritas and ate great appetizers together. Great way to connect with each other, make friends and get ready for a Bella Vita Billiard tournament. More Billiard Fun to come! Get ready for Bella Vita to raffle



off a Hog donated by Pam Daudet. That's right a Pig, it's a 400lb Berkshire Hog raised by Pam Daudet on her organic farm in Olympia. Meat from this Hog is dark and delicious, you can't buy this type of pork in the supermarket! There will be 4 chances to win ¼ of a Hog- Organic Pork meat! Tickets are \$25. 4 tickets for \$100. Hood to Coast Relay is June 3. Please sign up. We need 20 volunteers. It's a fun event, helping athletes and cheering them on! Contact Sophia or Vera for questions and to please sign up! We are celebrating Italo Mexican Cinque di Maggio at our May Lodge meeting on May 5. Our dinner will be Taco Bar, sign ups will be emailed to you. Please let us know what you can add to our Taco meal! Happy May to all! Hoping Primavera will bring some sunshine to everyone!

Sophia Risorto



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ITALY DESTINATION SPECIALIST



AMERICAN-ITALIAN
CLUB NO. 2172
Spokane, WA

Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of each month at 6:00 PM
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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
President Joe "Chiaschiero" Chicano
360-581-1072
cjchicano@comcast.com

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, I have to apologize for last month's column because it was the same column as the previous month's. So this month I need to include news for the last two months in the same space.

At the Lodge meeting on March 2nd, we had Pagliacci pizza and salad made by Michele Guerrini, and for dessert, Linda Jacobin made cookies, which were better than the cookies at the Blood Center. Cookies have to be pretty good to entice people to come in and give blood, and Linda's cookies are definitely worthy of giving blood. Also at the meeting, we had the installation of officers. Mary DeMatteo Sangalang continues as President, along with Greg Osgood as Vice-President, Peter Edgar as Orator, Linda Jacobin as Treasure, Michele Guerrini as Secretary, Linda Caputo, Sally Leittem-Pierotti, Laura Cosacchi, Roger Faso as Trustees, and Ron Sangalang as Master of Ceremony. New to the board are Michael Brewer as Trustee, Nick Wheeler as Master of Ceremony, and Nick Montecalvo as Sentinel. We also selected Laura Cosacchi and Michele Gurrini as representatives for our Lodge at the convention. Laura Cosacchi submitted an application to the city of Bellevue to create bocce courts in one of south Bellevue parks, which is now in process.

Linda Jacobin's blackberry wine won first place at the Auburn wine festival. I think that Linda's blackberry wine is worthy of giving blood, and apparently, the judges at the Auburn wine festival felt so as well.

At the Lodge meeting on April 6th, we had Ezell's chicken, with an assortment of sides and for dessert, we had brownies with chocolate chip ice cream.

We also completed some much-needed business regarding the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention. The Lodge approved the following: paying mileage and hotel rooms for the convention attendees, sponsoring a coffee break, taking out an ad in the Convention

Brochure, and making a donation of \$100 to the Supreme Lodge Charities. In sunshine news, Ralph Kline had covid in March and Peter Edgars had cardiac ablation in April. Peter was at the April meeting and says he was feeling better. Remo Borracchini passed away on March 16th at the age of 92. Remo is best known as the proprietor of Borracchini's Bakery which over the years served enough cake to pave the entire Rainier Valley. I once asked Remo if he ever got tired of eating his baked goods, and he said he never did. Remo loved his work and always took great joy in it. But the thing that I will remember most about Remo was his incredible kindness and generosity. To Remo's family, I would just like to say on behalf of the Lodge that Remo meant so much to all of us and we will miss him terribly. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Bellevue Lodge Wine Tasting on April 15. It was a lot of fun with some really good food, some great raffle prizes, and some incredible wine. Nick Digilio and Ron Rollette presented the wines with four different varieties to taste. Our next Lodge meeting will be May 4th 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. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood



Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles is not only a movie with Steve Martin and John Candy, but also the modes of transportation to our Black Diamond Lodge meetings. Of course, car commuting is most common but several local airports, also, make flights possible.

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 / WB7tbq@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

Vera DiGiulio Kay, Vice President

(360) 581-9856

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

UNITY CHURCH

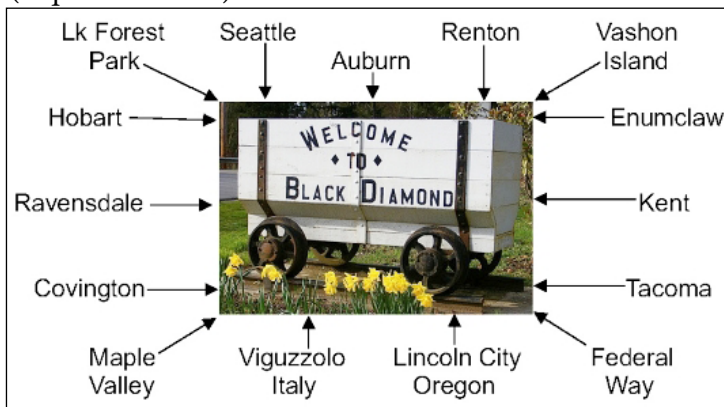
16330 Northeast 4th Street
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And let us not forget the first train from Black Diamond to Seattle began in March 1885. The attraction for our immigrating Italian ancestors to the bustling town of Black Diamond was work in the coal mines . . . long, hard, and dangerous labor. After a long week of work (as deep as 10 levels underground in Mine #14), the families would surround their mine workers with delectable dishes from treasured family recipes, singing in village dialects, and Tarantella dancing accompanied by vivacious music played on accordions and concertinas (“squeeze boxes”).



Today Lodge 1809 is a unique lodge in the Grand Lodge of the Northwest with Black Diamond as the nucleus to which our members travel from 15 communities to remember and honor the Italian “Work hard, Play hard” traditions of the former bustling coal mining town. Despite the past three years of pandemic restrictions,

technology has privileged us to maintain contact virtually, and the NWIN allowed us to enhance Northwest family connections through the 32 published family vignettes from our Black Diamond members, State Deputies, and GLNW members in sister lodges. At our April 14 meeting, we initiated Ginny Reda-Yazzolino Ogle of West Seattle into our lodge with a delicious homemade lasagna dinner prepared by our President Janice Malvesti-Cole with homemade strawberry parfaits by Barb Cloud. The Black Diamond



Community Center has been incredibly generous to grant free use of the Center until we conducted a fundraiser. Thus, our appreciation to the members and guests who contribute to our monthly raffles to help with the resumption of rental payments in April.

The month of May brings many springtime festivities, particularly Mother’s Day in America and La Festa della Mamma in Italia on May 14. Preceding this honorable holiday, we will be resuming our popular Black Diamond Pasta Dinner on May 7 from 1-5 pm at



the Black Diamond Community Center (only \$15 for adults, \$7 for youth 6-12, children 5 and under free). Our May 12 monthly meeting will include a homemade

**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
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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
MAILING ADDRESS:
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Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President
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CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

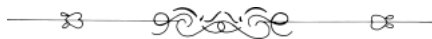
Meets the 2nd Sunday
of Each Month
Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Meeting follows

**CLE ELUM
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
201 East 3rd Street
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South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

dinner by Barb Cloud with the announcement of our 2023 Scholarship winner. On the following day May 13, the Black Diamond Museum has invited our participation in the second annual Italian Heritage Day from 1-3 pm with tours and a presentation at the Black Diamond Museum. On May 19-20, our Lodge 1809 will be represented at the GLNW State Convention by a constituency of eight members. You have our heartfelt welcome to join us for any or all of the activities planned for May. Please make time to pray for our members, families, and friends who will benefit from your thoughts and wishes. With utmost love and respect from the Black Diamond Lodge Board and members.

Dr. Marlene Palazzo, Immediate Past President,
Former National Trustee



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to all from Cataldo Lodge. We were very fortunate to have Alison Slow Loris visit our lodge and present with a wonderful presentation of Vulca Fine Foods from 412 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton. Allison explained she and Ian Logan have developed their store and have reached the first year of business here. Alison explained many different things from the store and provided history of olden times and the Etruscans that enlightened us greatly. We are all appreciative of the education in the specialty neighborhood. Drop by the specialty neighborhood grocery and see the plethora of choices represented by many specialties of Greek and Italian origin. Cataldo Lodge is now hosting 5th Friday dinners which include March, June, and September. These are at a cost of \$10.00 per meals 5:p.m. - 8 p.m. to be prepared by members of cataldo Lodge.at the Bremerton VFW. We are encouraging all of those who can help for set up, clean up, cashiering etc. This is an



ongoing project and will benefit our lodge. In April Cataldo Lodge collected donations for children of books, puzzles and crayons to provide activities while hospitalized. It is nice to be able to provide this once more. Sunshine notes and or cards have been sent to

Lenny Parino and Judy Ansalmo. We also just learned that Ronnie Beyersdorf is also dealing with recent news. We are all hoping for good recoveries and continue in our prayers. There will be another Cannoli Sale and will occur at Crossroads Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These go quickly as they are in much demand. Also our Recording Secretary, Jackie Habberstock is presenting some yard art items once more and will be at Crossroads Church at the same time slots. These items are truly beautiful and personally I have one in my yard too. Our charity jug is open up once more, if you have change rattling around it is a great way of donating to our charity jug!

As a reminder we are requested to bake and provide 1 dozen or more cookies to assist with the GLNW convention. Cataldo Lodge is prepping up for our 50th Anniversary in July at East Bremerton BPOE. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$45.00 for nonmembers. You may choose your meals at the time you purchase your tickets. Contact Bill Habberstock, habpal@hotmail.com. if you are ready to purchase tickets. There will be a lot of activities at the event including a charcuterie board, a silent auction, music and dancing. Just remember if you snooze you lose so come join us in our celebration! Our picnic will be coming in July and will be open to all, open from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Set up

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

Marysville, 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 **Wednesday** 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
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Seattle, WA 98144

Jeff D'Amelio, President
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begins at 11:00 a.m. Many activities for all and lots of fun !!!!! More information to come. Congratulations to John Lembo, our new trustee and congratulations to Maria Marsala as Mistress of Ceremonies. Guests at Cataldo Lodge include Richard Oliveto, Jim Oliveto, Cynthia Rossi, Darlene, Alivia and Joseph Habberstock, and also Liz Matter who has joined our lodge as well. Welcome Liz! Birthday Congratulations include J.R Freeman, Bill Haberstock, Roberta Karosich, and Barbara Kurlinski. Boun Cumpliano a Tuti!!!

Sincerely, Diane Clementi



Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

Members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met on Sunday, April 16th in friendship and fraternity and enjoyed a main course of spaghetti with sauce and meatballs along with delicious side dishes and desserts.

Members Mike and Kathi Butorac prepared the spaghetti with leftover sauce and meatballs from our March Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction. Guests attending our meeting included Fred Turner, husband of member Norma Marvin along with Dick Watts, Michael Richard, Julie Breznikar, and Joan Breznikar. Julie is the current Cle Elum Pioneer Days Queen for 2022 and has had a busy year participating in multiple activities and spreading goodwill throughout Kittitas County. Sitting with Queen Julie and her daughter Joan was our member, Jeannie Precious, who will be the next Pioneer Days Queen for 2023. The transition will be in June and Queen Julie will pass the crown on to Jeannie where she will continue a tradition that has flourished for sixty years. Also joining us this evening were our Co-State Deputies Lisa and Janice Stauffer. Opening our meeting President Mike Butorac introduced Dick Watts who was representing the Roslyn Cemetery Association. Dick announced that

the annual Roslyn Historic Cemetery clean-up day would be Saturday, May 13th, starting at 10am. Also, the association is reaching out to the community to help provide information on family members or friends buried in the Roslyn cemeteries so that those interred can be documented for the historical record. President Mike commented on the success of our annual Spaghetti Dinner, scholarship committee preparations for the coming graduating class, plans for the GLNW Convention, and installing the lights and flags on the Italian Memorial Monument for the coming season. Moving to initiation of new members President Mike and Lisa Stauffer as Herald welcomed Michael Richard, Julie Breznikar, and Joan Breznikar to the Lodge. In closing and for the Welfare of the Order, member Rachele Rogalski shared the adventure she and husband Floyd experienced on a trip to South America which included a 900-mile cruise up the Amazon River and added; "Definitely a 3rd world experience." Ciao!

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com



Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

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She was installed at our April meeting. We look forward to getting to know her at our meetings and events in the future. She brings a love for Italian Americans, so I'm sure she will feel right at home. As the 45th Biennial Convention draws near, many preparations are being made to ensure a productive and fun time for all who attend. Good luck to Brock Ricci, our Past President, and current Grand Lodge Trustee as he runs for Grand Lodge Vice President. He is an honest and dedicated member. We are sure he will do a great job in any position he holds. We are saddened that our member, Robert Gange, has recently lost his mother. She was a loving mother, wife, and grandmother. He and his family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our fundraiser will be June 9-11! We will



have 2 booths at Everett's Annual Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival. Sausage sandwiches will be sold in our food booth. In our garden booth, we'll sell plants and raffle tickets for some garden-themed baskets as well as a few items that were donated by members and local businesses. Thank you to all those who are growing plants and

to those who have already donated or procured items for this event. If you wish to donate money or items, please contact Paula Dellino Jacoby via email or phone @ 425-422-7434 or olycot@gmail.com
Happy Spring!

Mille Cugini Reporter, Paula Dellino Jacoby



Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. It seems the theme arising from our April meeting was connection. A couple of things happened that brought

the word to mind. There's a picture of bread in this article. It is sour dough bread made by our member Sandy Mangino. But there's more to this loaf of bread, or as shown in the picture, this half loaf, as a bit was already enjoyed before the picture was taken. The "starter" for this bread is where the connection comes



in. For those perhaps not familiar with the concept, sour dough bread is made from what is called a "starter", a simple mix

of flour and water that seems to create more of itself and is typically shared among family and friends. They can make their own bread and will have their own starter to nurture and share. Sandy received a sour dough starter from another lodge member, Claire Muggia, who was given some from yet another lodge member – but this person was from a totally different lodge. What a unique and wonderful connection between lodges. Diane Clementi, a member of the Cataldo lodge gave a starter to the Muggia family not long ago. This particular starter originated about 65 years ago, that would be 1958ish. Can you even imagine the number of loaves of bread folks have connected with over this one starter? The starter came from Alaska and found its way to the Olympic Peninsula. What a well-traveled fermented culture of simple flour and water. Diane gladly shared how she received her portion of the starter. After retiring from nursing, she volunteered at a local walk-in clinic and through this volunteer opportunity, she met the "keeper of the starter." He shared it with her over 20 years ago, and she in turn has been sharing it ever

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since. What a great story. Thanks are owed to Claire for the Newsletter article suggestion about a simple loaf of bread and thank you to Diane for providing the history. We also had the pleasure of having a special guest. Rick Putnam came with his fiancée Laura. Rick was the recipient of an education scholarship from our lodge many years ago. His mother, Carolyn was a long-time member and passed away in 2022. Although he no longer lives in the area, he was visiting, saw the cars at our meeting location and immediately knew there was a lodge meeting going on. They stopped in and joined us for our meal. He made a connection long ago with our lodge through his mother and the scholarship he received and has kept that affection and connection with the lodge members. Thank you to Rick and Laura for sharing their time, and to those lodge members who nurtured the connection he has with us. So, let's connect and come up and see us sometime. Ciao for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary Lodge 2733



Seattle

#1390, Seattle, WA

Hi! We're Back! The Crazy Sorelle. Not much sugar or wine yet, so this may not be as silly as before. There was a full house at the wine festival. Everyone seemed to enjoy being able to get back together and celebrate the art of making wine. It was great to have alot of entries, so it made for a great competition. First we would to thank the judges for their knowledge and good taste for wine. Hats off and cudos to the hard workers in the kitchen, floor workers, ticket takers, raffle runners, and the clean up/truck loaders. A special thanks to Holly Cochran, Mike Croce, and Kenneth Volpone for keeping the tradition started fifty years ago by John Croce alive and memorable. So, you thought we wouldn't get to the winners! Hah! Fooled you! The are as follows - Best in Show was won by: Liz and Mike McConnell (2018 Cab/Merlot and Cab/Franc). Red Wine - 1st Place

was also Liz and Mike, who generously returned their winnings to the lodge. Thank You! 2nd Place was won Justin Fiones (2020 Grenache). 3rd Place there was a tie, sort of! Tony Anderson won with two different wines - a 2012/2020 Zin/Syrah and a 2018 Barbera. Now the Zin category - Mike Croce, Ken Volpone, and Daniel Volpone won 1st and 2nd Place. White wine and Sweet wine there was no entries - really, come on someone! The Non-Grape/Exotic wine went to Linda Jacobin - 1st Place was a 2010 Bing Cherry wine and 2nd Place was a 2019 Blackberry wine. We have new members! They are, in no particular order: Amedeo Gallucci, Christina Bjarvin, Tony Finazzo, J. Cherie Finazzo (Hey Cuz's! Glad you could make the party!), and Renee La Coste. Welcome! Welcome! We are excited to get to know you all. Other news: We have some fisherman in our mists - Ken and Daniel Volpone, Tony Finazzo (one of our newest members), and Michael Finazzo went fishing and caught 10 large trouts and will not give up the location of their fishing hole! While out on this adventure the weather was throwing everything at them: Rain, Snow, Sleet, and Sun! Travelers in our mists are Linda Madrid



and Don Gluden. They set out on an adventure cruise to Croatia, Italy, Greece, France and Spain. The Crazy Sorelle, and probably others, are looking forward to hearing about all

the great adventures they had on their travel. Also, congratulations to Evan Dellino recipient of the 2023 Don Betz, Vic Spino, and Therese Bianchi Scholarship. Evan just finished his freshman year at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he plans to major in Accounting/Finance. So, that is all for now. Please let us know if any of you have anything you would like us to mention in the next article. We take anything. The Crazy Sorelle signing off!

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Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA



We had a great meeting on April 5th at the Totem Yacht Club! Tacoma's very own Ron Gallucci shared the history of how he acquired the original photo of The Shroud of Turin, which is currently being displayed in local churches. Thanks to

Stan and Frances Jordan, who drove all the way to Arizona in their motorhome to bring it back, we will have the opportunity to see the shroud at St Rita's on April 30th during the noon mass. Our dinner meeting was a colorful and fun event with beautiful spring decorations done by Trustee Cindy Anderson. Many of our officers wore their Easter bunny ears, adding to the festive atmosphere. The pasta and meatballs, served with a delicious sauce were prepared by our President Madrid. They were a hit. The appetizers and desserts brought by our members were fantastic! State Deputy Bill Haberstock and President David



Madrid installed our new member, Lynda Sandschulte, sponsored by Recording Secretary Gina Costanti-Eacrett. Congratulations, Lynda, and welcome to the Sons and Daughters of Italy family! As we look forward to our 100-year celebration, let's continue to enjoy these wonderful gatherings and cherish the bonds of friendship we have formed. Thank you all for your contributions and support. Ciao, David Madrid

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

On April 4th, 2023, our Lodge held its fourth meeting of this year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We had a total of twenty-four members and visitors in attendance. Two of our visitors joined the lodge at this meeting, bringing our membership so far for this year to forty-two members. We had a report from Jack Barnaby of our Scholarship committee. Scholarship materials have been distributed to local schools in our area and applications were due to our Lodge by March 15th. This year, we are giving out scholarships for \$1,500 each to three worthy recipients. We had five outstanding applicants this year and announced our scholarship winners at our meeting who are: Olivia Amato is a senior at Tri-City Prep High School in Pasco, WA with a 4.0 GPA. She has been accepted at several colleges and universities, one of which she will be attending this fall. Brittany Rambone is pursuing a BS in information technology with a concentration in cybersecurity at Middle Georgia State University in Macon GA where she is on the Dean's List. Kyle McLaughlin is working on BA in Business at Gonzaga University and made the President's list for the Fall 2022 semester. We extend our Congratulations go out to all three of this year's winners!!! We are extending an invitation to each of our winners and their families to attend one of our upcoming meetings

At the end of our meeting, we had our 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 \$191 for this raffle. Our charity fund has continued to grow, and we are anticipating making another donation to a worthy local cause in our community in the coming months. We continue to be delighted that our members and the public can follow us on Facebook, Many thanks go to Jackie Valentino, one of our dedicated members, for feeding wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>.

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We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd, 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, Tre Citta Lodge 2881



**Vancouver USA
#2690, Vancouver, WA**

A message from our new president, Rosann Grzesiowski, "It is an honor to represent our lodge as your president. Let's work together and get some new members. I'll be working on getting programs for our meetings. In May, Jody from Clark Regional ER Service Agency will speak on ER preparedness. I look forward to a great year". Tante Grazie to State President Linda Anderson for attending our April meeting and installation of officers. We appreciate her support. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 11th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street, Vancouver. Paul Zanobelli will be preparing a dinner of Chicken Parmigiana, pasta, salad, garlic bread and Italian Rum Cake for dessert. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at (360)281-0915 or email her at alamunno@gmail.com Subject Line: May Dinner. RSVP no later than Monday, May 8th. It is very important to RSVP to help the chef get a correct headcount. We will be collecting "men's t-shirts" for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center this month. Please bring your donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary. The Leonard Simeone Scholarship is taking applications from graduating high school seniors of Clark County. Check out the

information at WashBoard.org web page. Application deadline is April 30th. ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet at Star Bucks in Barnes and Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd on Monday May 15th at 2 pm to discuss A Postcard from Italy by author Alex Brown. Our book selection for July is The Venice Sketchbook by Rhys Bowen. 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, May 2nd . We will be meeting at Barbara Blair's home at 7:00 PM. RSVP to her at (360) 253-7984. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to have some fun. Game Nite is canceled for May due to the hosts being at the convention.


ATTENTION: President Rosann Grzesiowski has called her first board meeting for Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 PM at Barbara Blair's home. Please RSVP to Rosann if you plan to attend. Board meetings are required for all current officers. All other members have the option to attend any board meeting.

Our next DINE OUT will be lunch on Thursday, May 25th at 1:00 PM at Pizzeria La Sorrentina, 3000 SE 164th Ave., #107, Vancouver 98682 (360)314-4447. Check out their menu on lasorrentinavw.com. This restaurant specializes in Neapolitan pizza and other favorites. They have come and given us their history at a past meeting. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Sunday, May 21st if you plan to attend. If you have any suggestions for a place for a dine out, please let Barbara know. BOCCE IS COMING. As the weather begins to warm up Paul Zanobelli has scheduled a work party at our courts at the Elks Club on McGillivray Blvd. On Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m. Any questions, contact Paul at (360)521-5584 or bocceboy@juno.com. CLUB NEWS: Donna Covi is traveling to Prague and Budapest this month. Bruce & Barbara Blair will be attending their granddaughter, Kirsten, graduation from USC in California. She

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received a degree in Philosophy, Politics & Law. She will be moving to Denmark and has applied for a Masters Program in Environmental Negotiations at the University of Copenhagen. Linda Cherney will be spending time with family in Florida. Dolores Newbern is cruising Alaska at the end of May. Frank & Rita Piperno will be returning from California visiting family. Buon compleanno to our May irthdays!!

THE HATS FOR HEADSTART GROUP are still making hats for Columbia River Headstart. For more info, contact Liz Haught 360-673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com. Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (May 7th & 21st) 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: Our president, Rosann Grzesiowski, is recovering from minor surgery. Louise Ramunno-Johnson as of this writing continues to recover from pneumonia. Joanne Castaldo is recovering from fracturing her back in January. Former member, Sal Agosto can use our prayers as he is undergoing chemo for acute myeloid leukemia. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Happy Mother's Day!!

Barbara Blair



Yakima
#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge April meeting at the Harman Center was well attended and as always our members provided a great meal. Members that are not feeling well to remember and perhaps send a card are Don Guintoli, Stephen Fancuillo, Joe Ficele. Also not feeling well this week are Nancy Carle, Pete Fadich, and Jeanne Fasano.

The May meeting will be moved up a week to May 11. This change is due to the regular meeting day being the day that Sarah Judd and Jeanne Fasano will be leaving for the Grand Lodge in Lynnwood, as well as, a number of others that would be absent. Items were brought for the Silent Auction basket for the Grand Lodge. Last chance to bring additional items for the basket will be at the May 11th meeting. Don Picatti suggested a box of Yakima Valley apples might also be taken. The lodge is still collecting items for the Shelter and they will be delivered after the May meeting. Suggested are items that a family fleeing an abusive situation may have had to leave behind and could include toys and clothing.

Robin Miller, Ama Widner, and Nancy Carle attended the Cle Elum Spaghetti Feed and reported they had a wonderful time. Kathi Butorac reported the auction and silent auction were a great success. Kathi Butorac reported reading an excellent book. "A Doctors War" by Arthur L. Ludwick Jr. MD. The book is a collection of letters between the doctor and his wife during WWII. He was stationed in Italy for much of the war. Kathi highly recommended the book. I did find it on Amazon. The book hit close to home for both Kathi and Robin who have letters that were sent by their parents during WWII. The new member directory is complete and will be available at the May meeting. Thank you Ama.

Next meetings are May 11, and June 15, both at our new start time of 5:30PM. July and August are the summer break with regular meetings resuming on September 21. Watch your email for a possible summer picnic. Ideas for a summer activity gladly accepted.

See you May 11, at 5:30PM, raffle items always welcome.

Respectively submitted, Jeanne Fasano



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