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# Northwest Italian News

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## Coming Events!

**Sat, May 10, 2025, 6:00pm**

Auburn Lodge #1955

**Wine Tasting,  
Hors d'oeuvres & Raffle**

Tickets \$35

Holy Family Church

505- 17th St. S.E. Auburn

No one under 21 permitted

Contact: Debbie Sonstalie

253-797-9515

**May 16-18, 2025**

Grand Lodge of the Northwest

**2025 Biennial Convention**

May 16-18, 2025

Embassy Suites-Lynwood

Linda Buccini Anderson

(253) 225-2483

**Thr, July 17, 6 pm**

Seattle Lodge old#1390

**Annual Fava Bean Dinner**

St Joseph, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle

Contact: Michael Croce

206-682-2740

crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com

**Saturday July 19, 12:00 to 4pm**

Black Diamond Lodge #1809

**Annual Picnic**

Mud Moutain Dam, Chinook  
Shelter

30525 SE Mud Moutain RD.

Contact: Janice Malvesti-Cole

jmalvesticole@gmail.com

**Sun. Aug 10, 2025, 12-4pm**

Cataldo Lodge #2280

**Annual Picnic**

4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton

Contact: Bill Haberstock

360-373-4341

Events continued  
on next page.

## From the Office of the Grand Lodge of the NW Linda Buccini Anderson, President



Dear Brothers & Sisters, I wanted to say Grazie to all of you! This will be my last article in the NWIN as your Grand Lodge President. As of May 16, 2025, your delegates will have elected your Grand Lodge officers for the next two years. I really enjoyed this wonderful experience. It has been a lot of responsibility, and I have taken being your Grand Lodge President seriously and I certainly



have learned so much. As your President, I have brought forward many new ideas, opportunities and worked hard to strengthen the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy. The Ambassador (welcome)

committee, making resources easily accessible for members to build and retain membership via the Grand Lodge website [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org); examples of lodge officers duties; zoom meetings with officers/lodge presidents; bringing Imembersdb and training to better utilize this program; encouraging Italian activities during meeting, setting up opportunities that encourage and enable young families to bring their children to meetings and many more. I hope that these ideas/suggestions and changes have helped strengthen our lodges and made being a member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy more relevant and fun. Change isn't always comfortable, but I hope these ideas and suggestions will help all lodges build and be relevant to all of us who love our Italian heritage, culture and want to keep being Italian a very important part of our lives.



I am encouraging all members to get more involved within your own lodges. There are so many opportunities to...



## *more* Coming Events!

**Sun, August 17th 11 am**  
with Seattle Lodge old#1390  
**All Italian Community Picnic**  
Royal Arch Park  
20821 Ranton Maple Valley Rd,  
Maple Valley  
Contact: Contact: Holly Cochran  
206-779-8663  
cochranh@pacificfoodimporters.com

**Sun. Aug 24, 2025, 1:35pm**  
Grand Lodge of the NW  
**Baseball**  
Oklahoma City Comets  
at Tacoma Rainiers  
Cheney Stadium – Tacoma, WA  
Tickets - \$16.00  
Contact: Tony Anderson  
253.677.9366  
osdia1957@gmail.com

**Sat-Sun, September 27-28**  
**All Day!**  
with Seattle Lodge old#1390  
**Festa Italia**  
**Fedele Meatball Booth**  
Seattle Center  
Contact: Michael Croce  
206-682-2740  
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**Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, 10:00am**  
Grand Lodge of the Northwest  
**Council Meeting**  
Embassy Suites- Lynnwood, WA  
Contact: Janet Fritz  
fritz.janet@gmail.com

**Sat, November 22nd, 6 pm**  
Seattle Lodge old#1390  
**100th Year Celebration!!!**  
Featuring Ray Massa  
Doubletree Suites-Southcenter  
16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila  
Contact: Contact: Holly Cochran  
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help ensure your lodge is fun, successful and be a place where you can learn and share your Italian culture, food, experiences, and history. We are all volunteers, no matter what your title is. I have encouraged lodges to establish committees that members have ways to help. Whether it is helping in the kitchen, fundraising, cultural education, activities, family focus activities, membership, calling, or welcoming. There are so many ways each of us can be a part of the lodge, not just a visitor. We all joined to be part of this organization. So, get involved, help in whatever way you can. The more help the easier it is for all and the more fun we all have. Remember, we are here to help each other. As I end my term, know I will be here to help in any way I can. I do want to thank my devoted friend & husband Tony. His help & guidance when asked has been so very helpful. With all my love and appreciation for your support.

Respectfully,  
Linda Buccini Anderson



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## American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Signs of Spring are popping up everywhere. Yellow and white daffodils are dotting the hillsides as colorful tulips grace our gardens. Signs of new beginnings.

At our April meeting, we were thrilled to induct new members Randall Saccomanno, and Tom O'Connor to our lodge. Benvenuto signori. At this time, we also installed newly elected Officers, Darlene La Bella



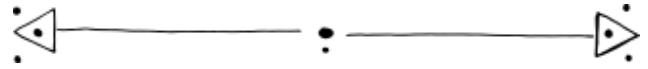
as Vice-President, and Joann Caputo and Gary Bartole as Trustees. President Kim Asay and State Vice-

President and Past President, Judy Anselmo conducted the ceremonies. Kim stated the goals and objectives of the American Italian Club and new members were given their club pins and membership cards. Tante Auguri a tutti! Our Scopa night was a great success! President Kim Asay got us all started, and the night was enjoyed by all. Good friends, good food, good wine and good times were enjoyed by all. More Scopa nights are being planned for the future now that we know how to play. Scopa! President Kim Asay would like to initiate a Book



Exchange. This idea was met with great enthusiasm as everyone had a book or two to donate. This exchange would take place at each General Meeting. We are preparing for our upcoming Annual Spaghetti Dinner 2025. Our dinner in 2024 was a great success and there are always new ideas for improvements so back to the drawing board we go. We are continuing our "Family Heritage and History Sharing". Everyone looks forward to hearing stories about Italy and learning about each other's family heritage. The old family pictures bring the histories alive by adding a beautiful vision of the stories being told. May 11th is Mother's Day, so to all the women who mean the most to us, Festa della

Momma, Happy Mother's Day. Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Assistant Recording Secretary



## Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Hope everyone had a Buona Pasqua. If April showers bring May flowers, we should have a bountifully, blossoming May! Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will have a meeting on April 24, 2025, at Saint Mary's Parish Hall. Social time 5:30 P.M., dinner at 6:00 P.M., with meeting beginning at 7:00. Looking forward to seeing you! A raffle will conclude the meeting. All raffle items are greatly appreciated. Raffle funds go toward scholarships. Don't forget to turn in scholarship applications to Connie Chicano. The deadline is the April 24th meeting. GLNW Convention in Lynnwood, WA., is May 16-18, 2025. Kamron and Abigail Covall will be Amerigo Vespucci's delegates. Amerigo Vespucci welcomes Eleanor Ficele who is transferring from Yakima Lodge



which is disbanding. Mary Jane Rogers has extended an invitation to other members of Yakima and Port Angeles lodges to join our lodge. It is with a heavy heart that Amerigo Vespucci announces that a long-time member, Sally Nicholas, passed away in January of this year. She was 100 years old. Members remember her tireless work for the lodge in the past. A \$50 donation will be made to Amerigo Vespucci's scholarship account in Sally's name. Calvin Evanson, son of Amerigo Vespucci member, Nicole Evanson, and grandson of Kristine Finazzo, participated in the Washington State Skills USA competition. Calvin and 3 others on his engineering team placed 1st and will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia in June to compete in the National event. Calvin is an 8th-grade student at Miller Junior High School in Aberdeen, Washington. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's May meeting will be on May 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Have a festive Cinco De Mayo and don't forget Mother's Day is May 11th!

Reporter: Judith Braddon

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order 2023, served on  
national membership



committee 2025,  
served on National  
Italian Relations  
Committee 2025,  
served as national  
delegate 2023 to  
current.

### Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA



With President John Partridge enjoying some well-deserved R&R, Vice President Dave Manning skillfully ran this month's meeting. • Auburn Scholarship applications were due on April 15th, and selection is ongoing. • April 26th was the City of Auburn's Clean Sweep event. The Auburn Lodge was responsible for beautifying the Mountain View Cemetery this year. Clean Sweep occurs after this article is written, but before you read this, the report will be sent out in next month's newsletter. Regardless, we owe Dave Manning a huge debt of gratitude for organizing our participation! • The Auburn Wine Tasting will be on Saturday, May 10th. Tickets are \$35. Come join us for food, music, and wine, all hosted

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the ring  
for*

### National Delegate

to represent  
The Grand Lodge of the Northwest  
at the National Convention.

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greatly appreciated.*

**CHRISTINA VOLPONE  
GERLING**

Member of  
Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390  
"Old 1390"

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

Meets the 2nd Wednesday  
of each month at 6:00 PM  
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL  
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### AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA

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

### ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA  
**President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano**  
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### AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955 Auburn, WA

[www.auburnsonsofitaly.org](http://www.auburnsonsofitaly.org)

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

Dinner and Raffle following  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL**  
505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

**John Partridge, President**  
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by the singular Nick DeGidio! We're still looking for help with setup on Friday, table decorators, and volunteers to work this annual event, which is our main fundraiser. • The GLNW Convention will be May 16th-18th at the Embassy Suites

in Lynwood. Consider coming up to join us for the social evening events. It's a heck of a party! In closing, I wanted to talk a bit about what makes our lodge (and our Order!) special: the people. Former president Dan and former first lady Dot Chicetti moved to the other side of the state last year, yet when they visited us this month, it was as though they'd never left. It was great to see them, catch up, and joke around. It gave me pause and made me reflect on the friends I've made here. If our lodge is a house, it is the people who make it our home. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping make this our home. I hope you'll come join us next month, and Buona Pasqua!

Sincerely,

Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President



### ***Bella Vita***

#2285, Olympia, WA

Buona Festa della Mamma! Hope everyone had a Buon giorno della Resurrezione! With Easter just passed, we are looking forward to better weather and celebrating our mothers & grandmothers in May. Bella Vita will be having a special Cinco de Mayo-themed party in May. We had our last regular



meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd. Even though it was not our regular Thursday,

we had a great turnout with 20 of our 27 members attending. We were all excited that Linda Nielsen came after being gone a few months ago, we had all missed her & I think she felt the love. Thank you to Pam Daudet who made both beef & chicken enchiladas for



the party & Thank you to everyone else for all the sides and desserts! Another great time at Bella Vita! As it had been suggested in the president's Zoom meeting the month prior that we should create committees & encourage participation, Former President Sophia Risorto, the Chair of our Facebook Committee, had created committees & assigned some members to FB. Though this is not probably what was expected, in our meeting, as we discussed it, we were surprised by the enthusiasm for the committees. When it was announced that Pam would head our Agricultural/ Farm committee, Jacob & Gabby both volunteered to join & asked if they could help at her farm. She is currently growing flower & herb starts, getting her garden in, preparing hogs for slaughter, & bees for honey. We believe the younger people can help her

#### **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

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**Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary**

#### **BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377 Bellevue, WA**

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

#### **UNITY CHURCH**

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**Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.**

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#### **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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and also glean from her knowledge. Linda N. joined Angelos's Environmental committee and both Aaron & Dianne joined the wine committee. We had our first Wine Committee meeting on April 17th. We enjoyed wine, appetizers, pasta, & a beautiful lemon ricotta cake. Our Chairman Ludovico Chistofaro made a motion. "I propose that we drink more wine!" It was seconded by his beautiful wife, Donna. And of course, it passed unanimously. I predict more members will join. The Chairman of our Cultural Committee, George Stefanini, was also present. He and Ludovico spent time with handsome, young member Colton, checking out the race truck that he's building. Italians love to drive fast! More importantly, they were bringing people together



through cultural & generational interests. We may not do things just like everyone else but we love Bella Vita... a beautiful life!  
Amber Dahl,  
Recording Secretary



## **Bellevue**

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends. We had a pretty good turnout for our April 3rd meeting with twenty-five members and guests. Our Lodge President Greg Osgood made turkey meatloaf and cauliflower ragout, which some were saying was so good that he should stop being President and just concentrate on cooking for the Lodge. Actually, I'm the only one who's been saying that. Michael Brewer brought wine, Antoinette Folino and Linda Caputo brought appetizers, Cathy Mettler brought bread and butter, Michele Guerrini brought salad, Ron Sangalang brought bread and butter, and Linda Jacobin and Antoinette Folino brought dessert. It just felt like a big Italian family dinner with everyone eating and drinking, and having a good time. In Sunshine News, Jerry Nonis had cataract surgery. He looks great and said everything went well, and that he doesn't even need glasses anymore. Linda Jacobin announced that she and her husband Joe will be stepping back a bit on their involvement in the Lodge because Linda said they need to attend to some of the elder needs of her mother. Linda also announced to us that Joe has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He's in the early stages, but his doctor was able to get him into a trial for a new drug to treat it. Because it's a drug trial, Joe will not know if he's getting the

### **CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280**

#### **Bremerton, WA**

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

#### **VFW HALL**

190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA

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

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

#### **CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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### **MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659**

#### **Marysville, WA**

#### **MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

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Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30  
Meeting follows dinner



drug treatment or a placebo until after the trial has concluded, but if the drug is a success and he's in the placebo group, he will be first in line to receive the actual treatment. I just want to say that both Joe and Linda have contributed so much to our Lodge and value everything that you have done for us, but we value your presence and your friendship above all else.

We had our Lodge Wine Tasting to be held on April 5th, and it was a huge success. Many friends and family members came to dinner, as well as a lot of members from the Auburn and Seattle Lodges. We appreciated everyone's support, but most of all, we enjoyed seeing everyone and having a chance to visit. Everyone I talked to said they really enjoyed the event and that they want to come again next year. We had lots of really good food, and Ron Roletto and Nick Degidio presented some incredible wines. We tasted a 2023 Riesling, a Cabernet Franc Reserve, and Red Blend #22 from Two Mountain Winery. Two Mountain Winery donated the wines and that didn't ask for anything in return, they didn't ask us to say that they're located at 2151 Cheyne Rd in Zillah WA or that their website is <https://www.twomountainwinery.com>, and even though they didn't ask, I will say they were really good wines and that everyone should go and check them out. Nick Degidio also brought some of his homemade wines, which are always a treat. Thank you, Ron and Nick, and thank you, Two Mountain Winery. Our upcoming Lodge meetings will be on June 5th, Sept 4th, and October 2nd at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood

## Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA



As we complete our article for this edition, Papa Francesco dies on Easter Day, leaving a massive void for so many, and yet a momentous

acknowledgment of his passing on Resurrection Day. We pray you had a beautiful and contemplative celebration of Easter with your loved ones. Robert Miller (President Janice's brother) prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner with homemade focaccia and Barbara Cloud made intricately decorated individual bundt cakes for dessert. We encourage you to remember that May 1 is a national Italian holiday to honor La Festa dei Lavoratori or Labor Day, and May 11 gives tribute to La Festa della Mamma which coincides with our Mother's Day in America.



For baseball enthusiasts, Leonardo Folino shares his research on Italians in Black Diamond and highlights a renowned Northwest athlete born in Black Diamond who brought accolades to his Italian heritage by recognition of his remarkable baseball performance. One of the most well-known people born in the town of Black Diamond, Washington, was

Edo Vanni. Born Edo Joe Vanni on April 2, 1918, to parents Raffaello and Esterina Vanni from Garfagnana in the Province of Lucca, Italy. The Vanni family later moved to Seattle settling in the Queen Anne area. Edo was a player, coach, manager, and front-office executive in minor-league baseball. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 180 pounds, and threw and batted

### SEATTLE FEDELE

#### LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month

\*this April on the 2nd Thursday

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

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### TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of the Month

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner 6:30,

Meeting Follows Dinner

Holy Cross parish hall

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### TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881

TRI-CITIES, WA

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

Social/Dinner 5:30 pm

Meeting follows at 7:00 pm

Bella Italia Restaurant

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# Elect!



# Lenny Folino

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(Current Position)

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**Served Four  
Years Grand  
Lodge Officer**


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Work With!




## For President

of the

## Grand Lodge of the Northwest

*I would appreciate your support, Lenny*



left-handed. As a lifelong resident of the area, he was known as the face of Seattle baseball.

Edo played 15 seasons of minor league baseball. He appeared in 1,408 games, had 5,317 at-bats, 1,697 hits, 220 strikeouts, 516 runs batted in, and 20 home runs. He was a member of the Seattle Rainiers baseball team that won three straight Pacific Coast League Baseball Championships in 1939, 1940, and 1941.

Like many pro athletes, WWII interrupted Edo's career. He joined the Navy and was stationed at Pasco Naval Air Station in Pasco, Washington. After he was discharged, Edo married Margaret Torfason from Vancouver, Canada, in 1947 and had two children. As a manager, the team won 1,072 of a total of 1,978 games. After

retiring from baseball, he became General Manager for the Seattle Angels from 1966 to 1968.

In their one lone season, the Seattle Pilots hired him to be Director of Group Ticket Sales. When the Mariners replaced the Pilots (because of a lawsuit brought against Major League Baseball), Edo was presented a lifetime pass to their stadium along with his own personal parking space. Edo Vanni passed away on April 30,



2007, at the age of 89 in Bellevue, Washington. At the time of his death, Edo was the last surviving member of the Seattle Rainiers that Rainier Brewery Beer Baron Emil Sick purchased in 1938, the same year Sick signed Edo to his first contract. To sweeten the deal, Sick offered Edo 4,000 shares of stock in the Rainier Brewery at 25 cents a share,

which grew to 10,000 shares at \$18 dollars a share, allowing Edo to live a comfortable life.

The Black Diamond Board of Officers

## Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Bill Haberstock participated in the Cultural Fair at



### **VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690**

**Vancouver, WA**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

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Kingston High School on April 15 by setting up a display of the map of Italy-- also maps showing the Regions for pasta and cheeses. He demonstrated using a pasta machine to make spaghetti, fettuccini, ravioli, and cavatelli. He had handouts about the Order of Sons of Italy..... there was lots of interest and questions from the students. At the April meeting, Bill explained why he had wished us a 'Happy Dyngus Day', besides 'Buona Pasqua!'.... When he grew up, his father always referred to it-- being the Monday after Easter. Apparently, it is a big celebration by Polish-Americans especially in Buffalo, New York. Rose Marie talked about how Easter Monday is also an important time to celebrate in Italy. As Chefs of the Month Rose Marie and her daughter, Nicole Davis made and served a fantastic Lasagna-- both Sausage/Ricotta and a Vegetarian version. The

meal was rounded out with side dishes, desserts, and Italian Easter Bread. Members generously brought food donations which will be given to local Food Banks...



Food Drive will continue at the May meeting. Guest, Susan Van Ort, was welcomed... along with regulars Michael and Sophia Davis. Happy April Birthdays were wished to Roberta Karosich, Barbara Kurlinski, Bill Haberstock, and Joyia Rubens. Bill asked for cookies that we will contribute to the State convention. Jackie Haberstock will put together a basket from our Lodge for the Auction --of Italian games. State President, Linda Buccini Anderson, reminded members that they are welcome to attend the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Convention on May 16 for the Social and the May 17 Dinner. Our own Bill Haberstock is a past winner of the Lemoncello contest. This will be the last meeting that Linda will be attending as State President-- but we are fortunate that she and Tony will still be making the trip to come to our meetings -- it is always an honor and a pleasure to have them both. The next Cannoli Fundraiser will be May 10 at Crossroads Church on Military Road in Bremerton. On May 21 there will be a short business meeting -- then we will be playing Tombola.  
Joyia Rubens, Reporter



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## Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

President Mike Butorac led the members with our dinner Prayer and so began our lively agenda by filling our plates with scrumptious offerings from our March Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner. The agenda mainly focused on our recent Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser which once again, we sold out of tickets within a week. Several changes were made for this year's event, including rearranging the table and chairs for moveability to allow easier mingling. This event brings generations of Cle Elum and community people together and is full of hugs and laughs.



Finance leader Rich Grillo covered our costs and earnings and discussions ensued on what went well this year and areas that we might improve on. Overall, the event was an enormous success, and we cannot give enough "thanks" to everyone in our Lodge, local businesses, and individuals who put so many hours into creating this gathering.

Our Secretary Kathi's Butorac recently had a foot injury which didn't allow her full-on participation in person, however, her phone & voice came through to guide those supporting. One missing element from Kathi's absence was photos. Thus, the picture of the table set up, minus any people, but the arrangement by Craig Savio did look welcoming.

We concluded with great energy and ideas for next year's fundraiser and well wishes to all. Ciao!

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin  
Deesaldin@gmail.com

## Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

May is here and many of us have thoughts of graduations and summer vacations, projects, picnics, and weddings filling our heads. But right now, my heart is still basking in the glow of Easter. One of our members, Beverly



Paladeni Riter, who loves to cook and bake traditional Italian food, has shared with me a little history of 2 cakes that are

part of the Easter tradition in Tuscany, Italy. The first one is TORTA CO' BISCHERI (The Pilgrim Cake) "Some say that this cake originated in the 1200s, others in the 1500s, but at least by the 1600s to offered to pilgrims who passed by the town of Pontasserchio (San Giuliana Terme, Tuscany). They walked the Via Francigena from



Canterbury in England to Rome for over 1000 years. The cake was specially made to celebrate the Ascension of Christ and thus is popular in this area over Easter.

The shortcrust pastry contained a mixture of rice, dark chocolate, pine nuts, candied fruit, raisins, and spices."

The second one is called COLUMBA PASQUALE (EASTER CAKE) "The dove-shaped Italian Easter cake, the Columba has many legends. One is that in the 6th

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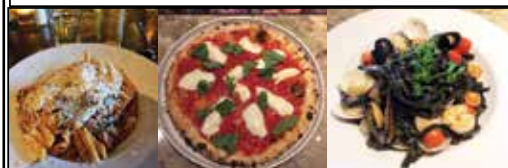


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century, Columbano, the Irish monk, established a monastery in Italy. The legend is that he had a vision of a dove descending from the heavens that inspired him to bake a cake in the shape of a dove to celebrate Easter. Another legend dating to the 6th century is when King Alboin took over the castle of Pavia. When the castle surrendered, he was offered a dove-shaped sweet bread, a symbol of peace. Another tradition says that the Colomba marks the 1176 Lombardian victory over the Holy Roman Empire. A Christian tradition means it is a symbol of peace and love, and the egg represents the Resurrection. It is basically Panettone in a special shape and today is sometimes served with a limoncello or chocolate sauce and whipped cream.

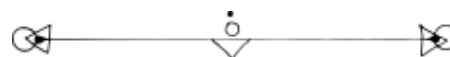
Whenever the tradition started, today everyone in Italy eats the very tasty "Colomba" on Easter!" Thank you, Beverly, for writing these very interesting articles for me to share with our fellow members. I hope to try and make one someday. As the weather starts to warm up, we hope to play a game of bocce before our meeting next to Jennings park where there's lots of grass just outside our doors. If you haven't already saved the date,

don't forget to do so and tell your friends and family about our 3 day fundraiser. June 6, 7, 8 at Sorticulture-Everett's Garden Arts Festival. Most of the vendors will be on Colby Ave between Pacific Ave and Everett Ave. Food vendors will be on Hewitt Ave and Colby. We hope for great weather, but Mille Cugini will be there cooking Italian sausage grinders from 10-6 on Friday and Saturday, 10-4 on Sunday, rain or shine. Everett does a great job making sure everyone has a positive experience. Check out the schedule of events as well as parking and a place to store your items on their website.

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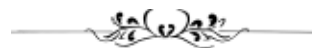
Paula (Dellino) Jacoby-reporter



**Seattle Fedele**

#1390, Seattle, WA

No Article Submitted



**Tacoma**

#1175, Tacoma, WA

May is here and the Tacoma Lodge has been in full swing! Our meetings have been well attended all year, we have added a few more members and we have a few more on the horizon. Things are going well for the Tacoma Lodge. We would like to extend our welcome to all of you.

As you may or may not know, we had a crab feed last November and we are gearing up to do it again. Please save the date for November 8, 2025. We will be letting you know the exact location of the event in the next newsletter, but do know it will be in Tacoma. We

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Ciao,  
Gina Costanti-Eacrett, President



### ***Tre Città***

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Greetings from the Tre-Citta Lodge

At every monthly meeting, those attending the meeting bring items for our drawing to raise funds for our local charity fund. At the March meeting, two local charities were presented and the membership agreed to donate \$500 to each charity. The local charities were Art Spectrum and Sugar Shack Horses.

We are anticipating awarding our scholarships in May. Jack Barnaby, President



### ***Vancouver USA***

#2690, Vancouver, WA

We would like to welcome our new Lodge Officers; These are positions that were needed, and these members stepped up for the job. Their Installation will occur at our May meeting. Vice-President Louise Ramunno-Johnson, Orator; Greg Rafanelli, Trustee(s); Frank Piperno, Paul Zanobelli, & Sharon Sorensen. We are starting to play Bocce again on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is invited. Our May 8th dinner and meeting will be at 6:00 pm.

Please RSVP by May 3rd, to Deanna Peters, call or text 503-568-6672 or dpeters@peak.org Cost of \$10.00 per person.

Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver, in the rear of the building.

We are learning, changing, and growing our Lodge.

We hope to see you here. Buon Compleanno! to all our May Birthdays and Felice Anniversario! to our May Celebrants. Primo Maggio, International Workers Day, May 1st Festa Della Mamma, Mother's Day, May 11, 2025

Linda Gibson, President



### **Mille Cugini Lodge #2659 Marysville, WA**

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