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Coming Events!

Friday, December 10, 2021
Vancouver USA #2690 Christmas Party
info: Rosann Grzesiowski (360)601-8410

Saturday, April 23, 2022 5:30pm
The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration
Contact Audrey Manzanaras
206-779-7325 or amanzanaras@live.com

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Friendship Tea, Vancouver USA #2690
info: Linda Gibson (760)450-8057

Saturday May 14th 2022
Italian Day in Black Diamond
The Black Diamond Museum.
1-3 pm on Mar 14, 2022.
Lenny Folino 206-696-5800

Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:00 noon
Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter
Please come.

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

From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



Brothers & Sisters, it is Gobble, Gobble time. Fall is clearly in the air and the leaves are turning beautiful colors. We just held our Fall Grand Council meeting. Thank you all for your support. I believe we were able to accomplish a lot. I must say Grazie to Paul Pioli, we now have 5- & 10-year membership pins available. I want to thank Patrick Jacoby for designing our new lodge directories.

They were handed out to all the appropriate people at the Grand Council meeting. As in the past, additional copies

are available for \$5.00, plus the mailing cost. Please email Patrick Jacoby for said copies. patrick@glwn.org

Thanks to Barbara Blair and Kathi Butorac, our beautiful Italian Note Cards were distributed to all that pre-ordered them. Remember, the Italian Note Cards are still available and can be ordered via square <https://grand-lodge-of-the-northwest.square.site>. For additional orders please call Barbara Blair (360)253-7984 and the Italian Note Cards NOW!!! Please note, the cost moving forward for each set is 23.00, & \$18.00. Your order will be shipped directly to you in a timely manner. What a wonderful holiday gift, a special card for a special someone, or just because. Remember, the profits go to our GLNW Charities fund.

News flash... Our Crab feed will be held on March 5, 2022. As you all know this event gets sold out quickly. Your lodge Presidents have crab tickets or contact Rosetta Beyersdorf (206)478-3895. Hopefully, you have already received a call that your calendar ticket was drawn, and you are counting the winnings waiting for your name to be drawn again. A big GRAZIE to Lenny Folino for his dedication to this project! The Veterans Parade will be on Nov. 6, 2021. It will once again be held in Auburn. I hope you can come & march with us to honor all Veterans. It is an impressive and very moving experience to wave and cheer on the participants in the parade. This Parade is the second-largest & longest in the country. Thank you, Ronnie Beyersdorf, for coordinating this event. If you have any questions, please read Auburn's article, or call Ronnie at (206)478-3876. Remember, anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you. In the spirit of Thanksgiving... Thank you all. In closing, it is hard to believe that it is almost time for the local lodges to prepare for the elections of officers. Reach out to your lodge president and get involved. Fraternaly... Gobble-Gobble,

Linda Buccini Anderson,
OSDIA, GLNW-President (253)225-2483
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Alta Monte Lodge #2513 Eugene, OR

The Alta Monte Lodge would like to wish all the lodges in the GLNW a safe and happy Thanksgiving. As the holidays approach we should reflect on the importance of family, friends, and each other.

Auguro a tutti un felice Ringraziamento

Betty Martin-Petti

Lodge Secretary

American- Italian Lodge # 2172, Spokane, WA

Ciao a tutti,

Beautiful fall colors and crisp cold air have arrived here in Spokane.

Pumpkins, skeletons, and fallen leaves can be seen on neighborhood porches and in downtown merchant window displays. Slowly it seems we are coming to the end of the tunnel with this horrible pandemic.

It was such a pleasure to see members at the dedication ceremony last month.

It stimulated us to try to put "Something" together shortly. We are of course moving forward with Festa Italiana which will be held in November, along with more vino for our Wine Tasting.

We have sent out a Survey to the members regarding possible changes to our upcoming meetings once we

resume face-to-face assemblies. We want to meet the needs of as many members as we can. This will also help determine a new location for our monthly meetings. Hopefully, this type of discussion will increase our attendance and make our meetings more attainable and enjoyable.

In closing, we would like to wish everyone many Blessings during this Thanksgiving season. Be safe in your travels and hold your loved one tight. Eat well, Laugh often, Love much!

Mangia bene,ridi spesso,ama molto!

Felize Ringraziamen,

Linda Marcus

Recording Secretary #2172

linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge # 1814, Aberdeen, WA

We are looking to start our lodge meetings again soon. It will be wonderful to have the fellowship and plan for future events.



With much joy, we share the wedding of Joe Finazzo and his fiance Laura Muller. Joe is the son of Kristine Finazzo. They were married on October 9th in Olsburg, Kansas. Kristine Finazzo, Nicole Evanson, and their

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest welcomes our new members to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America!

From Cle Elum:

Joe Saldin

Dee Saldin

Janice Stauffer

Lisa Stauffer

Bonnie Christian

Linda Bullock

From Tacoma:

Jessica Lombardo

Jim Zink

Vickie Zink

Annie Krause

Donald Gulden

Kevin Crisalli

Rosa Becker

From Vancouver USA:

Robert Faraone

Florence Faraone



family traveled to Manhattan, Kansas for a week to share in the wedding festivities. The trip included a trip to the Sunset Zoo, a tour of Kansas State University, and a hayride/pumpkin painting at a local nursery. We were able to pass out medals at the Hood to Coast race again this year. It was on October 16th. It was exciting to see the dedication of these runners as they finished this memorable event.

As we move into the holiday season, may we reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to help others.

Nicole Evanson, Reporter

Auburn Lodge #1955, Auburn, WA

Fall is upon us. It was unfortunate that we had to do a zoom meeting for our September and October meetings due to the increased COVID restrictions. Our sunshine committee Joanne McDaniel reported at the October meeting that Gina Parente is home recovering following successful cancer treatments and Maria Mancuso is home recovering from back surgery. Get well soon Gina and Maria.

A big congratulations to our Auburn Lodge members Martin Paaatricelli and Cindy Grinolds who were married on Sat September 11, 2021. Congratulations to this beautiful couple. May you have many happy years together.

Auburn's 56th Annual Veterans Day Parade This annual parade and celebration for which our lodge and other Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge members have marched in for over 40 years will take place this year again on Saturday, November 6th. The Auburn lodge will be participating in the event this year. The luncheon for the marchers will not take place due to COVID restrictions. We must still remember our veterans who have passed on and those who are still with us. We are also thankful for the service of our active-

duty military for what they do to serve our country. God Bless our veterans and military service members. Participation information was sent out ahead of time for those who may want to march in the parade to contact Ronnie Beyersdorf 206-478-3876 Wb7tbg@aol.com There are mask requirements for marchers this year. You will need to RSVP Ronnie parade coordinator. The Auburn Lodge is planning for and hopeful for a live Thanksgiving Dinner meeting back at Holy Family Church Hall on Thursday, November 11, 2021. This will include a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Members are asked to support the potluck with side dishes, desserts, and/or bar snacks. Donations for the raffle following the dinner are greatly appreciated. Please come and support the lodge and our membership. An email will confirm this live dinner meeting.

Wearing a mask will be required except when seated and eating. Thank you for understanding.

Our Auburn lodge will also be collecting food, household paper goods, or cash donations for the Auburn Foodbank at the November meeting, Needless to say, there is a great need this year. (make any checks payable to The Auburn Foodbank) I will provide a cover letter from the Auburn Lodge.

The Auburn Foodbank is having a drive-up breakfast on Friday, Nov 5th from 7 AM to 9 AM at Grace Community Church 1320 Auburn Way S. in Auburn WA. The breakfast is by donation. Please support them you can.

God Bless Us All at this time of Thanksgiving

Fraternally Yours,

Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporter

Bella Vita Lodge #2285, Olympia WA

Torta è Uguale all' Amore!

Bella Vita Lodge will be delivering frozen pies with amore on Saturday, November 6th. We'll start at 9 am at Remlinger Farm in Carnation and deliver to Auburn, Tacoma, and Olympia in succession. We are so thankful for our delivery partners: Dianne Stefanini, Ludi Cristofaro, Mary Sangalang, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Tony and Linda Anderson, and Sophia Risorto. Thank you all for your orders. We hope your pies help to make the upcoming holidays a little brighter (and easier).

At our last meeting, we discussed our Zoom Christmas Party. The format will be similar to last year's exciting Christmas Party. If COVID behaves, we may opt to have an in-person party along with the Zoom party. Adrian Smolen mentioned a good book about Tuscany called The Reluctant Tuscan: How I Discovered My Inner Italian by Phil Doran. It's available on Amazon.

Tony Gianotti reported that our website, Bellavitalodge.com, is still under construction. He hopes to launch soon. Our focus will be our family legacies (eredità di famiglia) and the history of our lodge. Our club discussed sharing our family traditions on this webspace, perhaps even sending in videos made as we prepare a special family meal or recall a special memory. Some good places to start for submissions are photos of our lodge history with an explanation of the photo or a special family recipe or tradition, accompanied by a photo. You can send your submissions to admin@bellavitalodge.com.

Our deepest condolences to Jim and Kathy Flinner. Kathy's father Chuck Munoz passed away. We enjoyed seeing him at various meetings.

Our Sunshine Report: Both Donna Cristofaro and George Stefanini had medical procedures in October and we pray they are mending well by now. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and we are thankful for the blessings of love and fraternity of our Bella Vita Lodge.

Dianne Stefanini and Donna Cristofaro

Bellevue Lodge #2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

Our Lodge meeting on October 7th was a milestone for the Bellevue Lodge. It was our 45th anniversary and even though we're still meeting over Zoom, I could really feel the camaraderie and enthusiasm of the Lodge. We had 14 people join the meeting, we even had a couple of former members join the meeting: Cathy Mettler and Darlene Marasco. I will talk more about them later, first a little business.

In sunshine news, Joe Jacobin was hospitalized for one night, but he was able to attend our meeting and says he's doing better now. Joe, I hope you're back to 100 percent and can continue enjoying your retirement with your wife Linda. In sadder news, Debbie Moretti's mother passed away. On behalf of the whole Lodge, I

would like to express our deepest sympathies to Debbie and her family and let her know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

In correspondence, we received a letter from the Italian Picnic to thank the Lodge for its donation.

In Lodge business, we voted to purchase a brick for CASA Piazza to be inscribed with Bellevue Lodge Sons and Daughters of Italy #2377, Established 1976. We voted on new Lodge officers to replace Andy and Debbie Moretti after they moved to Wisconsin. Ron Sangalang is our new Master of Ceremony and Roger Faso is our new Sentinel (thanks for helping, you both will do great). And we're still selling Brown Bear Car Wash ticket: \$5 (a heck of a deal). Contact Mary Sangalang or Joe Jacobin for tickets.

The last business of the Lodge that I must tell you about is that we are about to have two new members.

Former members who have decided to rejoin the Lodge: Cathy Mettler and Darlene Marasco. I'm very excited that they will be rejoining the Lodge because I consider them both good friends and they are both incredible women who brought so much to the Lodge and it will be good to have them both back.

After going over the Lodge's business, Mary Sangalang presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Lodge.

First, she went over the history of the Sons of Italy organization, its history in the Northwest, and the history of the Bellevue Lodge. Then, Mary and Michele Guerini showed pictures of current and past Lodge members and various Lodge events over the years. There's even a couple of embarrassing pictures of me which I'm sure they will be happy to share with you if you ask.

In closing, I would like to thank Rosetta Beyersdorf for attending the meeting even though it was her birthday: happy birthday Rosetta. Congratulations to Tony Anderson for his election to be the 5th National Vice President.

I'm sure you'll represent the Northwest Grand Lodge

ALTA MONTE LODGE NO. 2513

Eugene, OR

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of each month

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

1465 Coburg Road, Eugene

Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM
General Meeting - 7:00 PM

Scott Tommaso, President

altamonte2513@gmail.com

www.glnw.org/altamonte.htm



AMERICAN-ITALIAN

CLUB NO. 2172

Spokane, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday
of each month at 6:00 PM

INLAND NORTHWEST WILDLIFE COUNCIL

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Spokane, WA 99208

509-487-8552

Judy Anselmo, President

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Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary

509-891-0916 smarcus2@centurylink.net

AMERIGO VESPUCCI

LODGE NO. 1814

Aberdeen, WA

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner,
7:30 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Mary Jane Fascia Rogers, President

(360) 482-4792

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and all the individual Lodges well.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood

Black Diamond Lodge #1809, Black Diamond, WA

“Benvenuto alla Stagione Autunnale” (Welcome to the Autumn Season) The temperature is cooling, the deciduous leaves are turning vivid fall colors, and our view of Mt. Rainier is spectacular during the fall season. Please do not let your guard down . . . the Corona and multiple other viruses are still on the attack. Your Black Diamond brothers and sisters pray for your patience in maintaining your safety and security. As we cautiously watch the medical guidelines, we eagerly await the opportunity to invite you to a yet-to-be-scheduled in-person Black Diamond meeting or function. We are considering a Black Diamond Holiday Feste Caravan and would be delighted to include you.

Please share your condolences with the Vacca family for the loss of Linda (wife of State Trustee and Black Diamond Lodge Sentinel Darrell).

While you are preparing for Halloween and All Saints Day, we invite you to enjoy our next Vasereno Baxter family story. As the story begins, Marianna Olivelli married Antonio Vaserani in Italy. They left for America from the small town of Reggio Emilia in the province of Reggio Emilia and the region of Emilia-Romagna in 1921. At that time Grandma Mary was 26 years old and Grandpa Tony was 29 years old. Tony was born in Genoa. Marianna was an orphan, so we are unable to trace any of her past. For them to immigrate, Paul Fiorito in America was their sponsor. Mary was pregnant with her firstborn during the voyage to America. Uncle Charlie was born shortly after they arrived at Ellis Island in 1921. During the immigration process, Tony was misunderstood pronouncing his last name. It was permanently



changed from Vaserani to Vasereno.

They settled in a small town in Washington State called Lebam where Emma (Bea) Baxter was born in 1922. Emma had three brothers, all of whom served in the military during World War II. Bea was a proud member of Black Diamond Lodge from 2000 until her passing in 2007.

A favorite Lodge legacy was her participation in the Black Diamond Labor Day Parade. She and her great-grandson Jon represented Lodge 1809 by driving two “Giovanni Caro” (John Deere) lawnmowers regaled with Italian kitchen utensils and pulling wagons of dry ice induced boiling pots of pasta. That was one of Bea’s prouder membership moments, along with her studious participation in the Black Diamond Lodge Italian classes, when she told her daughter Jeanne and son Wade to do their homework before each session.

The family moved to Chehalis, Washington, where they acquired a small 30-acre dairy farm. Owning a dairy

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

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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 6:30 pm

VFW POST 318

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Sophia Risorto, President

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**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,
Recording Secretary**

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Sons of Italy, Bella Vita Lodge
Olympia Washington

BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377 Bellevue, WA

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

UNITY CHURCH

16330 Northeast 4th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

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

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

farm provided the family with plenty of ingredients for making a variety of cheeses from ricotta to well-aged Parmesan. They also raised a couple of hogs. To a child, the hogs they raised were enormous. The hogs provided delicious salamis and sausages prepared by my grandma and grandpa that would last the entire year.

We also feasted on “fried” cream slathered on homemade bread. I also watched Grandma Mary make ravioli. Her hands were so fast placing the filling on the pasta sheets. My dad, Paul, always said Mary was the best cook ever. I only wish I could have had more time to spend with my grandparents to learn their traditional ways. I am reminded every time I visit an Italian deli of the smells from Grandma’s kitchen. In 1980 I opened a deli in Federal Way and named it “Olivelli Deli” using my grandmother’s maiden name.



Grandpa Tony was also quite the wine and homebrew maker. He acquired several large wine barrels and annually prepared his famous neighborhood wine. One time during prohibition his neighbor came and told him the inspector was on his way. Tony poured out all his wine and beer. However, the inspector never arrived.

In 1966 I was the first family member to travel back to

Reggio Emilia. I visited my grandfather’s brother, my great uncle, and other family members. We were treated like royalty and fed a wonderful dinner of homemade spaghetti and meat sauce with homemade Parmesan. The



friend I was traveling with spoke French. The neighbor came over to translate my English to my friend’s French to the neighbor’s Italian. Who knows what was actually being said?

Jeanne Vasereno Baxter
Past Lodge Treasurer

Announcement

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest is pleased to announce that the GLNW Scholarship Fund “GoFundMe” page is live! Please help us raise money for our scholarship fund with this no cost, no risk, high reward fundraiser. Share this over social media as you are able. And thank you again for what you’ve given in the past.

<https://gofund.me/67f5e7db>

**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

Marlene Palazzo, President
(253) 631-3659
marlene.palazzo@seattlecolleges.edu

**CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280
Bremerton, WA**

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

VFW HALL

190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Bill Haberstock, President
(360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

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

Cheryl Ficele, President
(509) 674-5318 / ficelec@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 361
South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

Cataldo Lodge #2280, Bremerton, WA



Hello, all from the Cataldo Lodge #2280.!

We hope all is well with all of you. It's really lovely to see all of the fall colors in the deciduous trees. Hopefully, all the children enjoy their

Halloween celebrations, costumes, trick or treating, etc., and had a really great time.

Patrick Jacoby is doing a very good job of turning out our newsletters. Our upcoming meeting is on the same day as our newsletter deadline.

Roberta Karosich and Barbara Kurlinski are chefs of the month and will be preparing Eggplant Parmigiana.

We are still in need of Lodge Officers. We need a mistress or master of ceremonies and trustees. Additionally, we need a Chaplin and a Sunshine person.



Longtime member of Cataldo Lodge, JoAnn Zarieki passed away on October 17th, 2021. JoAnn joined the SOI in 2005 and served in many roles; President, Treasurer, Sunshine Committee and also did decorations for conventions and also for our own lodge. She was always prepared for our potlucks and usually brought desserts as well as side dishes that she had prepared herself. She stayed very active within the lodge.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband John and is survived by children Patty, Michael, and Toni. There will be a service on November 12 at Holy Trinity Chapel on Pine Road, Bremerton. She will be buried next to her husband John at Mt. Tahoma Veterans Cemetery

Lodge member Rowena Lozada has notified us that she and her husband and children are moving to Arizona. We are saddened to learn this, and we wish them the best of luck.

In November we will be holding a soup potluck once again. We have done this previously with very good results as everyone enjoys this. All are welcome. The soups are quite a variety of soups.

Our October birthday members are Walter Harvey, Joseph Davis, and Diane Clementi. Buon Compleanno !!! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on Wednesday the 20th. We are using this time to remember and honor Christopher Columbus with Columbus memorabilia.

Our social time is 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and our meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. We will be holding a raffle once more at this meeting.

Masks, Gloves, and Hand Sanitizer will be provided as needed.

Diane Clementi

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

Marysville, WA

<http://marysvilleosia.org>
info@marysvilleosia.org

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 **Friday** of each Month
6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting
Potluck Dinner following meeting

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

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month at 1:30 PM

METHODIST CHURCH
110 East 7th Street Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Sal D'Amico, President
(360) 457-9005

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SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of each Month
Dinner at 6:15 PM

Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL
2800 S Massachusetts St
Seattle, WA 98144

Joe Megale, President
(206) 276-4498

president@seattlesonsofitaly.org

Mille Cugini Lodge#2659, Marysville, WA

We have a new baby in the Dellino family! Lukas John Dellino was born on Sept. 8th to Paul and Erin Dellino, Mary Dellino's grandson. Mary's late son Steve would have been so proud to meet his 2nd grandchild. Big brother, Jacob, is now 2 ½. The family is happy and doing well. Below is Dad, Proud Nonna, and baby Lukas.



Some of our members are ready to resume in-person meetings with a meal and socializing but not quite enough members yet. Several people have gotten a covid booster shot and I'm assuming as more time passes, we will soon be meeting in person like old times.

Rose Mary Barretta has sad news in her family. Her sister, Mary, who lives in Ohio lost her husband (72) after 48 years of marriage, on October 4th. Also, Mary's oldest son Bradley, age 45, died on October 10th. Both were vaccinated and died from Covid-19. Please pray for Mary and especially her youngest son, Brian.

I hope everyone is looking forward to family gatherings, however small or large, for Thanksgiving!

Amore a tutti ♥

Paula Jacoby, Reporter

Mille Cugini Lodge Trustee

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390, Seattle, WA

The ghosts and goblins have retired for the year and the witches have put away their brooms. The busy holiday season is ready to start.

First comes Veterans Day. This is the time we all thank our men and women who have served our country. Many of us have family members and friends that have served our country. For me, it is my father-in-law Nicola Joseph Sciuolo. Born February 17, 1891, and immigrated to the USA on May 28, 1909, from the village of Ataleta, Abruzzi, Italy. He served in the US Army from 1918 -1923. Upon his discharge from the Army, he joined the US Navy. He served 18 years in China and then in the Philippines from 1942 - 1946 where he survived the Bataan Death March and was a POW in Bilibed Prison Camp. In June of 1946, he was liberated and returned to the USA. He retired in August 1948. While he was a POW his wife and 3 sons were in 2 different POW camps. I think about how he came to America for a better life and dedicated his life to serving his new country. We all need to remember and honor these courageous people.

We have a prospective new member, Julianna Ann Vizzare. We just need to wait 16 years before we can initiate her into our Lodge. Mom and dad, Johnny and Jackie, say she sleeps 4 hours at a time. Lucky them.

"Our precious baby girl, Julianna Ann Vizzare was born at 4:36 am on September 27, 2021, weighing 7lbs 2oz and 19.25 inches long. Truly the happiest day of our lives, we've never been more in love. Our Bambina !!!! We kindly thank every member of our Italian Community for the outpouring of love and support we have received in the last few weeks."

Gino Marchese is home from the hospital/rehab center. It has been a long road but he doing better every day. Hopefully, by spring he will be back on the golf course. Festa is over for this year and President Joe Megale

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Tacoma, WA

Meets the 1st Wednesday
Social 5:30, Meeting 6:30
Dinner Follows ~7:15

AMVETS POST #1

5717 S. Tyler Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

David Madrid, President

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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

7000 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick, WA

Al Pardini, President

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John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary

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VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690

Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday
of each month

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

3500 N.W. 129th Street
Vancouver, WA 98685

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Cherney, President

(360) 903-8121 lakeshore.mc@gmail.com



wants to thank all of our members who worked at our meatball sandwich booth.

Be sure to watch your email and phone messages for information on the date of the peaceful demonstration to save Mt. Virgin Church. Therese Bianchi Megale and Diana Sciola Warczak have been hard at work to save this church, the home to so many Italian immigrants in Seattle.

Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to host our regular meetings and fundraisers. Many lodges have had to look for new ways to raise money. We are selling fresh Traditional Panettone for \$19.00 each. Check out the following website

- <https://seattlesonsofitaly.square.site/> or call Joe Megale at 206-276-4498 or email him at jvmeqa@live.com. Orders can be placed now. The date for pick up will be announced later. If we have numerous orders from any

YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732
Yakima, WA

Meets the
3rd Thursday
of each month at 6:30 PM

HARMAN CENTER

101 North 65th Avenue
Yakima, Washington 98908

Robin Costanzo-Miller, President

(509) 452-5389

e-mail c/o gmawidner@yahoo.com

lodge we will work with you to deliver them as close to you as possible.

Thanksgiving is November 25th. Let us all give thanks for all that we have and that God keeps us all safe and well.

Ciao,
Diane Scillo, Reporter.

Tacoma Lodge #1175, Tacoma, WA

“The Mother Lodge of the Northwest”

Saluti a tutti! We made it through Halloween and now it’s time to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for!

On Wednesday, October 6th our general lodge meeting was held at the Amvets hall in Tacoma. We had a great turnout of members and guests. Some of our guests included our Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson, 5th National Vice President, Tony Anderson,



and State Recording Secretary, Gina Natucci.

We had a delicious meal prepared and served by several members and officers including President David Madrid, Jim Colello, Tony Camoroda, Rose Reeve, Cindy Anderson, Mary Garitone, Gina Natucci, and Egidio Fuoco. Also, thanks go out to our member, Leonard Laudadio who serves our drinks and appetizers at our

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Lodge meetings!

Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson spoke to the group and thanked them for supporting the Grand Lodge Charities. Also, 5th National VP, Tony Anderson spoke to the group and gave a tribute to member Mario Santelli who recently passed away.

We had six individuals apply for membership. They are Kevin Thomas Crisalli, Donald Gulden, Vicki Zink, Jim Zink, Rosa Yaconetti Becker, and Annie Yaconetti Krause. State Deputy, Bill Haberstock initiated the new members and President David Madrid provided each new member an official pin. Welcome to the Tacoma Lodge!



President David Madrid recognized members; Joe DeRosa and Tony DeRosa, who were both present at the meeting. They were thanked for all of their hard work and excellent cooking skills! Tony and Joe along with their brother Bob cooked hundreds of delicious meals for the lodge for 15 years.

Also, President David thanked and recognized Trustee Thomas Huff for all of his hard work on behalf of the Lodge. Thomas has helped with various Lodge fundraisers and also helps with cooking meals for our meetings. David presented Thomas with a Merit pin.

Sunshine Report: Sunshine Lady, Sharon Knezvich,

reported that she sent a get-well card to Trustee, Theresa Reda to let her know that the lodge is thinking about her and sending her get-well wishes. Longtime member, Mario Santelli passed away in October, he was 96 years old. Mario was the father of members; Nick, Matt, and Carla Santelli. Our sympathy goes out to all of the Santelli family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mario's son Nick spoke to the group at our Lodge meeting.

Nick mentioned that his father and mother, Dorothy loved the Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge and were very active in the organization most of their lives. Also,

Mario was fondly remembered as speaking at the Tacoma Lodge meetings greeting the members in Italian. Nick stated that Mario's funeral service will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Tacoma on November 11th. A reception for Mario will be held on November 14th at the Fircrest Golf Club in Tacoma

November Birthdays: Renee' Hazuka-28th, Martin Lough-29th, President, David Madrid-28th, Dick Muri-30th, Heather Roberts-10th, John Sanfilippo-3rd, and Nancy Slotnick-9th. Buon Compleanno a Tutti!!

More exciting Lodge news: On Tuesday, October 19th President David Madrid accepted the "Italian American

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Heritage and Culture Month” Proclamation from the Mayor of Tacoma and the City Council at the City Council meeting.

David stated that he is honored to receive this proclamation on behalf of the Tacoma Lodge as well as the entire Italian community! We hope you will join us for our November meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd at the Tacoma Amvets Hall; the dinner/meeting will begin at 5:30 with a social hour. We will have more news about our future events and fundraisers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, enjoy it with your family and friends!

Ciao! Julie Garitone

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Tri-Città Lodge #2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Città Lodge had a wonderful get-together at J. Bookwalter Winery in Richland WA on September 26th. J. Bookwalter has two very nice bocce courts and members were able to show off some of their bocce skills. The event was attended by approximately 20 members and was attended by our past state 3rd Vice President Pier Angela Dimico and her husband Dale Lancaster. The Lodge is planning to have these bocce events at least twice a year, maybe more.

Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 5th at Bella Italia restaurant and was attended by 16 members. The Tre Città Lodge will now have its monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month going forward.

The Lodge is looking forward to the upcoming Fall Pasta Dinner and raffle “A Taste of Italy”. The event will be at the Richland Community Center on



John Cacioppo Checking Who Is Closer

Al Pardini

October 23, 2021. The event is sold out with 120 members and family/friends planning on attending. Tre Città Lodge meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia restaurant, 7000 W. Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA. The next Lodge meeting is planned for November 2nd. There will be no Lodge meeting in December as we normally have our annual Christmas party.

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Vancouver USA Lodge #2690, Vancouver, WA

We will be celebrating Italian Heritage Month at our November 11th meeting. We are asking each member to bring a dish to share that is a family favorite no matter what your background is. We are seeking main courses, side dishes, or salads (we have plenty of desserts coming). A little description of your recipe would be great to accompany your selection.

Please RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson with your selection at alamunno@gmail.com put "OSDIA November 11th meeting" on the subject line or call her at (360)281-0915. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM with a regular meeting starting at 7:00 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street, Vancouver.

The church has requested that you wear a mask except when you are eating. We will have to sanitize all tables, chairs, and areas that we have used after our meeting is done. No charge this month as it is a potluck.

In November, we will be collecting "canned foods" for our local charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. We ask that you bring your donation to the November meeting.

BOCCE has ended for the year. Tante Grazie to Paul Zanobelli and his group for setting up the new bocce court. We look forward to Spring 2022!!

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB

The book selection for Monday, November 15th at 7:00 PM is *Those Who Love and Those Who Stay* by author Elena Ferrante. This is Book Three of the Neapolitan Novels. I will check with Barnes & Noble staff before our November meeting to see if they are scheduling group meetings and will let you know. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Please bring any future book selections to this meeting. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984. We are still holding off on our monthly Dine Out and Game Nite due to the pandemic. Hopefully, we can gather soon.

Come Celebrate a Nutcracker Christmas with your fellow members and guests on Friday, December 10th.

Dinner at 6:30 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver. Dinner will be catered by Cracker Barrel serving Home Style Chicken and sides: green beans, an assortment of biscuits and corn muffins, and Italian Rum Cake. The cost is \$15.00 per person. RSVP no later than December 1st. Cash or check payable to OSDIA. Treasurer Linda Cherney is collecting reservations and money.

White Elephant Bingo will be on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's home. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to join in. Wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. RSVP if you plan to attend at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

Our Friendship Tea has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022. Please let Chairperson Linda Gibson know if you can host a table.

We really need more participation from members to make this a successful event. You can contact Linda at (760)450-8057 or legogibson@gmail.com.

CLUB NEWS: Welcome new members Florence and Robert Faraone who were installed at our October meeting. It seems that you have joined our bocce group on Tuesday evenings.

We all look forward to getting to know you better. Dee Newbern will be traveling to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a short visit. Exciting news for my family, my cousin, Italo Grossi age 93, took his first ski diving jump.

He said it was great but still liked riding motorcycles better. We are seeking someone to instruct an Italian Language Group beginning in January 2022.

If you know of anyone, please let Barbara Blair know at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net Buon Compleanno to our November birthdays!! Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday as you meet with family and friends.

HATS FOR HEADSTART – Liz Haught and the group turned in 426 hats for the Columbia River Headstart Program this year. There is always an open invitation to meet with this group. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Contact Liz at (360)673-1320, haughtde@yahoo.com for more information. She

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and her group will walk you through the procedure. Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (November 7th and 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: Leanore Olmstead is doing well after her eye surgery. She is looking forward to driving again. Rita Piperno has been suffering from a painful back issue for the last couple of months. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. It has been nice to see everyone at our monthly meetings. But please remember some members are not comfortable being in a group setting at this time so make an effort to check on your fellow members

and friends to see how they are doing and if they need anything. Upcoming Events for November:
 Monday, November 2nd - White Elephant Bingo
 Thursday, November 11th – Dinner & Regular Meeting
 Monday, November 15th – Italian Book Club
 Happy Thanksgiving to you all!!!
 Barbara Blair

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Marilisa Herndons family has established **The Marilisa Herndon Scholarship**. This is for the preschool program that Marilisa helped found and taught. To donate follow this link: https://tithely/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/37344



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Yakima Lodge #2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge will have met for the Oct 21 meeting by this printing and plan to meet for the November meeting on November 18 at 6:30 PM at the Harmon Center. Plans for this meeting will be made at the October meeting.

The Lodge is taking the following precautions for meetings: masks need to be worn, vaccination is encouraged, social distancing around the room, the tables are wiped down before the meeting. Some have expressed concerns about food that is prepared at home so for the time

being only commercially prepared food will be provided. Perhaps some research on recommendations on this topic could be requested from the Health Department. If other precautions are desired, please let Robin or Ama know, we want to keep everyone safe and comfortable. If anyone needs a ride to the meetings or has other needs, please also let us know.

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