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Coming Events!

Sunday, September 5th

Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs,
First race 2 PM.

Saturday, September 11th

GLNW Bocce Tournament
Woodlawn Park. See details on page 15

September 10th, 11th & 12th Canceled

San Gennaro Festival, Casa Italiana
Italian Cultural Ctr, Burien

Saturday, October 16th

Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration

Saturday, September 18th

Festa Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church

Saturday, September 18th

Rededication Ceremony
For Sister City Cagliari, Italy
Riverfront Park, Spokane WA
Contact John Caputo, jcaputo1@mac.com

September 25th & 26th

34th Annual Italian Festival
Seattle Center. 10 AM daily. Free
www.festaseattle.com

October 1st thru 25th

Bella Vita Lodge
Autumn Pie Fun-Raiser
Call Sophia Risorto (760) 333-7964

Saturday, October 2nd

Audit of Grand Lodge
Financial Accounts, 10:00 A.M.
at home of Rosetta Beyersdorf
Contact Dot Whitney
(206) 527-3235

Saturday, October 9th

“An Evening in Tuscany Under the Tacoma
Moon”, Boy’s and Girl’s club at 3875 S 66th
St #101, Tacoma, WA 98409 [See ad on page
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contact David Madrid (253) 961-6526

Saturday, October 16
Bella Vita Lodge #2285 Hood To Coast
Relay, Call Sophia Risorto
(760) 333-7964

From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



I want to thank everyone for all their prayers and good thoughts for my husband Tony. Although already vaccinated, he got Covid-19 (DELTA VARIANT) and was in the hospital for eight days. He is gradually doing much better. It has been a real learning lesson. I know we all thought we were out of the woods and back to normal but from personal experience, please be careful. Health and safety are the words I encourage us all to remember when we are getting together. I had hoped to be out attending the many picnics and events that were scheduled. I apologize but due to Tony’s circumstances,

I haven’t been able to participate.

Now for some exciting and fun information. The big news is that our own Tony “Bisceglia” Anderson has been elected National 5th Vice President. This is a major honor. Tony is the first person from the Northwest to be elected as a National Vice President. Congratulations Tony!

GLNW 2nd VP Barbara Blair along with the talented Kathy Butorac, the artist, is putting together some beautiful Italian note cards as a Grand Lodge charity fundraiser and will be available for pre-order and pick up at our Grand Council Oct. 30 in Tacoma at the La Quinta hotel.

GLNW 1st VP Doug Chiechi’s GL Bocce Tournament is set for Sept. 11 at Woodlawn Park. See details in this newsletter.

GLNW VP Lenny Folino tells me all our raffle Calendars are out for sale and doing well. Connect with your lodge President about getting a fantastic chance to win every day in November by purchasing a \$20 calendar. Remember, even if you win, your name is returned to possibly win again.

I hope you saw the great article about the Roslyn Cemetery Dedication in the Italian American magazine. Thanks to Cle Elem lodge, Mike Butorac, and special thanks to Kathy Butorac who designed the monument.

Many lodges are having picnics and other events are pending. Please get your event information to Patrick Jacoby as soon as you have a date set. September brings the beginning of the lodges meeting again, hopefully, you will be able to hold meetings in person. If not remember Zoom is still a great resource. I am continuing to meet monthly via Zoom with all the lodge Presidents. I look forward to seeing everyone and sharing, laughing, and learning something new about each. Keep in touch with your membership in whatever way possible.

Please remember Tony’s Motto: “Anything we accomplish in life is never accomplished alone but TOGETHER”.

Fraternally,
Lina Buccini Anderson
OSDIA GLNW-President
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American- Italian Lodge # 2172, Spokane, WA

Ciao a tutti,

We are finally and hopefully over the major portion of our heated summer. It has been truly a challenge for those of us that are active and want to be outdoors. Many of us experienced gardens that were taller and more productive than the normal summer. We have this year also had many challenges with the covid, the political unrest, the heat, as well as the smoke for us in Spokane to contend with. I am however very proud of the members of our club that have completed projects, continued to enjoy their families, and participated in the club activities despite all of our challenges. We had our summer break with the expectation we would pick up with our face-to-face meetings in September. We have again had to cancel a number of significant events due to the rise in the variant DELTA covid in Spokane the previous 3 weeks. We will resume our General and Officer meetings on ZOOM.

We offer congratulations to Tony Bisceglia Anderson for his position of 5th Vice President of the National Lodge and to Rosetta Beyersdorf for her position of Trustee of the National Lodge.

We are looking forward to the ceremony on September 18 for the dedication of our Cagli, Italy Sister City monument in the Sister City Garden at Riverfront Park. We sent save the date cards, invitations will be sent shortly. We did participate in Spokane's First Asian American Pacific Islanders Heritage Day event on May 22, 2021. This event gave us the opportunity to gain three new members and reinstate a former member. We are pretty excited about this!!

There is a saying "It takes a village to raise a child". In Italian we say "Una buona mamma vale cento maestre", A good Mother is worth a hundred teachers. Wishing all Mothers, a Very Happy Mother's Day. Buona Festa della Mamma.

Judy Anselmo
President, American Italian Club

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

Eric Blair

Margaret Greene

Dina Marie Rizzo

all from Vancouver USA Lodge #2690

Grand Lodge of the NW Scholarship Winners

Corrections

NIKO LEONARDO MANCUSO



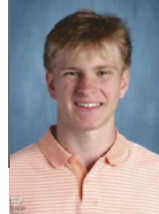
Sponsor: Aldo Mancuso (father)
Auburn Lodge # 1955, Auburn, WA. Niko has graduated from Auburn Mountainview High School and was enrolled in Green River College Running Start Program. He plans to attain a business degree at Central Washington University.

JOEL THOMAS MYERS



Sponsor: Mary Ressa (mother)
American-Italian Club Lodge # 2172 Spokane, WA. Joel is currently a student at the University of Arizona. He is working on a double major in Business Management and Management Information Systems. In addition, he is pursuing a certificate in Sports Management

MARIO PIETRO TURCO



Sponsor: Michael Turco (father)
Tacoma Lodge #1175, Tacoma, WA. Mario has graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory High School. He plans to study engineering at Villanova University.



Congratulations!

Dani and I want to Congratulate Past President of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest, Tony Bisceglia Anderson on his election as Fifth Vice-president of the Supreme Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

While this inclusion of a member from the GLNW is long overdue, and comes after years of representation by outstanding individuals, Tony's tenacity, volunteerism and work effort are what produced this great accomplishment.

Well done Tony, I know all the members of the GLNW look forward to helping you to accomplish your goals as a National Vice-president.

Jeff and Dani D'Amelio
Seattle Fedele 1390 members
Seattle Fedele Orator
GLNW Orator

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge # 1814, Aberdeen, WA

We are looking forward to our annual Lasagna "Drive-Up" Luncheon on Saturday, October 23rd between noon and 2 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Aberdeen, Washington. \$12 pre-sale tickets. For tickets please contact Mark Percini (360) 532-1983. We would like to share that the past president of our lodge Frank Wood passed away on June 10. We appreciate his service to the lodge.

"Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici – We cannot have a perfect life without friends."

-Dante

Nicole Evanson

Auburn Lodge #1955, Auburn, WA

The next Auburn Lodge meeting is has been moved one day due to school use of the Holy Family Church Hall. We will meet on Friday, September 10, 2021, doors open at 6:PM. I will send out advance notices. There is a potential of more COVID restrictions yet to be determined however we must be prepared to wear masks in accordance with the latest government requirement which will also be the church requirement.

As your reporter (Ronnie) this year I was writing about our events both past and approaching. This year many of those same events have been canceled or rescheduled for 2021 all due to the inability to meet in groups because of the COVID newly applied virus restrictions.

The Auburn Lodge had our first live meeting at the Holy Family Church Hall on June 10, 2021. The meeting was well attended. It was great to be able to see many of our member's faces again. We had open windows and doors and separated the seating best as possible.

The Auburn Sons and now Daughters of Italy Lodge #1955 was founded in 1947 by Italian immigrant railroad workers on the Northern Pacific Railroad. Today the lodge can celebrate over 200 members many are descendants of those very first founding members.

However now one of our members Tony Anderson has been elected a National Vice President in the National Lodge. The first time anyone from the Grand Lodge of the Northwest has ever held that high of a position in the National Order. In addition, Past GLNW State President Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf, who was the first immigrant woman State President in the OSDIA, was elected a National Trustee. These are high honors for the Auburn Lodge and for the Grand Lodge of the North-

west. Congratulations to both Tony and Rosetta you both earned and deserve your new positions.

Auburn Lodge Scholarship awards for 2021

Congratulations to the following six students who were recipients of scholarships from the Auburn Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarship Foundation in 2021.

They are as follows:

Ava Filiss, daughter of members George and Bianca Filiss. She is attending Brown University.

Niko Mancuso, a member of the Auburn Lodge, is attending Green River College. (son of member Aldo Mancuso and grandson of Maris Mancuso)

Isabella Bowen, daughter of member Kim Ficele-Bowen. She is attending Western Washington University.

Skyler Muir-Mendoza, grandson of Antonetta Muir. He is attending the University of Arizona.

Carter Mendoza, grandson of Antonetta Muir. He is attending Mesa Community College.

Macie Chicketti, granddaughter of John and Shirley Chicketti. She will be taking vocational training at the Evergreen Beauty College in Renton WA.

Congratulations to all the students on their awards and best wishes for success in their studies.

The 56th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade is still on the books to take place on November Saturday, November 6, 2021. Ronnie Beyersdorf will be the contact point for people wishing to march with the Auburn Sons of Italy Unit which has been registered with the City of Auburn. As usual, we plan to be able to have a luncheon for the marchers following the parade at the Multi-Purpose Bldg. in Les Gove Park. This will depend on the City of Auburn restrictions due to the COVID virus. The City of Auburn has not provided any COVID virus parade modification instructions at this time. So the parade is still a go. I will notify the entire organization of the outcome of the City of Auburn rulings on how the celebration will be conducted. Our veterans deserve to be honored and be safe at the same time.

The Auburn Sons of Italy lodge banner will be hung on Main street and this will take place in the middle of September.

Have a great happy and healthy end of summer and start of fall.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, Lodge Secretary, and reporter.
206-478-3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com

Bella Vita Lodge #2285, Olympia WA

What a busy end-of-summer Bella Vita Lodge has had! We have our fingers crossed and are looking forward to an in-person meeting at our VFW lodge on September 2nd - our first since early 2020.

Our chef, Tony Giannotti, will prepare lasagna (plus he'll share his family recipe) for all to enjoy. Tony and his family graced us all with a "traveling feast" on Saturday, August 14th after our club's summer picnic was canceled due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. And what a feast it was! Tony, with his wife and mother, teamed up to cook and deliver to each of us their family ragu sauce with rigatoni, homemade bread, and Buccellato- sweet



anise and citrus-flavored treat from Lucca. Tony's message: "It means a great deal to us to be a part of the Bella Vita famiglia, and we want to do something special to

raise everyone's spirits during this nasty virus. We hope this serves as a token of love from our family to yours." Tony shares much of his home cooking on social media so for more good recipes and ideas look up his alter-ego 'The Nommist' on Facebook and Instagram.

For those of you interested in buying more pies – YES, we're having an autumn Remlinger Pie Fun-Raiser Event. We are adding strawberry rhubarb to the previous choices of cherry, apple, or Marion blackberry. Further details such as pricing and how to order will be in next month's issue so start planning now. The pies will be available in early November, just in time for Veteran's Day and all your holiday gatherings. Every day is a good day for pie!!

Bella Vita is so blessed to have our member Tony Anderson elected as our National 5th Vice President at the National Convention in August. He is the first to reach this level from our Grand Lodge and we are so happy for him – Congratulations Tony! He has served Bella Vita well in so many capacities and has worked hard at all levels for OSDIA. Tony was recently hospitalized for a week for the delta variant of COVID-19, despite being fully vaccinated, and is gradually regaining his strength. Tony says, "I'm grateful to all who pulled and prayed for me and I encourage those who aren't vaccinated to consider other people who may be at risk. Please everyone, wear your masks!" All of us at Bella Vita send prayers and good wishes for good health to Tony. We also send prayers and fraternal love to Jerry Patton who continues to have health challenges and is unable to attend our meetings.

We are sad to report that two of our longest and most loyal members of Bella Vita are moving to Des Moines, WA, to be closer to their families. We will all miss Jon and Genny Powell. They both contributed so much to our club over the past 30 years, serving as officers, on committees, and stepping in to fill many needs. Genny always said a prayer, in Italian, before the opening and

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
6111 N. Market Street
Spokane, WA 99208
509-487-8552

Judy Anselmo, President

(509-496-0031/judy_Vandyke@hotmail.com)

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

maryjanerogers80@gmail.com

closing of our meetings and Jon was Master of Ceremonies, saying grace before dinner commenced. Jon was also dedicated to raising money for the food bank at St. Michael's in Olympia and always encouraged us to share our abundance. A farewell picnic was planned at the end of July but had to be canceled due to the rise



in COVID-19 in the area. Fortunately, we were able to devote our August 5th Zoom meeting to celebrate them and to share our memories. We are happy that Jon and Genny will attend our Zoom meetings when they can and will try to visit from time to time. Many of our members enjoyed reading and discussing the book *War is Just Another Day*, which Jon and Genny co-wrote. It is a wonderful memoir of Genny's childhood in war-torn Italy and is available in English and now in Italian versions on Amazon.com.

Reminder: October 16 is the Hood to Coast Relay race and we are once again supporting the participants by staffing checkpoints and assisting the athletes as needed. We will be in the Hoquiam, Pacific Beach, and Seabrook areas. Please volunteer to help with this event. Contact our President Sophia at 760-333-7964 for more info. Ciao! Dianne Stefanini and Donna Cristofaro

Bellevue Lodge #2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

The Bellevue Lodge is ready to resume in-person meetings: our President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, signed a contract with the Bellevue Unity Church for meetings on the first Thursday of the month. But with the recent surge in COVID, we're being cautious. We don't want to put anyone's health at risk, so Mary has been diligently communicating with our Lodge members to get their input on whether they feel safe meeting in person or want to continue virtual meetings over zoom. The Lodge has decided that we would prefer to continue virtual meetings over zoom. I would like to commend Mary for her incredible leadership. Mary has worked so hard to keep the Lodge together, continue the great spirit of the Lodge, and ensure that we will be able to meet together again in person when it is safe. I would just like to say thank you to Mary.

Over the summer the Bellevue Lodge continued to meet over Zoom like last year, but just as social meetings, no rituals or business. This means we haven't started planning our Lodge's 45th Anniversary in October, but I am sure we'll be talking about that at our next meeting. Some Lodge news I have to share is that Laura Cosacchi spent 6 weeks in Florence this summer. And finally, Carmelo Ricciardelli turned 99 this year. He had a large birthday celebration surrounded by family. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept 2nd via Zoom.

Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood

National T-Shirts & Polo-Shirts for Sale.
Visit - sales@thetsmshop.com
or contact Tony Anderson at 253-677-9366
atony@harbornet.com

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 6:30 pm

VFW POST 318

2902 Martin Way E., Olympia, WA 98506

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 / bellavitalodge@gmail.com

**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,
Recording Secretary**

253-677-8420/shirleygarrison46@gmail.com



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

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Bellevue, WA 98008

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(425) 649-2250 / collectingroots@msn.com

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

Black Diamond Lodge #1809, Black Diamond, WA
 Black Diamond congratulates GLNW members Tony Anderson, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Joanne Marchese, Linda Anderson, Dot Whitney, and Gina Natucci for their recent and future contributions as officers at the National level of OSDIA.

The Coronavirus, resulting variants, extreme temperatures, and infiltration of smoke particulates continue to delay our in-person lodge meetings. Using utmost caution in these precarious conditions, our Board of Officers regretfully has canceled our August 23 picnic at Mud Mountain Dam Park. The Black Diamond Community Center is welcoming our return to onsite meetings as soon as we are ready. We are tentatively planning to resume in October if conditions are amenable. Remembering the fun experienced during our 2021 Christmas Caravan, several members are discussing a Cornucopia Caravan with basket raffles and other surprises. If you would like to join the Caravan or have us drive by your home, please contact our Recording Secretary (tommaso.cole@yahoo.com).

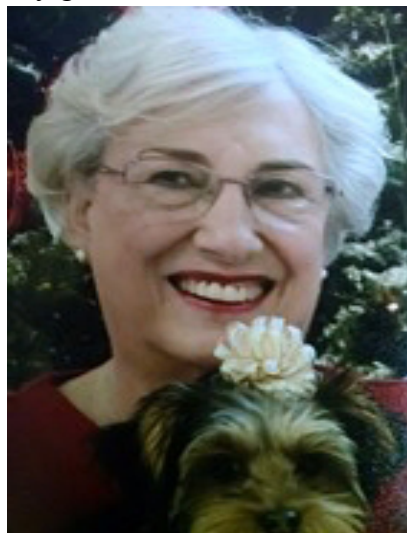
Harvey and Joan Woodruff have been members of Black Diamond Lodge since 1995, and we would like to introduce you to Joan's Italian heritage.

My great, great grandfather Andrew Verzani came from Barga, Italy (in the province of Luca in Tuscany, central Italy) where his family-owned and operated a marble quarry. He was born in 1819, the firstborn of seven children. He and his brother Francesco came to America in 1853 landing in New York. He entered into a marriage agreement with a French family to marry their oldest daughter but before the marriage happened, she eloped with another man. To honor the marriage agreement, my great, great grandfather married the next oldest daughter, Louise Mary. They married in 1857. My grandfather was 38 and Louise Mary was 17.

My great grandfather Andrew II was born in 1858 in New York. He was the oldest of ten children. After he

was born, the family journeyed from New York to Nebraska. They later moved to Elk Point, South Dakota where Andrew made an application for homesteading in 1867. In 1872 he received the fourth homestead granted by the Dakota Territory. While living in the Dakota Territory, Andrew II married Julia Post.

My grandmother, Norena Verzani Marek was born in



1885 and was the third of ten children. My grandmother, Norena came out west to Lewiston, Idaho when she was 15 to help take care of her sick grandmother. My grandfather James Marek followed my grandmother out to Idaho and they soon married in 1904. My grandmother was 16 and my grandfather

was 19 when they married. After my grandparents got married, my great-grandparents moved from South Dakota to Lewiston, Idaho as well. My great grandfather owned and operated a meat market in Lewiston. He died in 1917 and my grandmother Julia died in 1948. My grandparents James and Norena Verzani Marek bought a farm on the Webb Ridge in Lapwai, Idaho. There they farmed hay, wheat and raised cattle. They also raised a large garden in which to feed their nine children. My mother, Juanita Marek Sanford, was their sixth child.

I loved to help my grandmother make pasta. My twin brothers and I would eat the raw pasta when she put it on the drying rack. In an attempt to deter us from eating all her hard work, she would tell stories of giant balls of dough in our stomachs that would require a

**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

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**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

doctor to cut it out. It would usually scare us for a short period until our stomachs would get hungry on our next visit. I would also help make fresh pasta sauce from all the tomatoes grown in my grandparents' large garden. My grandmother would later can the sauce so the family could enjoy it all year.

Some of my fondest memories were the big family gatherings on Sunday after mass. All the aunts, uncles, and cousins would be there. After dinner the women would clean up and then the adults would play cards and the kids would play various games. It was a great time that provided memories for all the generations involved.

Because of our closeness as a family, Harvey and I feel like the Sons and Daughters of Italy are like our family. Harvey and I have been members of the Black Diamond Lodge #1809 for the past 25 years and we are looking forward to when we can meet again as a group.

Tyler Nordberg, our grandson was awarded a scholarship from our Black Diamond Lodge this year and we would like to thank the lodge for this scholarship.

Joan Verzani Woodruff
Lodge Financial Secretary

Cataldo Lodge #2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to everyone. Everything changes all of the time with the coronavirus still hanging around. It's a real up and down ride and everyone keeps asking "when is the total return to normal?" We hope that all of our fellow lodges are doing well and finding ways to cope with the changes.

Sadly we lost one of our dear and sweet Cataldo Lodge members, Marcia Giamonna. Marcia has been a member for several years after moving to the area to be closer to family members and grandchildren here in the Silverdale-Bremerton area and was a devout catholic. Marcia most recently served as Mistress of Ceremonies for our lodge. She passed away on August 2nd

from pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband Don; 17 days short of their 48th anniversary. She is also survived by son Jason Giammona and his wife Karen, also daughter, Stacy Ann Cogill, her husband Michael, and granddaughters Sofia and Lilly. All of us express our condolences to her family

On a lighter note, Cataldo Lodge held its annual picnic



at the Bremerton Elks Lodge with a smaller turnout than in past years. There were many folks from other lodges as well as our lodge, It was nice to see everyone once more after a long stretch. We had sanitizer stations set up and gloves at the ready. Steve Lebeda honored us with his super barbecue skills serving hamburgers, hot dogs, and Sal Damico's famous sausages. We also were treated to many of our great cooks and Italian and Filipino dishes. It was a feast to behold! It was also nice having children there once more and lots of games and activities for them. They even got to bid on raffle items themselves! We got to become acquainted with some new possible Sons and Daughters of Italy. Our raffle included lots and lots of items which we initially thought we may need to divide into two auctions. The spirits were high and everyone got involved and everything

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

sdamicojudydamico@msn.com

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

was raffled off to provide a good amount for our lodge donations. Everyone worked together for setup and take-down. It was a GREAT picnic!

We would like to also keep two other regular members in our prayers. Both Marilisa Herndon and JoAnn Zariemie are dealing with health issues at this time. Well-wishes can be sent to these lovely ladies and or their family members.

Birthday acknowledgments have fallen behind for me so I apologize to anyone who may have been overlooked. June Birthday's included Virginia Close, Michael Herndon, and JoAnn Zariemie. July's Birthdays include Tony Anderson, Nicole Davis, Marguerite Smart, Al Yanity, and was also Marcia Giammona's.

August's Birthdays included MaryAnn Freeman and Jackie Haberstock.

Un tardivo buon compleanno a tutti!
Diane Clementi

Cle Elum Lodge #1968, Cle Elum, WA

The 51st Annual Cle Elum Pioneer Days Celebration kicked off its mid-summer run on Saturday, June 26th with the crowning of the Queen, an award recognizing an Upper Kittitas County woman for demonstrating pioneering spirit and dedication to family and service to her community. This year's recipient, Rose Badda, though not an OSDIA member has shown to be a worthy Queen and joins a long list of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Cle Elum Lodge Members who were also Pioneer Days Queens. Member recipients include Leona Malcolm, 2016; Anita Pardini, 2013; Katy Kladnik, 2010; Fae Garbellotto, 2005; Daisy Butorac, 1991; Dorothy Roletto, 1990; and Verna Mattielli, 1987.

In addition to the Coronation of the Pioneer Days Queen is the crowning of the Mushroom Queen or King sponsored by the Cle Elum Lodge. This year's

recipient is Teanaway resident Caren Crosetto Reed with a Boletus entry of over 3 pounds. Queen Caren joins a long history of family members loyal to the Teanaway Valley Boletus edulis and the "secret" locations they grow. An additional and important event to follow up the crowning of the Pioneer Days Queen is the Pioneer Days Parade held this year on July 3rd. Mushroom Queen Caren, wearing her homemade crown, husband Chuck, and family gussied-up their restored Ford pickup for the drive down First Street in downtown Cle Elum. Check out "Cle Elum Pioneer Days Parade



2021" on YouTube to watch a fun video.

A little more about the Northern Kittitas County celebration:

Since the opening of the coal mines in the 1890s, people of many ethnic backgrounds have come to the Upper County.

In appreciation of the freedom and the opportunities they enjoyed here, these people were very patriotic and enthusiastically celebrated the 4th of July each year. This tradition has been carried down through the generations, to the present day. The original celebrations which were sponsored by the coal miners eventually evolved into the Logger's Festival, which ran from

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

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1962 through 1968. As a tribute to the many elderly pioneers in the community, the celebration was changed in 1969 to the Pioneer Days Celebration. It has been successfully carried out each year since that time. On the afternoon of June 26th, the Lodge held our annual Picnic at Cle Elum Firemen's Park next to the Yakima River. A good turnout of members and guests enjoyed hamburgers and kielbasa plus side dishes and cold drinks on a very hot day. Grillmaster Ron Dalle and helper Rich Grillo kept the meat coming while everyone attending enjoyed the good conversation and bocce play. The lodge is proud to announce that through the support of our community and membership we can award scholarships this year to three 2021 Cle Elum Roslyn High School graduates. Griffin Bator will be attending Perry Technical Institute in Yakima, Shayla Baiter will be attending Boise State University in Boise Idaho, and Emma Griffith will be attending Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Cle Elum Lodge is saddened to report the passing of two members this summer, William "Bill" Wargo and Patti Nicholson. Bill was born and raised in Cle Elum and joined the lodge in 2019. Patti was a lifetime resident of South Cle Elum and a longtime member of the lodge. Our sincere condolences to their families.

Buon Giorno, Respectfully submitted.

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Mille Cugini Lodge#2659, Marysville, WA

At the meeting in June, the membership welcomed Dave and Mary Caparelli as well as Sharon Heine, Grace McCoskey, and Dave Dellino as a guest. Sharon joined that evening. Grace McCoskey is Don Maile's daughter and Peter Maile's sister. Mary DeFilippo transferred from the Olympic Peninsula Lodge this month. During the meeting, the membership voted to change the regular meeting night to the third Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2021. Our Lodge picnic was held on Saturday, July 24 and what a marvelous picnic it was! Though many members were unable to join us because of unforeseen circumstances, those who were able to be there are most grateful to Cheryl Petruccelli for inviting us to her lovely home and for setting up. Thanks to Robert Gange for handling the barbecue and to the members for the array of condiments and desserts. Special thanks to God for the excellent weather. Please spread the news that beginning with our September meeting, we will meet on the third Friday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring their children. This is my final article. Paula Jacoby will be your reporter. Please let her know of any news you would like to share. It's been fun! Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Mary A. Dellino, marydellino7@gmail.com

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390, Seattle, WA

It's hard to believe summer is almost over. September is here, let's hope that all our children can attend real school classes this year. No more Zoom classes. Gino Marchese is out of the hospital and in a rehab center. He is working very hard to regain all of his mobility. The golf course is calling him. For all State Trustees, there will be an audit of the GLNW financial books on October 2nd at 10:00 A.M. at Rosetta Beyersdorf's home. Contact Dot Whitney for more information (206-527-3235).

September 5, 2021, the Parish annual Patroness celebration will be held at Mt. Virgin Church at 10.00. Get there early because I am sure the courtyard will be full as the Rosary will be said in 5 different languages. Ed Guinasso's brother Tom is in the hospital with a very serious case of COVID. Please be sure to keep Tom in your prayers.

For those of you who suffered a bout of COVID, following our Fava Bean Dinner in July we hope you are all doing much better.

Our members flooded heaven with prayers for all of you.

In July Johnny Vizzare announced that he is having a baby. Actually, I think his wife is having the baby but he is the proud papa. Best wishes to their family!

CONGRATULATIONS ! to our National Financial Secretary Tony Anderson. He was just elected National



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As many of you have read or heard from friends and neighbors, the Archdiocese of Seattle is planning on closing 5 Catholic Parishes; one is Our Lady of Mt. Virgin. We cannot let that happen. Mt. Virgin is our Italian Parish, it was built in 1911 and many of the church windows were donated by your families. Please attend the meetings regarding closing these parishes, write letters or emails to: father@mtvirgin.org and copy Executive Secretary: Angela.Kison@seattlearch.org. Our members Diana Sciola-Warczak and Therese Bianchi are very active in this cause. I am sure they will pass on any information they have regarding this matter.

The Grand Lodge Bocce Tournament will be held at Woodland Park Lawn Bowling and Bocce Club Facility on Saturday, September 11, 2021. The registration fee is \$100.00 per team. If you want to form a team contact Ronnie Beyersdorf ,206-478-3876 email Wb7tbg@aol.com. Be sure to check your email and phone messages regarding the date, time, and place of our September meeting. Until then stay safe and well. Ciao,

Diane Scillo, Reporter

Tacoma Lodge #1175, Tacoma, WA

We had quite the summer with record-breaking heat and plenty of sunshine! We hope you all enjoyed the long sunny days and yet were able to stay cool!

Our Lodge hasn't had any general meetings during the summer, however; the Board of Officers led by our President, David Madrid has been busy making plans for the fall. The Board met on July 8th and is planning our Italian banquet that will take place on October 9, 2021. The event is called "An Evening in Tuscany, Under the Tacoma Moon". The venue will be at the Boys and Girls Club in Tacoma which will be decorated in a Tuscan theme that everyone will absolutely love! This is thanks to our very creative and active decorating committee with Secretary, Grace Evert as our chairperson! The

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dinner menu will be over the top with fabulous Tuscan cream chicken, linguine and clams, roasted vegetables, salad, bread, antipasto, and a variety of desserts. There will be lots of wine for everyone! We will also have some great raffle prizes, including, overnight resort stays, restaurant gift certificates, etc. The Mary Marchese Band will also be performing that evening, so make sure you wear your favorite dancing shoes! The Banquet committee, consisting of Board members met again on July 29th to go over more details for the event. These details include antipasto, food, wine, beautiful decorations, and music. In the words of President, David Madrid; "this promises to be the event of the year!!"

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a beautiful Italian ring thanks to Trustee, Thomas Huff. Well, the ring is ready to view and will be available to purchase at our September dinner/meeting so watch for it.

Birthdays: We have several members, who have birthdays in August and September,

August: John Geatz, Susan Geatz, Rose Kirby, Fran Laudadio, Dorette Markham, Karen Martelli, Gail Messina, Ernie W. Reda, Pete Saluka, Clarke Thomson, Mike Turco

September: Lynda Garitone, Ron Grassi, Dolores Grisaffe, Leonard Laudadio, Deb Marchetti, Michael Marchetti, Janet McIntyre, Karen Trinnes. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Your dedicated Board members met on Thursday, August 19th at President David's home to prepare for the first meeting after the break so be prepared for a great member Lodge dinner/meeting in September!

The September dinner/meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at the Amvets Hall in Tacoma. Dinner will be a delicious "Braciolo" steak with pasta and salad! Social hour begins at 5:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone after the summer break!

Please join us!

Take care and see you all soon.

Ciao!

Tri-Città Lodge #2881, Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Città Lodge had their monthly meeting on June 29 at Bella Italia restaurant. Our final scholarship recipient Avery Palazzo was unable to attend our June meeting but will provide her short presentation at our July 27 meeting. Avery will be attending Grand Canyon University.

I also wanted to include a reminder for our upcoming Fall Pasta Dinner and raffle "A Taste of Italy". The event will be at the Richland Community Center on October 23, 2021.

The event will include a pasta dinner and dessert, music, a fantastic basket raffle, and fun for all. This year the dinner will be by reservation. The event is open to pur-

chase a table for \$160 (8 people per table) or individual tickets can be purchased for \$20 each. For those from other Lodges who would like to attend, please contact Al Pardini (alpllc@hotmail.com) and he can arrange to have you seated at a table. The deadline for reservations will be September 30.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Al Pardini and he can get your questions answered. The event will be from 4 pm to 7 pm. Please get your reservations in early. We are limited to 16 tables.

Our Lodge meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia restaurant, 7000 W. Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA.

Al Pardini

Vancouver USA Lodge #2690, Vancouver, WA

We want to welcome new members installed at our July meeting: **Eric Blair, Margaret Greene, and Dina Marie Rizzo**. So happy to have you join our group and look forward to getting to know you better

Any updates to this article will be sent out to our members by email.

Our next upcoming event will be our LABOR DAY PICNIC on Monday, September 6th starting at 11:00 a.m. at Lewisville Park in Battle Ground, Washington. The club will provide Italian sausage and hot dogs. We are asking everyone attending to bring either a side dish and/or dessert to share. Please bring your own beverages. If you have a comfortable chair, it would be good to include it. We will have our annual bocce tournament, white elephant bingo (bring a prize), and a pinata for the kids. Chairperson **Linda Cherney** passed around a sign-up sheet at our August meeting. Please RSVP to Linda if you plan to attend at (360)903-0227 or nonna4ERM@gmail.com so she can get a headcount.

Due to the picnic, there will be no regular meeting in September.

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Vancouver. The courts are behind the main building. We are trying to raise funds to update one of our courts. Any questions, contact **Paul Zanobelli** (360)521-5584.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB book selection for Monday, September 20th is *The Story of a New Name* by author Elena Ferrante. This is Book Two of the Neapolitan Novels. We have read Book One in the past. I will check with Barnes & Noble staff before our September meeting to see if they are scheduling group meetings and will let you know. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. 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 in the near future.

No White Elephant Bingo in September. Come join us to play bingo at the Labor Day Picnic.

Our Friendship Tea and Spaghetti Dinner has been postponed until Spring of 2022 due to the pandemic.

CLUB NEWS: It was good to see **Pam and Ed Bjore** at our last meeting. Also attending was **Louise Ramunno-Johnson's son, Dominic**, and family. We were able to meet her new grandson, Leo!! **Donna and Steve Covi** will be taking a wine tour in Sicily this September. Buon Compleanno to our September birthdays!!

Tante Grazie to everyone who attended Festa Italiana Portland and to all of you who have worked on and continue to help Festa continue in the Portland Metro Area. **Barbara Blair** would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the souvenir booth. She appreciates your help.

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Festa continues to seek sponsors and funds to help them move forward with future events. If you are interested in getting involved and supporting the Italian community, contact **Barbara Blair** for more information. They have non-profit tax status. For updates on their activities and free events go to <https://www.festa-italiana.org>. HATS FOR HEADSTART – **Liz Haught** and the group are still meeting to work on hats for the Columbia River Headstart Program this year. There is always an open invitation to meet with this group. Contact **Liz** at (360)673-1320, haughtde@yahoo.com for the most current meeting times. She and her group will walk you through the procedure. Be ready to submit your hats this October!!

Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (September 12th and 26th) 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** continues to recover from a few complications from her eye surgery. Corrective surgery is tentatively scheduled for October. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Please 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 September:

Monday, September 6th – Labor Day Picnic

Monday, September 20th – Book Club

A Pui Tardi!!

Barbara Blair

Yakima Lodge #2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge has taken July and August off for the summer but has remained in contact for several important topics.

Pete and Sari Fadich have graciously invited the Lodge to their home for a picnic and bocce games on Sunday, Sept 12th. There will be an email from Ama in the next week or so with information on location, and what to

bring so please watch your email. Having said that, I must add that with the air quality from the fires, and the Covid variant issues, this could change. So again, watch your email



Harmon Center is fully open and they called to say they are looking forward to our return this fall. They have posted a requirement for masks to be worn by everyone starting Mon, Aug 23 until further notice, as requested by Governor Inslee.



There has been a move to have the statue of Christopher Columbus removed from in front of the Walla Walla courthouse. This effort was started just before the Covid-19 shut down and included demonstra-

tions and vandalism to the statue. There were no public commission meetings during that time so the request was tabled. There was a recent renewal of meetings and the request again came forward. With the Covid Variant becoming a concern the meeting for this month has been



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delayed. There has been a request for public opinion comments to be sent to the commissioner. The Statue was paid for and erected by Italian emigrants and bears the names of those emigrants who have descendants throughout the state. Our Yakima lodge has at least 5 members whose family names are on the statue. Any-one wishing to express their opinions regarding the statue can send them to:

The Walla Walla County Commissioners
 P.O Box 1506, Walla Walla WA 99362 Or call (509)524-2505 Email at wwcocommissioners@co.Walla-Walla.wa.us.

The next Yakima lodge meeting would normally be Thursday, Sept 16th at the Harmon Center at 6:30 PM, as well as, the picnic at the Fadish home on Sept 12th. Ama will send an email once the ability to have those events is determined. Again the Covid situation and air quality will influence the decision. Please watch your email and stay safe. It will be so good to be back together again, masks or no masks!

You are all loved and missed!

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanne Fasano



**Grand Lodge of the Northwest
 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America**

Date: Open Bocce Tournament, Saturday, September 11, 2021

**Location: Woodland Park Lawn Bowling & Bocce Club Facility
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Menu: Sausage and peppers, pasta and potato salad, food prepared by Chef, Douglas Chlechl 1st VP GLNW

Prizes: Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes.

Format: 1st Round play – Round- Robin format (each team plays a minimum of 3 games)

2nd Round Play – Single Elimination

Time 8:00 AM Check In

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Saturday, October 23, 4-7 pm

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Annual Pasta Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, October 23

Amerigo Vespucci #1814
Lasagna Luncheon
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Saturday, October 30

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