

**MINUTES OF THE 46th BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION
ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY GRAND LODGE OF THE
NORTHWEST
Lynnwood, WA
MAY 16-18, 2025**

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest, Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America's Biennial State Convention, convened May 16-18, 2025, at the Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA was called to order on May 16 at 10:00am.

The presentation of colors was conducted.

Father Magnano provided the invocation.

State President – Linda Buccini Anderson

State President Linda Buccini Anderson welcomed all the delegates to the convention. She would like to see that the convention runs with the four f's being followed. Fraternal, Fair, Flexible and Fun. She added a fifth "F" which is Family. If all are followed, the convention will move forward in a very positive and productive way.

President Linda brought forward the FOTO presentation of Gianna Marchese's video as well as explained what FOTO (Future of the Order) meant and who our upcoming FOTO representative is this year, Desiree Seghetti-Sulpizio of the American Italian Club.

State Recording Secretary – Gina Natucci

The credentials presented at the time of the roll call are 69 members. Officers and Delegates in attendance are listed on the attached Roll Call Roster.

A motion made by National 4th VP Tony Bisceglia Anderson and seconded by Joe Chicano to approve the 2023 Convention minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

National 4th Vice President – Tony Bisceglia Anderson's report attached. He also reported that 18 scholarships were present at NELA. He is the advisor to the National Charities committee as well as the advisor to the Honors and Awards committee. At the National Convention, they will present an award to Lynn Lawrence Murphy and Frank Pinessa (sp). The Marconi award will be presented to the Ambassador from Italy to the US. He also reported that National 1st VP, Thom Lupo will be the next National President.

STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mary Jane Fascia Rogers and Janet Rosi Fritz's reports are attached. Cataldo President Bill Habersstock asked where the transfer that was reported in the budget go to. The answer that was told to the membership was the money went to the checking account.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson suggested that the stipend for Grand Lodge Officers be increased from \$400 to \$500.

John Intravartolo asked what the variance was and if the lack of income was because of the membership drop.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson explained that the budget can be voted on.

Bill Haberstock asked if the membership approves the budget, when will the per capita and insurance increase. January 2026

Patrick Jacoby asked if the \$400 was for the convention costs. Yes.

American Italian Club President Kim Asay let everyone know that the storage cost is on the old budget but not the new one. Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that the storage unit is going to be gone. Kim Asay also reported that the scholarship is on the new budget but not the old budget.

Vancouver President Linda Gibson asked why the storage cost is going under administration costs. It was answered that this is where it fit.

Bill Haberstock reported that it seems there are wrong numbers for income and per capita. Also the scholarship income has to be corrected. Janet Fritz reported that they will make the correction and send it to the membership to be voted on.

Laura Salle from Seattle Fedele asked why the numbers are not matching up even if they are multiplied by 12 months. The financial people answered that the number has to be for 2 years.

Mary Jane Fascia Rogers reported that they will re-present the budget under new business after fixing some numbers.

Linda Cherney from Vancouver lodge asked if she goes back to her membership and ask them for more money since this passed. It was reported that Vancouver lodge is in an unusual circumstance.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that him and Jeff D'Amelio have a new presentation so Linda Gibson will understand.

Janet Malvesti Cole Black Diamond Lodge President reported that her lodge opted to absorb the increase for the 2024/2025 renewal and will have to discuss increasing their dues for the next membership renewal. As of now it is off the table, but it may change for 2026.

Amber Dahl from Bella Vita asked if there was a mistake on the numbers under the scholarship line. That will be taken care of before New Business.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that the Grand Lodge hasn't had a per capita increase since 1991. The Grand Lodge cannot bear this responsibility anymore. Him and Jeff D'Amelio have a presentation.

Jeff D'Amelio asked when the Grand Lodge will increase the per capita. Tony Anderson reported that National is recommending increasing the cost 4th quarter of 2025.

1st National VP Thom Lupo reported that the National organizations budget goes from Oct 1 to Sept 30.

Tony Anderson reported that the National Convention is in August 2025. Antionette and Rosetta retired from the Grand Lodges Crab Feed. A new place/lodge is needed to take over this annual dinner. The lodge that helps would split the proceeds with the Grand Lodge.

Jeff D'Amelio reported that the major word in fundraising is FUN.

BREAK FOR LUNCH 11:40AM – 1:30PM

Roll Call was taken.

Election Rules – Jeff D'Amelio reported that there would be nominations from the floor as it was before covid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities – Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that when the oath is taken to become a member of OSDIA, it is stated that support of the National Charities is paramount. A partial video was shown with the rest at the end of the convention.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson presented Bill Haberstock with a plaque of a Cannoli calling him the Cannoli King.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A Roll Call prior to election voting showed 69 eligible delegates. During the convention it was stated there were 70 delegates, however, one person was counted twice. Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that this election was a plurality vote. Voting only for one person rather than three.

STATE PRESIDENT 2025-2027:

State President – Leonard Folino - A unanimous ballot was cast.

VICE PRESIDENT 2025-2027:

1st Brock Ricci
2nd Judy Anselmo
3rd Bill Haberstock

4th Doug Chiechi

State Orator – Jeff D’Amelio – A unanimous ballot was cast

State Recording Secretary – Gina Marie Natucci - A unanimous ballot was cast.

State Financial Secretary – Mary Jane Fascia Rogers - A unanimous ballot was cast.

State Treasurer – Janet Fritz - A unanimous ballot was cast.

State Trustees – Debbie Sonstelie, Jackie Habershtock, Kathi Butorac, John Intravartolo

Director of Publications – Danny Volpone – A unanimous ballot was cast.

National Delegate – Mary Jane Rogers, Janet Fritz, Gina Natucci, Linda Anderson and Christine Gerling ran for three positions. The outcome was Mary Jane Rogers, Janet Rosi Fritz, Linda Anderson were elected as delegates.

Motion to destroy the ballots. Unanimously approved. Ballots destroyed.

Thank you to Dani and Jeff D’Amelio for handling the elections.

Tony Bisceglia Anderson reported that he has National Charities Coins for sale and also the “share the wealth” board. There will be 3 \$250 drawings.

Trustee Report – The Audit was performed, and all was correct and accounted for.

Motion was made by Lenny Folino to approve the audit; Doug Chiechi seconded it. All in favor and motion carried.

Jeff D’Amelio presented a video from Gianna Marchese with regard to FOTO.

American Italian Club president Kim Asay reported that there are trivets for all of the lodge presidents from Ansano Giuntini.

Break out committees at 3:20pm.

Adjourned for the day at 5:00pm.

Reconvened 5/17/25 at 9:00am.

MEMORIAL – Tony Bisceglia Anderson

The names of deceased members were read as each lodge president put a carnation flower in a vase. A grand lodge officer put a US Flag in a vase to acknowledge the Veteran’s.

President Linda Buccini Anderson reconvened the convention at 10am and the election process as two people were nominated to run for the last trustee position.

Roll Call Delegates in attendance are 68. Amber Dahl, delegate for Bella Vita, came in late. Delegates at the convention are now 69.

Elections –

2 more people were running for trustee. Gail Messina and Christine Gerling.

Gail Messina was elected as the 5th trustee.

Outgoing Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson gave a big congratulations to Patrick Jacoby for his years of service and to all the outgoing officers and congratulations to the newly elected Grand lodge officers.

Break out committee reports –

Budget & Finance – Mary Jane Fascia Rogers and Janet Rosi Fritz reported that all of their action items were done.

NWIN – Patrick Jacoby reported that the committee agreed to break the job up into three pieces, Marketing, publisher and website. He reported that the patron drive really helped and they increased the income. It was also reported that the stipend for the publisher needs to increase. He asked for a motion to be made; the council said they would take it into consideration.

Membership – Brock Ricci and Judy Anselmo suggested on keeping the membership going. The website offers membership resources such as developing relationships. When someone in a lodge takes an interest in someone new, it gives the new member a thought that they are part of a family. Also, keep the new members involved in the lodge. There are no benefits to being an “at-large member”. Kim Asay suggested having a “jr” membership and that the grand lodge doesn’t have one. President Linda reported that by participating in festivals and having membership booths such as San Gennaro/ Seattle Festival is a huge benefit to building membership.

Fundraising – Janice Malvesti Cole reported that anyone can do a random drawing and have virtual tickets. First thing one has to consider is what is the ultimate goal of the event. The Black Diamond Lodge made over \$650 on their dessert raffle. Their lodge did many different fundraisers.

Charities – Jackie Haberstock and Kathi Butorac reported that they will be looking for more fundraisers to do. They will ask each lodge to put little wine jugs to collect change for the support of the National Charities. It was suggested that the Grand Lodge picks one to focus on. Possibly t-shirts since they are always welcome.

Limoncello Contest - 1st place (#9) – Christina Ryser of Seattle Fedele Lodge with the cream limoncello

2nd place (#4) – Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf

3rd place (#2) – Linda Gibson

\$310 was raised to go to our National Charity Help Our Military Heros

State President Linda reported that she enjoyed the Hospitality Room and thanked everyone that came and put the work in to make it a success.

SCHOLARSHIP – 2ND VP Lenny Folino reported that the committee has winners. There were 13 applicants, but the committee chose 5 to interview. After the interviews, the

committee chose 2. They closed the scholarship process but found some extra money. They opened it back up to choose Joey Beyersdorf.

Winners:

Natalie Barrett – Is pursuing her master's degree

Siera Asay – Pursuing a degree in Wine Studies

Joey Beyersdorf – Wants to be a sports broadcaster

The committee consisted of Bill Habershtock, Mike Butorac, Francesco Ortenzo and Lenny Folino.

Mike Cherney from Vancouver asked if there were specific qualifications to be on the Scholarship committee. It was answered that all that is expected is to read essays, and grade them via a rubric that was created and of course membership in OSDIA.

Tony Anderson reported that Jim Vettori created a scholarship at the National level. He created the Sylvio and Gena Vettori Scholarship with \$100,000. Tony Anderson presented the Grand Lodge with a \$10,000 check to be deposited into the scholarship account.

Jim Vettori also wanted Tony to present Bella Vita with a check that will help with convention costs and for future convention costs.

Membership Management Presentation – President Linda reported that 2 lodges closed. We can use the membership resources on the grand lodge website. Everyone needs to work together to make the lodge work and be successful. Everyone needs to step up and do the work.

President Linda spoke on 4 specific issues.

1. **LODGE VS SOCAIL CLUB:** Since Covid very little is asked of members or expected. There is a need to get new members/and current members fill out a "getting to know you form which clearly says "we are a community". We are all volunteers. This means we all need help to make the lodge fun, interesting and successful. To do this we need your help etc and list the committees they can get connected to. (This is where the Ambassador/welcome committee is beneficial).
2. **SAME FEW PEOPLE DOING ALL THE WORK:** Again, having active committees where all members are asked to be a part of at least one. This helps to spread the work and help members see what it takes to make a lodge successful. The same people rotate officer positions. All current lodge officers need to start looking for their replacements even if they plan to run again. We can't continue at the last-minute placing members into officers' positions without any preparation. Current officers, start mentoring your replacement now. This means utilizing the "getting to know you" form. Finding someone who might be willing to learn their job-by going over the job description, have them shadow you, practice doing the job, attend board meetings and know when election day happens, they will be prepared and know that you will be there to help them.
MENTOR/MENTEE program established by the National Leadership Committee was discussed and a flyer was distributed to all delegates. This program is open

to all members at all levels of involvement-considering being a lodge officer/grand lodge officer/national officer as well as mentoring for future committee chairs. The links are Mentee- <https://wkf.ms/30ccTFQ> Mentor- <https://wkf.ms/30Kimu0> Please contact me if you have any questions: Linda Anderson linda@glnw.org

3. NEED IDEAS/ACTIVITIES TOO STRENGTHEN MEETING/MEMBERSHIP:

During many lodge meetings- some type of activity needs to be planned (a committee can be in charge) that is Italian focus, fun, interesting, interactive etc examples: demo how to make cannoli; gnocchi; members trip to Italy, speaker, Italian game i.e. scopa, Italian bingo, limoncello contest etc. This helps to bring interest to the meeting, help bring younger members, encourages new and potential members to come back and check out the next meeting

4. AGING MEMBERSHIP: by bringing more fun, more Italian, more connection to your lodge-members will get more involved and take on the roles of older members. Getting more activities that bring awareness to the Sons and Daughters of Italy brings future members to your lodge. Family focus to meetings - Make it so younger families with children want to come with their children. The kids have something to do (committee responsible) the more kids like coming more likely younger families will attend. Building those positive memories as a child coming to meeting, helping out, going to events... helps to build your future.

John Intravartolo commented that it is best to be involved.

Tony Anderson made a plug for the National Coins and the Rainier Tickets.

Michael Cherney commented that Frank Pallandrini will do a presentation of a historical figure to their lodge in Vancouver.

Kim Asay commented that in every town or close to it, should be a family history center by the LDS church.

The meeting was recessed at 11:41AM.

Meeting reconvened 5/17/25 1:30PM

STATE PRESIDENT:

President Linda reported that not everyone's date they joined is in Imembers. Please check your date. Doug Chiechi asked how you find out someone's date they joined. The answer was asking the lodge.

Patrick Jacoby also has records of when a member joined OSDIA.

President Linda asked National 1st VP Thom Lupo to come forward. He spoke about AI helping all recording secretaries in the different lodges and in the Grand Lodge. Everyone can benefit from AI. But review all the information before sending it out because there can be mistakes.

Everyone watched a Charities Video featuring charities that the National Lodge supports: Cooley's Anemia, Doug Flutie Jr and Alzheimer's Research.

Linda Cherney from Vancouver asked if the videos were on the Grand Lodge website. Tony Anderson reported that the Grand Lodge of the Northwest is the first to see the videos and PowerPoints.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Linda asked for a motion to be made to accept all the new members that have joined since the last convention. The motion was made by Tony Anderson, seconded by Linda Gibson. All in favor, motion passed.

It was reported that the insurance increase would be due in June 2025. The new budget with the corrected numbers was presented. Bill Haberstock asked when they would get a bill. The answer was Jan 2026.

The new budget with the corrected numbers was presented. Tony Anderson made the motion to accept the new budget with the corrected numbers. Kameron Covall seconded the motion. Discussion happened. Brock Ricci asked the financial folks to point out the changes. They reported that the changes were on some numbers (reported above) (insurance income, scholarship income, GLNW convention)

Francesco Ortenzo reported that he had two questions, the first was why/how the financial officers came up with the numbers for the state officers. The financial officers answered that it was for two years not one.

Janet Fritz, a financial officer, reported that President Linda has been very conservative with her expenses.

President Linda reported that the president's budget helps others without all the means that someone else has.

Dr. Dan Shelton from Black Diamond asked how the monies from the reserve get replenished/replaced. Tony Anderson reported that they just had a per capita increase plus there is fundraising.

The vote was taken to accept the budget. 67 yays and 2 nays. Motion passed.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Charities:

Donations to National Charities:

Dr. John Intravartolo	\$100
American Italian	\$50
Amerigo Vespucci	\$100
Auburn	\$200
Bella Vita	\$100
Bellevue	\$500
Black Diamond	\$75
Cataldo	\$400
Cle Elum	\$100
Mille Cugini	\$500
Seattle Fedele	\$500
Tacoma	\$550
Vancouver	\$100
Mary Jane Fascia Rogers	\$50
Bill & Jackie Habershtock	\$100

Limoncello fundraiser \$310 (specifically for Help Our Military Heros)

Marlene Palazzo presented Lenny Folino with a three-headed Lion plaque for becoming the new Grand Lodge President. Lenny thanked everyone for electing him.

President Linda gave a farewell gift to her Grand Lodge Officers and to all of the Lodge Presidents.

National 1st VP Thom Lupo gave \$500 to the scholarship fund.

Seattle Fedele President Mike Croce reported that Seattle Lodge is 100 years old in November 2025. Come join the fun. More info to follow.

Kathi Butorac reported that their lodge (Cle Elum) is having a Bocce Tournament Aug 2nd.

Sal Cascone reported that May 31st the Auburn Bocce Club is having their tournament in Auburn.

John Caputo reported that this year the Festa Italiana is Sept 3. He also reported that 10 kids from Spokane go to Cagli Italy and 10 from Cagli go to Spokane. They will attend the Festa.

Closing Prayer by Grand Lodge 1st VP Brock Ricci
Convention adjourned at 2:57pm.

Rosellini Award Winners – At the evening banquet, after the installation of new Grand Lodge Officers, the Rosellini Award was given to Bill and Jackie Habershtock and Dan

and Dot Chicketti for the years of service and the work that they have done for The Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina M. Natucci, M.Ed.
OSDIA GLNW State Recording Secretary

STATE OFFICERS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CREDENTIALS	16-May-25	17-May-25
STATE PRESIDENT	LINDA	BUCCINI ANDERSON	1	1	1
STATE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	BROCK	RICCI	1	1	1
STATE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LEONARD	FOLINO	1	1	1
STATE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT	BARBARA	BLAIR		in honor of	in honor of
STATE 4TH VICE PRESIDENT	JUDY	ANSELMO	1	1	1
IMMED. PAST STATE PRESIDENT	ROSETTA	STELLA BEYERSDORF	1	1	1
STATE ORATOR	DAN	CHICKETTI	1	1	1
STATE RECORDING SECRETARY	GINA	NATUCCI	1	1	1
STATE FINANCIAL SECRETARY	MARY JANE	FASCIA ROGERS	1	1	1
STATE TREASURER	JANET	ROSI FRITZ	1	1	1
STATE TRUSTEE	DOROTHY	MIORI WHITNEY	1	1	1
STATE TRUSTEE	JACKIE	PALMIERI HABERSTOCK	1	1	1
STATE TRUSTEE	DEBBIE	SONSTELI	1	1	1
STATE TRUSTEE	KATHI	BUTORAC	1	1	1
STATE TRUSTEE	MARCEL	BERGERON			
STATE DIR.	PATRICK	JACOBY	1	1	1

PUBLICATIONS					
STATE PAST PRESIDENT	DIANE	SCILLO	1	1	1
4th National VP	Tony	Bisceglia Anderson	1	1	1
LODGE PRESIDENTS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME			
AMERICAN ITALIAN	Kim	Asay	1	1	1
AMERIGO VESPUCCI	Joe	Chicano	1	1	1
AUBURN	John	Partridge	1	1	1
BELLA VITA	Aaron	Smith	1	1	1
BELLEVUE	Greg	Osgood	1	1	1
BLACK DIAMOND	Janice	Malvesti Cole	1	1	1
CATALDO	William	Haberstock	1	1	1
CLE ELUM	Mike	Butorac	1	1	1
MILLE CUGINI (representing)	Nate	Pioli	1	1	1
SEATTLE FEDELE	Mike	Croce	1	1	1
TACOMA (representing)	Jim	Zink	1	1	1
TRE CITTÁ (representing)	John	Intravartolo representing	1	1	1
VANCOUVER USA	Linda	Gibson	1	1	1
			29		
LODGE NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CREDENTIAL S	16-May-25	
American Italian	Gary	Bartole	1	1	1
American Italian	John	Caputo	1	1	1
Amerigo Vespucci	Abigail	Covall	1	1	1
Amerigo Vespucci	Kameron	Covall	1	1	1
Auburn	SALVATORE	CASCONE	1	1	1
Auburn	Barbara	DeCaro	1	1	1
Auburn	Lina	Gagnon	1	1	1
Auburn	John	Intravartolo			
Auburn	Sharon	Lufkin	1	1	1
Auburn	David	Manning	1	1	1
Auburn	Antoinette	Muir	1	1	1
Auburn	Francesco	Ortenzo	1	1	1
Auburn	Shirlee	Partridge	1	1	1
Bella Vita	Amber	Dahl	1	1	1

Bellevue	Michael	Brewer	1	1	1
Bellevue	Tessa	Floreano	1	1	1
Black Diamond	Thomas	Cole	1	1	1
Black Diamond	Lisa	Shelton	1	1	1
	Dan	Shelton	1	1	1
Cataldo	Steve	Haberstock	1	1	1
Cataldo	Vickie	Hartson	1	1	1
Cle Elum	Doug	Chiechi	1	1	1
	Tony	Marinich	1	1	1
Mille Cugini	PAULA	JACOBY	1	1	1
Mille Cugini	Cheryl	Petrucelli	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele					
Seattle Fedele	FLORENCE	CARLSEN	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	Jeff	D'amelio	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	STEVE	FONTANA	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	CHRISTINA	GERLING	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	LAURA	SALLE	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	Joanne	Spino Marchese	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	Danny	Volpone	1	1	1
Seattle Fedele	Elaine	Volpone	1	1	1
Tacoma	Judi	Bambini	1	1	1
Tacoma	Denise	Carr	1	1	1
Tacoma	Christi	Carr	1	1	1
Tacoma	EGIDIO	FUOCO	1	1	1
Tacoma	Gail	Messina	1	1	1
Tacoma	NICK	SANTELLI	1	1	1
Tacoma	JANICE	CIMINO STAUFFER			
Vancouver USA	Michael	Cherney	1	1	1
Vancouver USA	Linda	Cherney	1	1	1
			69 total delegates	69	69

OSDIA – GLNW
46th Biennial Convention
May 16th – 17th 2025
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Greeting 1st National Vice President Thom Lupo, 4th National Vice President Tony Bisceglia Anderson, National Trustee Rosetta Stela Beyersdorf, GLNW President Linda Buccini Anderson- Grand Lodge Officers, Lodge Presidents, Delegates and Guests.

As 2nd State Vice President I was able to attend both the San Gennaro festival and Portland Festa. My other responsibilities include

1. The Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee.

This year we recieved 13 applications to the GLNW Scholarship program when in a normal year we would receive maybe 5-6 applications with the previous high I believe was eight (8). While performing an audit it was discovered that there was more money in the scholarship fund than previously thought so it allowed us to award three scholarships of \$1,500.00 each instead of our normal two.

The 2025 GLNW scholarship awardees are:

Natalie Barrett – She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in biology, society and environment and a minor in Public Health. After graduation she went to work for the University of Minnesota as a researcher evaluating new training methods for Nursing home and Assisted Living Facility staff providing LGBTQ+ sensitive care. Natalie will be earning her master's in public health at Lund University in Sweden.

Sierra Asay - She is attending Central Washinton University majoring in Wine Studies with plans to start her own winery and become an industry leader. She aspires to have industry

leaders come together to work on improving methods that will ensure a sustainable and improved wine industry.

Joey Beyersdorf - He is graduating from Auburn High School. He has played basketball, soccer, golf and now baseball for Auburn High School. He would like to pursue a career in broadcasting with a degree from the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at WSU with the goal of becoming a sports broadcaster for ESPN.

Thank you to the committee members Bill Haberstock, Francesco Ortenzo and Mike Butorac.

2. The Grand Lodge Raffle.

This year we corrected the mistakes with last year's raffle ticket, eliminating some of the print to give it a cleaner appearance. Thank you, Patrick Jacoby, for doing all the rework and printing the tickets.

The price is still \$20.00 dollars per ticket. All winning tickets are redeposited daily so there is more than one chance to win. The Raffle is held every day. Prizes are: Monday – Friday \$25.00 dollars, Saturday \$50.00 dollars, and Sunday \$100.00 dollars.

Fraternally Yours,

Lenny Folino

GLNW 2nd Vice President



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Janice Malvesti-Cole

President

Linda Pinto Osborne

Vice President

Dr. Marlene Palazzo **Immediate Past**

President Past GLNW National Trustee

Joan Verzani Woodruff

Orator

Leonard Folino

GLNW 2nd Vice President

Recording Secretary

Past President

Janet Young

Financial Secretary

Tom Cole

Treasurer

Maddalena Costanzo

Trustee

Janet Furlan Henkel

Trustee

Salvatore Spirito

Trustee

Mary Ann Fondi Webb

Trustee

Harvey Woodruff

Trustee

Barbara Cloud

Mistress of Ceremonies

David Savant Hamrick

Master of Ceremonies

Darrell Vacca

Sentinel

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Raunig

Dr. Dan Shelton Lisa Guerrini

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Monsignore Marco Daniele
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**Order Sons & Daughters of Italy
in America BLACK DIAMOND LODGE
1809**



**Member of the Grand Lodge of the
Northwest**

May 16, 2025

Honorable Local, State and National
OSDIA Leaders

Greetings to all. I am excited to serve the members of the Black Diamond lodge as their President for the fourth year in a row. Unfortunately, Tom and I were not able to attend the 2024 Fall Council as we were out of town.

During our membership renewal process Black Diamond had three members decide not to renew. Unfortunately, each of these long-term members had a spouse who passed away in the last year and this is not a priority for them at this time.

The average member of our lodge is retired and more than half of them are “seniors”, making it difficult to hold a traditional Pasta Dinner fundraiser as they do not have the stamina they had a few years ago. We have had to be creative. Our last fundraiser was a photo with Santa at the

Black Diamond Community Center. Members made cookies and other baked goods to sell for a suggested donation; our event raised \$769.00.

Our lodge has always boasted the fact that many of our members do not live within the city of Black Diamond, but come from 17 different neighboring communities, including Seattle and Lincoln City, Oregon. We have seen the growth of Black Diamond and the ever-changing demographics with the addition of the 10 Trails Community. I hope to take part in some of their events so we can draw interest in the lodge.

We hope you will visit our tiny lodge for a meeting one day soon. I suggest visiting for October when we host a costume party, or December when we hold our annual ornament party.

Grazie,

Janice Malvesti-Cole
President, Black Diamond Sons of
Italy Lodge #1809 Founded in 1937

***“Dove c’è la forza, c’è sempre la
speranza”***

**Where there is strength, there is
always hope.**

GLNW CHARITIES REPOR
CONVENTION MAY2025

EMBASSEY SUITES- LYNWOOD, WA

Worthy National Officers, State President Linda Buccini Anderson, State Officers, Lodge officers, brothers and Sisters:

Kathy Butorac and I, Jackie Habersstock are the co-chairs of the charities committee since Barbara Blairs unfortunate passing. We'd like to acknowledge Barbara's long standing, significant and successful fundraising efforts. She was very involved with Portland's Italian Festival, Vancouver lodge and our Grand Lodge. She is sorely missed for her wealth of knowledge and contacts.

Since our last convention in 2023 our fundraising efforts included: Italian Christmas ornaments, handmade note cards, windsocks, See's candy and lastly our re-printing of the Grand lodge cookbook "The Soul of Italy".

We are looking forward to meeting and working with our new committee members at our upcoming convention. We are eager to hear their fundraising ideas. In the meantime this fall we will be starting a "Charity Jug" event at all lodges, details to follow.

In closing we welcome all fundraising ideas and appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Haberstock & Kathy Butorac

April 28, 2025

To: The Grand Lodge of the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy

Re: President's Report

Worthy National Officers, Grand Lodge President, Lodge Presidents, Deputies and Guests:

Since the last Grand Lodge Meeting the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge has been active with various activities.

On Saturday December 7, 2024 we enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner and silent auction. A wonderful time was had by all.

Our annual spaghetti dinner/bake sale/raffle and silent auction was held on Saturday March 1, 2025. It was well attended. The food was fantastic and it was a very memorable evening. Our crew of very dedicated members did an awesome job of presenting this event.

Our trustees conducted our yearly audit of the books in April and found everything to be in order.

We are happy to report that we will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a well deserving high school senior this year.

Our monthly meetings are always a fun and productive evening with a social time, a delicious dinner and a fun raffle.

We at Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #1814 are very fortunate to have an excellent group of dedicated officers and members who work very hard to continue the success of our lodge.

Sincerely,

Giuseppe Chiacchieri (Joe Chicano), President Amerigo Vespucci #1814

Date May 8th, 2025

To Linda Buccini Anderson, Grand Lodge President From John Partridge, Auburn
Lodge President
RE Spring Convention Report

Grand Lodge President, National Vice President, National Trustee, Lodge Presidents, Deputies and Guests,

Our Lodge has continued to focus on leadership development, iMembers implementation, membership growth, fundraising and community activities.

Leadership Development: Two key board members, Amy Barrett (Recording Secretary) and David

Manning (Vice President) have continued to make strides in their positions creating a foundation for the future of the board. All other positions remained stable. The board is unified and focused.

iMembers: The accuracy and usage of the iMembers program remained a focus in the management of our membership records and communication. This program could not have come at a more opportune time. As a team, we came together and embraced the chance to start fresh and get our records up to date around one transferrable system. By June 1st 2025, we plan to have all membership records up-to-date and the system accessible to all.

Membership Growth: The cleaning of membership records continued to be a focus through the second quarter 2025. Though it has not looked good on reports, gaining focus on active and paid members is

giving the lodge identity. In addition, we have initiated a number of new members. Our VP is to head up the direction of a Membership Committee and development of a new member packet. Finding way and giving opportunity for members to be involved is an ongoing focus.

Fundraising and Community Activities:

- In January, as a club we had our second annual Hockey Night to build relationships and enjoy time together.
- We sponsored our last GLNW annual crab feed dinner. It was a very successful event but labor- intensive event.
- Our scholarship program continues to thrive. This year we are giving away six \$700 awards to very deserving students.
- The Auburn community saw us march in the Annual Veterans Day parade and doing landscaping at the city cemetery during the Clean Sweep Auburn event.
- A week before convention, our major “FUNdraiser” took place – Annual Wine Tasting event.

Lodge members and the community gather for food, music and wine tasting. We will do a second event in the Fall.

Looking forward, we are planning to have a summer picnic in July and encourage other Italian sponsored activities in August. At the last board members meeting we challenged ourselves to create a vision for the next five to ten years. We want to consider how to stay relevant to future members and responsive to the social setting we provide. Our lodge is solid, committed and forward thinking.

John Partridge, Auburn Lodge President

Grand Council April 2024 President's Report

Bella Vita Lodge # 2285 Olympia, WA

Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson, National Vice President Tony Anderson, National Trustee, Grand Lodge Officers, Lodge Presidents, Deputies, and Guests,

Since our last report in October, Bella Vita has continued to focus on member enthusiasm & involvement and developing relationships between the older and younger generations. In June, we will initiate a new member, another 21 year old. As Cameron has visited the lodge several times, his decision to join was a direct result of his connection with our older members, Ludy & George. We believe this is a great opportunity: for the older to mentor & teach the younger and for the younger to encourage, respect, and help the older.

Bella Vita has recently formed several new committees. These committees continue our focus...

Our Agricultural / Farm Committee, led by Pam Daudet, was joined by young members Jacob & Gabby Smith who offered to help Pam on her farm. What an opportunity for them to learn from her and for her to get some help. We will also enjoy being able to purchase her vegetables, jams, & honey.

Our new Wine Committee met in April and again, it was a multigenerational meeting. Members ages 21-80+ enjoying a meal and wine and just talking and getting to know one another better. We are encouraging members to get together outside the lodge. When we know each other well & know each other's needs, we can really be there for one another!

We continue to meet at the McClane Grange on the 1st Thursday of each month from September to June. We enjoy good food, wine, & good company! We've also incorporated

music & even some dancing! We call our meetings “festas” because they are more like a party than a meeting. Most members come just because it’s fun!!

In addition to having fun, we get things done. Our trustees did an audit of our books in April and we passed a 2025 budget. We also compared our 2024 expense to our 2024 budget and we were under budget for the year!

We are in the process of planning our summer BBQ & other fun events.

I look forward to more to report from Bella Vita. Our motto has been and will continue to be “Bella Vita First”. I want to make sure our members feel valued and connected and that they have fun. This will promote more participation & eventually growth.

Bella Vita! It’s a beautiful life! Fraternally,

Aaron Smith

President, Bella Vita Lodge # 2285

Bellevue Lodge Sons and Daughters of Italy #2377
Bellevue, WA



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May 16, 2025

To: Grand Lodge of the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy
Grand Lodge Council
Gina Natucci, Recording Secretary

GRAND LODGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this report finds you all healthy and safe.

Four new members have joined our Lodge. Lorelei Seifert joined our Lodge at our January 2nd, 2025, meeting. Lorelei was previously a member of a different Lodge, but wanted a Lodge closer to her home. Jeannette Ball, Jason Nonis, and Steven Vanderveer were initiated into our Lodge at the meeting on April 3rd, 2025. Jeannette is the sister of Michael Brewer, one of our trustees. Jason Nonis is the son of Jerry Nonis and brother of Aaron and Jacob Nonis. Steven is in the genealogy group with Past President Mary Sangalang, and is a member of the Lower Woodland Park Bocce Club.

On December 8th, 2024 our Bellevue Lodge had our Christmas party at Enzo's in Issaquah, and on April 5th, 2025, we held our annual Lodge Wine Tasting and had another successful event with 57 guests attending, and the club made \$1,780.22. We continue our Brown Bear Car Wash ticket sales as a lodge fundraiser.

On September 26th, 2024, former member Dominic Rocchio passed away, which was also his 82nd birthday. Former member, Betty Utter passed away on November 21st, 2024. Founding member, Mary DeMatteo passed away on February 13th, 2025, twelve days shy of her 96th birthday.

Lodge author Tessa Floreano's new book has come out: Murder & Martrimony in the Castello.

Our lodge spirit remains strong. We currently have 36 members, and we are hopeful that we will attract active future members to ensure our lodge's growth.

Fraternally yours,

Greg Osgood
President
Bellevue Lodge #2377 Sons and Daughters of Italy

**ORDER SON'S & DAUGHTER'S OF ITALY IN AMERICA
CATALDO LODGE #2280
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
CONVENTION
MAY 2025**

HONORED GUESTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS,

Cataldo Lodge currently has 42 members. Members are from the Kitsap, Mason, Clallham & Pierce County areas. We meet at the VFW Post #239 in Bremerton.

Our lodge continues to donate monies to 7 area food banks & VFW Post#239, non-perishable food items to local food banks and new toys to Toy's for Tot's.

Our largest & highly successful fundraiser is our cannoli sales. We started in 2023 and have continued this year. The sale occurs during a local bazar held the second Saturday of the month. We had a sale in May and will have sales in June, July, August & September. During the sale we have various handouts, applications, interest forms and business cards for customers to take and find out about our lodge and the Grand Lodge. We also talk to people about our Facebook page which currently has more than 140 guests. We also supported the American-Italian Club in Spokane during their November spaghetti dinner event. With advance sales and on site sales, we sold over 300 small cannoli. We also had sales in November & December at our normal sale location. During those sales, we have chocolate chips, pistachios or crushed peppermint candies to dip the ends of the cannoli. We also have pumpkin cannoli & dairy free almond cannoli. The lodge also supported the February Grand Lodge Crab Feed with small cannoli for dessert. We do need to obtain a 6 month County Food Vendor Permit in order to conduct our sales to the

public. This permit only cost the Lodge \$110.00. Cataldo Lodge is available to assist other Lodges with lessons & support for their meetings or events.

The lodge was invited for the second year to support a Cultural Celebration at a local High School. We demonstrated how to make fettuccini and cavatelli. We had various maps of Italy and information about the Order, our lodge and Christopher Columbus. Italian music played in the background while teachers & students checked out the displays & enjoyed the Italian hard candies the lodge provided.

Our annual free family picnic will be Sunday the 10th of August at the Elks Picnic Shelter on Pine Road. We have various games for both children & adults. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, ice tea, lemonade and coffee. Hot dogs, hamburgers & Italian sausage are provided by the lodge. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. During the picnic, we have a live auction which raises funds for the lodge.

During our monthly meetings we attempt to celebrate Italian. During meetings we may play Tombola, blind taste olive oils, have gnocchi making class for dinner or have a piping class to teach anyone how to fill cannoli or home made zeppoli's. We plan on having a balsamic vinegar blind tasting.

The support from our fantastic & glorious State Deputy is above reproach. Thank you State President Linda for being our Deputy and supporting us.

Millie Grazi,

Bill "Palmieri" Haberstock, President (still), Cataldo Lodge #2280, Bremerton, Washington

May 14, 2025

Grand Lodge President, National Vice President, National Trustee, Lodge Presidents, Deputies and Guests:

The Cle Elum Lodge has 49 members. Over the past two years, the number of members has shown a slight increase. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds. Many of our members have been in the Cle Elum Lodge for a number of years, a number of members have retired in this area and have joined the lodge. Our meetings are well attended, averaging 20 to 25 members per meeting.

The primary fundraiser for our lodge is the annual spaghetti and meatball dinner held at the Senior Center. We serve 225 guests. Our members contact local businesses, who generously donate to the auction and raffle. All proceeds from the auction and raffle go to Cle Elum Roslyn High School graduating seniors. To the senior class of 2024 we donated \$20,000 to 11 students.

In the spring and fall, our lodge cleans the debris from the trees at the Roslyn Cemetery, where the Italian Memorial is located. If you have an opportunity, visit the site. It looks as good today as when it was installed in 2020.

We are holding the annual Boletus Mushroom contest again this spring. The contest started in 1962 and continues to this day. The record weight of the mushroom is 6 lbs, 9 oz. held by John Crosetto Sr. in 1975. One of the official rules, "must be clean of dirt, and not be full of worms." Weighmaster, Charlie Glondo says, "If you won't eat it, we won't weigh it." The winner of the contest receives \$100 plus the opportunity to ride in the 4th of July Parade. We take that opportunity to promote our lodge.

In conjunction with the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club, the Cle Elum Lodge will host the third annual Bocce Tournament. The tournament will be held August 2nd. The event has been a success with approximately 20 teams competing. You are invited to sponsor a team to compete.

The Cle Elum Lodge was chartered in 1947. We are proud to be a member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and look forward to many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Butorac, President, Cle Elum Lodge #1968



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Grand Lodge of the NW, Mille Cugini Lodge #2659, Marysville, WA

To: Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson, Immediate Past President Rosetta Beyersdorf, National First Vice President Thom Lupo, National Fourth Vice President and Past President Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson, Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Deputies, Lodge Presidents, and guests.

From: Patrick Jacoby, Director of Publications Date: May 16, 2025

RE: Director's Report

Dear Honorable President, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

This report is actually for three jobs. Publishing the NW Italian News (NWIN), Marketing, and the Grand Lodge website. Let me tell you about them.

Item	Price	Acc'ts	Revenue	Printing Costs	
Lodge Info Blocks	\$16.50	13	\$214.50	Mailing Prep	\$0.22
Full Page Ads	\$120.00	1	\$120.00	Add'l for NCOA	\$0.02
1/2 Page Ads	\$74.00	2	\$148.00	Postage	\$0.60
1/4 Page Ads	\$45.00	6	\$270.00	Publishing	\$0.20
Business Card Ads	\$22.50	10	\$225.00	Tax	\$0.08
Patrons	Variable		\$120.00	Newsletter	\$1.07
				Cost to print each	\$2.19
				750 copies less	
per month		Total	\$1,097.50	revenue	\$545.00

Publishing is done with a program from Adobe Software called Indesign (\$23/mo). It's quite a step up from the more familiar

MS Publisher. I thought it would be a breeze to learn but it took me 3 months to get up and running (a smarter person may have only needed a couple of weeks). I collect all the lodges articles and scan them for grammar using "Grammerly" (free), although you really need to be careful of what a computer thinks is correct. The photos I'm sent I edit with a program called "PhotoScape X" (freeware). I then combine all of the existing stock (ongoing) ads, new ads, articles, and notices from the Grand Lodge into a well- designed layout. I send this layout to a printer who also accommodates us with a mailing function and the entire ball of wax produces what our nearly 800 readers see each month.

The website is much easier. I was given the job by Joe Jacobin who pioneered the website from the early days of the internet. It was pretty good. I thought I could make it better. I invested in a program called Rapidweaver. I could have used any number of different programs but it was most versatile. A person assuming the responsibility from me could use any editor they wished and produce a website with any look and feel that was acceptable to

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
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Feb 2025	1527	901	403	150	3141	152388969	4220	11303	25237	42759
Jan 2025	1079	705	333	139	3459	147420301	4319	10331	21875	33469
Dec 2024	939	525	261	115	2927	124394692	3576	8116	16284	29116
Nov 2024	1110	600	313	128	3563	128373648	3846	9397	18003	33301
Oct 2024	1111	670	247	119	3961	151106143	3715	7666	20795	34444
Sep 2024	1039	646	287	121	2867	110744658	3642	8636	19398	31175
Aug 2024	774	573	238	128	3540	126759896	3981	7395	17782	24016
Jul 2024	816	621	266	150	4299	119763137	4670	8268	19256	25297
Jun 2024	1057	783	290	164	4603	117721597	4929	8706	23496	31714
May 2024	838	613	239	148	4767	156006957	4595	7417	19007	25989
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the leadership of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest. You need not use my editor. Content for the website is gotten from the president and includes events from the lodges and the most recent additions of the Northwest Italian news and Questo Mese. That's it! Easy Peezy. The website gets a fairly decent amount of visitors per day/month.

Marketing is the solicitation of new ads, the quoting of pricing to potential advertisers, assisting in the formation of a new ads - complete with artwork, and the maintenance of existing ads. The billing for advertisers should be done by the financial offices of the Grand Lodge, the Treasurer or the Financial Secretary. Ads would be given to the editor of the NWIN the same way as any other content to be published.

Recently, I endeavored to gain more financial support for our newsletter and sent out 741 solicitations for donations (Patrons!). The response was well worth the effort. After costs, the NWIN, GLNW has realized \$____ as of ____ from this one effort. I'm also trying to incorporate "Google Adsense" into the website. It will place an assortment of random third-party ads across the website and generate additional income for the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge is looking for a couple of sharp people who have an interest in this area and feel a calling to support the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Any assistance would help continue to bring happiness and a sense of being connected to our Italian community. If you would like more information contact me Patrick at patrick@glnw.org.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Italian community.

Yours fraternally,

Patrick G Jacoby

Director of Publications, NW Italian News

GLNW AUDIT REPORT
MAY 3RD, 2025
Held at Rosetta Beyersdorfs home

Worthy National officers, State President Linda Buccini Anderson, State officers, Lodge Presidents, Brothers and Sisters:

On May 3rd 2025 an audit was conducted of all the Grand lodge accounts provided by Janet fritz, treasurer and Mary Jane Roger, financial secretary. In attendance were Trustee's Debbie Sonstelie, Kathy Butorac, and Jackie Haberstock. Excused were Marcel Bergeron and Dorothy Whitney. After thorough review of all financial accounts we have determined all accounts to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacquelyn Haberstock Trustee

To: Grand Lodge President, National Vice President, National Trustee, Lodge Presidents, Deputies and Guests

From: Mary Jane Rogers, State Deputy, Bella Vita Lodge #2285 Date: April 28, 2025

Re: Bella Vita Lodge

Bella Vita Lodge enjoys a themed Festa every month. They share good food and drink, music and stories. President Aaron Smith and his wife and Recording Secretary, Amber Dahl, decorate the hall beautifully and ensure a warm and welcoming environment.

The lodge has suffered the loss of beloved members Jim Vettori and Jon Powell. In true Bella Vita fashion, they gather and draw strength from each other and support longtime member Genny Powell during this difficult time.

Drawing inspiration following a Zoom Meeting Committees were formed. Past President and lodge photographer, Sophia Risorto, Chair of the Facebook Committee assigned members to various committees such as the Cultural Committee, Agricultural/Farm Committee, Wine Committee, Cooking Committee, Raffle Committee, Prayer Committee, Travel Committee, Welcome Committee and Environmental Protection Committee.

I truly am honored to be the deputy for the Bella Vita Lodge and enjoy being a member. They are a delightful group, and I look forward to seeing them monthly. Bella Vita...a beautiful life!



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Mille Cugini Lodge #2659,
Marysville, WA

To: Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson, Immediate Past President Rosetta Beyersdorf, National First Vice President Thom Lupo, National Fifth Vice President and Past President Tony “Bisceglia” Anderson, Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Deputies, Lodge Presidents, and Guests.

From: Patrick Jacoby, President, Mille Cugini Lodge #2659 Date:
RE: President’s Report

Dear Honorable President, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

Our lodge continues grow slowly, we are 41 members strong at this time. We are looking forward to our new annual event, the City of Everett Sorticulture. Sorticulture is the premier festival for garden art, local plants and flowers, and handmade outdoor products. From classical to whimsical, abstract to figurative,

Sorticulture features fountains, trellises, iron and cement sculpture, found objects, mosaics and Mille Cugini's famous Italian Sausage Sandwich!

Last year's event was successful and left us with enough money to contribute to our favorite charities, including the Marysville Food Bank and the Marysville School District. Our general fund is in good shape and with fine weather and God's good will, our fundraising will allow us to explore more ways to give to our community.

Our scholarship fund stands at a \$4,721. It has been renamed the Mary Dellino Scholarship Fund and a ton of gratitude is poured out for all of you who so generously contributed to the scholarship at Mary's time of passing. Thank you so much! We miss our Chaplain, friend, and mother.

We also lost a founding member, Louise Branch, who with her husband Barrie Branch, and friend Helen Harkness founded Mille Cugini in 1991. Our charter was signed by Wayne Harkness and Diane Scillo. Louise spent most of her later years in California. I have written her name and contribution into our New Member Initiation Ritual so she will not be forgotten.



We wish all our cousins (Cugini) in our affiliated lodges the best of health and the best of fortune. We are privileged to be a part of a great organization.

Yours fraternally,

Patrick Jacoby

President, Mille Cugini
Order of Sons of Italy in America Marysville Lodge #2659

Vancouver, WA Lodge #2690
Lodge Report May 2025

In October 2024 the Lodge held its annual Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle. It was held at a new place and was a success. We are planning the 2025 Dinner now.

In November 2024, the Lodge Founder and President, Barbara Blair passed. Our Vice-President Linda Gibson took over the President position and has been moving the Lodge forward.

In January 2025, after a sad start to the year, the Lodge has been learning what they need to do. We are making changes and getting more members involved with the operation of the Lodge. We also lost members because of age, illness and no longer being able to drive.

In February 2025, we started to push to find new members. We made decisions on how, when and where we might do this. We have made changes to our newsletter to let our members have more information on what is being planned for the Lodge. The “jobs” of the lodge are now being shared among more of our members. These are ways we are working on moving our lodge forward.

In March 2025, we learned how much still needs to be learned by the Board and members of our lodge. Too much was handled by too few, and we are slowly getting this changed.

In April 2025, another long-time active member, Dorrie Palandrani, passed. We are planning another spaghetti dinner on October 19, 2025, and our future meetings.

In May 2025, we installed our acting President, Linda Gibson, our Vice-President Louise Ramano-Johnson, Orator Greg Rafanelli, and Trustees Frank Piperno, Paul Zanabelli and Sharon Sorenson. All these members stepped up when asked to finish up the current year for our Lodge.

Lodge President
Linda Gibson

GRAND LODGE DEPUTY REPORT
OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE #2733
CONVENTION MAY 2025
EMBASSEY SUITES LYNWOOD, WA

Worthy National officers, State President Linda Buccini Anderson, State officers, Lodge Presidents, Brothers and Sisters:

It is with great sadness that I write this report. In January lodge members having had numerous discussions regarding the viability of their lodge, held a vote to determine continuance with the OSDIA. The majority vote result was to cease membership with OSDIA. Reasons for this difficult discussion were based on an aging membership, low membership, decreased fundraising and lack of participation from members to hold leadership roles.

In February the lodge provided a bitter sweet but wonderful catered lunch. National VP Tony Anderson and Grand Lodge president Linda Buccini Anderson were in attendance. Tony shared his fond memories of the lodge conception and installation 25 years ago as he was involved in their start. Lodge members shared many emotional stories of lodge events and fond memories of passed members over the years. Members have developed deep and long friendships and vow to meet socially often. I plan to continue seeing my friends as often as possible.

All lodge property including financial records and reaming lodge funds were turned over to Grand Lodge president Linda Anderson after their official last meeting on March 16th 2025.

Finally I wish to take this time to thank all the members for always supporting me in my role as State Deputy. The lodge presented me with a beautiful Italian canvas bag and journal, it will remind me of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390 has participated in many events within the Italian community in the past six months.

In December we had a successful Kids Christmas party at the Casa Italiana in Burien.

In January we cooked a Spaghetti Dinner at The Casa Italiana to benefit the Casa.

In March we put on the Annual John Croce homemade Wine Festival at the Burien Elks, profit wise our most successful ever.

In April we had our Annual Banquet at Kennedy HS in Burien, which is one of our two major fundraisers of the year, and we were able to give out 4- \$2,000 scholarships at this event.

While our hall at Mt Virgin church burned down last fall, we were able to rent St Joseph's on Capitol Hill and we have had our monthly meetings there, in spite of the higher cost. While our costs to run the Lodge are high, we have been working hard to stay in the black financially so we will be involved in more events in the future.

As of now we are up to 174 members. Thank you again

Respectfully,

Michael Croce

Seattle Fedele #1390 President

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**ORDER SON'S & DAUGHTER'S OF ITALY IN AMERICA
STATE DEPUTY REPORT
TACOMA LODGE #1175
CONVENTION
MAY 2025**

HONORED GUESTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS,

The Tacoma Lodge has continued to grow. The lodge currently has 184 members. Every meeting conducted, at least one new member has been initiated into the lodge.

The Tacoma Lodge is meeting at Holy Cross Church which has room and a larger kitchen. The meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. The meetings are well attended and continue to be lively & fun. Food during the meetings is fantastic. The entrée is provided by the lodge, members provide appetizers, side dishes and desserts. A donation box is used to offset the cost of the entrée.

The lodge had a Crab Dinner & Dance on 2 November which was well attended. Besides the great crab, live music and a silent auction were the main highlights. The lodge has plans for another crab dinner on 8 November at a larger location with better parking & easy entry.

President Madrid resigned from his position at the 7 November meeting to the shock & surprise of everyone. He resigned for personal reasons. Vice President Ms. Gina Castanti-Earcrett became president and has done really great. Meetings have included speakers and playing Tombola.

The lodge is planning to award 2 scholarships in June.

I look forward to continue being the State Deputy for the Mother Lodge, Tacoma.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill “Palmieri” Haberstock
State Deputy Tacoma Lodge #1175**

**President’s Report for GLNW Convention
Tre Citta Lodge 2881
May 16, 2025, in Lynnwood, WA**

The Tre Citta Lodge 2881 is alive and doing very well these days. On April 1st, 2025, our Lodge held its fourth meeting of the new year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick with a total of twenty-one members and visitors in attendance.

At the meeting, we announced that Dylan Marozzo, a senior at Tri-City Prep, was selected to receive a \$1500 scholarship. Dylan will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He will be attending either Gonzaga University or Montana State

We also had a brief discussion about our next Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle that will be held at the Richland Community Center on Saturday, October 11, 2025.. This dinner and raffle are our major annual fund raisers that provide the funds to award scholarships every year. Julianne Barnaby, the coordinator for the fundraiser, announced that she will be stepping down as the overall coordinator for the event. She will continue with the food preparation, but we will need someone to take over the overall coordination.

At our meeting, we also discussed two possible social events this summer. The first would be a bocce ball social in June. We are currently working with Goose Ridge Vineyard as they have nice courts. In July we are planning a lemoncello making contest. We are currently discussing with the members on a location.

Marcel Bergeron and Jack Barnaby are working on having a Team Building meeting in the near future. This meeting would not be held in conjunction with a Lodge monthly meeting and the purpose would be to give us an idea of where we want to Lodge to go. We would discuss things as budgets, fund raising and social event. We will hold officer elections in February 2026 and the majority of the existing officers have stated that they do not intend to run for an office next year. There has been a small cadre of individuals who have held all the major officer positions since the Lodge was chartered in 2013. It is very important that other members agree to run for office. Once the meeting particulars are finalized, all members will be contacted and invited to the meeting as well as letting them know the importance of the meeting.

At the end of our meeting, we had a monthly raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. We typically raise enough raffle proceeds at each meeting during the year that allow us to donate up to \$500 to one or two local organizations and worthy causes each year. In April, motions were made and approved to award \$500 to the following local charities:

- 1, Sugar Shack Horses – This charity rescues slaughter bound horses and rehabs them so that can be put up for adoption by a loving family.
- 2; Art Spectrum – This charity works with autistic children and adults

We also continue to be delighted that our members and the public can follow us on Facebook, Many thanks go to **Jackie Valentino**, one of our dedicated members, for feeding wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA.

We are very fortunate and grateful to be able to meet at Bella Italia every month which is owned and operated by two of our charter members Leonardo and Nadia Luzi. They have fantastic hosts for us and offer great Italian food, drink and hospitality for our monthly meetings.

If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities on that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you.

Ciao for now!

Jack A. Barnaby
President
Tre Citta Lodge 2881

