

## Northwest Italian News

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## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America<sup>®</sup> (OSDIA) is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States and the Grand Lodge of the Northwest wishes to share our Italian heritage and culture with everyone. Italian ancestry is not required. There is a little bit of Italy in all of us. Anyone who loves the

Italian culture is welcome. We are excited for you to get to know

us. Through our website, www.GLNW.org, get information about what is happening in our communities, find a local lodge near you, join, and begin experiencing the fun and advantages of belonging.



Respectfully, Linda Buccini Anderson Grand Lodge President of the Northwest

**Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America** was established in 1905 to support immigrants from Italy. Membership is currently approximately 34,000 members in nearly 350 lodges with Grand Lodges in 17 states.

OSDIA's mission is to encourage the study of Italian language and culture in schools, preserve Italian culture, traditions, heritage and history, and to promote closer relations with Italy. OSDIA's major charities are supported as well as disaster relief in the U.S., Italy and other countries.

Students are given scholarships at the local, state, and national levels. OSDIA's organizational structure at the national level includes a Supreme Council of elected officers representing all states, a Commission for Social Justice, the anti-defamation branch that fights negative advertising and all activities that stereotype Italian Americans, and the Sons of Italy Foundation, which is the nonprofit charitable branch that filters all charity funds from local and state lodges and national fundraisers to our national charities.

The OSDIA national website is http://www.osia.org. The national site includes links to all websites of state and filial lodges, as well as contact names and numbers in each state for those interested in the activities of that state. The national website includes information on the Commission for Social Justice, our Sons of Italy Foundation, and many other areas of interest including Italian language, genealogy, Italian festivals, Sons of Italy book club, reports and studies related to Italian life in America and Italy, and many other resources. There is also a members-only area of the site that includes many benefits for members.

Consider joining Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and enrich your life!

**Coming Events!** 

Saturday, May 11, Starts at 6:00pm **Auburn lodge Annual Wine Tasting** Holy Family Church 505 17th St. S.E. Price \$35.00 per person No one under 21 years of age John Partridge 253-350-4922 partridge427@gmail.com

May 11th- The SILK ROAD **EXPO 74-50TH ANNIVERSARY** Riverfront Park, Spokane Contact: Linda Marcus linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Friday thru Sunday June 7-9th Sorticulture 2024 Mille Cugini #2659 Plants, Garden, and Food Booth Downtown Everett Contact: Paula Jacoby olycot@gmail.com

TUES. JUNE 11, 2024 Italian night at the Mariners Contact Mariners ticket office

June 15th- Tour of Europe **EXPO 74-50TH ANNIVERSARY** Riverfront Park, Spokane Contact: Linda Marcus linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Saturday July 20, 2024 Santelli Awards Celebration Tacoma, Wa. \$30 Contact: Linda Buccini Anderson linda@glnw.org 253 225-2483

Check with event contact for updates

## Coming Events!

July 21st 3-7:00PM **Annual Club #2172 Family Picnic** Manito Park, Spokane Contact: Linda Marcus linda-amarcus@hotmail.com Sunday, Aug4, 2024 **Rainier baseball** Tony Anderson Osdia1957@gmail.com

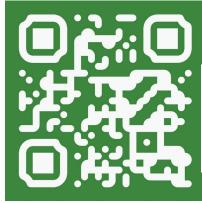
Sunday, August 18, 2024 11-5pm All Italian Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley Contact: Holly Cochran (206)779-8863

Sunday August 25, 12-4:30 pm Cataldo Lodge Annual Picnic Elks Picnic Shelter 4131 Pine Road, Bremerton Contact Bill Haberstock 360 373-4341

Monday, September 2, 2024 Vancouver USA Lodge #2690 Annual Labor Day Picnic Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA Contact: Barbara Blair (360)253-7984 blairbjb@comcast.

Sept. 28 & 29, 2024 **Festa Italiana,** Seattle Center Contact: Dennis C. (206) 282-0627

Saturday Oct. 5, 2024 **Fall Grand Council** Embassy Suites Lynnwood, Wa. Contact: Tony Anderson Osdia1957@gmail.com









**15 Lodges across the Northwest!** 

Your local lodge is waiting to meet you. Find the one that works best for you and drop in. They'd love to have you. Visit: www.GLNW.org Get more info, read the past editions of the NW Italian News, apply online.



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