

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

March 5, 2023
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CASA Italiana
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Message from the President

Ciao Tutti,

Happy March! It's almost Springtime and so many things are happening this month!

Our March meeting will be held on Sunday March 5 at 2:00 at Casa.

Sundays have drawn a larger crowd for our meetings which has been delightful! We will be discussing the day & time of upcoming meetings at our board meeting. March also brings Daylight Saving Time on March 12 and the first day of Mariners Season on March 30. Speaking of which, please read Marty's article regarding Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners in June.

Hats off to Anna for another successful Crab Dinner! It was so fun to see so many friends and be together again. Thank you to Marty for picking up the crab and Monte for cooking. It was a great evening.

A big thank you to Joe Galluccio our outgoing Treasurer. He did the job for over 17 years!! And a great job it was. I'm very grateful.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting!!

Con Amore ed affetto,

Audrey

Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

As of February 23rd, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 153 members in good standing of which 117 have paid their dues for 2023. If you plan to attend the March meeting in person, please note that it will be at 2 PM SUNDAY, March 5th, and that you can save yourself and the Club 63¢ each by paying your dues in person. "Past Due" notices have already been mailed out to those 36 who are still in arrears.

Speaking of dues, as the Secretary of the Italian Club, the person I work with most frequently on a regular basis is the Treasurer of the Club who for the past 17 years has been Joe Galluccio who recently "retired" from that position. Personally, I'd like to thank Joe for his geniality and his enthusiasm that made my job all that much easier. Thanks Joe!

Finally, this communication from our 2022 Scholarship winner:

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(Secretary's Report continued)

Dear Italian Club Members,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for awarding me the scholarship. It means a lot to me and will help me achieve my academic goals. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Owen Kruse



Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days!

St. Joseph's Day



Saint Joseph's Day, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph or Solemnity of Saint Joseph is in Western Christianity the principal feast day of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Solemnity in the Roman Catholic Church, and also a feast in the provinces of the Anglican Communion, and a feast or festival in the Lutheran

Church. Saint Joseph's Day is the Patronal Feast day for persons named Joseph, Josephine, etc., for religious orders, schools and parishes bearing his name, and for carpenters.

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March 19 was dedicated to Saint Joseph in several Western calendars by the tenth century, and this custom was established in Rome by 1479. Pope St. Pius V extended its use to the entire Roman Rite by his Apostolic Constitution Quo Primum (July 14, 1570). Since 1969, Episcopal Conferences may, if they wish, transfer it to a date outside Lent.

In Sicily, where St. Joseph is regarded by many as their Patron Saint, and many Italian-American communities, thanks are given to St. Joseph ("San Giuseppe" in Italian) for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages.

According to legend, there was a severe drought at the time, and the people prayed for their patron saint to bring them rain. They promised that if he answered their prayers, they would prepare a large feast to honor him.



The rain did come, and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. The fava bean was the crop which saved the population from starvation and is a traditional part of St. Joseph's Day altars and traditions. Giving food to the needy is a St. Joseph's Day custom. In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat a Sicilian pastry known as a zeppola on St. Joseph's Day. Sweets are popular because St. Joseph is the patron saint of pastry chefs.

Upon a typical St. Joseph's Day altar, people place flowers, limes, candles, wine, fava beans, specially prepared cakes, breads, and cookies (as well as other meatless dishes), and zep-pole. Foods are traditionally served containing bread crumbs to represent saw dust since St. Joseph was a carpenter.

Because the feast occurs during Lent, traditionally no meat was allowed on the celebration table. The altar usually has three tiers, to represent the trinity.

Some villages like Belmonte Mezzagno used to burn wood and logs in squares on the day before St. Joseph, as thanksgiving to the Saint. This is called "A Vampa di San Giuseppe" (the Saint Joseph's bonfire).

In Italy March 19 is also Father's Day.



Be the first one on your block...

by Martin Nigrelle

Over the years, we have seen multiple Hats, multiple T-shirts, multiple scarves, and even a flag, as give away items for the annual Mariners' Italian Heritage Night. This year we are breaking ground with a new item. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a great item tailored just for our community!

The give away item is a great looking apron. The apron is the Azzurro blue, features two front pockets & an adjustable neck strap. It will have ITALIA printed across the upper part of the bib, along with the Mariners' "S" logo in the colors of il tricolore. Please see the accompanying photo to get a better sense of the graphics.

Barbequing meat or boiling pasta, this apron will fit in with all of your culinary efforts.

To get the limited edition apron, simply attend the Mariners' Italian Heritage Night this year, the ticket price is even discounted!

The evening of Tuesday, June 27th, the Mariners will be hosting the Washington Nationals.

Full details of the special ticket purchase process can be found at: <https://mariners.com/italian>.

Be the envy of this summer's cook outs, get your Italia apron and have fun with your community watching the Mariners beat the Nationals. See you there!



Pics from the 15th Annual World-Famous Crab Feed

From left to right, President Audrey Manzanares, outgoing Treasurer Joe Galluccio & wife Barbara, incoming Treasurer Joe Picciano & wife Trudi, bartender Mike Albanese & emcee David Madrid. *All photos by Diana Sicola Warczak.*



With the popular biopic “Elvis” now nominated for 8 Academy Awards including “Best Picture,” we thought we would reach into our archives and republish this photo from the 1962 World’s Fair.



“Elvis presents a Tennessee ham to Governor Al Rosellini.” Looking on in the black hat is The King’s infamous manager, Col. Tom Parker.

(Festa Italiana Historical Photos Collection).

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Amadeo and Frances Rossi “would like to welcome their second grandson Elias Asilio Rossi born on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 10:33 a.m. at Swedish Hospital. He was born a healthy 7 lbs. 8 ounces and 20-inches long. Kirsten and Matthew and their son Theodor who is 4 years old and baby Elias are all doing fine. Theodor is excited with the new arrival and being a big brother and asking a lot of questions. The name Elias is a biblical name in the New Testament. The name Asilio is the male version of Amadeo’s mother’s middle name.” *Congrats to all!*



“Prior to Elias being born, Amadeo and Frances went to Las Vegas for a few days including Hoover Dam, the Neon Sign Museum, and the Diana Tribute Museum. They also went to Eataly and had a great Italian lunch. The lady that served them spoke Italian and agreed with the Rossi’s that the one in Rome is much better.”

Member **Scott Fitzpatrick** and his wife Ximena who have been wintering in Phoenix, Arizona shared the following on Facebook: Scott is in the Mayo Clinic and says “Recovering from surgery Monday. Awaiting report on results.” *God bless, Scott, hope you recover quickly.*

Finally, prayers requested for **Gemma and Jerome Thielges** who have both have been in the hospital. They say “Hope to see you all at the April meeting, especially if it is a day meeting.”



ICoS Calendar

March 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
5th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso

April 2023

13th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2023

4th Trustee's Meeting
11th ICoS General Meeting
14th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June
il Ficcanso June 2023
29th Memorial Day

June 2023

8th ICoS General Meeting
18th Father's Day
27th Italian Heritage Night at the
Mariners

July 2023

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanso* this month

August 2023

TBD Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanso* this month

September 2023

3rd Italian Day at the Races,
Emerald Downs. First race 2 PM.
4th Labor Day
7th Trustee's Meeting

14th ICoS General Meeting
TBD Festa Mass in Italian
TBD Festa Luncheon, SYC
23rd & 24th Festa Italiana Italian
Festival, Seattle Center
25th Input Deadline for September
il Ficcanso

October 2023

12th ICoS General Meeting
27th Input Deadline for November
il Ficcanso

November 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day
Parade
9th ICoS General Meeting
23rd Thanksgiving
27th Input Deadline for December
il Ficcanso

December 2023

TBD ICoS General Meeting
TBD Casa Italiana Christmas Bake
25th Christmas Day Sale
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

January 2024

5th Trustee's Meeting
TBD ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February
il Ficcanso

February 2024

4th ICoS General Meeting
11th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
23rd Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso
24th Crab Feed

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**March General Meeting
will be held at 2pm,
Sunday, March 5th, 2023**
followed by meeting & prize
drawings at
**Casa Italiana, 13028 1st
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Trustee Meetings:
First Thursday of odd
numbered months, except
July

**View the All-Community
Calendar at:**

[www.casaitalianacc.org/
calendar/public/](http://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/)



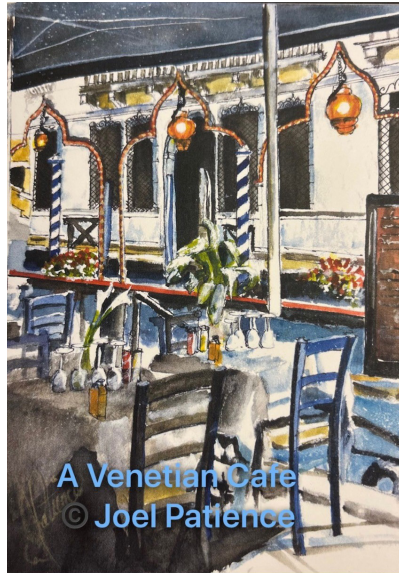
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