

BOLLETTINO



Buon Natale!
Merry Christmas!

ICF Floats Through SF Columbus Day Parade

Nancy Corsi
Grand Trustee,
Heritage Committee
Chairperson

Picture this... San Francisco some 30-plus years ago, the Italian Catholic Federation participated in the Columbus Day Parade. Fast forward to the year 2013, and again



after all of the years of absence, the Italian Catholic Federation returned to San Francisco and participated in the Columbus Day Parade debuting in the year designated to celebrate Italian Heritage. What a fulfilled event that was a credit to all members of the Heritage Committee in the years 2012 and 2013, for helping make this dream become a reality.

This event went off without a hitch considering we were rookies that took to building a float from a flatbed of wood. We

were able to use space at one of the Piers in San Francisco to create our float in only two days, but wouldn't you know it was the Pier where the professional float builders have their space. That did not intimidate our group who truly built this float with heart and soul.

So much thanks goes to our designer, visionary and "Imagineer", Denise Antonowicz, who without her skill, vision,
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ICF Honors Past Grand President Jane Dianda

Michelle Feldman
Editor

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, the Italian Catholic Federation hosted a testimonial dinner honoring Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Jane Dianda.

The evening's festivities were held at the Fratellanza Club, in Oakland, California. Members of the ICF from Jane's branch, Branch 91; members of the East Bay District; members of the Central Council; ICF members from various branches and districts throughout the Federation; and Jane's family and friends gathered together during the no-host cocktail hour to catch up with one another. On display were photos of Jane throughout her years in the ICF and many family photos and photos of Jane with her beloved pets.

Once everyone entered the dining room, guests were seated at long tables adorned with beautiful floral displays provided by



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Grand President's Monthly Message

I love the holidays. I get to spend time with friends and family, take time to be thankful for the blessings I have, and to look back at my accomplishments and disappointments. How can I grow and change unless I learn from the good and bad? But I also begrudge them at the same time. I knew I was in trouble when Daylight Savings went into effect. It went from beautiful warm fall weather to instant cold wet mornings and early dark evenings. Christmas was up and holiday tunes were blasting in stores the day after Halloween. New Year seemed to be just a few weeks ago and, yet, some of my resolutions were looking to go onto my 2014 list again. As I contemplate 2014 I have much to think

about and be grateful for.

Now, I have to get ready for Christmas and I am realizing time is slipping away even faster, especially with all the events that seem to be popping up daily on my calendar.

Why is it that the holiday's seem to creep closer and closer to Labor Day? I find myself taking the time to plan and make decisions for what I want and need to do while keeping in mind my family and friends. It feels like I am being pulled in a dozen different directions.

ICF, which has always been on my radar, suddenly has begun to majorly influence my 2014 planning. As I promised myself last year, I will continue to plan to spend more time watching my grandkids after



work. I have started taking them to some local events. I had a great time with my oldest grandsons at Branch 4's Ravioli dinner in November. This makes me believe that I can combine some of my family and ICF obligations. It is the little things we do and change that have the biggest impact in our lives. Why can't that gym membership that was so easy to buy last January make as big an impact?

I know I cannot be the only one trying to manage this fine line of work, family life, and Church. We all need to take the time and remember the real reason and meaning of this Holiday Season. It takes just a few seconds to give thanks for what we have, give to the local food bank or charity. In a few minutes you can listen to or help out a friend or neighbor in need. You never think about how your time and energy can positively affect those in need. The Holidays are not just about us as individuals but about everyone we interact with. We

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UPCOMING:**2013 Bishops' Days:**

Dec. 8 Reno

2014 Bishops' Days:

Feb. 1 Tucson

Mar. 16 Oakland (Contra Costa
& East Bay)

Mar. 29 Stockton

Apr. 27 San Francisco (San Francisco,
San Mateo & Marin)

Oct. 12 Fresno

Oct. 19 San Jose
(Santa Clara Valley)
Santa Rosa

Oct. 26 Monterey (Central Coast)

2014 District Installations:

Jan. 4 Santa Clara Valley

Jan. 5 Stockton

Jan. 12 San Francisco

Jan. 18 San Mateo
San Bernardino

Jan. 19 East Bay
Los Angeles, San Fernando
Valley, San Gabriel Valley
and Santa Barbara/Ventura
(combined)
Santa Rosa

Jan. 21 Marin

Jan. 25 Central Coast
Contra Costa

Jan. 26 San Diego

Feb. 1 Tucson
Blessed Sacrament

Feb. 11 Las Vegas

Feb. 23 Fresno

Feb. 27 Chicago

***Oct. 25 - 50th Anniversary
Celebration for Br. 184, Los Gatos***

A New Beginning for Branch 75, Cloverdale

Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand President,
CC Life Member Emeritus

The evening of October 17, 2013 was a memorable one for Branch 75 in the town of Cloverdale in the Santa Rosa District. The branch has experienced a revitalization and is again functioning as a regular ICF branch. On this evening, new members were initiated and new officers were installed. Doing the honors was the ICF Grand President Robert Basuino, who traveled from Santa Clara for the event. In his remarks, he expressed his pleasure at again having the branch operational and wished it great success.

Assisting Grand President Basuino were Santa Rosa District Deputy Kathy Aquistapace and District President Dante Corsetti who presented the officers with their scarves. Following the ceremony,



a delicious spuntino was enjoyed by all present. Plans are being made for the coming year under the direction of Branch President Patch Guglielmino.

The ICF is especially grateful to Father Fergal McGuinness, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Cloverdale and Branch 75 chaplain for his encouragement, guidance

and support in the "new beginning" of the branch. Appreciation also goes to members of the Central Council Expansion Committee – David Botta, Robert Acquistapace and Carmen Kilcullen - for all their hard work. Much success to the branch in the future!

This Holiday Season Give the Gift of Membership

Nina Malone
Membership Chairperson
CC Life Member

Being part of the Italian Catholic Federation has been a blessing in my life since I was a little girl. I was too young, at that time, to even officially join the organization. I was only 7 years old when my mother and father became charter members of our branch in 1968, but we knew right from the beginning that we had found an extended family. I'm happy to say that we now have a family membership program that does not discriminate between the old, young, or those of us who are somewhere in between. But some of my fondest memories of my childhood revolve around the wonderful times shared with my family and the many friends gained by our active participation in the ICF.

So we now come to the end of another year and look forward with optimism toward 2014. There are so many things to get accomplished; decorations to be put out, parties to host or to attend, and shopping to be done... As we struggle to find that "perfect" gift for someone we love or the friend who has everything, think about what we treasure most as Italians and as Catholics and how the answer to this question may be right in front of us; membership in the ICF!

The following is an excerpt from "Christmas Italian style – credit where credit is due" by Robert A. Masullo – Sacramento Bee Staff Writer; Dec. 20, 1987

"Although the U.S. has derived Christmas traditions from all European countries, it is usually Germany (Christmas trees) and England (Christmas cards and plum pudding) that get the most credit.

Growing up in an Italian-American family, I suspected Italy must have its share of celebrations. Start with the celebration itself. The earliest known Christmas did not take place until 336 A.D. – in Rome. Italians were the first to observe Christmas. They set the date. Christ's actual birth is unknown, but Rome's fourth-century Christians chose Dec. 25 to counter pagan holidays, honoring Saturn and Calends,



which fell then.

By the middle ages, Christmas had diminished to a minor holiday. But in 1223 Italy revitalized it with the introduction of an artifact that remains popular throughout the Christian world. That year, Francis of Assisi, Italy's patron saint, asked Giovanni Vellita to prepare the first-ever presepio (Nativity set) for the hermitage at Greccio. Soon afterwards, Nativity sets were put up in churches throughout Europe. Some 500 years later two Neapolitans, King Carlo III and Gregorio Maria Rocco (a Dominican friar) extended their use to homes and public places.

The most important Italian tradition is the centering of the holiday around the family; summed in the maxim: "Natale festeggialo coi tuoi/ Capodanno con chi vuoi" ("Christmas you celebrate with your own/New Years with whomever you like"). Like many Italian traditions, this is spiritually rooted. Italians see Christ's birth underscoring the unity of Joseph, Mary and Jesus' family."

There are so many other things that play into the traditions of each of our families, whether they are Italian or otherwise. The foods we eat, the music we love to sing and the dance that makes our toes tap all bring us to a warm place of tradition. But we all hold a common thread in the prayers we pray, our love of Jesus Christ, and our love for one another. That's what makes the ICF special; we are family. Is there a more perfect gift you could give anyone? Give them the chance to become part of something much bigger than themselves and give them the gift of membership!

Membership Stats as of

Nov. 1, 2013:

10,959

Members as of July 1, 2013:

10,878 - 81 total quarterly gain

New: 320

Reinstated: 4

Transfer in/out: 5

Deceased: 65

Cancelled: 177

High Five!

Top five districts and areas
with increased membership:
(excluding deceased members)

Contra Costa	+113
Santa Rosa	+35
Santa Clara Valley	+15
San Mateo	+8
Marin	+6



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013**

HERITAGE

AROUND THE ICF

Columbus Day

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and direction this would not have been possible.

To our master builders, Jim Friebel, Marco Galeazzi, Dante Galeazzi, and Giovanni Corsi who made our structure strong, To our sign designer Jim Jones; to the float team who helped build and breakdown, Maryann Friebel, Diane Galeazzi, Russ and Louis Vento, Franklyn Lopes, Jane Dianda, Donna Pfaff, Michelle Antonowicz, Andy and Sid Pappani, Joanne Maggiora Donovan, Giovanni Corsi, Jr., and Laurice Levine's interns.

A special thank you also goes out to Bob, Theresa and Jane Dianda; Roz and Lisa Crudo; Jan Karp and Giovanni Corsi for preparing 1,500 ICF cards and "Grazie" candies that were handed out by our cute girls on the street -- Nancy Botta, Donna Hoffmann and Lisa Crudo. These gals walked the entire parade route handing out our information card with candy. They were the beautiful faces of the ICF.

Grazie to Bill Greco for his FIAT connection; to Giovanni Corsi the driver of the FIAT float escort vehicle with Bob Bausino and Jane Dianda greeting the crowd.

To Jim Friebel for his skill in maneuvering the float through the streets of San Francisco AND not knocking anyone off the float. To Russ Vento who rode shotgun and supervised. To Domenico Corsi who picked up and dropped off the speakers in SF for us.

To Jim Jones, Giovanni Corsi, Vince and Robyn Piro, and Jane Dianda for their donations and contributions to help make the event possible.

And as always I saved the best for last. So much thanks to our beautiful 90-year-young chicken; Marie Stalteri Antonowicz that led the crowds of people doing the chicken dance. It was a wonderful site to see folks hearing the music and beginning to dance before the float even got to them. Our little chicken never sat the entire parade route... she just kept dancing!

We also were very excited to be the only organization out of 80-plus parade entries to be interviewed and highlighted in the "San Francisco Chronicle" parade article the next day.

The Heritage Committee appreciates all of the help and guidance provided by so many,

and looks forward to participating again next year. Mark your calendars for October 12, 2014, and plan to have your branch participate. It is a great event for all ages!



Save The Dates!

The year 2014 will be a year of celebration for the Italian Catholic Federation as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary! There will be celebrations at three different locations:

**San Francisco -- Where it all began
Sunday, June 22, 2014**

**Los Angeles
Sunday, June 29, 2014**

**Chicago
Date still being set**

More details will be brought to you as they are available. For now, put the dates on your calendar and get ready to celebrate with your ICF family!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
11/1	Anna Friebel	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$50
11/2	Patricia M. Bischof		Roseburg, OR	\$50
11/3	Thomas McKeon	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$40
11/4	Erik Shimshock	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
11/5	Robert Biale		Napa, CA	\$30
11/6	Annora Aswad	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
11/7	Don Gatti	352	Danville, CA	\$30
11/8	Nancy Royal	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
11/9	Dabbey La Coco		Danville, CA	\$30
11/10	Mike & Charlene Presti		Granite Bay, CA	\$50
11/11	Robert A. Zanoni	395	Stockton, CA	\$50
11/12	Floretta Nicoletti		Dos Palos, CA	\$30
11/13	Louise DeTomasi	14	Fairfield, CA	\$50
11/14	John J. Collins	442	Martinez, CA	\$30
11/15	Fr. John W. Higgins	362	Downey, CA	\$30
11/16	Weston Hurlbut		Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
11/17	Katha & Mike Merucci		Scottsdale, AZ	\$30
11/18	David Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$30
11/19	Nilda Smyth	352	Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
11/20	Isabella & Jacob Cordich		Gilroy, CA	\$30
11/21	Lila Vezzolo	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
11/22	Anthony Fuentes		Foster City, CA	\$30
11/23	Kathleen & Paul Zizza		Merced, CA	\$30
11/24	Fr. Dave Ghiorso	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
11/25	Maria Steele	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
11/26	Albert Bogges	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
11/27	Branch 25		Salinas, CA	\$30
11/28	Toni Green	144	Arcata, CA	\$100
11/29	Mary Ann Benge		Ceres, CA	\$40
11/30	Rosemary Wallpe	432	Brentwood, CA	\$30

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Cookie Rossi	Beatrice Bianco
Reno Picchi	Faustina Picchi
Cookie Rossi	Al and Deanna De Nurra
Cookie Rossi	Jennie Vastila
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Mary Goldsby	Officers/Members of Br. 432
Blanca Abello	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Elizabeth Peterson	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Nancy Keran	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	Fiore, Agnes and Michael Marcheschi
Dorothy Rossi	Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District
Mario Damonte	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Cookie Rossi	Vince and Diane Picciola
Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	David, Pat, Doug and Nancy Botta
Cookie Rossi	Judy and Paul Casale
George Osorio	Jim and Janice Jones
Cookie Rossi	Julie Locatelli-Boccone
Vito Borella	Rena Fazzini
Vito Borella	Joseph Smith
Rev. Peter Filice	Martha Gibson and Aurelia Bozzo
Dorothy E. Rossi	Ernestine Pernecco
Cookie Rossi	The Jarrett Family
Vito Borella	Officers/Members of Br. 290

GET WELL WISHES:	
Dolores Mazzini	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Larry and Elise Marsalli
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	David and Pat Botta
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Stella and Leroy Taddei
Giacomo and Linda La Rosa	Jim and Janice Jones
Mary Cook	Jim and Janice Jones
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Bob and Kathy Acquistapace
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Contra Costa District
Robert Delpippo	Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Nello Rossi
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Roselynn Jarrett
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ELECTED GRAND PRESIDENT:
Bob Basuino Armando and Dorothy Fini

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ORDAINED A DEACON:
Reynaldo Sarmiento Carol Tacci
Rey Sarmiento Johanna Tacci

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan of Maggiora Jewelry from the proceeds of a sale of the I.C.F. pendant offered by the store.
*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 11/13/2013	DONALD S WALDRON Branch 045
ORLANDO (LARRY) AMELIO	JENNY COSTANZA Branch 206
ROSE A CAZARES Branch 036	LAWRENCE A POLITO Branch 223
BOB GIANATASIO Branch 045	RENA OTTRIA Branch 258
	VITO BORELLA Branch 290
	DEBBIE S DOMANICO Branch 434

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by Nov. 10, 2013.

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Ed and Joe Bertaccini
In honor of the 90th birthday of Marie Antonowicz

Charity Really Means Love

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate Chairman

The most common association with the word “charity” today is “giving.” Although giving is an act of charity, what charity really means is love.

God is a giving God. He gave us charity so that we would have love for one another. Giving to the needy is a wonderful calling; however charity has become a way of giving unwanted items or money to people for a tax break, so that we can obtain a temporary good feeling. Charity is sacrificing yourself for the benefit of others. Charity is loving the unlovable. Charity is peaceful and hopeful and humble. It was out of love that Jesus suffered on the cross to bear the weight of our sins, sacrificing His innocence so that we could gain ours if we chose to follow Him. That is what true love is: lowering yourself to lift another, thinking only of their benefit.

If this seems like a tough act to follow, don’t worry – true charity starts with a kind word given by you to a store clerk who is having a really bad day, holding

the door for someone even though you are in a rush, or even asking God to bless an enemy in your life. But it all started with love. LEARN TO LOVE. He loved you first; learn to pay it forward.

Helping others at the expense of our own comfort is an act of love. Love builds others up (as well as ourselves).

If the meaning of charity was to give THINGS to others, wouldn’t it follow that we should expect God to give US things? It doesn’t work that way, as He has already given us His love, and that is the most precious thing we can receive. PASS IT ON!

Knowledge makes you feel bigger, but charity/love makes you more God-like. There is nothing wrong with knowledge, but isn’t it more important to feel closer to God and follow his teachings? “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” The knowledge that you are loved is very powerful, and you can spread that power every day.

My sincere thanks to Lisa Crudo, Michael Cannady and Vincent Picciola for their assistance on this Committee.

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by Nov. 10, 2013.	Loving and Caring Friends of Cecilia’s Children and Grandchildren
Branch 4	In memory of Cecilia Fini
Branch 213	Officers/Members of Br. 285
Officers/Members of Br. 5	In memory of Cookie Rossi
In memory of George Osorio	Bob Basuino
Gino and Gloria Martinucci	In honor of the 90 th birthday of Marie Antonowicz
In memory of Dorothy (Cookie) Rossi	The Giuntoli Family
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita	In memory of Cookie Rossi
Get well wishes for Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Sangiacomo	Get well wishes for Mrs. Bea Bianco
Get well wishes for Al Teglia	Eva Stern
Officers/Members of Br. 290	Get well wishes for Joe Teresi
Get well wishes for John Consiglieri	Sal and Denise Campagna
John Gillio	In memory of Josephine Virginia Abinanti
In memory of George Osorio	Sal and Denise Campagna
John Gillio	In honor of the 90 th birthday of Marie Antonowicz
In memory of David Dupuis	
Rosalie Campisi	
In memory of Ben Laviano	

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 11/13/2013	ROBERT LEMOS Branch 332
IRENE A ANDROLOWICZ Branch 012	TERRY ROBELLO Branch 332
KAREN A MAIER Branch 012	JOSEPH MOSCARIELLO Branch 342
EVA M SIGALA Branch 051	MARY O MOSCARIELLO Branch 342
EILEEN LEPERA Branch 130	CARLA SPALASSO Branch 343
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Cooley's Corner



Merry Christmas!

Buon Natale!



Dr. Elliott Vichinsky, Laurice and Matt Levine, the Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia) Staff, and most especially the patients and families in our care, at Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland, would like to wish the members of the Italian Catholic Federation a Merry Christmas and a New

Year filled with good health, happiness, and peace. The ICF exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas, and for this and your years of dedication, love and support, we sincerely thank you. You have made a valuable difference in our lives and touched our hearts.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations received by Nov. 10, 2013.
Branch 4
Branch 198
Branch 213

Angelo Benassi
In memory of James Lemberger
Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
In memory of Lee Cook

Live to Give

Jane Dianda,
Committee Chairperson

When I created the Live to Give Committee in 2011, the intent was to provide more support and services to Cooley's patients; exactly what type and how was unknown to me. I give special thanks to Chairperson, Nina Malone and Committee Members, Jim Acitelli, Lisa Crudo, Laurice Levine and Al Teglia. As a result of the knowledge and creativity of these individuals; the Committee now has defined goals and a clear focus: to raise awareness on the importance of donating blood, to expand the ICF's knowledge regarding blood donation and to provide resources and opportunities for individual branches/districts to hold their own blood drives.

At the 2012 and 2013 Conventions, the Live to Give Committee planned blood drives which yielded 50 units of blood. We have also started a blood donor card program, which is the same as the Providenza, Scholarship, Cooley's, and Gifts of Love donation programs. The difference is that you can donate blood, rather than money, on behalf of someone.

Blood donor cards and instructions, as well as more information on donating blood and the location of blood banks in your district/county, will be included in the next quarterly mailing. Branch presidents will also find a

Live to Give branch chairperson form. If you have filled out this form already, please disregard it. If not, please have your branch select a chairperson for this very important and worthwhile committee. For those branches having financial difficulties, this program may be a good way for your branch to provide support to Cooley's patients without jeopardizing the well being of your branch.

Finally, through the efforts of our wonderful consultant, Mrs. Laurice Levine, we will be teaming up with the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Outreach Team at Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) to start promoting the ICF and the Live to Give Program, while raising awareness of thalassemia and supporting patients. Laurice provides outreach and education at approximately 15-20 blood drives a year, which are planned by other community organizations. At these blood drives Laurice will be handing out canvas bags with the ICF logo on one side and the CHO/Thalassemia logo on the other. The bags will include information on thalassemia, ICF brochures, and blood donor cards.

I am very pleased and grateful to this Committee for what has been accomplished these first two years and am very excited about the future of this committee and program and how much it will help those in need of blood.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If your Branch would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or
email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Central Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, October 19, 2013 Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

Opening Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: 2nd VP Andy Pappani; GP Bob Basuino

Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused: Msgr. Cardelli, Lisa Crudo, Mike Cannady and Steven Fuentes

CC Life Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Robert Dianda, Carmen Kilcullen, Leroy Taddei, Nello Rossi, Larry Marsalli, Jerry Delfino, Forrest Price and Jim Jones.

CC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for June 8, 2013 and September 1, 2013 were approved as presented.

Introductions: GP Bob Basuino welcomed guests from visiting branches.

Communications

- Thank you from the Most Reverend Gerald Barnes, Diocese of San Bernardino, for the pleasure of joining us at convention and the generous gift.
- Thank you from Ken McKinney, Director of Philanthropy at Children's Hospital and Laurice Levine thanking us for our annual donation presented at convention.
- Thank you from the Nello Rossi Family for the Providenza donation and flowers in memory of Cookie Rossi.
- Acknowledgment from ICF for Donation to Providenza Fund in memory of Cookie Rossi and get well wishes for Roselynn Jarrett and Msgr. Cardelli

Reports

Spiritual Director - Monsignor Daniel Cardelli – NOT PRESENT

Grand President – Bob Basuino

- Committee meetings attended: Sept. 13 Executive; Sept. 25 Task Force; Oct. 4 Finance; Oct. 7 Ways and Means; Oct. 15 Task Force; Oct. 19 CC meeting
- Bishop's Days: Bob Basuino attended: Sept. 14 Santa Rosa; October 20 San Diego. To attend Santa Clara on Oct. 27. Leonard Zasoski attended: Oct. 16 San Bernardino, Oct. 20 Fresno and to attend Blessed Sacrament Oct. 27
- Other events: Sept. 28 opening of Branch 432 Pleasant Hill, CA, Oct 13 Columbus Day Parade in SF; Oct. 13 re-organization and installation of Br. 75 Cloverdale (there were 20 new members).

Grand Treasurer – Roselynn Jarrett

- Reviewed General Fund Budget for 2013 up to September 30, 2013.
- UBS would be willing to do a workshop at Convention.

- Auditor updating information and auditing books.
- Raffles - our attorney is checking into regulations and will go in the Bollettino when we have it.
- Are we shopping the liability insurance? The Executive Committee has earmarked June to check into best option for liability insurance. Finance Committee will be looking into the best Workers' Comp. Program.
- Mike Rossi thanked Roselynn Jarrett for a very thorough report.

Deputy Chairperson – Leonard Zasoski

- Doing an overview of where our strengths and weaknesses are. By next meeting will have a spread sheet for us to review on where the Federation needs help/assistance.
- Plans on setting up quarterly GoTo meetings/conference calls with District Deputies.
- It was asked how many Districts don't have District Deputies? At this time 2.
- This committee should be keeping Expansion posted on issues and vice versa.
- The deputy title name has not changed as we are waiting to see what comes out of the Strategic Plan.

Committee Reports

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

- The committee has been contacted to do a workshop for after installation.
- Letters are being sent out to District Presidents encouraging Workshops.
- Will have an article in the Bollettino.

Ways and Means – Franklyn Lopes reporting for Lisa Crudo

- 90th anniversary galas in 3 areas: Chicago Date TBA, chaired by Teresa Helfand; LA June 29, St. Peters Italian Church Mass at 11am chaired by Pat Mages; SF June 22, Mass at Immaculate Conception in San Francisco, meal at Basque Center in South San Francisco, chaired by Dante Galeazzi. Gala funds will go into Providenza fund.

- Golf tournament to be chaired by Leonard Rossi.

- Looking into a short cruise, Christmas cards.

- CC meeting will be moved from the 14th of June to the 21st so that Central Council members will be available to go the SF gala on the 22nd.

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

- The Strategic Plan is a road map to lead us into the future. The document will be a living document. We will have to review it annually. We have to find ways of finding a growth pattern, may not be the first year or two but then the decline should start reversing. Involving Districts is a must as all areas are a little different.

- Committee made motion to Central Council to accept proposal.

- Roselynn Jarrett reported on the

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CC Minutes

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finances to fund the plan: we have bonds that have just matured or will in near future. These would be used to fund the Strategic Plan.

- Proposal for the Strategic Plan PASSED.

- Dante Galeazzi moved to fund this project with the bonds maturing through August 2014, seconded by Vince Piro.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Mailing getting prepared to go out for the 1st year scholarships; read a thank you from a scholarship recipient; explained selection process; was suggested to use your parish bulletin to solicit recipients.

Public Relations –Vince Piro

- Covered the strengths and weaknesses of the Bollettino. Resolving issues with a new editing team, performance reviews, new paper printer to produce the Bollettino and reinforcing deadlines.

- Have sent bids out to companies that fit our qualifications, which are: news print, to sort and send to Post Office and deliver to the Post Office.

- Website: going to review for updates and will proof for missing links.

- Goals this year: to change Bollettino printer, annual evaluation of editor, begin online voluntary subscription of Bollettino, discuss and modernize Bollettino.

Membership – Nina Malone

- Committee met today. They will be taking turns doing articles.

- Membership should work with the Task Force, Workshop and Public Relations Committees.

Live to Give - Jane Dianda

- Have raised 50 units of blood since inception of committee.

- Working with branches - will be sending out more info in the future to the branches.

- The blood bank lets Laurice Levine know when a blood drive is being held so she can set up a table to give info on the importance of blood being donated. They want to add ICF info to this.

- ICF logo will be put on the other side of thalesemia green bags and maybe a flyer about ICF will be inside.

- Proposal from committee for \$400 for handouts and convention expenses. PASSED.

Hospitalization – Andy Pappani

- As of September 30, 2013: 438 members, \$10,060.42 paid in dues so far this year, claims paid this year \$6,505.00, UBS account has \$818,638.00.

- Looking into ways of promoting the program and increasing membership.

- The Committee proposes that \$30,000 be moved from Hospitalization to the ICF General Fund. PASSED.

Heritage – Nancy Corsi

- Thanks all the people who made the parade float possible.

- Year in pictures book is available. Roselynn Jarrett asked if a book can be kept in the office so expansion can use it to promote the ICF.

Gifts of Love – Pat Mages

- This year to diversify volunteer judges, and allow more members the opportunity to be involved, the committee will meet in different areas. First meeting to be at Al and Frances Teglia's new home in Roseville, a meeting will be in the LA area using GoTo meeting for those not in the area.

Finance Committee - Roselynn Jarrett

- FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET: committee proposed to make some changes in verbiage to section I regarding the Grand President. PASSED. Section II regarding Central Council Per Diem, PASSED. Stipend section changes DENIED. In notes The ICF office reserves the right to deduct outstanding bills from Central Council reimbursements. PASSED. Went over the stipend section: Vince Piro made a motion seconded by Nancy Corsi that Expansion Committee members are entitled to a \$75 per day stipend. PASSED. Roselynn Jarrett made a motion seconded by Nina Malone to accept line 2 of the proposed stipend. PASSED.

- It was brought up that many times Emeritus members are asked to do things at convention and including the opening ceremony and receive no compensation. Would like to see the Finance Committee look into some kind of consideration/compensation to Emeritus members attending convention.

- Providenza fund donations for 2014 proposed by Committee. PASSED.

- 2014 budget proposed by Committee, discussed. PASSED.

- Committee moves to accept 2014 budget as presented. PASSED.

Expansion – David Botta

- Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill, with assistance from Msgr. Cardelli, opened. Thank you Roselynn Jarrett and Carmen Kilcullen for all your work. Opened the Branch with 116 members, tomorrow 1st official meeting with 7 more new member to be initiated.

- Reorganized Br. 75 Cloverdale. Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen and David Botta worked with them. Initiated new members and installed officers. 21 members strong.

- Las Vegas: Holy Family Parish wanted a branch, so Carmen Kilcullen and David Botta attended 4 masses. Ended up with only 17 names, not possible to start a branch. Christ the King will be working on trying to start a new branch after the first of the year.

- Branch 433, Tucson was going to close the branch no one wants to take office, but they met and got a new President, still trying to get a secretary. The other branch in Tucson, Expansion Committee may have to go down and promote membership.

- Expansion looking to work in the Orange area and see if they can get more branches down there

- Br. 246 San Diego - Forrest Price has been working with them.

- Glendale, AZ Branch having trouble getting officers, about 30 members left. Going to see if they can have a membership table at masses.

- Possibility of closed Fullerton Branch finding a new Parish to call home and reopen.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes not present

By-Laws and Rituals – David Botta

- Looking into cleaning up some of the wording in the By-Law and Rituals.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

- Relayed stories reflecting on those that think of self and those that are selfless and think of others and the importance of being selfless in life. Ask for things that give you genuine happiness not materialistic happiness.

Unfinished Business

- CC branch visits - Roselynn Jarrett reminding everyone to schedule their meetings.

New Business

- Jane Dianda made a motion to give \$150 to Our Lady of Grace for the use of the hall for today's meetings. Seconded by Vince Piro second. PASSED.

- Roselynn Jarrett proposed change in Statutes to article 9B David Botta seconded. PASSED.

- Roselynn Jarrett proposed Signatures on Bank accounts be any 2 of the 6 signatures, does not have to be the Treasurer; 2nd by Nancy Corsi. PASSED.

- Vince Piro presented a proposed change regarding the awards given at convention and creating a new committee for this. To take effect immediately. Seconded by Pat Mages. PASSED.

Good of the Order

- Installation in LA is looking at consolidating 4 Districts into one on Jan. 19, 2014.

- Jerry Delfino thanked all for prayer and cards.

- Larry Marsalli missed his first convention in years this year. Thanks to the Ways and Means committee for the calendar being dedicated to him.

- Franklyn Lopes thanked Bob Basuino for job well done with today's meeting.

- Nina Malone thanked all cast members for the convention skit.

Closing Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

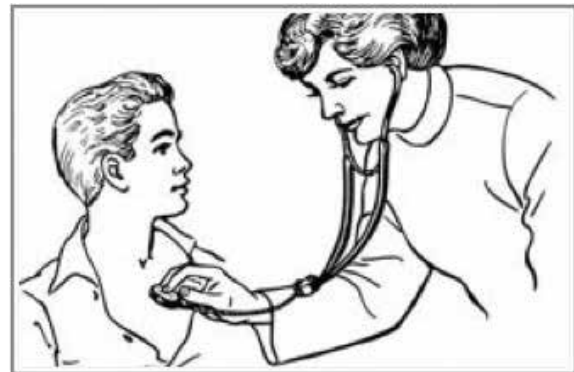
Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary

- Next Meeting: Saturday February 8, 2014; Location and time TBA

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La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Printable Nativity Set



This nativity craft was originally designed to be printed, colored, and glued around toilet paper tubes to make the pieces stand up. You may also print the pieces on card stock, and then use tape to make them into a cylinder.

Materials Needed:

- About 13 Toilet Paper Tubes, or just print the figures on Card Stock

- Scissors
- Glue Stick, Tape
- Crayons
- Download of Nativity Set from the kids section of the ICF website.



Directions for Completing Nativity Craft:

- Print the Nativity Set
- Color with Crayons
- Cut out the pieces
- Attach the pieces to toilet paper tubes with a glue stick or tape. If you've

printed them on card stock, just roll them into cylinders and tape to secure. Some of the toilet paper tubes for the shorter figures will have to be cut shorter first. For most of the figures, just glue the bottom even with the bottom of the toilet paper tube and let the heads, tree leaves and angel wings hang off the top.

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro CC Member

In preparation for the Christmas season, some readers have asked me to review children's books that would make good gifts for children and grandchildren. Below are several books, including the publisher's description of the book, and my brief review. I hope your children and grandchildren enjoy them.

A Christmas Adventure in Little Italy

By James Doti

Jabberwocky Books. 36 pages.

A Christmas Adventure in Little Italy by James Doti is described by the publisher in this way: "The day before Christmas, Jimmy and his best friend--his dog, Blackie--are visiting Nonna, Jimmy's grandma, in Little Italy. Jimmy loves to visit with Nonna, especially when he can help her make biscotti. After they finish baking, Jimmy, Nonna, and Blackie set to take the freshly baked biscotti to St. Michael the Archangel Church, where they will be given to poor families on Christmas Eve. As they leave the church, a bus startles Blackie, who runs off. All too soon, Jimmy realizes that Blackie is lost. Even though Jimmy and Nonna search everywhere, the quickly falling snow covers up Blackie's paw prints, making it impossible to follow him. Will Jimmy's Christmas be a sad one without his best friend?"

Doti's book is a book that stresses family values and traditions. The relation between Jimmy and his Nonna is close and special and represents the importance of family in

our lives, especially in times of trouble. It also demonstrates the power of tradition. The detailed and warm illustrations transport one back to a Little Italy neighborhood in the 1950s and give a glimpse into a time gone by. Although considered a book for 6 year olds and up, this book can be read aloud to children and enjoyed by children of any age.

Adriano, il Cane di Pompei - Hadrian, the Dog of Pompeii

by Matthew Frederick (Author) and Leo Lätti (Illustrator)

Long Bridge Publishing. 32 pages.

Adriano, il Cane di Pompei - Hadrian, the Dog of Pompeii is "A delightful story of a special dog and the magical place he calls home. Follow Hadrian the Dog of Pompeii amid famous ruins and friendly tourists, and experience the adventure that changed his life. Discover more about Pompeii in the historical sections of the book and the location map. Suitable for all children with a love of animals, and for parents and educators seeking an entertaining way to introduce the subjects of travel, history, archeology, and geography. The Italian text followed by the English translation on every page make the book a fun tool for language students and teachers as well."

This book is a delight due to the character of a heroic little dog and his adventures in Pompeii. By following Adriano throughout the book, the reader is given a tour of the city. The illustrations are inviting and detailed enough to give one a sense of the city. Besides the enjoyable story, there is a section in the back of the book about the history of Pompeii. The Italian and English

translations are side-by-side, making it easy for everyone - children and adults alike - to practice or learn a little Italian. This book is intended for children over 3 years of age.

The Silver Spoon for Children: Favorite Italian Recipes

Phaidon Press. 104 pages.

The publisher explains, "Broken into Lunches and Snacks, Pasta and Pizza, Main Courses and Desserts and Baking, The Silver Spoon for Children presents over 40 quick, wholesome and authentic Italian recipes that children aged 8 and above will love to cook and eat. The recipes have been thoroughly tested by an expert in children's nutrition. The book also offers tips on cooking safely, which kitchen equipment to use, and how to make things as tasty as possible. Every step is described in detail accompanied by charming hand-drawn illustrations and full-color photographs of the finished dish that make the recipes fun and easy-to-follow."

Not quite grandma's recipes, but a great place to start, especially for children interested in cooking. The detailed recipes are aided by useful illustrations and full-color photos of each meal. There are enough different recipes to keep a child interested for quite a while. There are also helpful tips on basic safety and cooking techniques. Older children may be able to use the book to cook on their own without the assistance of an adult. The book is probably most suitable for children 10 and up. The edition I saw also contained some small parts, so it is not intended for children under 3 years of age.

Nonna Tell Me a Story: Lidia's Christmas Kitchen

By Lidia Bastianich

Running Press Kids. 56 pages.

The publisher explains that in Nonna Tell Me a Story, "America's favorite Italian-American cook, Lidia Bastianich, shares the story of the Christmases she used to celebrate in Italy with her five grandchildren. When Lidia was a child, she spent Christmas with her grandparents, where she learned to cook with her Nonna Rosa by preparing food in their smokehouse and kitchen. Lidia and her brother would also find a big beautiful juniper bush to cut down for their holiday tree. And they made their own holiday decorations with nuts, berries, and herbs they collected for their meals."

This picture book contains a brief story of Bastianich's Christmas traditions and is full of recipes and decorating ideas for the holiday season. It is a realistic and moving portrait of family traditions and celebrations during Christmas in Italy. However, one will also learn about traditions such as the juniper bush with apples, cinnamon sticks, and wrapped walnuts and almonds. The second part of the book contains a dozen or so recipes, my favorite being Fried Ribbon Cookies.

Of course, many other books exist that can introduce your child or grandchild to Italy or the lives of Italian-Americans. Some of my favorites are the books by Tomie DePaola about Strega Nona and Old Befana.



Testimonial

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Central Council Grand Trustee Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Those in attendance enjoyed a dinner of salad, antipasto, risotto, and baked chicken.

Grand First Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., chairman of the testimonial dinner, welcomed everyone to this beautiful evening in honor of Past Grand President Jane Dianda.

The opening prayer was offered by East Bay District Chaplain Fr. Zak Stanislaw, and the guests seated at the head table were introduced.

Grand Trustee Lisa Crudo told stories from Jane's childhood, including one where Jane jumped on the back of a milk truck to escape from school. She also told of Jane's love of her family and her adoration of her pets, including her recently departed Shadow, and her new love Tosca.

Growing up in the ICF, Jane knew nothing else. Being a member, working for and loving the ICF were just a part of life, not just for Jane, but for her family as well.

"Jane has lived her life and exemplified the values of the ICF instilled in her by her parents," Crudo said.

As this marks the end of Jane's term, it now becomes Jane's duty to offer assistance when needed, but, "in her humility she will slip into the background and let the new Grand President lead," Crudo added.

Crudo also read a letter of praise and thanks from the whole Dianda family. In the letter it said, "her term is up, the party is over, and now it is time for her to come home."

Laurice Levine from Children's Hospital Oakland, and a personal friend of Jane's spoke of Jane. She told of their common love of dogs and of Jane's creation of the "Live to Give" Committee that Levine is a member of.

Levine re-presented Jane with a plaque thanking her on behalf of Children's Hos-



pital and a framed photo of a droplet of blood.

Jane is "such a role model for women," Levine said. However, at this most recent Convention in La Quinta, Levine rescued Jane on more than one occasion from the various bugs that were found creeping around Jane's room and terrace. Therefore, Levine presented Jane with a box of motorized bugs to commemorate the trip to La Quinta.

Nancy Corsi, Grand Trustee and President of Branch 91 and East Bay District President Patricia Pasquinnelli presented Jane with beautiful gifts of appreciation from the branch and district.



Grand President Bob Basuino also thanked Jane for her years of service and personally thanked her for her guidance in helping him get to his Grand Presidency.

"I appreciate all your guidance, all your expertise, in getting me to where I am today," he said.

On behalf of the Central Council, GP Basuino presented Jane with an ICF necklace. From himself, Basuino gave Jane an old-fashioned rolling pin, so that she has a new hobby to help pass the new found time she has.

On behalf of Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, who could not be in attendance, Basuino presented Jane with a beautiful proclamation from Pope Francis.

In response to this evening of praise and gratitude, Jane took this opportunity to thank everyone who helped her not only as Grand President, but all those who helped

guide her into becoming the person she is today.

Jane introduced her family and friends and thanked them for their patience and support.

To her parents, Sir Robert Dianda and Lady Theresa Dianda, Jane said, "I thank you for making the ICF not only a part of my life, but a way of life."

Jane went on to thank her branch, the office staff, Central Council members, and the testimonial dinner committee.

"Thank you all for the kind words," Jane said, "Thank you all for making it so memorable."

With a closing prayer from Fr. Zak, the evening came to an end.

Farewells were said, but for Past Grand President Jane Dianda, this chapter in her life has officially come to an end.

Grand President

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need to recall the real meaning of the Holidays, The Birth of Our Savior! We need to focus on the message the angels sent to us that first Christmas morning; "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to men of good will." By remembering to give Glory to God, praying for peace and loving one another as we would be loved, everything will fall into place, our lives will become easier and we will be able to manage everything He has in store for us.

May this Holiday Season bring you Peace, Joy and Hope for the New Year.

Buon Natale e Buon Capo D'Anno a tutti!

Fraternally,

Bob Basuino

Grand President

Robert Basuino Grand President

Dear Branch/District Presidents and District Deputies:

On November 7, 2013 Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines and on November 17, 2013 tornadoes hit the Midwest of the United States causing deaths, injuries and massive destruction. In the Philippines, more than 4,000 people have died and the survivors are desperate for food, clean water, shelter and medicine. The tornadoes in the Midwest cut across several states and destroyed or damaged thousands of homes as well as the states' infrastructure.

The Federation has decided to start relief funds for the people who were devastated by these two recent events. \$1,000 to go towards each disaster has already been donated from the Central Council funds.

Please Help Victims of Typhoon Haiyan and Midwest Tornadoes

We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to these relief funds to help the people who were affected. Private Donations are also welcomed.

Please send your donations to the I.C.F. Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Philippines Typhoon or Midwest Tornadoes on the memo line. If you decide to donate towards both and make one check, please be sure to notate how much you are donating for each disaster. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to Catholic Relief Services for the Typhoon in the Philippines and one check to Catholic Charities U.S.A. for the Midwest Tornadoes. The deadline for donations is January 31, 2014, so we can forward the money on to help in the continuing efforts to aid the victims and their families.

Catholic Relief Services is the relief and development arm of the Catholic Church in the United States to help with overseas disasters and Catholic Charities U.S.A. helps with disasters that occur in the United States. Both agencies are coordinating the relief efforts for food and other aid items, counseling and help in getting back to work.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who were impacted by these terrible disasters.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the I.C.F. office at 1-888-423-1924.

Las Vegas Bishop's Day

The Las Vegas District celebrated its Bishop's Day on November 3, 2013 at Our Lady of Las Vegas Church, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Joseph A. Pepe, Bishop of Las Vegas presided over the day's festivities, hosted by St. Francis de Sales, Branch 367.

The Seminary Burse donation was presented by Dianne Vatalare, 1st VP and the Spiritual Bouquet was presented by Manny Valle, 2nd VP/Orator.

Past President Walter Stoklosa, made a private donation to Bishop Pepe.

Grand 1st VP Leonard Zasoski, Jr., presented the Central Council's Providenza Donation to Bishop Pepe.

Master of Ceremonies Danny Centurioni introduced all guests in attendance, which included: Grand 1st Vice President and member of Branch 281, Bakersfield Leonard and Betty Zasoski; CC Member Patricia Mages and her husband Lou, from Br. 380 Thousand Oaks, CA; Fr. Sam Falbo, Chaplain of Branch 367; Fr. Gene Kinney, member of Branch 367 and Pastor of Holy Family Church; Fr. Gerry Grupzinski, Pastor of



Celebrating Bishop's Day in Las Vegas were Branch 367 Member Danny Centurioni; CC Member Pat Mages and her husband Lou; Bishop Joseph Pepe; Laurice Levine from Oakland Children's Hospital; Betty Zasoski and Grand 1st Vice President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; and Event Chairwoman Jackie Donato.

Our Lady of Las Vegas Church; Fr. Richard Philiposki, Our Lady of Las Vegas Church; Fr. Wieslaw Verdowich, Visiting Vicar of the

Society of Christ; and Laurice Levine, Senior Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator, Oakland Children's Hospital.

San Diego Bishop's Day



(Above) San Diego Diocesan Bishop Cirilo Flores, Mary Alesi, CC Emeritus and Grand President, Bob Basuino. (Below) Seated at the head table were Mary Alesi; Santa Sophia Pastor, Jacob Bertrand; S.D. District President Tony Anthony; Bishop Flores; Grand President Bob Basuino; and San Diego Diocesan Chaplain, Father Bill Stevenson.



San Bernardino Bishop's Day

The San Bernardino District celebrated its Bishop's Day on October 16, 2013 at Napoli Restaurant in Loma Linda, California.

The Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes presided over the day's festivities, hosted by the San Bernardino District and chaired by District President John Grisafe..

The Seminary Burse donation and Spiritual Bouquet were presented by Mauro Romagnoli, Barbara Keough and John Grisafe.

Grand 1st VP Leonard Zasoski, Jr., presented the Central Council's Providenza Donation

to Bishop Barnes.

Bishop Barnes addressed the current shortage of vocations, especially from this country. He challenged Catholics to be more willing to accept foreign born priests who currently staff many parishes in this diocese, even though their English is difficult to understand because of their homeland accent. He praised the ICF as one of the only three organizations that financially helps support vocations annually.

Special guests in attendance were Grand 1st Vice President and member of Branch 281, Bakersfield Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; Lou Mages from Br. 380 Thousand Oaks; and Rev. Guillermo Martinez.

Santa Clara Valley Celebrates Bishop's Day



Fr. Eddie Obero, Associate Pastor and Br. 191 Chaplain from Saint Francis Cabrini, altar servers, and Seminarians following the Santa Clara Valley Bishop's Day Mass.



Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani, Grand President Bob Basuino, Bishop Thomas Daly, and District President John Gillio at Santa Clara Valley Bishop's Day luncheon. Bishop Daly grew up in San Francisco and is very familiar with the ICF. It was such a pleasure to welcome him to our SCVD family.



Merry Christmas!

Monterey Bishop's Day



Bishop Richard Garcia with the Holy Cross Youth Ministry, Santa Cruz, Branch 21.

The Central Coast District celebrated its Bishop's Day on November 3, 2013 at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz, California. Rev. Bishop Richard Garcia presided over the day's festivities, hosted by Santa Cruz, Branch 21.

The Seminary Burse donation was presented by Franklyn Lopes, Jr., and the Spiritual Bouquet was presented by Event Co-Chair Roseann Costabile.

Grand President Bob Basuino presented the Central Council's Providenza Donation to Bishop Garcia.

Bishop Garcia said mass to a packed church at 10:30am, followed by a wonderful brunch prepared by the members of Branch 21. Presentations were made after lunch. The day was a great gathering for all, and a chance to see old friends and catch up. Event co-chairs

Rosa Radicchi and Roseann Costabile outdid themselves.

Special guests in attendance, included: Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid; Grand Trustee Nancy Corsi and her husband Giovanni; Grand Trustee Lisa Crudo and her mother Roselynn; CC Member Marco Galeazzi and his wife Diane; Past Grand President and CC Life Member Steve Fuentes; Past Grand President and CC Life Member Leonard Rossi and his wife Karen; CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi; CC Life Member Jim Friebe and his wife Maryann; Past Grand President and CC Life Member Emeritus Lary Marsalli and his wife Elise; CC Life Member Emeritus Nello Rossi; CC Life Member Emeritus Gerry Delfino and his wife Joan; Father Mike Marini; Father Manny Pecera; and Deacon Martin Cain.

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392 Chicago, IL



We are keeping our recently Deceased Members in our prayers during this Holy Season.

Santo Accurso, Angela Auteri, Clotilde Cozzone, Angelo De Bartolo and Filippo Dolcimascolo

Our Wishes to our Brothers and Sisters in the Federation for a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



We Wish You All the Wonders, Hope
and Joy
of the First Christmas Night!
St. Gertrude, Br. 181
Franklin Park, IL



Buon Natale

From The Officers and Members of the Santa Clara Valley District

Branch 4 - Holy Cross - San Jose Branch 5 - St. Clare's - Santa Clara

Branch 28 - St. Mary's - Gilroy Branch 47 - St. Joseph's - Mt. View

Branch 184 - St. Mary's - Los Gatos Branch 186 - St. Nicholas - Los Altos

Branch 191 - St. Frances Cabrini - San Jose

Branch 368 - Santa Teresa - San Jose Branch 391 - St. Martin's - San Jose

Branch 408 - Resurrection - Sunnyvale

Branch 435 - St. Catherine's - Morgan Hill



Editor's Note:

Next Bollettino deadline is
December 10 for the
January 2014 issue.

Please send everything to:
icfeditor@gmail.com



Wishing Peace and
Blessings for All
at Christmas and
the New Year.
St. Michael, Br. 209
Sebastopol



The Officers and
Members of
Br. 327 of St.
Charles Church
wish all a
happy and holy
Christmas season.



Happy Seasons
Greetings to All &
a Happy, Healthy
& Holy 2014.
From All the ICF
Members of Corpus
Christi, Branch 290



Wishing You a
Blessed Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

Branch 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Brentwood, CA

Auguri Per Le Feste
Natalizie
Da Tucson



Fr. Eusebio
Kino,
Branch 433
Tucson,
Arizona

Wishing you Peace, Love
and Joy for the
holiday season
and 2014.

Deborah Rodondi,
CC Grand Secretary



Merry Christmas to All!
From Branch 413,
Angels Camp



Christ's Blessings to
each of you.
A Merry Christmas!
Jim and Janice Jones



Officers
and
Members
of
Branch 6

Wish all
a Blessed Christmas and
Happy New Year!

The Italian Catholic
Federation Office Staff

Wish all members a
very Blessed Christmas
and
a Healthy and Happy
New Year!



Merry Christmas
and Happy
New Year
from Officers
& Members of
Branch 130,
Redwood City, CA

Wishing you happy holiday-
times to cherish and remember
throughout the year.
Buon Natale and Buon Anno.
Officers and Members
of Branch 391
St. Martin of Tours,
San Jose, CA



Christmas
Blessings
from the
Contra Costa
District!

Italian Catholic Federation - Branch No. 428
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

**CELEBRAZIONE
NATALE**

Friday December 20, 2013
6 PM Cocktails 7 PM Dinner
Mel and Faye's Banquet Room
31 State Highway 49/88
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Prime Rib or Salmon @ \$30 with No Host Bar
No tickets sold at the door
HOPE YOU CAN CELEBRATE WITH US
This function is open to both members and guests
Questions or Reservations: Call Alba Arosio (209) 223-0622

*From Our Family to Yours, May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the
Gladness of Christmas which is Hope and the
Essence of Christmas which is Love,
be with you this Holiday Season.*



Jane Dianda
Past Grand President



Sir Robert & Theresa Dianda
Life Member Emeritus of C.C.



THE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
BRANCH 403
WISH EVERYONE
BUON NATALE
AND
BUON ANNO.

Merry
Christmas



*Our lady of Victory
Branch 32*



*Branch
218 would
like to
wish
everyone
a Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year.*

**May the miracle of this holy season
bring peace and love to all !**



**From the Officers and Members of
St. Frances Cabrini
Branch 191, San Jose**



**Best Wishes for
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year.
From the Officers and
Members
of Branch 213
St. Augustine,
So. San Francisco, CA**

**Buon
Natale
e Felice
Anno
Nuovo a
Tutti Nostri Amici!
Diana Petrolino**



*Dear Brothers and Sisters
of the I.C.F.:*

*Our wish for a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy New Year.*

Larry and Elise Marsalli



**Buon Natale
e Buon Capo
D'Anno a Tutti!
We are still here,
thank God. Come
up for a visit.
All are welcome.
The Officers and
Members of ICF
Branch 18, St. Rose,
Santa Rosa**

Augurando a tutti un grande

Buon Natale

E

Felice Anno Nuovo

Da

The Officers and Members of

St. Elizabeth

I.C.F. Br. 258



*Buon Natale
e un
Felice Anno
Nuovo*

*from the
Officers and
Members
Branch #343
Castro Valley*



*Merry Christmas and wishing you a
Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

The Pappani Family





Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
to all of our families
and friends.
May the birth of
Christ fill your hearts
with love and may the
New Year bring you
good fortune
and good health.

Members of Branch 39
Merced, California

*Buon Natale and a very
Happy and Healthy New Year
from all the Officers & Members
of
ICF Branch 173*



*May Jesus be the Guiding Light
in your Life.
Merry Christmas -- Buon Natale
and Happy New Year!
From Branch 144
St. Mary's, Arcata*

*Buon Natale e
Felice Capo D'Anno.
Branch 154, St. Raymond's,
Richmond*



ITALIAN CATHOLIC
FEDERATION
RENO BRANCH 135
AUGURI A TUTTI
PER UN NATALE BENEDETTO
E
UN FELICE E SANO 2014
BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
2014





Vi auguriamo un Natale
di Amore, Pace e
Benedizioni!

(We wish you a Christmas of
Love, Peace and Blessings!)

The Officers and
Members of Branch 184

St. Mary of the
Immaculate Conception

Los Gatos, CA



The Stockton District prays that the
coming Christmas Season brings Joy and
Happiness to all.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!



San Mateo
District

Buon Natale



For
unto us
a child is born
unto us
a son is given.

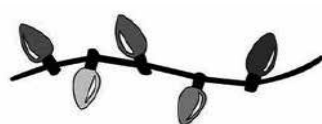
Wishing all my
wonderful ICF
family and friends
a very Blessed and
Merry Christmas!

Much Love,

Lisa Crudo and family



Merry
Christmas to
all our ICF
family and
friends.
Vince and
Robyn
Piro



Buon Natale &
Felice Capo D'Anno

Franklyn Lopes, Jr., CC Grand Trustee
Branch 227, Capitola



From My Family to Yours!
May you have a Christmas filled with love and joy and
a New Year filled with peace and good health.
Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!
Bob Basuino and Family



Buon Natale
e auguri
Per un
felice,
prospero New Year
From the Officers
and Members
of Novato,
Branch 332

Merry Christmas

Stockton Branch 395
Church of the Presentation
Wishes everyone a joyous
Christmas season.



Buon Natale



Wishing
Everyone
a Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!!
From ICF Branch 439,
Our Lady
Mother of the Church



Happy
Holidays!

From
The
Fuentes
Family

BUON NATALE
MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
OF SAN GIUSEPPE



BRANCH #12
NAPA



We wish you every happiness
for a Holy Christmas and for
the New Year.
Buon Natale E Capo Di Anno
From the Officers and
Members of Branch 7,
Sacro Cuore



Buon Natale e
Felice Capo D'Anno
from the Officers
and Members of
San Carlo,
Branch 14, Crockett



*Wishing you all the joys
of the season
and a wonderful New Year*

From the Officers and Members of
Monterey Santa Rosalia Br. #36



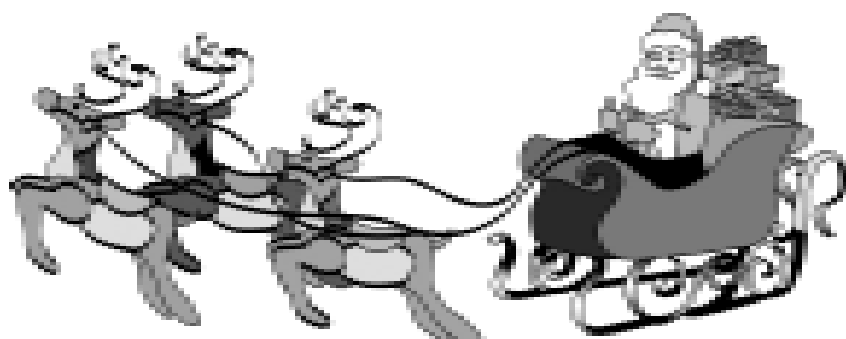
Concord,
CA
Branch 214
Members
of parishes
St. Agnes,

St. Bonaventure,
Queen of All Saints, and
St. Francis of Assisi
Vi Auguriamo Tutti un Buon
Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo



Seasons
Greetings
From
The
Officers
and

Members of
Br. 19, San Vincenzo
De Paoli, Colma, CA



TANTI AU-
GURI DAI
CUORI DI
TUTTI I
MEMBRI DELLA
SESSION 163, SAN
MATEO, PER UN
BUON NATALE ED
UN CAPO D'ANNO
SANA E FELICE.



Wishing all members of the
Italian Catholic Federation
a Buon Natale and a Felice
Capo d'Anno!

May you have
a Christmas
filled with Love
and Joy and a
New Year filled
with Peace and
Good Fortune.

From the Officers and
Members of Santo Stefano,
Br. 50, San Francisco



We at Branch #28
wish everyone in the
Italian Catholic Federation

Buon Natale

e
Felice Anno Nuovo



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH BRANCH 425
GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from sunny
Arizona



Chicago

Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195

Our November Meeting began with prayers for and remembering our deceased members. We also heard from Judy Longawa, who was one of our members attending the Archdiocese of Chicago’s fundraiser to promote the cause of canonization of Father Augustus Tolton. This cause is near and dear to the heart of our own Bishop Joseph N. Perry, who has helped to educate us on the life and history of Father Augustus Tolton.

Also, some of our members attended the Tenth Annual Compassion in Action Dinner on November 16, honoring Bishop Perry, sponsored by the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate VI of the Archdiocese of Chicago received his appointment June 1998. Since that time he has been the champion of causes of the underserved and under his leadership, food pantries, clothing banks and social services thrive in the far southern suburbs.

Additionally, he has always been at the heart of 195’s St. Joseph Day Celebrations.

Also, at our November meeting, reservations were taken for our annual Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 1, at Carlo Lorenzetti’s Restaurant in Chicago Heights.

Our Christmas Luncheon has historically been held on the first Sunday in December, which, of course, is the first Sunday in Advent so we might call it our Advent

Celebration! Still in November we honor and pray for all Veterans. Good luck to Katrina Pelkey, daughter of members Pat and John Pelkey. Katrina is a talented and beautiful (inside and outside) contestant in The Miss Illinois contest. Get well wishes to George French who recently underwent surgery. We wish a blessed and wonderful

Thanksgiving to all!

God Bless,

Jo Merlo

Fresno

Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Our first dinner meeting was held at the home of MaryAnn Post. It was a fun eveing with delicious food. Kudos to all who worked so hard to make it happen. New Members Jeff and Twila Bondi were present.

We remembered long time member Josephine Sergi who died in September at the age of 95. We will miss her. Sympathy to Germaine Orlando in the death of her brother, he was a member of Branch 285.

We were happy to see Gary and Cathy Caropreso doing well, both had surgery recently. Get well wishes to Bernard Paradiso.

President Gary Caropreso spoke of various plans and ideas for future fundraisers. We will be working on them in 2014. Our annual Chicken – Polenta Dinner will be February 22, 2014. More discussion later.

ICF calendars were sold. Our Christmas Party will be held December 3 at 6:00pm at Rick and Terri Post’s Warehouse. Chicken – Polenta Dinner tickets will be distributed at this time.

Next regular meeting will be a dinner meeting on January 20, 2014 at the Pastoral Center.

As we approach the holiday season we thank

God for the spiritual and physical growth of our branch. To all who have worked so hard, we are truly thankful.

May his love and peace abide in each of us.

Ciao,

Germaine Orlando

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Many thanks to our 2013 Officers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our branch. The following will be our 2014 Officers:

President - Charles Linnenbrink, 1st VP Maria Steele, 2nd VP (open), Rec. Sec. Christina Fanucchi, Corr. Sec. Gertie O’Neil, Financial Sec. Shane Bryan, Orator Rita Bertolucci, Trustee Michael Cerri, Catherine Dounies, Mary Marchetti, Sentinel Joseph Passaglia and Branch Deputy B. G. Zasoski.

Thank you Martha Ball and Madeline Ceccarelli for organizing our delightful “Potato Extravaganza” at our November meeting.

Our October Raffle Drawing winner was Antone Chicca \$44, Josephine Lencioni Membership Drawing \$10.00 and Josephine/Barbara Colombana \$30 October Calendar Winners. Don’t forget to buy your calendar for 2014 for an opportunity to win.

While we celebrate the upcoming holidays please remember Irene Lencioni and Frank McKenna who are both in Glenwood Gardens, and Christina Fanucchi’s grandmother Dawn Michel who recently had surgery.

Mark your calendar for our December 10th, Christmas Turkey Dinner. Santa will be there to hear your Christmas wishes.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

At last, beautiful fall colors. We had a great dinner in October, homemade sausage and pasta dinner prepared by Dominic, Maryellen and crew. Nettie contributed a pumpkin dessert. Our new members, Mike and Christine Belluomini joined us and he was just recently elected to the Merced City Council. Congratulations Mike. We nominated a new slate of officers for 2014: President, Robyn Piro, 1st Vice, Jim Rosa, 2nd Vice, Lori Bernardi Sutton, Secretary, Gina Pugliese, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Pugliese, Orator, Fr. Frank Piro, Trustees, Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes and Stephanie Lucich and Sentinel, Richard Gipson. We look forward to an exciting year. On November 13 we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. Thanks to all who helped. Be sure to join us for our annual Christmas Party on December 15 with the IAL members -- lots of goodies, Santa Claus and games. Our prayers go out to our sick members and our sympathy to the family of Alberta Stefani. She was a loyal and supportive member member for over 50 years. Our thanks go to our past Grand President Jane Dianda who served for 2 years. 2014 will be an important year as we work on a plan to help the Federation keep the dreams of our founders alive. Merry Christmas to all. Quote by Pope Francis, “Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give of ourselves to serve others.”

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

This year’s annual Chicken/Spaghetti Dinner went well. Everyone enjoyed the chicken and spaghetti sauce. Thanks to our chair couple, Ron and Beverly Travis; our President, Jeanette Shriver; the cooks, Frank Pimentel, Glen Vietti, John Rainaldi, Wes Johnson; and

many others who pitched in even at the last minute.

Eleven of our members attended the Bishop’s Seminary Burse at St. Patrick’s Church in Merced, CA. Mass was given by Monsignor Cotta. A lovely luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Shirley Mitchell attended a pilgrimage to Rome and Assissi and on October 13 attended a mass dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima said by Pope Francis’. She saw the Pope at close range.

Ernie & Sylvia Dalton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Congratulations!

Jennie Campopiano got a brand new Ford Fusion. She retired her 1995 Mercury Cougar and is looking forward to many fun trips in the new car.

Our youngest member, Vincent Rodriguez, earned all A’s in 1st grade for the first quarter.

The new Branch 250 slate of officers are: President, Jessie Budd; 1st Vice President, Ron Travis; 2nd Vice President, Richard Zanmarini; Treasurer, Angelo Lavagnino; Secretary, Beverly Travis; Financial Secretary, LeAnne Lavagnino; Orator, Sherry Attolico; Sentinal, Isabel Ronzano; and Trustees, Mary Semas, Jenny Campopiano and Mary Zanmarini.

Birthday greetings go to Glory Spatafore whose birthday is December 6.

One cry awakened the world; one birth changed history; one life made all the difference.

Branch 250 wishes you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

As the year comes to an end our branch continues to be busy with many activities. Pancake Breakfasts and Coffee and Donuts after Mass were held which gives the parish an opportunity to see what ICF Branch 281 does, additionally giving us a chance to speak to prospective new members.

The Night at the Races was another exciting and successful event thanks to the dedication of Marian Zasoski and Allen Watts, chairpersons. Thank you also to all who volunteered help and attended.

Our Family Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Hall December 14 at 6:00pm. This annual event is a night for the whole family to enjoy a Pre-Christmas Celebration and Santa always makes a visit for the children. Please contact Chairmen Joseph Zasoski or Kristen Watts to help with this event as it takes a lot of work and with many people helping it’s easier and fun.

2014 ICF Calenders are available contact Betty Zasoski to purchase one. These make great gifts and you have 365 chances to win!

Congratulations to the newly elected 2014 officers. President Deborah Cerri Leary, 1st Vice-President Crystal Watts, Secretary Betty Zasoski, Financial Secretary Rebecca Collins, Treasurer Craig Collins, Orator Mindy White, Sentinel George Carson, Trustees, Gary Leary, Donna Marquez, Amy Ainsworth.

We send our condolences to the Norbert (Norby) Naworski Family on his passing.

Please remember in this busy season, “The Reason for the Season is Jesus!”

Avere un Benedetto Natale!

Mindy

Fresno

St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308

A blessed Christmas to all ICF members and their families from St. Anthony de Padua Branch 308.

Our members enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. They were treated to some savory turkey and were delighted by the array of side dishes and desserts that were so scrumptious.

There were many guests at our Thanksgiving Dinner including Central Council Grand 2nd Vice President, Andy Pappani and his wife.

A big “Thank-you” to Barbara Hioco, Dennis Grillione, Antoinette Pecora and to all the members who brought side dishes and desserts to make it a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our next event our annual Christmas Party will be held on Wed., December 11 at Pardini’s Restaurant. Members, please remember to take a new unwrapped Christmas toy/game for a child at Valley Children’s Hospital. Please call Antoinette or see Susan Mencarini for your reservations.

Celebrating November birthdays were Susan Mencarini (Nov. 3), Jeff Pardun (Nov. 9), Msgr. Robert Wenzinger (Nov. 10), Kaye Licciardello (Nov. 12), Anna Harguindeguy (Nov. 14), Ruth Galembrá (Nov. 15), Genevieve Ochineró (Nov. 16), Juan Mata (Nov. 18), Yvonne Mattroce (Nov. 18), Beatrice Collier (Nov. 19), Maria J. Pricolo (Nov. 20), and Russell Renna (Nov. 20).

Remember in your prayers those members who are ailing and the people who care for them. If you are able, give them a call or send a card to add a little holiday cheer to their life.

My warmest thoughts and wishes of love, peace, and joy to all of you throughout the Christmas Season and into the New Year.

Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Fresno

Holy Spirit, Br. 417

Branch 417 elected new officers for the coming year. These are Fred Derienzo, President, Vice President Pat Duncan, 2nd Vice President Frank Parisi, Recording Secretary, Gerry Derienzo, Treasurer Angel Lopez, Financial Secretary, Rose Ann Allen, Orator, Georgette Gosney, Trustee positions, Mary Forestiere, Margaret Lamonica, Jeannette Johnson. Sentinel, Evelyn Harp.

Our Branch had our annual Picnic at the Derienzo home with 15 in attendance. Food was great as usual. One of our members won 6th Prize Of \$500. at the Convention Raffle. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rigsbee.

Five of our members attended the Bishop’s Dinner in Merced; we thank the junior high students who cheerfully served the delicious dinner. Merced did a great job.

We are currently selling the 2014 ICF calendar which is a fund raiser of Central Council. A great gift item for the coming Christmas season.

We welcomed three new members to our branch. Patricia Santy, Carol Bohuslavsky and Cathy Klinge.

The branch received donations of \$340 in memory of two members who have passed this year. Anne Sarkisian and Mary Gilbert. They will be missed. The money will go to Cooley’s Anemia and Gift of Love charities.

We are all looking forward to our Annual Christmas party which will be December 15.

Ciao,

Pat Duncan



Members of the Los Angeles District Bishop's Banquet Committee enjoying a meeting at Gales Italian Restaurant.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles

District Council

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all ICF Members and their families from the Los Angeles District Board!

The final 2013 Bishop Banquet Committee meeting was held on November 7 at Gale's Italian Restaurant in Pasadena. Preparations for the November 17 event honoring Pope Francis I and Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles were completed. Many of the 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles gave a combined Seminary bursar to Saint John's Seminary while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members and Clergy.

On November 10, 2013 the Burbank Chapter of the Knights of Columbus hosted the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House. Boy and Girl Scouts visited the Chapel with Sister Regina Palamara presenting the story of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini to the Scouts as Mother Cabrini.

The District Board encourages all Branches to support each others events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way.

Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President

South Pasadena, CA 91030

626 372-7812

Save the Dates

- December 19, 2013 - 2:00 to 5:00pm. Los Angeles District Christmas Party at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Call 626 403-6102 for reservations.

- January 12, 2014 - Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA. Come visit the Chapel where our first American Saint prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all ICF Members and their families from Branch 108!

On November 3, Members enjoyed making crafts for the Branch Christmas party at the monthly General Meeting. Members also enjoyed eating a deliciously prepared Thanksgiving lunch prepared by Branch 108 Staff. Special thanks to President Michele Silveri, 1st VP Sandy Fielding and all the members who helped make this a special day.

On November 17, representatives from Branch 108 joined many of the 18 Branches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese enjoyed the annual District Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Mass and Luncheon at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles honoring Pope Francis I and Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez. Thank you ICF members for your support of our Clergy, Chaplains and Seminarians and for making this a very special Bishop Day for ICF.

Thank you members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Our prayers go out to those members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and parishioners for a speedy recovery.

Save The Dates:

December 8, 2013 - ICF Branch 108 Christmas Party in the Holy Family Church St. Joseph Center from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

May God bless and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Our November 14 Thanksgiving Potluck dinner meeting had a great turnout. The branch provided the turkey, drinks, and desert. There



Branch 111 celebrated its birthday for the month.



Members of Branch 108 making crafts for their Christmas party at their November meeting.



were lots of food, fun, and friendships to go around for everyone.

We celebrated our November and December birthdays: Rene Mata, David Estrada, Massimo Sorce, Giselda Arenas, Joe Canzonieri, Thomas Enrico, Patrino Pizzorno, Armando Arenas, Mario Mauro, Domenica Orofino, David Tarazon, and Sandra Navares. Delicious cake was eaten by all. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Our monthly Social night for November and December are postponed due to the holidays. Our Annual Branch Christmas party will be held on December 7 at 6pm. Lots of festivities and a mystery guest to arrive... Who can it be?

This month's I leave you with a quote from our former president John F Kennedy - "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Thank you and God Bless,

Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

At the October meeting, the election of the new 2014 officer took place.

Officers are as follows: President Neal Di Leva, 1st Vice Pres. Anna Di Leva, 2nd Vice Pres. Frank Colonna, Recording Secretary Nancy Ventimiglia, Corresponding Secy. Nancy Donato, Treasurer Anita Gioiello-Trujillo, Financial Secy. Pauline Iacono, Orator Carmela Gioiello, Trustees Gloria Russo, Mary Ann Lauro and Nicolina Mattera, Sentinel Mary Cigliano and Chaplain Fr. Manuel Bravo. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming events:

Oct. 17 was the Bishop Day Banquet. Twelve members attended the Mass and luncheon

Our Branch donated \$650.00 towards the Seminar Bursar, which was part of the



San Pedro Branch 115 participated in the Mary Star Christian Care Branch on November 3. (L-R) Chef Isidoro Amalfitano, server Branch President Neal Di Leva, Chef's helpers Frank Colonna and Ciro Lauro.



San Pedro Branch 115 assembled and ready to transport the Statue of Saint John Joseph of the Cross to Mary Star of the Sea Church for Mass and procession last August 16. St. John Joseph of the Cross is a native and patron Saint of the island of Ischia, Italy where many members of Branch 115 trace their roots. A procession took place around the church perimeter.



\$7000.00 given by all the branches in the Archdiocese to Saint John Seminary in Camarillo.

Dec. 7--Member's Christmas Party at 6:00pm in the auditorium. No charge for members, \$10 for non-member spouse. For reservations call Nancy Donato 310-833-2584.

Jan. 20-22, 2014-- Las Vegas Trip-2 days, 3 nights at the Harrah's Hotel and Casino on the strip. Price \$140.00 per person double occupancy and \$185.00 single occupancy. Reservations and payments by Dec. 20, 2013. Call Pauline Iacono 310-832-0563.

March 1, 2014-- Crab Dinner-Dance. Mark this date on your calendar. Details forthcoming.

March 4- Mass at 8:00am in honor of St. John Joseph of the Cross.

Note the next day, March 5 is Ash Wednesday.

March 11, 2014--Palm Springs Follies show with music, dancing and comedy Price \$90.00 per person. Trip includes a stop at the Spa Casino. Bus leaves at 8am. Reservations and payments by February 3, 2014. Call Pauline 310-832-0563.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Neal Di Leva

President Br. 115

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Welcome to December...to winter fun, Christmas joy, and New Year's expectations!!!

Hope you all enjoyed the San Gennaro Italian Festival, the November Bishops' Banquet, and had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Today we are sharing photos from some of our activities:

We were very proud and surprised to receive a Certificate of Recognition/Proclamation from the City of Gardena from Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Medina for 44 years of service to education and the community. We know Angie Publico

must be smiling down from heaven.

We also have a photo of our Pope Francis Essay Contest Winner Christopher Jordan who read his essay and received prizes...all at the Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance.

Officers Elaine and Eleanor Bersano, representing the ICF at a Fiesta Appreciation Dinner, were proud to accept an Appreciation/Thank you Certificate at the St. Anthony's Social Hall.

We are selling 2014 calendars and looking forward to our December Christmas Party after the 11:00 Mass. Great food, games, music, crafts for the children. We love singing Happy Birthday to the Baby Jesus...and welcoming Santa Claus.

We celebrate the December Birthdays of: Angela Marino (12-12) and Gennifer Bohannon (12-16). Please keep in your prayers: Don Bohannon, and parishioners Raul Romero and Eleanor Campos.

Calendar Dates to remember:

Dec. 1st: Cabrini Pilgrimage

5th: Board Meeting

8th: Immaculate Conception



Fiesta Coordinator Della Yanez & Dolores Evangelista present Eleanor & Elaine Bersano with a Certificate of Appreciation for Branch 237's many years of support given to the St. Anthony's Strawberry Park Fiesta, at the St. Anthony's Appreciation Dinner.



Officers Eleanor & Elaine Bersano proudly receive a Certificate of Recognition from Gardena Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Medina for Branch 237's 44 years of Service to education and the community, at the Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance fundraiser.

15th: Branch 237 Christmas Party

Now is the time to enjoy family events and holiday festivities!

Ciao,

Eleanor Rose Bersano

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The branch is gearing up for an exciting 2014 with plans already set for a February Italian Movie Night being planned by Nancy Ammirato and Max Leonida. This will be a classic Italian movie opened to members of the parish with a discussion to follow conducted by Max, an Italian movie director, who joined our branch in 2013.

The November meeting was focused on



Members of Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable in La Canada Flintridge, California enthusiastically participated in the Parish Ministry Faire with a booth to promote membership. Fifteen members volunteered their time to be at all the Masses to promote ICF. Shown here at one of the Masses are, left to right: Friend of ICF Deacon Augie Won; Past President Fiora Marcucci Murphy; Father Greg Donglore, Associate Pastor and good friend of ICF. Father Greg is from Ghana and received his doctorate at Claremont Graduate School; Joe Layton, Branch Director of Membership Development; Diane Restivo, and Branch President and First Vice President of the Los Angeles District, Al Restivo.



Parents Mr. & Mrs. Jordan, Essay Contest winner Christopher Jordan, and Sinatra tribute performer Vaughn Suponati pose for a picture at the Branch 237 Annual Columbus Day Dinner-Dance.

heritage with a program about the Puglia region. Several branch members attended the Bishops' Mass and Banquet at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on November 17 to present our Seminary Burse.

Italian classes on eight Saturday mornings in 2014 are planned. The classes will be sponsored by our branch and will be open to members of the parish. Nancy Ammirato, a professor of Italian, will conduct the classes. The cost of the classes will be \$120.00. Classes will include learning the language as well as heritage and all things Italian.

The Distinguished Student Service Award Program was expanded by popular demand by to include children of the parish who attend public and private schools. The program is now underway. Evaluations will be made in January 2014 and awards will be presented at our February meeting. We are seeking 7th and 8th grade children who walk the talk in terms of service to the church, their school, and the community.

Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 19 and will be a combined party with members of other ICF Los Angeles



Al Restivo, First Vice President of the ICF LA Archdiocese District Council and Branch 374 President, and Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, ICF LA Archdiocesan Director and pastor of St. Bede the Venerable parish at the Ministry Faire



Other St. Bede Branch 374 members who participated in the Ministry Faire were, l to r: Dulce and Tom Passanisi, both past presidents. Tom is a former Central Council member. Mary Liss, Nancy and Vince Ammirato, and Branch President Al Restivo

branches. It will be held at the beautiful parish hall of Holy Family Church in South Pasadena. Plans are underway to make this an event to remember and we are hoping to have every member of Branch 374 attend.

The date for the St. Joseph celebration has been set for Sunday, March 23. Discussions are underway to have a combined St. Joseph and St. Patrick Day dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 22. Our table will once again on Sunday in the Mother Theresa Room of the Parish Center.

More on this next month.

Al Restivo

President, Branch 374 and

First Vice President of the LA District

San Gabriel Valley

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

The branch is off to a great year.

We held a sausage sale and a donut sale and raised over \$600 for our philanthropies.

A new board has been nominated and elected. Congratulations to all the board members and much success in 2014.

Pat Mages, from Central Council attended our September meeting. She was very informative about the Council and the Federation.

Upcoming Events:

Holy Angels Church in Arcadia will be having their parish Christmas party on Decem-

ber 7, hosted by ICF Branch 218 and chaired by Matt Luchetta. Pasta, tri-tip, various sides and desserts will be served.

The children of the branch will participate in a procession for the Holy Family and games will be played. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Members please bring your families as it is always lots of fun! For tickets contact Karen Berardi.

God Bless,

Kerri DiMihina

Heritage Chair

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

December 01 – Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage

December 08 – Breakfast with Santa

December 13 – ICF Christmas Party/General Meeting

December 25 – Merry Christmas/Buon Natale/Happy New Year Buon Capo D'Anno a Tutti

Thank you to Julia Scalise and Josefina and Eliseo Schiavon for hosting the November Thanksgiving Feast on November 8 and preparing the delicious turkey dinner. We also appreciate all our members who cooked, brought desserts and helped set up and cleaned after the meeting. Together we are a successful branch.

On December 1 the Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage will take place with Mass at 12:30pm, at St Francis Cabrini Church in



Members of Branch 218 welcomed Central Council Member Pat Mages to their September meeting.



Burbank. A catered luncheon will be served after the Mass. Actual relics are on display at the Shrine and we honor our patron saint.

Once again, Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, December 8 at St. Denis Church. All proceeds will be donated for the Christmas baskets at St. Denis. The Knights of Columbus will once again do the cookies and join in with the Women's Council and the Italian Catholic Federation with the menu and assist decorating the hall, and all preparations. Thank you to all and to Bea Yary for the wonderful photos available with Santa for the children and their families.

On December 13 we will celebrate Christmas with a party and delicious ham dinner, hosted by Romina Anderson and John Guillory. More details in the December newsletter.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry, President

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Merry Christmas to all of our members!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner was held on November 10. Everyone had a good time sharing in the deliciously prepared food by ICF members. The cost was \$5.00 per person which was donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Members also brought nonperishable food items for the St. Luke Pantry.

Our Christmas Party will take place on December 15, 2013 in the hall at 1:00pm. There will be a short meeting beginning at 1:30pm and dinner at 2:00pm. The menu will be antipasto; ham; pasta and meatballs; mashed potatoes and gravy; vegetables; rolls, apple pie and ice cream. The cost will be: Members - \$13.00, Guests - \$15.00 and children 11 & up - \$13.00, 4 to 10 \$6.00,

and 0 to3 – free. We will again be giving gifts to "Friends of Foster Children." Bring unwrapped toys, games or gift card and no name tags or ages on packages.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, Anne Dandrea and Ann Primising. Also, please pray for Roberta Nangelo and Eva Arrighi who had surgery. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

As we remember the baby Jesus, may peace and love fill our hearts during the holidays.

"...May the happiness and joy of Christmastide invade the souls of all; upon good people the whole world wide I pray the blessings of the Lord befall. May the happiness of the Christmas holiday endure throughout the year. May you all enjoy, I hope and pray, good friends, good health, and good cheer." (Joseph Ferrara)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley

Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102

We had a great polenta luncheon on October 20. Everyone enjoyed Guys fine cooking.. We should do this more often.

It is election time again and a new set of officers will take over on the first of the year. Don Lee is leaving the area for other parts. We will miss him very much. He did a excellent job as president.

December 1 is the St Cabrini Pilgrimage, with Mass at 12:30, and lunch to follow. We will have our annual christmas party on the 14th at noon. It is a pot luck affair.

That is about it for now see you later.

Ciao,

Joy



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Joseph and Clara Ferro receive the annual Branch 380 donation to St. Paschal's Mission Circle and they also signed up as New Members!

**Santa Barbara/
Ventura
Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380**

This month, our branch participated in our Parish's "Fall Fest", a dinner for the homeless, and a spectacular November meeting during which we learned more about our Italian heritage and made a donation to Mission Circle.

October was a memorable month due to our Halloween meeting and our branch's involvement in a festival hosted by St. Paschal Baylon Church. Branch 380 contributed by hosting an Italian food booth. This booth offered Italian cuisine such as pizza, pasta, sausage sandwiches, and meatball sandwiches. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered this year, as they were instrumental to this year's success. Also, a special thanks to Ed Gervasoni, who was in charge of the Italian food booth this year.

In early November, branch members also participated in a dinner for the homeless. A special thank you to Lindo Paliani, the Mag-es family, and the Metz family for representing our branch at this event.

During November's general meeting, members enjoyed a special presentation from Romano Montanari. This presentation involved information regarding different types of wines as well as witty Italian humor. In addition to this presentation, Branch 380 gave their annual donation to Mission Circle, who greatly appreciated our branch's continual support.

November has been a very successful month for our branch, and we look forward to our highly anticipated adult and family Christmas parties.

**Monterey
Santa Cruz**

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Buon Natale, Tutti!! Eric Severeid once said: "Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves." So, in anticipation of that blessed day, Branch 21 will hold its annual Christmas Dinner on December 6 at Holy Cross Hall. And in response to a multitude of requests, polenta will be on the menu! Remember, there is no dinner charge for ICF members.

On November 3, thanks to the efforts of Franklyn Lopes, Branch 21 had the honor of hosting Bishop Richard Garcia for Bishop's Day. And in his graciousness, Bishop Garcia gave the ICF Memorial Mass at Holy Cross Church with the help of Fathers Joe Occhuito, Mike Marini, Manny Recera and Roy Shelly. Following mass, all met in the Hall for a brunch fit for a king. Among the many attendees were ICF Grand President

Bob Basuino and numerous Central Council members. We appreciate very much that they came so far to share our special day with us.

We are so blessed to have Rosa Radicchi who, while always smiling and never forgetting a name or a face, happily organized this grand fete. Thank you, Rosa. And thank you to all the cooks, choppers, slicers and peelers who worked for many hours in the kitchen. They are Johnny Ghio, Ann and Bob Zoccoli, Martha Oneto, Madeline Crews, Fran Slebir, Ida Tarantino, Mike Costabile, Richard and Valerie Vote, Roseann Costabile, Diane Massaia, Patty Morelli, Betty and George Kievlan, Richard Puccinelli and JoAnn Juhl. Thank you to Norma Wilson and Mary Jo Belli for managing the door and Danny Slebir and Dan Locatelli who acted as bar-keeps. Finally, thank you, Wayne and Jo Shaffer, for manning the popular and delicious waffle station.

We hope to see you at our next meeting, January 7, the day after the Epiphany (La Befana).

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary

**Salinas
Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25**

The polenta luncheon was held November 13, 2013, too early to have the results in this issue of the Bollettino. A great deal of effort goes into the planning and preparation for the event, and all who participated deserve our thanks and praise. Linda Hoffman spear-headed the effort this year with considerable help from Gia Ussery, Don Stoffey, Julie Richards. Others who helped with the cooking, serving and bake sale included Ralph and Joanne Cristofano, Thelma and Roy Frontani, Olga Mazgai. We appreciate all you did.

Here we are again well into the holiday season. Hope your Thanksgiving was a happy one filled with family and friends. Christmas is right around the corner and plans are moving along for our annual Christmas party at the J&M Ranch. Please note that the party will be on December 15, 2013 which is a change from what was reported earlier.

Officers for the coming year have been identified, but not formally elected. However, virtually all officers have agreed to serve for another year. They are: President Julie Richards; 1st Vice President Marti Hayes; 2nd Vice President Thelma Frontani; Recording Secretary Roy Frontani; Treasurer Don Stoffey; Financial Secretary Gia Ussery; Orator Joanne Cristofano; Trustee Linda Hoffman; Trustee Olgai Mazgai. The offices of Trustee and Sentinel were uncertain at the time of submission.

Bud Clough was presented with a gift card by President Julie Richards in recognition for all the help he has given to our branch in so many ways. Bud is an asset to our community and we very much appreciate all he has done for us. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to our ill members, particularly Emil Mirandette. We miss you Emil.

Congratulations to President Julie Richards on her new grandchild, Emmaline Greyson Richards. What a great way to usher in the holiday season!

*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
Roy Frontani*

**Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, Br. 26**

We had a great November meeting with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings! Thank you to all the usual cooks who do such a wonderful job every dinner meeting. We



Central Council Grand 2nd Vice President Andrew Pappani and Central Council Member James Friebe installing new members for Branch 51, Chris Brown and Diane Ausonio, at the Branch's October Potluck.

could not have our meetings without you. We would like to mention our guests we had for the evening, Jan & John Trebino, Helen Skinner, Matt Leal, and Holly H. We hope you come back again. We are looking forward to our Christmas dinner party at Paine's restaurant on the 14th of December from 6pm to 9pm, please invite your family and friends, a flier will be mailed shortly. It looks like Jim Friebe will be our president once again for 2014. Congratulations Jim! We are looking forward to a year with more members please think about bringing your family and friends to our next meeting. Please pray for our sick members John Franco, John Filice, Cheri Huntley and Les Pierce. Our dear Father Rudy's sister just passed away also. We want him to know that we are all praying for him and his family at this time. May God be with her spirit and may she rest in peace. Christmas is fast approaching please remember these inspirational words, our faith can truly be considered mature if God is always present in our lives, even in our darkest hours. Our response it to always have sympathy and compassion for others, regardless of our own personal trials. Our commitment to caring remains constant. Merry Christmas to all the ICF's everywhere!

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Frusetta
Corresponding Secretary*

**Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

Important Dates
December 7- Adult Christmas Dinner-Dance, \$25.00 p/p, U.S. Express Band, Reservations and pre-payment a must.

December 15 -Children's Christmas Party, there will be food, entertainment, and most important, Santa with gifts. Reservations a must so there will be enough food and gifts.

December 25 -Have a blessed Christmas.
January 9 - Monthly Dinner meeting

Elected officers for 2014 are:
Chaplain, Father Peter Crivello, - President, Elizabeth Grammatico - 1st Vice Pres., Ted Ursino, 2nd Vice Pres., Robert Huffer - Recording Secretary, Carrie Dalton - Corres. Sec., Josephine Favazza - Financial Sec., Ed-die Leonard - Treasurer, JoAnn Riso - Orator, Jane Gasperson - Trustees: Lillian Mika, Peter Lucido, Turie Cavaliere, June Serrano - Sentinel, Antonia Ihnot - Branch Deputy, Jim Friebe. Looking forward to another successful year and we will all support our branch one hundred percent.

We had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and our members brought canned goods and staples for St. Vincent de Paul pantry, some gave donation checks for food. Our slate of 2014 officers were introduced, and our secret volunteer was revealed - IT WAS ME! I was so shocked, happy, and honored. I received an award, a gift, beautiful roses, and was surprised to have my children, grandchildren and great-grandchild there, and I had not even seen them at the meeting. It was a beautiful evening and I loved sharing it with my family and all of my ICF friends. Thank you, thank you! I will always remember all of you with love and how special you made me feel, (and made me cry.)

The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel - a name which means "God is with us."

*Peace and joy for the Christmas season,
Bettye Sollecito*

**Castroville
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51**

Buon Natale e Felice Capo D' Anno!
We would like to thank Arroyo Grande Branch 291, through their generosity one our member's granddaughter, Ashley Doris, was given a second year scholarship. It is greatly appreciated, thank you.

In October we had our Potluck dinner, voting and initiation. Thank you to Jim Friebe and Andrew Pappani for attending the potluck and initiating two new members Diane Ausonio and Chris Brown. It was also nice to see member Carl Armento at our dinner. Besides the good food we had great entertainment. Carlo Cortopassi played his musical instrument known as the "Ching-a-ling" and Chris Brown led us in a great rendition of "Noi Vogliam Dio", (can't wait to see the entertainment at our Christmas Party).

The 2014 Board Members are:
President- Leonora Barlow 1st
V.P.- Pat Stefani
2nd V.P.- Carrie Holbrook
Secretary- Carmen Rossi
Treasurer- Cindy Stefani Sentinel- Carlo Cortopassi
Trustee- Vera Doris Trustee- Pauline Bigby
Trustee- Michele Pecci Trustee- Dolores Tottino

As we celebrate this Holy Season with dinners, gifts and parties let's remember to keep Christ in our Christmas.

Dear Lord, please put your strong arms around the homeless, the suffering, the lonely and those far away from home (our service men and women keep them safe) and those who still grieve for loved ones, comfort them and help them find peace.

To my beautiful sister Anna and our little angel granddaughter Samantha we love and miss you so much.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

We all enjoyed playing bingo and sharing the delicious potluck dinner.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Giovanna "Jenny" Lucido Costanza, who was a charter member of the Branch since it was founded in 1966. Several members shared their memories of Jenny. Our deepest sympathies go to Jenny's family, especially her sister Hope Gradis and her daughter Prudence "Andie" Costanza, who are active members.

Our President, Sarah Jane Amoroso, attended Bishop's Day in Santa Cruz.

The following officers were elected: President: Sarah Jane Amoroso; First Vice President: Joe Cicero; Second Vice President: Mike Maiorana; Recording Secretary: Marjorie McClure; Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Dolores Kaelin; Orator: Jeannette Rose; Trustees: Francis Frances, Tony DeCarlo, Virginia SanPaolo; Sentinel: Bill Langford.

A Blessed Holiday Season to all,

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our final regular meeting in November included election of officers for 2014. The branch thanks officers who served so diligently during 2013 and congratulates the incoming slate of officers: Franklyn Lopes, President; Ron Castle, First Vice President; Dan Casagrande, Second Vice President; Deanna Musler, Secretary; Jane Kotila, Financial Secretary; Marie Mungai, Treasurer; Bruce Dunn, Orator; and Trustees Richard Kotila, Karl Schaarschmidt, Mary Montonye and Dolores McCartney. Installation of officers will be Jan. 25 at St. Angela's Catholic Church in Pacific Grove. The 10am mass will be followed by a luncheon.

November also included a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast prepared by Dan Casagrande, Daryl Harrison, Gary Podesto, Peggy D'Anna, John Scurich, Mary Lou Weidlich and Ron Castle. Mark your calendars for our Branch Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 3pm, dinner at 5pm.

While it may seem a long time away, it's time to begin thinking about our 2014 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, which begin March 7. We'll need a coordinator, and know that one of you will be just perfect. The good news -- our 2013 coordinator, Sharleen Hedgepeth, created a book of everything the next coordinator needs to know. If you're interested, just contact Franklyn Lopes. The Branch also needs a funeral coordinator for 2014. Please contact Franklyn.

As our year comes to a close, we give thanks for our many blessings, pause to remember members who have passed and pray for those who are battling illness and other challenges.

Happy Thanksgiving and Buon Natale to all,

Kathleen Martinelli

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our three Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers were a great success! All net proceeds will fund our St. Patrick School Registration Assistance Program.

At our October meeting we initiated new members Robert and Diana Reginato. We welcome them to Branch 291! We also enjoyed a delicious Chicken Cacciatore dinner prepared by our hosts, Sandy and Jerry Quintiliani.

Elections were recently held, and our 2014 Board Members are: President – Pete Gallagher; 1st V.P. – Joe Salmeri; 2nd V.P. – Jerry Quintiliani; Recording Secretary – Keely Sanchez; Treasurer – John Smith; Financial Secretary – Trish Jimenez; Orator – Kathleen Sullivan; Trustees – Rose Haupt, Pat Lombardini and Sandy Quintiliani; Sentinel – Ellen Bavaro. Congratulations to our 2014 Board Members!

We are looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn on Dec. 1 (which will have already passed by the time this publishes!) It's always a fun and festive celebration enjoyed by all!

We would like to send everyone our warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas season as we all celebrate our Savior's birth! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Branch 291!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our November meeting honoring veterans opened with prayers from Orator Karen Kudjia. We were treated to a good "old American" meal of hot dogs, beans and apple pie ala mode. Deputy Pete Gallagher and his wife Abby also welcomed new members: Don and Yvonne Maddelena.

Pete discussed plans for the district meeting to



(Photo Left) Br. 291 welcomed new members Robert and Diana Reginato at our October meeting. Pictured L-R: Diana Reginato, President Pete Gallagher, Robert Reginato.

(Photo Right) Pat Lombardini, Marjorie and James Rodarte and Joanna Van Blaricom get ready to serve dinner to members of Branch 291 at our festive October meeting.



be held March 30, 2014. We plan to combine his Arroyo Grande group with our branch to be held in our hall. \

The 2014 Slate of Officers was voted on and approved as follows: President-Irma Zanini; First Vice President- David Zanini; Second Vice President- Alice Mastagni; Recording Secretary- Theresa Sollazzo; Financial Secretary Lucille Olsen; Treasurer- David Zanini; Orator- Karen Kudjia; Trustees- Muffy Banks, Missy Ellsworth; and Tony Salvia; Sentinel- Mary Ferry and Branch Deputy Pete Gallagher. Installation will be held in the St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove on January 25.

GOOD NEWS: We appreciate all of your prayers for Santa Salvia who will be returning home after her successful kidney transplant. David & Karen Kudjia's son David has completed his studies at Notre Dame and accepted a position with SpaceX in Hawthorne. We wish him much success.

Members and guests will again be coming together for our fabulous Christmas party at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo December the 8. The beautiful decorations, ambience, and good food make for a great and enjoyable holiday. We really look forward to the event.

We thank God for the many blessing He generously sends us each day; and, during the holiday season, it is good to remember St. Francis of Assisi's saying, "It is in giving that one receives"- we continue to try.

Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

With the coming of the Christmas season and all the "hustle and bustle" that goes with it, we should slow down and take a look around us to see where we can be of the most service to each other. Our families come first after our God who shared His family with us on that first Christmas. Our families also include the ICF and all it means to us, as these folks are also our family. As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, we will also be planning for the 90th birthday of our organization.

With this in mind, the district is asking each of our branches to begin brain-storming ways in which we can raise funds to host the ICF Convention in 2014 here in Oakland. All ideas for fund raisers can be brought to the district meetings by branch representatives. Try to think of ICF as belonging to all of us.

Since elections are finished, we are looking forward to installation of officers on Jan. 19,

2014 at the Fratellanza club. This event is important as it gives us all a chance to meet our peers and to reacquire ourselves with those we already know. It is one of the few times during the year that we have this opportunity. Installation this year will be hosted by Br. 91, assisted by Br. 215.

Bishop's Day will be March 2, 2014 at St. Philip Neri, hosted by Br. 10.

In closing I would like to say, see you next year and,

Buon Natale! Felice Anno Nuovo!

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars for the following events.

The District Christmas party is December 7, Buon Appetito Restaurant, Hayward. \$40. Please call Dave Rose on 510-522-6004.

Branch 10 Polenta dinner January 18.

Installation of Officers January 19

Br. 10 Irish Social March 15

Bishop's Day March 16

Br. 10 St. Joseph's Day March 19

Br. 10 Anniversary Dinner May 17.

Our 2014 Officers are President Dave Rose, Vice President Gina Foster, Second Vice President Peggy Lubek, Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni, Financial Secretary JoAnn Dorn, Orator Warren Brunetti, Trustees Sharon Brunetti, Betty Lupetti, Agnes Marcheschi and Sentinel Ernie Poggi.

May the Lord Bless all of you for accepting these important positions.

Branch 10 wishes everyone a beautiful Christmas season.

Peace and Love to all!

Oakland

St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We did not have an October meeting. This month we enjoyed a potluck dinner and wonderful desserts. Thank you to Sir Robert Dianda for organizing this event.

Following are the results of our election of officers for the year 2014:

- Chaplin – Deacon Jeff
- Co-Presidents: Nancy Corsi and Jan Karp
- 1st VP – Jo-Ann Maggoria-Donivan
- 2nd VP – Betty Tully
- Financial Secretary - David Madej
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- Orator – Lorraine Adams
- Trustees – Theresa Dianda, Giovanni Corsi, Art Fricke
- Sentinel - Jerry Buxy

We wish a speedy recovery for our member Bea Bianco. Also our condolences to the family of Dan Dehn who attended our meetings and always brought delicious cookies.

Upcoming events:

- December 7 – East Bay District Christmas Party at Buon Appetito in Hayward. The cost is \$40. Please RSVP to Nancy Corsi by 11/30 with your menu choice.
- January 19 – Installation of officers at the Fratellanza Club.
- Our branch anniversary dinner date has been changed to April 13th, Palm Sunday.
- February 7 – East Bay District Crab Feed in Alameda. Proceeds will go to hosting the 2014 annual convention which will be held in Oakland.
- March 16 – Bishop's Day at St. Philip Neri's. Mass is at 3:00pm

Remember that our ICF Raffle calendars make great Christmas presents for only \$25 (with \$5 going back to the branch).

Sincerely,

Donna Santich

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Congratulations to all those members who were recently elected as branch officers for 2014. Congratulations and thank you to our returning officers, Genevieve, Ralph, Clare, Ken, Scott and Jack. Welcome and thank you to Yvonne and Clem Brum for taking on the office of branch trustees and to Vicky Marlar to becoming our new Branch Sentinel. I thank the branch members for reelecting me at Branch President.

Eleven members of Branch 215 happily attended the 11/02/2013 testimonial dinner for our beloved Branch Deputy, Jane Dianda. We are very proud of her two years of outstanding leadership as Grand President of the ICF. Jane's leadership has inspired one of your younger branch members, Noelani Vanek, to one day become Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation. Go, Noelani!

Congratulations to branch members Mary Vanek and Aric Deetz who recently married. You may now call Mary, Mary Vanek-Deetz.

By now all members have received notice of our 12/10/2013 Branch Christmas Dinner. We will be gathering for 6:00pm cocktails and 7:00pm dinner at Giorigio's Italian Restaurant, 643 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas.

Sadly it looks like our monthly bocce ball

games will undergo winter hibernation once the rainy season begins. City Beach's bocce ball courts are outdoors. We will resume playing bocce ball probably in April.

Two important dates to mark on your calendar are 1/19/2014 for the East Bay District Installation of Officers at the Fratellanza Club and Bishop's Day on 3/17/2014.

If for any reason, a branch officer cannot attend the Installation, please let President Fran know so she may arrange for someone to stand in for that officer. All branch officers will have half of their dinners comped by Br. 215 as a thank you for their service.

Please continue to pray for Joan and Adrian Lampe and Al Grassechi. Please also pray for Dorothy Benya's daughter and grandson. Both those family members have been battling cancer. Keep Cathy Staib in your prayers, also.

Best wishes to all those members with December birthdays and anniversaries. From the bottom of my heart I wish all of you Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo!

Respectfully submitted,

Fran LaTorre

Oakland

St. Theresa, Br. 223

Our Branch 223 Officers for year 2014 are as follows: President Nancy Carriere, Recording Secretary Yolanda Moglia, Financial Secretary Holly Raineri, Treasurer Carla Gaul, Orator Cecile Cuttitta, Trustees Al Raineri, Antoinetta Bavoso, Al Musante, Sentinel Nello Rossi. Congratulations all.

We are happy to have our member, Rev. Anthony W. Herrera, who is Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa Church. Nice to have Nello Rossi back as our Sentinel also.

Welcome home from visiting Italy to Alfreda Baroni and also Ann and Richard Goslee. Laura Goslee, daughter of members Ann and Richard Goslee, is currently in Florence, Italy, in a program with Gonzaga University.

December 8 will be the date of our Br. 223 Christmas Party. Cecile Cuttitta and Marlene McShane are the chairpersons. More details on this will appear in our December Newsletter.

Sad News- Lawrence Polito, our member and past Br. 223 president, passed away November 4. As stated in his obituary, he was the true definition of a family man. Services were held November 11th and 12th. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife Marilou, children Lawrence (Debbie), Stephen, Linda Murphy (Tim) and David (Julie), nine grandchildren, as well as brother Anthony Polito and sister Rose Miller. May he rest in peace.

Our Br. 223 Ravioli Fundraiser sale is taking place at St Theresa Church. Pre-paid orders will be taken after masses on December 7th

and 8th. Pickup of Raviolis ordered will be on December 15.

Merry Christmas to All!

Buon Natale a Tutti!

Yoli Moglia

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It has been a busy time here at Br. 343, at our last meeting, we held election of officers and said good-bye to our orator, Adele Valdez who is moving to Auburn. Lucky Branch 342! Since then we also paid tribute to the out-going Central Council Grand President Jane Dianda and the made the acquaintance of the newly elected (old twinkle toes himself), Grand President Bob Basuino. And we just held a rather successful Bake Sale, thank you to all who helped.

We are slowing down a bit as we finish out the year and prepare for Christmas. Due to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe being on the same day as our regular meeting we will not have a December meeting. But, that is also the date of the Children's Hospital Christmas party, so you can still join in some holiday fun and make some kids happy too.

Moving onto next year, there will be installation of those recently elected officers at the Frattellanza club on Sunday afternoon Jan. 19, 2014. Also, since the ICF Convention will be held in Oakland next September, we will be asking for your ideas and support in making this a truly memorable 90th for the ICF.

As we await the coming of the Christ child on Dec. 25, take time to share the love He gave to us with each other.

Buon Natale! Felice Anno Nuovo!

Contra Costa

District Council

Contra Costa District held elections of officers at our last meeting on October 24. Before I mention who was elected, we want to sincerely express our gratitude to those who gave of their time and service this last year. It is dedicated people like you that keeps us going forward. The 2014 officers are President--Joseph Flores. Vice President---Patty Jarrett. 2nd Vice President---Joann Thilgen. Recording Secretary---Phyllis Lilly. Treasurer---Gene Simonetti. Orator---Carol Lawson. Trustee---Dee Carone, Mae Barbano, Helen Politakes. What is the title for the prayer person?---Walter Costa. Reminder to officers---"Have your tools ready, and God will supply the work".

The Installation of officers will be on the morning of January 25, 2014 at the Galileo Club! Mass will be at 10:00am. This is always a impressive event! I will remind you again! We must pay by Jan. 15. We have plenty of time!

Our next event is our Christmas Party, December 3. That will be at Carpaccio Ristorante Italiano. 3070 Main St, Oakley. Social. 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy the fun! Please RSVP to your Branch President by Nov. 12.

Two tasks for all members--Sell calendars, and think of what workshops you might like to have in the future. Remember, if you would like to have a speaker for "Cooleys Anemia" one is always willing.

We are so impressed and excited about our new Branch 442 Christ The King, Pleasant Hill. Welcome.

Pax---Joann, ICF Branch 72



Photos from Br. 223 Fall Festa. Alfreda Baroni and President Nancy Carriere. (Below) Branch 223 members at dinner.



Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Thanks to all the revelers who participated in our Thanksgiving Feast. And, that is was! It is truly one of my favorite meetings. We are seated around a long, long table of grateful folks breaking bread together and offering thanks to God for our good fortune. Thank you all.

As 2014 approaches, it is important in every branch to learn the ropes of the various jobs and more people should take positions as officers at the branch and district levels. It is wise to remember that it is not what position is held but that all members work together for the common goal within the parameters of the organization and its rules. Officers for 2014: President=Tom Cook, First Vice=Peggy Hagerthy; Financial Secretary/Treasurer=Mary Cook; Orator=Mina Pospishek; Trustees=Patty Jarrett, Kelly Pospishek; and Sentinel=Paul Cook. We welcome new members Gina Bentley, Marie Caccavo, and Karen Glen and bid farewell to others. We wish the newly formed branch at Christ the King parish Godspeed and welcome our Pleasant Hill neighbors into the Contra Costa District. May God bless us all with guidance and insight as we assume our roles at the first meeting of the year on the fourth Friday, January 24. On behalf of the Cook Family: Tom, Rosemary, Paul and myself, you are all wished God's richest blessings for a peaceful and reflective Christmas season.

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

As in years past, our branch will shine in December. We begin the month with a Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip on December 6. The bus leaves Crockett filled with hopeful gamblers; it returns, we are confident, with many big winners.

Tuesday, December 10, is Branch 14's party night! There is no Mass, but at 5:30, it's "Holiday Cheer Time," a time to gather with friends and celebrate the season. Magically, Old St. Nick always arrives at 6:00, with a bag full of presents (provided by parents/



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Branch #13 displays materials at the recent ministry fair held at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez.

grandparents for their children/grandchildren, etc.) Our Christmas Potluck begins after the children's festivities. Please bring a dish to share for eight plus people. This is an evening that promises to provide lots of Christmas spirit; you don't want to miss it!

December should be a month of faith, family, peace and love. Why, then, don't I feel the love? Maybe it's because I'm writing this article in early November, and the weather is more like spring than typically chilly, autumn days. Maybe it's because the shopping, cooking and decorating that I know fills my near future has me focusing on insignificant things, while I should be reflecting upon our Lord's birth. As we begin this Christmas season, my sincere wish is that we all remember what is truly important, and that we joyously celebrate God's love and goodness during this holy season and throughout a bright, beautiful new year.

Buon Natale, and God's Blessings to all,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

On November 10 we celebrated our anniversary at Mass at Good Shepherd. We had our meeting afterwards at which elections for 2014 were held. I will post the list of the newly elected officers next month. After the meeting we enjoyed an anniversary lunch.

I am pleased to report that on the two recent bus trips we profited \$800.00. This is due to the hard work of Joann Thilgen. We can't thank her enough.

She is planning our next bus trip to be held at the new Graton casino in Rohnert Park on Feb 6. Flyers will be sent with the details.

Upcoming:

Tuesday, Dec. 3- District Christmas party in Oakley. Hosted by the Brentwood branch. Check the district write up for details.

Sunday, December 8 - Meeting and Christmas party at 2pm. Flyers will be mailed with location and details. Membership contest winner announced.



ICF Branch 14 Crockett members getting cooking done for their Polenta Dinner.



Happy Bartenders from Branch 14, Crockett at its Polenta Dinner -- Johnny Valentini, Nancy Botta and Ronnie Costa.



Branch 14 Crockett's Polenta Stirrers for its successful Polenta Dinner.

Sunday, December 29 - 5th Sunday communion mass at Good Shepherd 12pm.

Sunday, January 12 - Meeting at 2pm. Details and location will be on your branch calendar.

Thursday, January 23- District Meeting in Danville at 7: 30pm

Saturday, January 25 - District Installation of Officers will be hosted by the Richmond branch. Details will be listed next month. Officers should save this date.

Condolences to Grace Scanipico on the loss of her cousin.

You will receive your dues slip and calendar for 2014. We look forward to a happy new year for our branch.

Merry Christmas,

Helen Politakes

Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and are enjoying this beautiful

Christmas Season.

We held our branch elections during our October meeting and the

elected board for 2014 :

President -- Gene Simonetti

1st Vice President -- Clarice Landos

2nd Vice President -- Don Lilly

Recording Secretary -- Marilyn Vann Goor

Correspondence Secretary -- Phyllis Lilly

Treasurer -- Linda Kortuem

Trustees -- Philomena Sawko, Mary Webber, Frank Stagnetto

Orator -- Jim Webber

Sentinel -- Marilyn Simonetti

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all those members who came forward to serve

on our board. We look forward to a great year.

Actually we are celebrating our 10th year as a branch. We will be enjoying An Anniversary/Holiday Celebration November 25 to mark the occasion.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday Jan. 6, 2014.

In the meantime on behalf of Branch 432, I would like to wish each and every one of you ,and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year!

Until next year!

Ciao,

Phyllis Lilly

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Thank you to everyone who attended our Branch meeting/Thanksgiving Potluck on Nov. 17. Please circle Dec. 15 on your calendar for our Christmas Party at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. Details to come via email, evite and phone tree. We are hoping for a big turnout!

A reminder that 2014 ICF 90th anniversary calendars are now available for sale. They are \$25 each and include a raffle ticket for a daily drawing with prizes ranging from \$30-\$100. Calendars may be purchased from Rose.

The branch continues to look for members interested in chairing or becoming involved with various committees. If you are interested, please send an email to icfpleasanthill@aol.com

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Reno

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

One week prior to our upcoming Polenta Dinner on November 9, 33 members and guests attended our regular meeting on November 3. Many thanks to the Ron & Romi Frediani, Charlyne Pacini and Mike Tagliano, who put together a delicious chicken w/prisciutto and cheese, rigatoni w/meat sauce, salad and pumpkin pie dinner treat for everybody.

President Carolyn Smith conducted a meeting with the following business items voted on by the members: a) To take a table at the Diocesan Conference on January 10 & 11, 2014 for \$75.00; b) \$300 to the Bishop for his weekly TV Mass Ministry (which is an important aid for many elderly folks); c)a \$1,500 gift to the Bishop for the Seminary Bourse; d) a \$500 appreciation gift to St. Albert’s Church to acknowledge their kind use of their facilities as our regular meeting place; e) a \$150 Christmas gift to our Chaplin, Father Mike Malone; f) a \$50 Christmas gift to the Pastor of St. Alberts Church, Father Mark Hannifan; and, g) it was approved to have two Masses said for the living and deceased members.

Members were presented with and voted on the following slate of officers for Branch 135 for the upcoming year of 2014:

Chaplin: Father Mike Mahone

President: Carolyn Smith

1st Vice President: Rachael Ferrari

2nd Vice President: Mel Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Charlyne Pacini

Financial Secretary: Virginia Zorio

Treasurer: Ron Frediani

Orator: Eugenia Hovland

Trustee: Mike Talliano

Trustee: Eleanor Donati

Trustee: Bob Ferrari

Sentinal: Audrey Ferrari

We will celebrate a special Bishops dinner at our next meeting on Sunday, December 8, Members are asked to bring food baskets for St. Vincent’s Pantry.

Buon Giorno di Ringraziamento. Happy Thanksgiving

Submitted by,

Tony DiGuglielmo

Sacramento

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Our Annual Branch Members’ Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00pm, at Espanol Restaurant on the corner of 58th and Folsom Blvd. Menu includes: Roast Beef, Roasted Chicken, Catfish, or Veal Parmigiano. Cost is \$12 for Branch members and \$25 for a guest. Please call Mary Ann at 916-568-2324 or me at 916-714-6967 by December 1st for reservations and your meal choice.

Calendar at a Glance:

Sun., Dec. 8 -- Branch Christmas Party at Espanol, 2:00pm

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014 - Installation at St. Clare’s Church

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families of two Branch members who passed away in October.

To Manuel Cazares and family for the passing of our member and his wife, Rose Cazares at age 82. Rose and Manuel have been members of the Branch for 25 years.

To Johnny and Vi Waldron and family for the passing of our member and Johnny’s father, Donald Waldron at age 96. Donald has been a member of the Branch for 32 years.

May they Rest In Peace.

Buon Compleanno to Members in December: Mary Anne Almeida, Concetta Isola, and Bettye Leveroni-Wright.

Continued Get Well Wishes to our Trustee Marie Leonard who is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

Happy Holidays to our ICF Family.

Ciao,
Janine

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 8. On this evening, we will be having our Family Christmas Dinner. It will be held at St. Joseph’s Hall and will begin at 6pm. A free dinner will be served to members, there will be a dessert potluck, raffles, and activities for the kids. We are also expecting a very special visitor (and possibly some reindeer!). Please be on the lookout for a flier with more details on this event that will be e-mailed (or mailed) to you soon.

Also mark your calendars for our world famous Polenta Dinner which will take place on January 19, 2014 at St. Teresa’s Hall. This event is always a sell-out, so make sure to get your tickets as soon as they become available. More information on this event will be sent to members soon.

MaryAnn and Joe Mikles would like to express their thanks for all the prayers and well wishes that they received during their recent hospitalization. I am happy to report that both are now at home and continuing to heal after their motorcycle accident.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen
Bolletino Contributor

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We had a super exciting month in October starting with our bus trip to Reno. It was a lot fun playing bingo on the way up to stopping for donuts and coffee along the way. The Italian Festival in Reno was a great experience for all that attended and oh my the food was delicious.

The following week came our election of officer for 2014. We have a lot of new members on the board and also some who changed positions. David Brill, President, Joe Fisher, 1st Vice President, Angela Sullivan 2nd Vice President, Mike and Maureen Farrelly, Co-Recording Secretaries, Mike and Sandra Fuentes, Treasurers, Judy Del Grande and Frank Ducato, Financial Co-Secretaries, Yvonne Kelly, Sentinel, John Rizza, Orator and Trustees, Pat Brown, Linda Gross and Al Murphy. We are very sad to loose Paula Scarpelli as our President and we all thank her for the wonderful job she has done the last two years.

Our branch is super excited to have Laurice Levine, the Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator as a guest at our meeting on November 15. We are so excited to see her again and to have all of our new members get a chance to hear her speak and meet her in person. We feel so very blessed to have such great members that are always willing to volunteer and step up to the plate when asked and sometimes even when

they are not asked.

Our parish has suffered a terrible loss this month with the death of our beloved Pastor, Father Steven. God bless you Father Steven, may your soul rest in peace.

San Bernardino

Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210

Our President, Mauro Romagnoli, was out of town so 1st vice President, Tony Selvaggi conducted the Meeting. Prior to the meeting, we had our Thanksgiving Dinner. Tony Selvaggi and I donated and cooked the turkeys and the other members provided the trimmings, which of course included, cranberry sauce, yams, salad, mashed potatoes and an assortment of veggies. Pumpkin pie and an assortment of cookies were the desserts. It was good to see Nan Judge back after her emergency heart surgery,that she underwent two days after the Convention. Ron and Roseann Rovere’s daughter Cathy and John Carlo’s cousin Matt Pinto were guests as well as a previous member Marlene Clark, who might rejoin our Branch. We corrected our election results from last month. First Tony Selvaggi was reelected as 1st Vice President, but was not present and we didn’t have a signed statement that he would run. We had 4 Trustees nominated so we accepted all four but can only have 3. Corky Papenfus withdrew his name but Nan Judge, who was absent, was nominated, so we held an election. Our new Trustees are Nan Judge, Dan Venditti, and John Carlo. Our Orator is Chuck Lamon, who was also absent last month. We sold the last of our Calendars. Thanks to all of our members who contributed to our Prime rib fund for Christmas Dinner next month. A blessed Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to all our Fellow ICF Members. God Bless! Ciao! Jack Grisafe

Cathedral City
St. Louis, Br. 303

Our October meeting was held as a break-fast meeting at a local restaurant. We had a great turnout of members and they endured a rather lengthy meeting. Of much concern was the status of our regular meeting venue, the parish hall at St. Louis Church. It is still temporarily unusable due the structural failure of much of the ceiling. Consequently, we are unable to initiate our season of First Friday Fish Fry dinners. It has been one of our regular monthly events for many years.

At our meeting we set up a committee to contact local restaurants for our annual Christmas Brunch and toy collection for Catholic Charities. The Nominating Committee is polling all members and preparing a slate of Branch Officers for election at our December meeting. A Membership drive will be formulated after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all. At this time of year, we count our many blessings.

San Diego

San Diego
District Council

On Sunday, October 20, 2013, the San Diego district held its annual Bishop’s Day Banquet at Santa Sophia church (Branch 416) in the Casa De Oro area of Spring Valley. San Diego’s new Bishop, Cirilo Flores celebrated

the 11:00 a.m. mass in the Social center of the church because the church had suffered a devastating fire. The huge auditorium had an overflowing crowd and after mass, parishioners were treated to a very moving video concerning the fire and the pastor’s, Father Jacob Bertrand’s, determination to bring the church back from this tragedy. Of special note and considered a miracle was the fact that the fire burned the wall up to the feet of the statue of Blessed Mary and although marring some of the huge crucifix, did not burn the statue of Jesus. Following the film a luncheon and program were held in another section of the Social Center. Central Council member Mary Alesi was the Chairperson of the event. Tony Anthony, San Diego District President, was the Master of Ceremonies. Mary Alesi especially mentioned Chris Murphy, Sam Caeti, Pat Postol, Cupid’s Catering and the students from the academy for their services during the event. Grand President of the Federation, Bob Basuino, presented the Central Council seminary burse and Tony Anthony presented the combined district and branches’ burse. Each branch president presented a spiritual bouquet to Bishop Flores, Central Council members present besides the Grand President were Pat Mages and her husband Lou, Life Member Emeritus, Jody Balestrieri and C.C. Member Emeritus, Forrest Price and his wife Prudence. Our Diocesan Chaplain, Father Bill Stevenson, was also present.

Forrest Price

San Diego
St. Therese, Br. 261

Acknowledging the past. The salute to our past Branch 261 Presidents was held at our October meeting. The meeting was well attended. It was nostalgic to hear the many stories of our past leaders -- Rose Tallarida – the charter Recording Secretary started the meeting with a presentation on how the Branch was started. Our Pastor – Bishop Quinn – was familiar with the value of the ICF to the parish and wanted a branch at St. Therese. The Branch dedicated a rose garden to the Bishop and a bronze plaque is at the site.

Our thanks to Prudence & Forrest Price for coordinating the event.

Bishop’s Day -- The San Diego’s District Bishop’s Day Celebration was emceed by our Tony Anthony. Because of a fire at Saint Sophia’s the event was almost cancelled. Our new Bishop’s life experience is unusual: he’s a lawyer, practiced in Beverly Hills, before becoming a priest. Our Grand President Basuino presented the Providenza seminary burse donation to the Bishop.

Christmas 2014 Dinner Party -- The Branch has selected December 8 or or Annual Christmas Dinner Party. Spaghetti & meatballs will be served. Our kitchen workers led be Don Chmiel will prepare 45 gallons of sauce and 1000 meatballs. Robin Fielding will coordinate the Dessert Bar.

At our October Officer’s meeting we learned (from Stanford’s Dr Carol Delaney’s book - “Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem)... that Christopher Columbus was a devout Catholic there were few religions at the time and had a fervent desire to free Jerusalem from the Moslems. Since Marco Polo mentioned the great wealth he saw in China. Columbus was hoping to obtain these riches to fund another Crusade.

Vic Tallarida



Branch 261 members were honored at the Past Presidents Acknowledgement Meeting.



Dec. 3 -- This will be our Christmas Ravioli lunch. Our cook is Le and his crew. Leo always has a very delicious lunch for us. Thank you to Florence, Beverly and Elizabeth for making our delicious homemade gravy.

Congratulations to the following Members: President Eva Perata; 1st Vice President May Perata; 2nd Vice President Rose Moisan; Recording and Financial Secretary

Florence Mangion; Treasurer Barbara Bottarini; Orator Mary Sammut, Trustees: Vince Brogan; Jane Cunningham, Mary D'Angelo; and Sentinel Tony Sammut and Social Secretary Rose Todoni. I know we will have another successful year.

Our sincere sympathy to Carla and her family on the loss of their Mother Rena Ottria. Rena was a member of our Br. 258 for 42 years. Rena was President of Br. 258 for several years. Rena and Joe were very active in our Branch. Joe was our "Great Cook" for many years and prepared all our delicious lunches. Rena, you'll be greatly missed by your family and many Br. 258 members and their families. God Bless you, Rena, and may God keep you in his care. We wish Dolores Crespi, Gloria Ashbrook and Barbara Bottarini a speedy recovery.

Please keep our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Happy Holidays to all our members and their families. We hope the New Year brings all of you much Happiness and Good Health.

Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo.

Officers Meeting: Jan. 6

Mass: Jan. 26

Meeting: Jan. 27

Ciao

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Greetings, dear members. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving.

There will be no meeting in December. However, we will celebrate the feast of Christmas at our annual party at the Basque

Center on Friday, December 6. A no-host bar at 5:30pm will precede the dinner at 6:30.

Please remember to bring a wrapped gift valued between \$3.00 and \$4.00 for our gift exchange.

We are saddened by the death of Vito Borella, a long time ICF member and past president of the Branch at St. Paul of the Shipwreck. May he rest safely in the arms of the Lord.

Please keep John Consiglieri in your prayers, as well as other members who are ill, or are recuperating from an illness.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas party.

Ciao,

Jeannette

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Last month's November Bolletino report was sent in error. It was last year's! Sorry.

Congratulations to Bob Basuino, on his election to the office of Grand President of the Federation. He just happens to be our nephew and we all wish him buona fortuna.

After much work regarding a second fundraiser for 2013, it ends up that we need to postpone the luncheon until next year. Our problems were due to the unavailability of the large kitchen, without which we could not prepare our luncheon.

At the last district meeting, Branch 365 was presented with an award for increased membership. Our October meeting was attended by 23 members, who enjoyed pizza, salad, beer and great discussions.

There will be no meeting in December. Plans were made to go out for Christmas dinner on December 4. Call George at 566-8333 for details.

Please keep our sick members, Leo Juarez and Anna Torrano in your prayers. Anna is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle. *God Bless,*

Ann Basuino

San Francisco

San Francisco District Council

Our meeting place has been changed. We will no longer be meeting at Corpus Christi hall. We will be meeting at Taravel Police Station. There will only be 4 meetings in 2014. Installation of Officers will be held in January. More information to flow.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

San Francisco

Maria SS Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Our November Spuntino was enjoyed by all!

Upcoming events: Dec. 8 Branch Feastday Mass ICC 10:30am

Please note there will be no meetings in January and February 2014.

We wish Phil Ellison a speedy recovery.

A special thank you to Diana who translates my reports to Computer Language during the year!

A Holy and Happy Christmas to all Branch 1 members and their families.

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Oct. 25 -- Our 42nd Anniversary luncheon was another success. Our lunch at the Basque Restaurant was very delicious. This is always an enjoyable day, as members visit with their friends.

Oct. 30 -- the Finocchio Show at the Frattellanza Club was excellent. Our Chicken lunch was delicious and plentiful. Everyone enjoyed the day, Thank you Florence.

San Mateo

San Mateo

District Council

Congratulations to the new District Officers for 2014!

President, Marc Teglia

1st Vice President, Dorene Campanile

2nd Vice President, Sylvia Row

Recording Secretary, Deborah Rodondi

Treasurer, Bea Tomasello

Orator, Virginia Fuentes

Trustees, Kelly Teglia, Jean Tomatis and Cecilia Tommei

Sentinel, Harold Fuentes

Many thanks to the outgoing officers for doing a great job this past year.

Chaplain's Night was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Cecilia Tommei and her Branch 351, Menlo Park for hosting this event at the Elks Club, and kudos to the Chaplains for greatly entertaining us.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 18, 2014 San Mateo District Installation at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City. Mass 10:30am. Hosted by Branch 130. Lunch to follow at San Mateo Elks Club, 223 West 20th Ave., San Mateo. Reservations: Jean Tomatis, 73 Bonita Ave., Redwood City 94061. 650-368-5486.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 Holiday Party at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Dinner 6:30pm. Hosted by Branch 130. Branches will be contacted for potluck.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 next District meeting at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, 7:30pm.

Sunday, April 27, 2014 Bishop's Day. More info later.

Keep in our thoughts and prayers Father Frank Murray, Jerry Delfino and Al Teglia.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo! Happy Holidays!

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Redwood City Regina Coeli, Br. 6

Thank you to all of our members that helped honor our Chaplain Deacon Tom Boyle for Chaplain's Night. Thank you Tom for all of your spiritual guidance and support.

Our Christmas dinner will be the same night as our meeting December 11, dinner at 6:30. Each person should bring an unwrapped gift for an adult, teenager or child.

Installation of Officers is January 18 at St. Pius, 10:30am Mass. Please let me know if you would like to attend 650-323-0189.

It would be wonderful to see you at our meetings so please try to attend.

Sunshine: Catherine Boyle is on the mend and was able to attend Chaplains Night with Tom.

I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Ciao,

BF

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Our October Western BBQ Fundraiser Dinner- Dance was outstanding! While celebrating our 88th Anniversary, we feasted on huge steaks with all the trimmings. Officers and all the helpers are to be congratulated on a job well done.

A big thank you to Norma and Lola, and all the helpers, for the wonderful turkey dinner for our November meeting. We all enjoyed wonderful homemade cranberry relish made by our President Kelly. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items for the St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Drive.

Our Christmas Party will be held at our December 11 meeting. (Note date change) It is also at this time of year that I remind you about "A Very Special Toy Box". "A Very Special Toy Box" is a non-profit organization that buys new toys (that are handled in a special way) and is given to children with cancer going through all the related treatments. We

will have a donation box at our Christmas Party for your tax-deductible donation. If you are able to donate, checks should be made payable to, "A Very Special Toy Box". (We are only able to accept cash or a check. No toys please.)

We would like to congratulate our 1st Vice President Mark Teglia for being elected to San Mateo County District President for 2014, and his lovely wife, Kelly Teglia for being re-elected as District Trustee. Hooray for our "Dynamic Duo"!

So, until next time...a few thoughts, "Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, and Batteries not Included!" and "Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under your tree!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

Branch 19 extends congratulations to Bob Basuino our new Grand President of the Federation as well as to our own member Deborah Rodondi on her re-election as Grand Secretary. Let us all work together in fellowship at our Branch levels to make the ICF a significant part of our charities ad parishes.

Thanks to the crew who supported our successful 3rd Annual Garage /sale held in October.

What would we do without the kitchen helpers who prepared the tasty Taco Bar Night for our November meeting? Thanks so very much. All members are encouraged to attend our monthly dinners. It's a night out to socialize with friends old and new.

Dec. 9 -- Christmas Dinner Party - 6pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner - Sharp Park Restaurant, Pacifica. Prime Rib/Chicken Cordon Blue/Salmon at \$39; Lobster at \$42. Send your reservations with choice of entrée and check payable to ICF, Br. 19 to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Dr., So. San Francisco, CA 9080.

Members are requested to bring non-perishable food or cleaning supplies for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Angels Church, Colma.

Reminder: 2014 calendars are for sale for \$25 of which \$5 stays with the Branch. We've had a few winners in 2013, perhaps 2014 will be your lucky year. Also, 2014 dues will be due on January 1.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and may God Bless us all in the coming year.

Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Congratulations and thanks to the Officers for 2014. President Harold Fuentes, First Vice-President Eda Rossetto, Recording Secretary Anne O'Brien, Corresponding Secretary Aurora Bini, Financial Secretary Virginia Fuentes, Treasurer Frank Venturelli, Orator Rose Marie Sickie, Trustees Anne Guerin, Marie D'Asaro and Lena Venturelli, Sentinel Jim Loman.

Many thanks to Michele and Jim Loman for the very delicious Enchilada Dinner they prepared for us at our October meeting.

Our 51st Anniversary Polenta Dinner was an enjoyable for all who attended. Many thanks to Virginia Fuentes for all her hard work, to Eda Rossetto and Anne Guerin for helping, to Michele and Jim Loman for running the raffle, to Frank Venturelli for selling the dinner tickets and for entertaining us with his beautiful music.

Chaplains Night was a greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Branch 351 for hosting and to the Chaplains for entertaining us.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, December 5, 2013 – Our Christmas Dinner of Ham and Lasagna. Members please donate cookies for Dessert. Members \$9, Non-members \$11.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 – District Installation of officers. Hosted by Branch 130 at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City. Mass 10:30am, lunch following at the San Mateo Elks Club.

Merry Christmas and Happiness in the New Year 2014!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We just finished celebrating our 50th Branch Anniversary in November, and were honored to have our new Grand President, Bob Basuino, in attendance along with many other Central Council members to help us celebrate. Our location was the Basque Cultural Center in S.S. Francisco and our President, Dorene Campanile, and her committee did an outstanding job with decorations and extras to make it special. Anthony and Donna Cervelli were our joint MC's and we are lucky to have such hard working members in our Branch. Father Harold and Father Michael were also in attendance to celebrate with us.

Friday, 11-8-13 we honored our Branch priests at the San Mateo Elks club where the Grand Secretary, Deborah Rodondi, was our MC and did a great job. We were treated to many new jokes from the priests and Branch 351 Cecilia Tommei and her members did an

outstanding job .

We welcomed two new members, Frank and Lori Clyne and please keep any sick members of all branches in your prayers.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving!

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

Many thanks to our hostesses, Barbara Gabriel and Donna DeVoe, who prepared a scrumptious meal for our November 12 dinner meeting. Wonderful job, ladies! Jackie Smith (our co-president) presided over our meeting in the absence of President Joe Crosetti. Joe and Judy were on a family vacation/celebration in Disneyland! Hope they had a great time.

The 2014 I.C.F. calendars are now available. Calendars are \$25 each and our branch keeps \$5 for each calendar sold. This is an easy way for our branch to make some money. The calendars make great Christmas gifts and purchasers have 365 chances to win some money!

Our Christmas luncheon was on December 1 at the Basque Cultural Center, so no branch meeting in December.

As always, keep in your prayers, our members who have health issues.

Our next dinner meeting will be on January 14, 2014.

Best Wishes for Happy & Holy Holidays.

RF

Menlo Park

St. Patrick, Br. 351

Thanks to everyone who attended Chaplain's Night! We had quite a few new Chaplain's! Every had a great time!

Thursday, December 5 - Annual Potluck Dinner followed by Brief Meeting. Call Cory at 650-867-8946 or Candy at 650-291-5635

Thursday, January 2 - Monthly Dinner followed by Meeting

Saturday, January 18 - San Mateo District Installation of Officers to be held at St. Pius Branch 130 in Redwood City - 10:30am Mass with lunch to follow at the San Mateo Elk's Club

Save The Date:

Sunday, April 27 - Bishop's Day hosted by San Francisco District - Details to follow

Please pray for our many sick members.

Wishing everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, in the Parish Center. The charge is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. The dinner will be prepared by our president Lorrie Kalos Gunn, and it promises be another outstanding menu. Reservations due by Wednesday, November 27, 2013 by sending your check payable to ICF Branch #403 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Installation of Officers will be held on January 18, 2014, with Mass at 10:00am at St. Pius Church, Redwood City, followed by lunch at the San Mateo Elks Club. Our slate of officers for the year 2014 is as follows: President-Lorrie Kalos Gunn; 1st. Vice President-Dan Capodanno; 2nd. Vice President-Paul Larson; Treasurer-Eunice Danli; Recording and Corresponding Secretary-Rose Marie Morando; Orator-Roy Fry; Trustees-Lois Agresti, Kay Lucio and Jack Gardner; Sentinel-Ann Gardner.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rose Marie Morando

Marin**Larkspur****St. James, Br. 161**

At our October meeting we had nominations and election of officers for 2014.

The following are the officers for Branch 161.

President – Marlene Farber

1st Vice President – Jeanne Asdourian

2nd Vice President – Phyllis Rybensky

Recording Secretary – Anna Biggio

Financial and Corresponding Secretary – Mary Onetti

Treasurer – Catherine Biggio

Orator – Theresa Rosser

Trustees - Doris Mulligan, Guy Francoz, Lucia Della Santina

Sentinel – Diane Hollister

We still have calendars available, if you would like one, please call Lorraine Iavarone.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren't feeling well.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Buon Natale a tutti,

Until next year, Ciao,

Anna Biggio

Novato**Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332**

Word was out that polenta and stew was being served because well over 125 members of Branch 332 attended the November dinner meeting. Co President Joe Bondanza welcomed everyone and introduced several guests, including George Bacigalupi and Dante Galeazzi from Central Council. George is past Grand President and invited everyone to attend Bishops Day which will be held in April in San Francisco. Dante also encouraged each of us to invite a potential new member to our meetings. Co President Greg Erigero told us the Helping Hands Committee from Our Lady of Loretto is looking for families in the parish who need assistance during the holiday season. Lynne Soldavini just returned from a trip to the Tuscan and Ligurian areas in Italy. She took a group on

a wonderful cooking trip and is planning to do this again next year. But only after she prepares the 50 recipes she brought home with her. Bev Smith reminded us calendars are now on sale. Our Christmas gala will be on December 10th. Please be sure to make your reservations early as we anticipate a large group. Santa will be there and there will be many raffle prizes. For those interested, the answers to last month's quiz are: Garda, 4, Dante, and 21. Thank you to Rick Jones for the beautiful mandolin music. We wish all a most Blessed and Holy Christmas Season. Stay warm and stay well. Buon Natale.

San Jose**Santa Clara Valley****District Council**

I'm subbing for Marcie Rossi, who as I write this is on a pilgrimage to Lourdes with her husband, the Jones and Father Arahna.

What a busy October. The month started with the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade on Oct 13. Several branches and Central Council members came together to create an outdoor Tratorria on the back of a 20' flatbed and truck. The structure was built and decorated and we rode the streets of Fisherman's Wharf and Little Italy with our own resident Chicken, Marie Stalteri Antonowicz. What a great 3 hrs. We danced the chicken dance, passed out Grazie mints and had a great time. Please join us next year for a bigger and better float!

This October was also the month St. Frances Cabrini hosted the District's Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon. Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Daly presided over the wonderful Mass. The luncheon at Three Flames topped off a perfect day. We were graced with 11 of the current Seminarists. Thank you to all involved! It was great event!

November 23, the District will sponsor an Officers workshop at Santa Teresa Church from 9:00am to 11:00am. This workshop is not only for our new incoming officers but also a review for our current and re-elected officers. It's always good to review and renew the different aspects of our varied jobs.

Remember on January 4, Installation of Officers at Santa Teresa Church. 10:00am Mass and lunch to follow the Three Flames. Check with your branch president for specifics!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Denise Antonowicz

Santa Clara**N.S. Assunta, Br. 5**

The ICF Branch 5 had a very successful year, thanks to all our members.

The Christmas Dinner/Party was enjoyed by all. Food Drive was a success. Thanks to all who donated and helped.

The Layette for all of Santa Clara County was a big success by not only ICF Branches but various other Catholic organizations. Big thanks to all who donated.

The ICF Br 5 Officers will meet to make decisions on Dinners/Meetings dates and events for 2014-2015. The schedules will be given to all members in the New Year. If you have any suggestions and/or fundraisings ideas, please let one of the Officers know.

Installation of Officers for 2014 will take place on January 4, 2014. Officers, please read in December 2013 Bollettino for more information regarding time and place.

If you forgot to mail your dues for 2014, please do so as soon as possible.



Branch 391 President Marcie Rossi and Membership Chairperson Carmie Jimenez welcome new members Doug and Diane Hughes and Sister Jane.

May all members and their family have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

Please visit Christmas in the Park in San Jose were ICF Christmas Tree is setup with pictures of scenes from Italy.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy**Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28**

Merry Christmas to all the members and their extended families. Hope everyone also has a very happy New Year.

We had our election of officers and the slate of officers are as follows: President Roger Santos, 1st Vice President, Gennaro Filice, 2nd Vice President, Joe Fortino, Recording Secretary, Anna Barberi, Financial secretary: Frank Segreto, Corresponding Secretary: Marianne Peoples, Treasurer: Pat Cordich, Orator: John Filice, Trustees: Christine Andrade, Angelo Benassi, Louis Cordich, and Louise Segreto. Sentinel: Kathy Santos. We are delighted with such a strong board. Many thanks to Diana Berry for the last 3 years of stewardship as president. She did a fantastic job.

Our Christmas Party dinner will be on December 16, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will bring gifts to the children. Remember to supply Santa with a gift for your child. No meeting Just food and fun.

January 27, 2014 Dinner meeting 6pm, Cullen Hall

February 24, 2014 Dinner meeting 6pm, Cullen Hall

These two meetings will be one week later on the 4th Monday of the month because of the holiday weekend on our usual meeting dates.

Buon Natale a tutti,

Anna Barberi

Los Gatos**St. Mary, Br. 184**

As I sit down to write, Christmas preparations are right around the corner. Dust off those recipes, teach them to your children and grandchildren, keep the traditions alive.

Our polenta dinner dance was a wonderful event. Thank you to ALL who worked to make it possible. The food, music, prizes for raffle, and decorations all contributed to the success. And yes, Marie Antonowicz did lead the pack with the "Chicken Dance", including her family celebrating her 90th birth-

day. Good memories!

Sending out greetings to Gertie Klem, Pat Malysz, and Jan Hoy - miss your friendly faces at our meetings. Get well wishes to Janet Mannina.

The Antonowicz family will hold their annual Christmas Open House on Dec. 15, from 1pm to 4pm. Donations go to Gifts of Love. Be prepared to be amazed.

Installation of Officers will begin with a Mass at 10am, on Saturday, January 4, at Santa Teresa Church, San Jose. Luncheon follows at Three Flames on Meridian Avenue.

Buon Natale and Felice Capo d'Anno a tutti! We pray the New Year brings good health to our members, and Peace on Earth.

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

Los Altos**St. Nicholas, Br. 186**

Come one! Come all! Cioppino time at Branch 186, January 18, 2014 is the date. Terrific sauce full of crab, prawns, clams. Dance to the music of Reno Di Bono. This is one of two events that provide funds for our charities. Help will be needed. Call Elaine 650-493-5520 for tickets. Price \$40.00.

The Christmas Brunch at the Cabana was enjoyed by all. It was nice to visit and not to have to work!

Thanks to Pat and Reni Felice and Ann Petro for continuing to do the Bingo at Villa Siena each week. It would be nice if you can, to stop in and visit Richard Burguillos and Nella Lera that are residing there. They have been long time members of our branch.

Branch calendar for 2014 will be coming out soon. Be sure to keep it handy to remind you of branch activities. Remember to send your dues in to Andy Cauz.

January 2, 2014 - Regular meeting. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share. 6:30pm. Meeting 7:30pm. Come. It's a fun get together.

January 4, 2014- Installation of officers-Mass at 10:00 AM Santa Teresa Church, San Jose. Lunch will follow at Three Flames. Lunch will be \$30.00. Branch will subsidize \$10.00 of the cost. Choices are Steak, Chicken, Vegetarian. Reservations and check sent to Bernadette Tapella.

"It is Christmas on the highway, in the thronging, busy mart; But the dearest truest Christmas is the Christmas in the heart."

Have a Blessed Christmas

Elaine



Karen and Leonard Rossi joined Branch 391 members and Seminarian Francis for a delicious luncheon for Santa Clara Valley's Bishop's Day.

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

There is nothing like starting off the holidays with a filling meal. This month we had a thick slice of ham, cranberry sauce, pineapple side, bread, salad, and all American apple pie for dessert. Thank you Al and Diana Valloz, Mary Lipari, Jeff Prolo, John Rossi, and all our servers for your help.

Louis Vento presented the heritage report, which focused on giving thanks for all of the opportunities and gifts we have received. She also gave a recap of ICF's float in San Francisco's Columbus Day Parade. Denise Vento spoke on Bishop's Day, and was also elected to be our new Trustee next year.

This year we changed our fall fundraiser from the usual pasta dinner to a pancake breakfast, which turned out to be a wonderful and delicious success. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the fundraiser.

If you know anyone who is ill, please contact Leslie Plaque, Branch 391's resident sunshine person, and she will send a get well card on behalf of our branch.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events: Branch 391's next dinner/meeting is the annual Christmas party, which is free for members. Maybe Santa will be joining us again this year? Roaring 20's sweetheart dinner dance will be February 8. Save the date!

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Our Bake Sale raised \$825 for Scholarships – good job MaryJo and all the Supporters of of this important Fundraiser.

We had a great turnout from the Branch for the Bishop's Day at Saint Francis Cabrini. The Church was full. We had 13 Seminarians and hosted Axillary Bishop Thomas Daly. The District was able to provide \$9500 to the Bishop to support training of the Seminarians. We look forward to next year's Bishop Day at Branch 368 Santa Teresa on October 19, 2014.

Resurrection Parish celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Jubilee Mass with Bishop McGrath on Sunday November 10th. Our ICF Branch hosted the Coffee and Tea for this event.

Our next Blood Drive will be Sunday 1 December 2013.

Our Christmas Potluck will be held Monday 2

December in the Farana Center at 6pm.

John Parker and Fred Petralia will be cooking Lasagna as usual. We hope to see you there for good food and fellowship.

Installation will be Saturday 4 January at Branch 368 with a 10am Mass followed by a lunch at Three Flames.

Remember to include our sick members in your prayers – especially Betty DeVille (rotator cuff surgery), Anne Lopez, Franco Ciacchella, and Olive Defranci.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D' Alessandria, Br. 435

Greetings from Morgan Hill. At our last dinner meeting we were treated to a wonderful Italian dinner, with all the trimmings. It was prepared by Josie Talamo and her hard working crew.

Our new Officers for 2014 are :

Chaplain: Father Mark Arnzen

President: Jerry Caravelli

1st Vice President: Jim Friebe

2nd Vice President: Denise Campagna

Recording Secretary: Gloria Subocz

Corresponding Secretary: Gloria Subocz

Financial Secretary: Giulia Gallego

Treasurer: Open

Orator: Loretta Wilson

Trustee: Sylvia Sorci

Trustee: George Guglielmo

Trustee: Pat Caravelli

Sentinel: Ann Friebe

Branch Deputy: John Gillio

Louise Vento read an article from the San Francisco Chronicle that told all about the ICF Float.

Our Christmas dinner will be on Dec.19, not on the 5th. Please bring an unwrapped Christmas toy. They will be donated to The Saint Vincent Du Paul Society.

Please keep John Sorci in your prayers. He is improving every day.

Hope you all had a happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Donna Basilin



Br. 52, Healdsburg: Br. 52 held its first Annual Crazy Hat night at our recent Polenta Dinner. Participants wore their hats and paraded around the hall before dinner. Pictured are the participants wearing their crazy hats. Prizes were awarded to the craziest hats.

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

By now, our November 16 Festa D'Autunno Dinner Dance is a pleasant memory, details to come. Our sincere thanks to our ever-supportive Branch Deputy Eleanor Berto. We are so very lucky to have her with us. Congratulations to Branch 12 Napa for a most inspiring and enjoyable District Day of Recollection, held at St. Thomas Aquinas parish, a lovely setting for the event. Please join us in prayers for our sick member, Nick Franceschini as well as for our dearly departed loved ones during the coming holy season of Advent. New members, we love them and welcome them always. We will be meeting during December to plan for the coming year.

Buon Natale a tutti

Marie Canale

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

This is the Year of Faith. Members and parishioners of St. Francis Solano Church attended a day conference presented by an inspirational speaker on the Church and our Catholic Faith.

In keeping with the charitable spirit of our branch, members contributed a large amount of food products and gift cards that will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish in order to resupply the Society's pantry and provide additional food for Thanksgiving.

Our 2nd Vice President, Joe Grant, collected warm coats and jackets to be donated to FISH for distribution during the holiday season. Believe it or not, Sonoma does have some winter weather.

On December 8 our branch will hold its quarterly Mass with breakfast following at Palms Grill.

The December Christmas dinner will be a complete ham dinner, and select red or white wine. For reservations, call Lila, 996-3448.

Look for our ad in this "Bollettino".

Buon Natale e Felice Capo D'Anno!

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Our thanks to the Lavio's, Josephine and

Leo and Giacco Manni and their crew, Sam Orlando, Bruno FoMassi, Angelo Leone, and Bob Bertalucci for the successful polenta stew dinner held. Many thanks go to all the other members who helped, and also to the members and friends who attended and helped to make this dinner one of the most successful ever.

There is no meeting in December.

We will be having our Quarterly Communion on December 21 at 5:00pm, St. Vincent's Church. Our Party will start following the Mass at McGoo's Restaurant. Cost of the Dinner Is \$30. Make your reservations as soon as possible to Louise Vicino - 769-7389. A good time will be had by all.

Thanks to our outgoing President Spence Burton and his Officers for a good year of leadership and the well run meetings.

Congratulations to our new Officers for the coming year! President: Bruno FoMassi; 1st Vice President: Spence Burton; 2nd Vice President: Lucy Spingola; Secretary: Sharon Cresci; Treasurer: Denise DiGirolamo; Financial Secty: Sharon Hromek; Trustees: Roseanna Cresci, Tula Bologna and Louise Vicino; Orator: Rita Boynton and Sentinel: Mary Ellen Higgins; Deputy: Kenny Marshall. Try to attend the meetings and branch functions and give your support to the new officers.

Our first event of the New Year will be our Soup/Dessert Dinner (\$5) on January 13 in the Church Hall at 6:00pm.

May you all have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and may the coming New Year be filled with lots of love and happiness and good health for all. May God Bless all our servicemen and bring them home safe and sound.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Cotati

St. Joseph, Br. 150

Our November dinner meeting which is always fun was pizza night. We had wonderful pizza from Caprara's Pizzeria in Penngrove. Rich Casella was our Pizza guy, with Dara making the salad and having pumpkin pie for dessert. Thanks to Beverly Casella for the nice fall decorations and being the host.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the baskets for the Craft Fair raffle.

Thank you to Louise for the heritage reading. It was very good and a barrel of laughs.

Please pray for our ill and recuperating members, Pat H who had knee surgery and Giuseppe Nieri, Katie and Johnny FoMassi



Co-presidents of St. Vincent de Paul displaying food donations.

who are ill.

Please come to the January 2 dinner meeting of Soup and salad. Dorothy Aggio will be the hostess. Info to come in the mail. We will have a couple members from the District to talk with us about the future of our club. It is very important to our club to have you attend to know what your feelings are about the future.

Merry Christmas to all with God's Blessings.

Susan Daly

Santa Rosa **St. Eugene, Br. 198**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As we come to an end of 2013 we should all give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Let us continue to pray for our families, for the members of our branch who died in the past year; for all members of Branch 198 who continue to work together as a family; and for those who need our help in the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

If you read this after December 2 you already know about the great dinner prepared by Randy Apel and the egg nog by Bill Scinto. We thank all who helped in any way to make our Christmas party a success.

The future looks good for us and it will start on January 6, 2014 with our 48th Anniversary dinner meeting. Cocktails will start at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm and a brief meeting to follow. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person.

Let us continue to pray for our sick members, especially Pat Costaglio, Carry Vittelini, Frank Castelli and Kathy Acquistapace. If you know of any sick or hospitalized member please notify our sunshine chairperson Mary Desideri at 545-1699.

May all of you enjoy a merry and holy Christmas.

Boun Natale
Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol **St. Michael, Br. 209**

Usually, we have a traditional turkey dinner at our November meeting. Well, our members were surprised with a delicious non-traditional dinner. We did, however, have pumpkin pie for dessert! Cost of dinner to members was a donation of non-perishable food for the needy and/or a monetary donation of \$5/person. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

We are looking forward to our 47th Anniversary Ravioli Dinner scheduled for December 7. Cost: Adults: \$12; Kids 6-12: \$6; Under 6: Free. Call Lona Bertoli for tickets at (707)



President Wurst and Jo Grant with coats and jackets donations.

527-1021.

Because of the change in the date for submission of Bollettino articles, it is somewhat difficult to submit a very complete report of what has transpired during the recent month. For instance, our meeting in November was on the 12th – this article had a submission deadline of the 10th. Therefore, creative writing comes into play. Hopefully, there will be a more informative article next month.

Upcoming:

December 3 -- Board Meeting

December 7 -- 47th Anniversary Ravioli Dinner

December 10 -- Branch 209 Christmas Party

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Stockton **District Council**

The joint Installation of Officers will be held January 5, 2014 at St. Stanislaus Church, 709 J Street, Modesto beginning with mass at 1:00pm hosted by Branch 48. The installation will be held in the church after mass.

After the installation, in the hall there will be a Roast Pork lunch with all the trimmings at approximately 2:30pm. Encourage your members to attend and invite your family and friends to join us for the mass and lunch.

Stockton District Officers for 2014 are Chaplain, Deacon Karl Welsbacher, Pres: Annette Elissagaray, 1st VP, Lucy Orsi, 2nd VP, Robert Pachinger, Rec. Secty., Annette Pachinger, Cor. Secty., Karen Rosson, Fin. Secty., Mary Kingshill, Treas. Ida Queirolo, Orator, Anna Mello, Trustees, Rita Baretta, Dan Amoral, Diane Galeazzi, Sentinel, Tom Silvaggio.

Father Ignatius Govindu attended the district meeting. Also in attendance was Central Council member Marco Galeazzi and his wife Diane. Tony with Ida's help never lets us down. The food was great and there is always such a great feeling of welcome.

Call Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 with the number of persons that will be attending the installation no later than December 30, 2013.

Coming Up:

Jan 5 Installation St. Stanislaus Br 48, Modesto, Mass 1:00 pm

Feb 16 -- District Meeting St. Bernard's Br 390 Tracy 1:30pm

March 29 -- Saturday Bishop's Burse Manteca, Mass 11:00am

Merry Christmas!
Cecelia McGhee

Modesto **St. Stanislaus, Br. 48**

Our numbers seem to get smaller each time we have our annual mass and breakfast but it was still a very nice mass and breakfast for those of us that were able to attend.

Later that same day we headed for Tony's Kitchen for the district meeting. As usual it was a very pleasant afternoon with great food and friends.

We will have a Christmas potluck and a short meeting Dec. 11 2013 at 6:00pm. Please bring your favorite dish, family and friends.

We are getting things ready for the Installation of Officers and can use some help. Details will be discussed at the December 11 meeting.

Mass for our deceased members will be Tuesday December 10, 2013 5:30pm at the "J" Street Church & Sunday January 5, 2014, 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Merry Christmas!

Coming up:

Nov. 13 -- 7:00 pm Meeting – Hall 7th and K Streets

Dec. 11 -- 6:00pm Christmas Potluck and Meeting, Hall 7th & K Streets

Jan. 5, 2014 -- Installation of officers, Mass 1:00pm 709 J Street

Jan. 8 -- 7:00pm Meeting – Hall 7th and K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

Tracy **St. Bernard, Br. 390**

Our annual polenta feed fundraiser with YMI and our Thanksgiving themed dinner meeting are out of the way and we are ready for the holiday season. Our monthly dinner meeting will be on the 12th of December and is traditionally our biggest dinner of the year. This dinner will be free to all paid members only. Roasted chicken and raviolis with all the trimmings will be on the menu this month along with appetizers and Christmas desserts provided by the members.

Our special visitor from the North Pole will be there with a bag of treats for the children. Photos will be taken of the children with Santa Claus.

Our annual monetary appreciation gifts to the church and our chef will be presented after dinner.

December 12: dinner meeting (free to ICF members in good standing)

Buon Natale
Anita Ridolfi

Stockton **Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395**

Branch officers were elected at the October meeting. Congratulations to the 2014 Officers of Branch 395. They are:

President: Josephine Weber;

1st V.P.: Bill Lina,

Recording Secretary: Carol Quijada;

Financial Secretary, Robin Deiro;

Treasurer, Mark Deiro;

Orator, Pat Sorini;

Trustees, Janet Bolognini, Becky Vergano,

Marilyn Ramacher;

Sentinel, Bob Zaroni;

Branch Deputy, Robin Deiro,

Chaplain Msgr. Lawrence McGovern.

The officers will be installed on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at St. Stanislaus Church, 7th & K Streets, Modesto, at 1pm.

Our November meeting is November 14 and will be including a pot luck dinner.

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Youth Center Gathering Space at Presentation Parish beginning at 12 noon. Gian's will provide the meal of chicken, ravioli, pesto, and bread. Dessert, wine, and coffee are included. Brush up on your Catholic trivia. There will be Prizes!!! Call Karen for reservations (209) 603-5708. Don't forget to bring your non-perishables for the Food Pantry.

Don't forget the Annual Thalassemia Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m. at Children's Hospital Oakland. Reservations due to Karen by Dec. 1. She has space in her car if you need a ride.

Polenta Dinner – Thursday, February 13, 2014 . Still \$20. Start collecting those raffle prizes.

Wishing you blessings for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Ciao,
Josephine Weber

Angels Camp **St. Patrick, Br. 413**

'Tis the season to be merry! I hope that everyone reading this will find the joy that Christ brings to us during this time of year. Robert likes to hear "O Holy Night". "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth, a thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn..." Those words say it all for me.

Branch 413 will hold its annual Free Parish Breakfast on December 15, Sunday, after the 10:15am. Mass in the hall. In years past, St. Nicholas has come to visit us and stayed for pictures with the children and adults. We hope he comes again this year.

Plans are in the works for our Valentine's Dinner and Dance this February 8. It is one of our big fund raisers and it is very popular. The food and dancing are enjoyed by young and old alike!

We had our Festa Italiano this past October 12, and it was a success. The Kingshill cooked up a feast of Chicken Cacciatore and Polenta, salad, and a scrumptious dessert. The mood was happy and people enjoyed each other's company. Our raffles were fun and there was good participation. The Branch had done an October fest in years past, so this was a new idea. It went well and is a good possibility for the upcoming year.

May God bless all of our ICF Members with a holy and peaceful holiday season. You are in our prayers, and we ask that you keep us in your prayers.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger for
Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary

Tucson

Green Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

On October 10, Branch 425 held an Open House and we had numerous guests for the



October Communion Breakfast with officers and members of Branch 425.



occasion. We shared a wonderful chicken parmesan and pasta dinner with tiramisu for dessert – what better way to get new members than with delicious Italian food???

Oct. 26 the Branch participated in the community White Elephant Parade with specially decorated vehicles, handed out flyers for our “Drive Thru Lasagna Dinner” on November 9 (one of our fund raising events), not only do members look forward to this time together but the parish and community look forward to the great meal we prepare to be picked up and taken home) and after that, a group of us “swung up” to Tucson Br. 434’s “Sock Hop”.

October 27 was our Corporate Communion Sunday and we had approximately 40 people in attendance. After Mass, we all went to the Cow Palace for lunch.

November will bring election of Branch Officers as well as the “Drive Thru Lasagna Dinner”.

On December 2 we will be having a great time at the Gaslight Theatre in Tucson and dinner at La Dolce Vita. As if that weren’t enough fun, we are also having a Branch Christmas Party at the Desert Diamond Buffet in December. This is also a Branch “thank you” for all the work/contributions that the members provide during the year.

Blessed and Merry Christmas to each from the members of Branch 425!

Bette Acitelli, Branch Reporter

Tucson

Father Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

Good Tidings from Branch 433 in Tucson! On October 6, our Branch hosted the Tucson District meeting here at Ss. Peter and Paul. Prior to the meeting, we had our Corporate Communion Mass and were joined by members from Br. 425 of Green Valley, Br. 434 of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Br. 436

of St. Thomas More in Glendale. We were very happy with the turnout!

More Good News – we have the following nominations for officers – President, Melissa Rodriguez; 1st Vice President, Debbie Gomez; 2nd Vice President, Larry Masi; Financial Secretary, Henry Fleischmann; Trustees: Mary Andresano, Mary Pellegrino and Frances DeChaine; Orator, Diego Moreno. Bette Acitelli will remain as Recording Secretary until February 2014 when a new Secretary will be elected. We were holding our breaths for nominations and we were blessed with people stepping forward!!

In November we are holding our Fall fund raising event – our Bake Sale! We did really well last year and hope it will be even better this year. We are also planning a Membership Drive to enrich our current membership.

We are anticipating having our Branch Christmas Party at the Desert Diamond Casino the same date and time Green Valley Branch 425 is having theirs!! What fun we will have as one BIG ICF Family!!

We wish to all of our ICF Family(ies) a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! May you receive as many blessings as our Branch has received this year!

Bette Acitelli, Recording Secretary

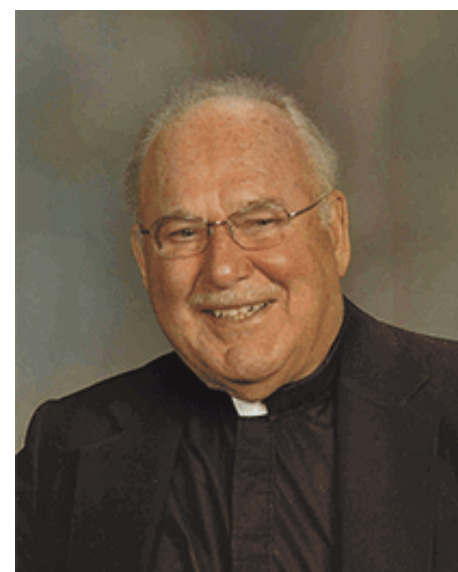


Monsignor Cardelli is recovering from a recent surgery. He is on the mend, but please continue to keep him in your prayers.

The following column was submitted by Msgr. Cardelli in 2012. Please enjoy reading it!

A Baby Changed The World

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com



Born poor, in a stable, while his mother, and foster father were travelling. People for centuries awaited his coming. Angels sang announcing his birth. Kings sought him to pay him homage. A Tetrarch feared him and sought to kill him and ordered soldiers to slaughter many children up to two years of age because the reputation of this baby was a threat to his kingdom. His family then went into exile in Egypt. Upon his return from Egypt, he lived his life in a town called Nazareth. He grew up “in wisdom age and grace.”

His birth set the calendar, as we know it. He is renowned throughout the world. He has many titles, Life of the world, Holy Child, Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega. There are many more titles found throughout the scriptures but those who love Him as Jesus, Our Lord, and

Savior best know Him.

This child grew up, preached the Good News, healed the sick, the crippled, and the blind, and raised people from the dead. He gave His life and rose from the dead so that we may have life, here and hereafter. His love for us is infinite and perfect. He loves us no matter what we do, or did or will do. We can always depend on him.

Yes, this child was born on Christmas. Most people celebrate His birth every year. We thank him for all that He gives us. Without Him, we are lost. Yes, this baby has really changed the world.

May you have a Happy and most especially a Holy Christmas

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If your Branch would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
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