**2016 Convention Workshops Schedule and Descriptions**

**SESSION 1 10am – 10:45am 4 OPTIONS**

- **Salon A: Spiritual “Called to Be Merciful”** — Presenter To Be Announced

  Pope Francis reminds us that “Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life.” During this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, let’s reflect on how the ICF helps us fulfill our call to be merciful and allows us to demonstrate the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy.

- **Salon B: Strategic Plan – “Making Progress”** — Presented by: The Task Force Committee

  All members, especially officers and deputies, are invited to learn the role of the branches during the next phase of the Strategic Plan. The Task Force will share our progress to date and plans for the future.

- **Salon C: History of the ICF – “Our Timeline, Our Story”** — Presented by: David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen, Assisted by The Heritage Committee

  Picture it. San Francisco – 1924. Hear the story of our roots and how our co-founders, Father Albert Bandini and Sir Luigi Providenza, formed the ICF. Enjoy a slide show of our early years and see artifacts going back many decades.

- **Salon D: Open Forum – “Your Questions Answered”** — Facilitated by: To Be Announced

  Take this opportunity to ask questions, give feedback and offer suggestions on any ICF-related topic.

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**SESSION 2 10:55am – 11:40am 4 OPTIONS**

- **Salon A: Spiritual “Called to Be Merciful”** — Presenter To Be Announced

- **Salon B: The Deputy Program – “Developing Deputies Within Our Districts”** — Presented by: The Deputy Program Committee

  Deputies act as a liaison between the Central Council and the Branches. The Deputy Program Committee has tips for developing and recruiting deputies and suggestions for strengthening your district’s deputy program. By coaching our deputies, they will be able to coach our branches.

- **Salon C: History of the ICF – “Our Timeline, Our Story”** — (Repeat) Presented by: David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen, Assisted by The Heritage Committee

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- **Salon D: FUNraising – “Share Your Branch’s Fun Ideas”** — Facilitated by: The Central Council Spouses’ Association

  We are pros at fundraising, now let’s focus on FUNraising. You’re invited to share your low cost or no cost activities that promote the social aspect of the ICF. These ideas come just in time for preparing next year’s calendar.

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**Plan to Attend Annual Seminarians’ Night**

**Saturday, June 25, 2016**

St. Paschal Baylon

155 E. Jans Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA

5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails & Antipasti

6:00 pm - Dinner Served

**Menu**

- Salad & Pasta
- Tri-Tip
- Potatoes & Green Beans
- Rolls, Dessert

**Cost:**

- Adults - $40.00
- 12 & Under - $15.00

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**Grand President’s Monthly Message**

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

We are nearing half of the year 2016, gone by the time you read this article. Time does go by faster with age, or at least it seems that way. I wish it would slow down some, so that I could catch up with life. Sometimes we can be so wrapped up in things that we don’t realize what is going on around us that we missed.

On April 23 we had an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in Bakersfield. I am a ¾-year Prostate Cancer Survivor and have been involved as a team captain for the past four years at the request of some ICF members from our branch that are also cancer survivors. This year I was finding it difficult to arrange the time to organize the team, as in the past, so we only had three members who participated in the event this year versus 27 last year.

An ICF member from our branch, Amy Ainsworth, was a driving force for me in being involved in the ICF and Relay. Amy was a 15-year cancer survivor that originally was given less than three years to live. Every year it got harder and harder for her to make that survivor lap. I would tell her that I would carry her if necessary, but she was going to make that lap, because she was such an inspiration to me.

Even with her aches and pains she was always asking how she could help at any of our ICF events, and she always had a smile. She was determined not to let things get her down. Amy passed away in February of this year. This year, as I walked the survivor lap at our Relay event, joined by more than 1,300 plus cancer survivors, I felt all alone without my friend by my side. I saw her daughter Tami on the sideline halfway around the track. I stopped to give her a hug and the tears started flowing. We are blessed by so many good people around us that even as life goes by fast we must slow down to enjoy all the good that the Lord gives to us.

This month we will honor the fathers in our lives. We are nearing half of the year 2016, gone by the time you read this article. Time does go by faster with age, or at least it seems that way. I wish it would slow down some, so that I could catch up with life. Sometimes we can be so wrapped up in things that we don’t realize what is going on around us that we missed.

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Amorist Laetitia: The Joy Of Love

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
Spiritual Director ICF

On April 8, 2016, Pope Francis released a widely anticipated apostolic exhortation entitled Amoris Laetitia, or The Joy of Love. In this 325-paragraph document, the Holy Father provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family: their strengths and weaknesses, their call from God and the challenges they face. Pope Francis recommends that Amoris Laetitia be read “patiently and carefully.” Of the nine chapters, some may be more pertinent to marriages and families themselves, and others to those who care for them, such as priests and lay pastoral leaders.” (usccb.org)

This treatise is a wonderful explanation of married life, the joys as well as the challenges of a successful marriage. It is easy reading. I especially recommend it for those preparing for marriage. However, I urge everyone to read it. Don’t read it all at once. It would be better to read it a few paragraphs or pages at a time and think and talk about what you read. It may seem a bit long but it is worth reading. Finally, we have a publication that really is a great, practical help for all families.

Pope Francis wrote, “No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need time and think and talk about what you read. It is both tangible and intangible, in the sense that ideas and memories—of songs, recipes, language, dances, and many other elements of who we are and how we identify ourselves—are as important as the range of contemporary traditions, monuments, objects, and culture. Most important, it is the range of contemporary activities, meanings, and behaviors that we draw from them.

Heritage includes, but is much more than preserving, excavating, displaying, or restoring a collection of old things. It is both tangible and intangible, in the sense that ideas and memories—of songs, recipes, language, dances, and many other elements of who we are and how we identify ourselves—are as important as historical buildings and archaeological sites.

Heritage is, or should be, the subject of active public reflection, debate, and discussion. What is worth saving? What can we, or should we, forget? What memories can we enjoy, regret, or learn from? Who owns “The Past” and who is entitled to speak for past generations? Active public discussion about material and intangible heritage—of individuals, groups, communities, and nations—is a valuable facet of public life in our multicultural world.

Heritage is a contemporary activity with far-reaching effects. It can be an element of far-sighted urban and regional planning. It can be the platform for political recognition, a medium for intercultural dialogue, a means of ethical reflection, and the potential basis for local economic development. It is simultaneously local and particular, global and shared.

Heritage is an essential part of the present we live in—and of the future we will build.

Remember to fill out the Heritage report for the upcoming Convention. Share with other branches what you do to promote Heritage.

New Procedure Regarding the Bollettino

ICF Office

In our continued efforts to streamline operations and promote cost cutting measures, we will begin a new procedure regarding the Bollettino with the August/September (Convention) Issue.

Members who have not paid their dues for 6 months or more, will not be sent the Bollettino starting with the Convention Issue and going forward until such time as the dues are paid. Once the dues are paid, a member will begin receiving the Bollettino again. Members will remain on their Branch rosters, unless a cancellation notice is sent in by the Branch. Members are removed by the database system when they have not paid dues for 15 months. For Branches that order mailing labels, you should also be aware that labels will not be generated for members who are set not to get the paper.

ICF is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, please follow this link to sign up:

http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb
Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2016 Convention

**Application Process**

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates’ completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office August 1 in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the Convention.

**Other Pre-Convention Deadlines**

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book, your ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

**Campaign Rules**

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Convention Director.
3. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign items.
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5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

**Other Information**

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council, unless an unforeseen event takes place.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the convention rooms.
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**MAY CALENDAR WINNERS**

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Italian Catholic Federation Sixteenth Annual

**DATE:** Friday, July 22, 2016

**COURSE:** Laguna Seca Golf Course
10320 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

**FEE:** Four Person Assemble

**START:** Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

**BANQUET:**
2:00 –
San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940

No-host Cocktails

3:00 –
Simpuluous Four Course Dinner

**Raffle:**

Golfers: $165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 16th, the price per golfer is $180. Banquet only: $45.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** July 15, 2016

**SIGN UP:**
Name: __________________________ Handicap: __________________________

**BANQUET ONLY:**
Multi-check for total amount ($165 per player plus $45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and sent to the address below before the July 16th deadline.

**DINNER:**
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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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GET WELL WISHES:
- Russ Vento                             Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
- Ted and Jean Day                       Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
- Elaine Cruci-Saslaw                    Franklyn Lopes, J.r.
- III Members of Br. 161                 Marlene Farber
- Maria Aversa                           Officers/Members of Br. 161
- Elinor Franchetti                      Officers/Members of Br. 161

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY:
- Eddie Leonard                          Elizabeth Grammatico
- Jennie Flagg                           Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
- Larry Marsalli                         Diana Petrolinello

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY:
- I.C.F. Br. #10                          Officers/Members of Central Council

*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: 05/16/2016

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Attention: Branch and District Presidents

Branch and District Financial Secretaries

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are aware, the IRS and State of California are requiring annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 are required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of $50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 are required to file Franchise Tax Board Form 199.
- CA Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of $50,000.00 or less are required to electronically file Franchise Tax Board form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

The forms should have been filed by May 15, 2016.

Numerous small exempt organizations have come under IRS scrutiny for failure to file information returns. Organizations that have failed to file the appropriate form for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. This includes the group ruling holders and their subordinates (Branches and Districts for the I.C.F.). We are now scrutinized by the State of CA as well. The IRS and State have asked us to please make sure that no subordinate (Branches or Districts) unintentionally throws away its tax exempt status.

If you have not yet filed the 990-N (e-Postcard) or the 990 EZ or 990 or the 199-N (e-Postcard) or the 199 or the 199-N (e-Postcard) or the 199 even though the May 15th deadline has passed, please file it as soon as possible. If you have missed filing for any reason in the past two years (this applies to the IRS and the State), please make sure that you file now (for the tax year ending 2015) so that you do not fall into this category. The e-Postcard and other forms can be accessed through the IRS site (www.irs.gov) and the Franchise Tax Board site (www.ftb.ca.gov).

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2015. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 as soon as possible.

Thank You,
Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2016
- Branch 36
- Branch 218
- Herb Basuino
  In memory of David Rosenkranz
  Officers/Members of Br. 308
  In memory of Alan Collier
  Roger and Kathy Santos
  In honor of the 90th birthday of Farrel Martin
  Roger and Kathy Santos
  In memory of Gloria Rizzi
  Elia M. Willner
  In memory of Ines Sabatella

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year
- Marlene Farber
  In honor of the Branch Anniversary of Br. 161
  Jan Farren
  In memory of Dina Puccinelli and in honor of Mother’s Day

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations Received By May 10, 2016
- Branch 36
  Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District
  In memory of The Deceased Members of Santa Rosa District
  Harold, Virginia and Steven Fuentes
  In memory of Edith Scrivani
  Eva Stern
  Get well wishes for Russ Vento
  Bob and Elaine Osmo
  Get well wishes for Russ Vento
  John and Kris Kaiser
  In memory of Guy Masciota
  Officers/Members of Br. 291
  In memory of Floralee Harris
  Officers/Members of Br. 291
  In memory of Trish Jimenez
  Joanna C. Van Blaricom
  In memory of Floralee Harris
  Officers/Members of Br. 308
  In memory of Guy Masciota
  Helen Dianda
  In memory of Virginia Maffeo
  Joan and Jerry Delfino
  In memory of Nancy Marsalli

Congratulations Graduates!

May Your Future be Bright and Exciting!
**Benvenuti Membri Nuovi**  
*Report Date: 05/16/2016*

ROZALYN DE VINCENZI Branch 013  
JOSEPHINE FRANCK Branch 013  
GINA MARIE PENA Branch 014  
GREAT PETERS Branch 028  
EUISA V CAVALIERE Branch 036  
FLORENCE M CAVALIERE Branch 036  
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JESSICA M TOMASETTI Branch 039  
JOSEPH CHAPARRO Branch 115  
JOSEPH RUDER Branch 115  
JOSEPHINE SASSER Branch 115  
LEONARD ZASOSKI Branch 115  

**La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth**  
*Submitted by Roselynne Jarrett*  
*Central Council Life Member*

Color the picture of Dad.

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**Workshops**  
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**SESSION 3 11:50am - 12:35pm 3 OPTIONS**

**Salon B**  
*The Deputy Program - “Developing Deputies Within Our Districts”*  
*Presented by: The Deputy Program Committee*

(Repeat) Deputies act as a liaison between the Central Council and the Branches. The Deputy Program Committee has tips for developing and recruiting deputies and suggestions for strengthening your district’s deputy program. By coaching our deputies, they will be able to coach our branches.

Salon C: Convention Planning - “Enhancing Future Conventions” *Presented by: Roselynne Jarrett*

As we plan future conventions, your feedback will help the Central Council format our annual meeting. Additionally, we’ll discuss what goes into planning a convention to help our members understand our contracts, finances and other details involved in the process.

Salon D: FUNraising – “Share Your Branch’s Fun Ideas” *Facilitated by: The Central Council Spouses Association*

(Repeat) We are pros at fundraising now let’s focus on FUNraising. You’re invited to share your low cost or no cost activities that promote the social aspect of the ICF. These ideas come just in time for preparing next year’s calendar.

Branches with multiple delegates are encouraged to split the workshops among their representatives to allow branches to gain more information. Non-delegates are also welcome to attend and participate in workshops.

Some workshops are repeated to accommodate the number of delegates and members in attendance.

Grand President  
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meant to you and your family. Don’t let time slip away from you because you may never know when life will change.

Happy Father’s Day to all the Fathers in the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless,

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

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**Things to Ponder**

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”  
Jim Valvano
I t is June and we are finishing up with
graduations and getting ready to celebrate
Father’s Day and summertime. What better
way to celebrate with Dad and summer but
with a family BBQ. I got this recipe from my
sister-in-law Lisa and I love it. It is great that
you can put the chicken in the marinade and
place in the freezer for future use, so I always
prepare extra so I can freeze for a future meal.

Korean Chicken BBQ Marinade

1 Tablespoon sesame seed oil
Pepper to taste (about 1 teaspoon)
1-2 teaspoon sesame seeds

Chicken thighs (6-8) I remove skin and debone,
when deboned the one thigh has now become
2-3 pieces of chicken

Mix the marinade ingredients, adjust to taste,
then add chicken to marinade and refrigerate
overnight.

BBQ chicken slowly over medium heat to
avoid burning due to sugar. Cook well (difficult
to overcook). This chicken stays well in a
covered container in a warmer or warm oven
(130 degrees) for 30-60 minutes after it comes
off the BBQ keeping it hot for serving while
preparing other dishes for your meal.

One cup of the remaining marinade can be
reduced over a medium heat to serve as a sauce
over the cooked chicken. Make sure to bring
the marinade to a quick boil then simmer for
10-15 minutes to insure pasteurization. Can
adjust seasoning or add sugar to taste. Drizzle
the sauce over the chicken then serve. The
chicken is so tasty I do not do this step.

NOTE: Make enough marinade so the liquid
covers most of the chicken while marinating.
Can use some of the water and all of the sugar
to make simple syrup to insure dissolving the
sugar into the mixture. For later use, place
chicken and marinade in ziplock bag and freeze
then thaw in refrigerator a day before use.

The key here is soy sauce/water/sugar in
roughly equal proportions for the base of the
marinade and then use seasonings to your
taste. I never followed a recipe and eyeballed
the ingredients while tasting the marinade for
balance. I prefer 2 cups of sugar in this recipe
and lots of garlic.

For the past few year I have had the big
Rodondi Christmas party and this is always
on the menu along with tri-tip...yes even in
the winter it is great to BBQ this frees up the
2 ovens in the kitchen for other foods (like
my signature lasagna) needed to feed 45-50
hungry Italians.

Use more water if using this marinade for the
Korean dish bulgogi (thinly sliced beef, can be
purchased at Korean markets) or it will be too
salty. This is also delicious and the meat cooks
quickly on the BBQ.

Hoping you might like to share some of your
specialties or the family recipes that have been
handed down with the members of the ICF.
Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net
or mail to the ICF office include a story if any.
If you have questions send them also, I may not
be able to answer them but we can put them
out there for our readers and maybe find what
you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

Family Recipes
By Deborah Rodondi
CC Grand Treasurer

Korean Chicken BBQ Marinade

1 ½ cup soy sauce
1 ½ cup water
1 ½ - 2 cups equal parts brown and white sugar
too taste
1 bunch green onions
1 small head garlic (8-10 small cloves) finely
chopped (food processor)

This guide is your how-to in finding a blood
center/bank that will assist your ICF branch
in planning a blood drive. The information
below is categorized by States and Districts.
Within districts only cities with different blood
center information from their counterparts
will be listed. While most blood centers/banks
collect blood and also plan blood drives,
there could be some below that solely collect
blood donations – however they will be able to
direct you to a blood collections team for your drive.
Information changes frequently; if you have
questions or updates, please contact Laurice
Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine@mail.
cho.org.

CALIFORNIA

1. SACRAMENTO:
American Red Cross - Capital Region
Chapter
1565 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95815
http://www.redcross.org/ca/sacramento/about-us/
locations
916-993-7070

American Red Cross - Concord Service
Center
1300 Alberta Way
Concord, CA 94521
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/
locations
925-603-7400

American Red Cross - Oakland Service
Center
3901 Broadway Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
http://www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/
locations
510-595-4400

American Red Cross - San Rafael Service
Center
712 5th Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94901
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/
locations
415-721-2365

6. LOS ANGELES:
American Red Cross Los Angeles Region
Headquarters - Serves more than 88 cities and is
comprised of six Red Cross chapters: Antelope
Valley, Glendale-Crescenta Valley, Greater Los
Angeles, San Gabriel Pomona Valley, Santa
Monica and Long Beach/Rio Hondo.

American Red Cross - Los Angeles
Chapter
1305 W. Shaw Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
www.redcross.org/ca/los-angeles
310-445-9900

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Blood Donor
Center
4650 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/
-b4387119k.5068/Coordinate_a_Blood
Drive.htm#UpvRk-JGhvY
323-361-2441

7. MARIN:
American Red Cross San Rafael Service
Center
712 5th Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94901
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco/about-us/
locations
415-721-2365

American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona
Valley Chapter: Serves La Canada Flintridge
Pomona and Duarte to Rowland Heights.

American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona
Valley Chapter
Meridian Ave.
San Gabriel, CA 91776
www.redcross.org/ca/pasadena
626-799-0841

9. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY:
American Red Cross Los Angeles Region
Headquarters
11355 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025
http://www.redcross.org/ca/los-angeles/
310-445-9900

10. SAN FRANCISCO:
American Red Cross San Francisco –
Chapter Headquarters Service Center
1663 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
www.redcross.org/ca/san-francisco
415-437-8000

11. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY:
American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona
Valley Chapter: Serves La Canada Flintridge
Pomona and Duarte to Rowland Heights.

American Red Cross – Santa Barbara County
Chapter
4343 W. Herron Ave.
Fresno, CA 93722
www.donateblood.org
559-389-LIFE (5433)

American Red Cross Central Valley Chapter:
-Serves Mariposa, Merced, Madera,
Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern Counties.
1300 W. Shaw Ave., #4B
Fresno, CA 93711
http://www.redcross.org/ca/fresno/
559-455-1000

San Diego Blood Bank
3636 Gateway Center Ave., Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92102
http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood-
drive-organizers/faq; l-800-469-7322

More will be printed next month.
**Year of Mercy Pilgrimage**

October 8 – 12, 2016 to Washington DC with ICF Br. 12, Napa and Knights of Columbus

Price of $1500 per person, based on double occupancy includes round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for 4 nights.

Highlights of the pilgrimage will be daily Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and St. Augustine’s Catholic Church and other churches. You will also visit the many memorials in Washington DC. A tour of the US Capitol and the National Archives will round out the tour.

For more information, call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 or visit their website at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) and look for “Brother Paul’s Trip to Washington DC.”

**Brother Paul is the chaplain for Branch 12.**
**BOLLETTINO**

**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**  
**FRESNO DISTRICT**  
**WELCOMES YOU TO**  
**A NITE AT THE RACES**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

We will recreate a night at the track with thoroughbred racing on DVD. Every device is equipped to simulate an experience at the track and an evening full of excitement; the parade of horses, opening of the gate, photo finish close-ups, playing of the race annuities and all natural wagering.

**BECOME AN OWNER.**  
Sponsor your own horse for a donation of $30 and you could win the $120 Purse to be given away with each race. There will be 6 races of $20 horses each race. That’s a 1 in 2 chance of winning the big money!  
**CONTACT ALLEN WATTS (559) 343-3803 FOR MORE INFO ON THE HORSE RACE AND HOW TO BECOME AN OWNER.**

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**  
**355 E. CHAMPLAIN DRIVE**  
**FRESNO CA 93730**  
**5:00 PM BUS DEPARTS FOR CONVENTION HOTEL GUESTS**  
**6:00 PM NO HOTEL COCKTAILS**  
**7:00 PM DINNER**  
**RAFFLE PRIZES**

**MENU:**  
Pasta e Fagioli Soup, Spinach Salad, Penne Pasta with Chicken Breast and Shrimp, Soft Polenta and Green Beans with Italian Sausage and Dessert.

Dinner Reservation Deadline... August 11, 2016

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Make Checks payable to I.C.F. and write Bingo in the memo.  
Mail to Robyn Papa  
316 W. 21st Street  
Madera, CA 93638

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Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write Bingo in the memo.  
Mail to Robyn Papa, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is $30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

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**DoubleTree Hotel Fresno**  
**Friday, September 2, 2016  3pm - 5pm**

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack: $25 Advance Reservations  
$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

**Prizes:** First five games $100 per pot  
Final game - Blackout - $250 pot

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**Friday, September 2**  
**DoubleTree Hotel**  
**Registration 10am**

Take part in the 2016 convention bocce tournament. Teams will be created randomly, and announced at registration. Timed games will be played in the meeting space on carpet.  
**Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.**

**BOCCES REGISTRATION FORM**

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There will be no entry fee this year, but advanced signups are still required.  
Bocce is limited to 48 players of all skill levels. Please submit this form to the I.C.F. office before August 15th.  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621
Convention Prom Night
Sunday, September 4, 2016 7:00pm

Reservations for Branch #:_____
City: _____________________________
Number of Adults x $55 = _____
Number of Children x $25 = ______
Name: ___________________________
Check # ______ enclosed = ______
Number of Ushers: ______

Please place a star next to children’s names.
Please save the date to save a life.

Enjoy dinner and dancing with your date or group of friends at the ICF Prom. Ruffled tuxes and retro prom dresses are welcomed, but not required. Help crown a prom king and queen and vote for the ICF “Best of the Best.” This throwback night will be full of fun and surprises.

The committee would like to use your prom photos at the event. If you’d like to share, please mail a copy to the office or email to roselynnpurcell@gmail.com by August 31.


Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8733 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

For more information:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
LLevine430@aol.com
360-860-2023

Italian Catholic Federation
Cruise 2016
on board the beautiful Grand Princess

Departing San Francisco on Saturday, October 29th, 2016
15-night trip going to Hawaiian Islands (Hawaii and South Pacific)
Visiting: San Francisco, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Maui, Ensenada

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Inside cabins available:
$200.00 deposit per person required upon booking. Final payment due August 1.

Grand Princess continues to offer signature service for which Princess Cruises is renowned. With our innovative Westin the Retreat Under the Stars, our Italian-Inspired Pasta and The Sanctuary, there are plenty of ways to totally escape completely. Enjoy a variety of dining opportunities at La Cucina, Tea Lounge & Library, or enjoy hand-crafted pizzas in Taro. Our new nightclubs, The Club provides an unforgettable experience to finish the night away.

Princess Cruises Grand Princess 10/29/16
Contact Julie Graham
Julie@CruisePlannersCA.com
(925) 829-7245

Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life
5th Annual Convention Blood Drive
Friday, September 2nd, 2016
at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

Sponsored by:
The ICF Live to Give Committee

For more information:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
LLevine430@aol.com
360-860-2023
Chicago
River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358
June is upon us. How fast the days, weeks, months seem to come & go. I find the older I get, the faster the time passes. Remember when we were young children, when time seemed to stand still especially during the holiday season. However, the summer months was the only time when time flew. Too bad we had to grow up!

During this year 2016, we are celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy. All members of the faithful will have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage during the Jubilee thru a designated parish. This pilgrimage is to be a journey of walking closer with God and discovering moments of grace and spiritual renewal. So, we at Branch 358 are getting ready to make that pilgrimage the end of June.

Please do not forget to honor Father’s Day, June 19th. We wish you both all of God’s blessings: good health, peace and happiness.

Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The April meeting was held on the 12th and it was a real feast. “Chef” Jeff Bottorff made his famous “Bolito Misto”. It means boiled meat and we were treated to a delicious dinner of beef, chicken, tongue, sausage, salad, bread and a yummy mango cake for dessert. Thanks to the chairman Jeff Bottorff and the committee: Mark and Cari Beveridge, Bina Boitano, Mary Sue Ferretti, Jim and Kerin Cavallero and Gary Cavallerio. May 1st was the bake sale/raffle. Our members made many mouth-watering desserts which sold out after only 3 masses and we made over $600.00. Thanks to everyone who baked and sold the goods on Sunday.

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St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our branch is proud to announce First Year College Scholarship winner: ARIANNA ALOSIO, of Itasca. We are all very happy for Arianna. She will be presented with the award at our June meeting. Excitement is in the air as St. Peter’s new church will be a reality! Ground breaking ceremony is on June 5th, with Bishop Conlon, of Joliet, presiding. Our branch is proud to be a part of this endeavor. We will be hosting the refreshment festivities after the 11:15 a.m. mass on Sunday, June 5th. Completion of new church scheduled for Summer of 2017.

Our next general membership meeting is on Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Itasca Park District, first floor, Iris Room, 350 East Irving Park Road, Itasca.

Save the date for our branch picnic: Sunday, July 10th, Madison Meadow park in Lombard.

Congratulations to members, Mary and Vito DiFino, celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 10th, Madison Meadow park in Lombard.

Los Banos

May was a busy time for our Branch. We had five teams at the Fresno District Bocce Tournament.

Great time was had by all who attended. Lunch was so very good. Everyone, winners and losers, had a fantastic time.

Branch 32 celebrated Mother’s and Father’s Day with a chicken dinner including pilaf, salad, and dessert. Awards were presented to the Mother and the Father who shared their love and wisdom for the most years.
Branch 32 would like to recognize Rose Caglia for being a member of our branch for 77 years. From left to right Pres. Claire Pisching, Rose Caglia, and Grand Pres. Leonard Zasoski.

Get Well wishes are sent to our sick members which include, Deacon Kurt, Maria Guglielmino, Doris Papi, Ann and Don Saladino, Peggy Barbato, and Mario Isnardi. Please inform our Sunshine person when you hear of someone who is ill.

Merced
St. Cecelia, Br. 39
August, anche se in ritardo, per la festa delle madri e auguri per la festa dei padri! Playing the Italian card game Pedro before our May meeting was rousing fun again and the players are getting better! We plan to continue meeting at 5 PM for a social hour. A huge thank you goes out to chefs Robyn Piro and Estella Reta for preparing a delicious homemade chicken enchilada dinner for the members in recognition of Cinco de Mayo. We also thank the kitchen helpers, table setters, front door greeters, servers and clean-up crew.

Update on our biannual Biscotti and cookie sale: we grossed over $2,000.00 and sold over 200 dozen biscotti plus more than 50 dozen assorted other varieties. Again we thank our chairladies: Janet Pagliese, Maryellen Mazzei, and Nettie Descalzo-Del Nero, and also our many faithful members who baked, donated ingredients, made labels, bagged, sold, and bought our homemade treats.

Sunday, June 26, is our St. Patrick’s Parish Festival at St. Patrick’s Hall. Please join the congregation at 11:00 am (Italian) mass and host a brunch at the Merced Area spending time with her daughter.

Our June birthday celebrants are: Carlene Christensen (6/14); Ken Gray (6/26); Dolores Guaglianone (6/28); Maxine Johnson (6/19); Wes Johnson (6/11); Vince Jura (6/20); Mary Mayo (6/16); and William Schulte (6/9). Happy Birthday to All!

“By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he’s wrong.” (Charles Wadworth)

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281
June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but luckily we know how to stay cool. Our meeting this month will be the annual Social Social on June 9. Our members never fail to provide diverse, delicious, summer salads; from pasta to potato, fruit to tomato, this is a tasty spread you won’t want to miss.

May was a great month for our branch and the district because…BOCCE! May 14 was the district tournament, which was a great occasion for the many branches to unite as a district for some fun competition! Also, of course, this event contributes much to our organization and its mission.

On May 28, the Branch 281 tournament was one of the most successful bocce tournaments we’ve had. Although the weather was quite hot, it didn’t deter members from playing their best and enjoying the day. As always, we enjoyed a tasty tri-tip lunch along with the company of our members and many non-member parishioners as well. A special thanks is due to Allen Watts who organized the tournament and made it such a fun time for all.

Branch 281 will be hosting coffee and donuts and a cake walk. It’s a great family occasion spent at our beautiful Lake Yosemite.

Remember our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers.
Cari Salute,
Stephanie Lucich

Clovis
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250
Our Branch President Jessie Budd and hubby, Mark who is District Depute, have been busy preparing us for the 2016 ICF Convention here in Fresno. We’re looking forward to seeing friends from across the Country.

August 28 is the date for our Branch fundraiser dinner at Tahoe Joe’s. Plan to treat the family to a delicious dinner.

The deadline for this Bollottino article falls before our Take-Out Dinner and the District Bocceball Tournament. Reports of our teams’ successes will follow next month.

Father Robert just returned from a trip to the Caribbean. He did some diving, which is one of his favorite sports. Glad you enjoyed your vacation, Father. We’re always glad to have you back.

As of this writing, Shirley Mitchell is in the Bay Area spending time with her daughter.

Our prayers go out to Nancy DiPrima and the family for the passing of her husband, John. John and Nancy are past members of our Branch.

A few of our members were under the weather at our last meeting. They are Mary Zanarini, Ron Travis, Melissa Squeo-Redmond and her daughter. Please pray for a complete recovery for each of them.

Our Branch 308 Presidents Past and Present at St. Anthony’s.

Bakcground shot - to benefit Seminarian and Scholarship Programs.

Archdiocese District
Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67
Branch 67 continues to work with Saint Peter’s Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Branch 108 invites Branch 67 members for a year end Bocce BBQ and picnic at Pasadena Lawn Bowling Center in Central Park Pasadena. All ICF Members invited. Please RSVP to 626 372-7812 by June 20th.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and host brunch at the Casa Italiana lunch room on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call 626 372-7812 to RSVP.

Your help is greatly appreciated.
Carmelo Sabatella AIA
President Branch 67
Italian Catholic Federation
T: 626 372-7812
E: car1810@aol.com

Happy Father’s Day!

Baci e abbracci,
Kristen Watts

Remove our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers.

Cari Salute,
Stephanie Lucich

Fresno
St. Anthony, Br. 308
Fresno Saint Anthony of Padua’s ICF Branch 308 recently celebrated fellowship in a special way. Bocce Ball Team “Russ’ Wops” remained undefeated in five matches on Saturday 5/14/2016, during the District Tournament held at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

Branch President “Giovanni Mulligan”, Ted Gennuso, Nick Dilido, and Leonard Garber (pictured) with Russ Renna rolled to victory, while another Branch 308 team, led by Alex Garcia, placed third. The Wednesday before, at their May Tri-Tip meeting - with food prepared by Branch Chef Bernie Squeo, who also manned the BBQ at the tournament - 308 was happy to have in attendance for the first time their new Chaplain, Father Ferdinand (pictured with Mike and Frances Berdinelli). That evening the long time leadership of Past President Antionette Pecora and her husband Angelo was formally recognized, with the presentation of a plaque by President John Mulligan (pictured together). And a Knights of Columbus invitation was accepted to sponsor Saint Anthony’s Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls, with a decision also made to dedicate proceeds from a current fund raiser - selling tickets for a special meal to be held at steakhouse Tahoe Joe’s, on Sunday 10 July 2016 - to benefit Seminarian and Scholarship Programs.

Cynthia Oliphant
Thanks to everyone who made the Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at JAKES BBQ in Monrovia a successful event.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual ICF Branch 108 Cooley’s Anemia BBQ is scheduled for Sunday July 24th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Villa Subatella in South Pasadena. We will be celebrating 30 years of friendship and great BBQ in support of ICF’s National Charity. Space is limited. Please RSVP by calling 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 on or before July 18th. All Branches are invited. Please spread the word.

Thank you Members, families and friends for your support of ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to the families who passed away earlier this year and to all Members who have gone to their eternal reward and to sick members, family and friends for a speedy recovery.

May God bless and keep you healthy “aper cento anni!”

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com, Branch 308 Recording Secretary
Two Meeting Photos by Branch 308 VP Jay Newsome
Tournament Photo by Cynthia Oliphant

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.)

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following Making a Difference quote by William Arthur Ward: “Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.” Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

God Bless!
Frank Salomone

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
Thank you to all who brought such delicious entrees to our May potluck meeting. We all enjoyed great food! We learned that Nicholas DiLeva (parents Kim and Anthony, and brother of Maria and John) are our scholarship recipients. Unfortunately Mary Star High School’s award banquet was the same night as our meeting so we were not able to meet them. Congratulations to the students and their families!

Many of our members had the pleasure of attending the installation mass for our newest branch at St. John Fisher on May 22nd. What a blessing it is to see the Federation grow!

Our next fundraiser/daytrip will be to San Manuel in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scorsia, Edward Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tuttii!!

At out last meeting our members voted and we donated $1,000.00 to St. Benedict Church for church improvements. Also, we received applications and essays for the St. Benedict School Scholarships. Our scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and essays. We will awarding two $300.00 scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students. Additionally, we would like to thank our member, Dr. Jeanine Vieni, for a donating a refrigerator on behalf of the ICF to St. Benedict Church, which was placed in the Parish Hall for the benefit and use for all church organizations.

This year our branch is teaming up with the St. Benedict’s Knights of Columbus to operate a Fireworks Stand at a location on Beverly Blvd., east of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the Beverly Car Wash. All expenses and proceeds will be split 50/50 among the two organizations. The stand will operate from Monday, June 27th to Monday, July 4th. We need everyone’s support to make this a successful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer on some days.

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2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS OF THE
Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library
3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

- June 5 - Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by San Gabriel Region
- June 5 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.
- July TBD
- August TBD
- September 11 – Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.
- September 11 – ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.
- October TBD
- November 13 - Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank.
- November 13 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.
- December 4 - Mother Cabrini Mass (12:30pm) followed by Pilgrimage to Chapel and Lunch in the Parish Hall.

Note: Groups may schedule a visit to Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library by contacting Carmelo Sabatella at 626 372-7812.

The final three winners of the Monthly Money Madness Raffle are: Phyllis Dovalago (Br 102 - January), Amy Pasquarilli (Br 319 - February) and Vince Veneziano (Br 111 - March). Congratulations to the Raffle Winners and thank you to all members who participated in the Raffle and to all members who sent donations for the much-needed replacement of the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Doors and Frames. Additional donations are encouraged to continue the maintenance of this historic and cultural facility. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

Please spread the word to members, friends and parishioners who may be interested in Mother Cabrini and her life’s work and how her role is reflective of our Church and the ICF mission to help those in need and post a notice in your church and organization bulletins, newsletters and newspapers one to two weeks prior to the events.

Thank you for your help.
Carmelo Sabatella AIA, President
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee
Italian Catholic Federation
3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504
626 372-7812

Thanks to everyone who made the Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at JAKES BBQ in Monrovia a successful event.
Casino on June 23rd. Please call Pauline Iacono for more information 310 832 0563.

It's time for our annual parish fiesta. This year the fiesta will be held on July 15th thru 17th. We will once again be hosting the pizza and meatball/sausage sandwich booth. As you know it takes a lot of man power to make our booth a success. If interested in helping out please call Neal DiLeva 310 433 1044.

The 2016 ICF Convention is approaching and will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fresno, California. Our branch will be sending 4 representatives. This year Neal and Anna will not be able to attend. The convention is a rewarding experience. Please think about representing our branch.

Our next meeting will be on June 16th at 7:30pm Save the Date: St John Joseph Feast August 18th to the 20th.

We pray for our sick members and those in need. Keep them in our thoughts and prayers

Anita Gioiello Trajillo, Treasurer

Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

We are looking forward to our May bingo as we celebrate our Mothers. We are hopeful to have a great crowd and that everyone will join us. Thank you and God bless.

Gabby Schilling

La Canada Flintridge
St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our May meeting featured Sister Rosemarie Tulacz, SND who provided a keynote presentation on “The Roots of Mercy”. Her spiritual talk explored the profound insights of Biblical mercy and spirituality, and embraced the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She placed particular emphasis on incorporating these themes and focused on how one develops a spirituality that is practical for the family. She also provided insights for how to develop one’s personal spirituality. Sister Rosemarie, an accomplished photographer, incorporated her photography to provide a different way of seeing mercy through the eyes of faith and human events as a divine experience. Her talk tied into the spiritual objectives of the branch for 2016 as we observe the Year of Mercy: corporal and spiritual, proclaimed by Pope Francis.

Sentinel David Capurso conducted another informative program. This program on Catholic knowledge was in an entertaining quiz format. It was noteworthy that many of our members admitted how little they really know about Catholicism. As usual, every one had a lot of fun. In a previous meeting, David guided us through a quiz on Italian heritage. Again, we learned a lot.

Italian classes are in the planning stages and shortly will be announced. The plan calls for a 7-week Saturday morning program in June and July. It will be focused solely on conversational Italian. Let us know if you are interested.

Scholarship winners have been selected. Two St. Bede School students will be honored for their winning essays at the June meeting. We will also be awarding a college scholarship to a St. Francis High School graduate.

Tanti cari auguri e benedizione,
Al Restivo, Orator

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our Mother’s Day Dinner, prepared and served by the men of our branch, was a huge success. Thanks to Matt Luchetta and all his helpers who worked so hard to make this a very special dinner for the women.

Upcoming: June 12 – Special Mass for the ICF at 11:00, rosary 12:30, meeting 1 to 4. The women will plan the Father’s Day dinner for the guys. Please watch for Jeanne’s newsletter. This will be

San Pedro Branch 115 had a seven day California Coastal Cruise on April 23-30 attended by 24 people. This fundraiser cruise was organized by member Maria Letizia Chaparro with group leader Branch President Neal DiLeva. A wonderful cruise and a great fundraiser for the Branch. Thank all of you who joined us.
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SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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5:00 PM BUS DEPARTS FOR
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6:00 PM NO-HOST COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER
RAFFLE PRIZES

MENU: PASTA E FAGIOLI SOUP, SPINACH SALAD, PENNE PASTA WITH CHICKEN BREAST AND
SHRIMP, SOFT POLENTA AND GREEN BEANS WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE AND DESSERT.

Dinner Reservation Deadline – August 11, 2016

Please Print Clearly:

First Name: _________________________ Last Name: _________________________ Branch #: _________

Contact Phone #: (______) _____________ Email: ______________________________________________

Number of Persons Attending Dinner: _____ x $35.00 each   Total Amount Enclosed: $ ____________

I/We will be riding the bus to the “nite at the races” Thursday Night Dinner   Yes ____   No ____

Make Checks payable to: ICF Fresno District
And Mail to: Robyn Piro
336 W. 21st Street
Merced, CA 95340
Saturday, June 25, 2016

St. Paschal Baylon

155 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA

5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails & Antipasti
6:00 pm - Dinner Served

Menu
Salad & Pasta
Tri-Tip
Potatoes & Green Beans
Rolls, Dessert

Cost:
Adults - $40.00
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Benevenuto to our little piece of Italy. We will transform St. Paschal's Hall to the Italian Catholic Federation's Trattoria as we raise money for our Seminarian's fund! Great food, Great Friends, Great Herb Gardens and Fabulous Raffle Prizes. Please send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to the ICF Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA. 94621 no later than June 17, 2016.

For questions call, Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623 or email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com.

Send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to
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No later than June 17, 2016

Name ____________________________
Address: ________________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________ Phone: __________________________
E-Mail: ________________________________
I wish to be seated with: ____________________
Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319
HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 27th 1976 Branch 319 was begun. We were installed in the church after mass by Central Council. Our first president was Roy Capuano. I don’t remember any other officers (except I was the treasurer). We have had some great times through the years.

We will be celebrating the occasion with an Open House in the auditorium at OLA on June 5, 2016. Old and recent pictures will be displayed for the parish see and a table for new members sign up from 8am to 12:30pm. After that we will be going out for a group dinner.

On June 29th we will be hosting a dinner for the Scholarship winners both Central Council and OLA school and our local charities.

Summer is approaching fast and school will be out. Everyone have a great and safe vacation.

God bless all,

Andrea Linn

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

June 10 - Dinner/General Meeting
June 14 - I.C.F. Quarterly Mass
June 19 - I.C.F. Donut Sale

This dinner and general meeting will be on June 10, details in the Newsletter. It will be a potluck to celebrate Fathers Day. Our Holy Cannolis fundraiser was a wonderful success. We thank everyone who worked so hard to enable a successful event. Toni, Laura, Terry and Barbara were all angels. The Ministry Fair was lovely and possible new members may be on the horizon.

Enjoy the summer and God Bless you and the Italian Federation.

Roxanne Perry, President

Monterey
Santa Cruz
N.S. Del Socorso, Br. 21

Wow, here comes summer again! Someone once said: “Summer is when laziness finds respectability”. But Branch 21 isn’t founded on laziness; we’re busy bees. At our last general meeting on May 3rd, we were honored to have Past Grand President Jim Jones and his wife, Former First Lady Janice, in attendance. Jim presided over the initiation of seven new members. They are: Nancy Prevedelli, Gary Castiglioni, Mandy Danner, Peggy Mansfield, Heidi Morgan de Courcy, Margaret Hartman, and Rebecca Rosser.

Welcome new members! After the formalities, enchiladas and Coronas were served in celebration of our new members and also Cinco de Mayo. It was a great evening.

As you know, the No-Bake Sale is over and we would like to report that over $1,800 was donated this year. That is more than was donated last year. Thank you all for your generosity.

It should be noted that our Branch helped this year’s Holy Cross Confirmation Class with their celebratory dinner in the Hall after the Mass. Accolades for the decorations and the food were plentiful. We want to thank all those who worked so hard on this event. It was beautiful.

Believe it or not, it’s time to plan for this year’s ICF Convention which will be held in Fresno on Labor Day Weekend. A nominating committee has been chosen to select this year’s delegates, so stay tuned.

We would like to send a big hello and get well to Bobby Wilson, Nara Caiocca, and Aurelia Bozzo. We miss you and hope to see you soon.

Come join the fun at our next meeting on June 7 in Holy Cross Hall beginning at 5pm. As a reminder there will not be a meeting in July but a meeting will follow on August 2. Ciao for niao, tutti.

May the Good Lord bless and keep you safe.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Happy Fathers Day to all of our father’s, nanu’s, and papa’s, June 19 is your designated day to do what you want to do, so enjoy.

You will be receiving I.C.F. raffle tickets in the mail. Please buy or sell your tickets, this is a fundraiser for our branch, we need and would appreciate your participation. Thank you.

We had a delicious Cinco de Mayo dinner. After dinner our scholarship chairman Ted Ursino, introduced our seven recipients, Maria Aiello, Gina Bruno, Claire Cardona, Patrina Cardoza, Savannah Freeze, Caroline Gruber, Brooke Sveum.

Each received $1,000 from Br. 36, $300. each from The Italian American Culture Center Foundation, each recipient received $1,300. We also gave $350. each to two San Carlos School students, Mia Campos and Alexim Jimenez. Co-President Elizabeth Grammatico presented Father Peter Crivello with three checks, one for $750 to Loaves & Fishes, one for $4,000 for maintenance of the Parish Hall, and one for $15,000. for San Carlos Cathedral. It was a beautiful evening, and, not finished - our mystery honoree was Father Peter Crivello, everyone there was so pleased. Father Peter will be leaving San Carlos parish in June for a new position with Bishop Garcia in the Pastoral Office, in addition to being the Vicar General he will also be the Moderator of the Curia. We will miss him, he has been with San Carlos for 12 years.

Our deepest sympathy to Ventura Manuguerra
Capitola  
St. Joseph, Br. 227  
Due to a conflict with Father’s Day, the June meeting is postponed until the 26th. Scholarships will be awarded that day. Everyone is invited to the wine-tasting on June 18. Five wineries will be pouring and you’ll have an opportunity to taste some special extra virgin olive oils. There will also be assorted cheeses and crackers, as well as a silent auction and raffle prizes. Tickets are $10 for members and $12.50 for non-members and the hours are 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It’s not too early to mention the annual Barbecue on Saturday, July 23 at DeLaveaga Park. The menu will be chicken or steak and all the trimmings. Cost is $7.00 for members, $12 for guests, and $5 for children under five. Chairman Bob Montonye will be asking for volunteers to help out. Let him know if you are willing and able.

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Lou and Fran Boczek who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 23. Quite an achievement by two very nice members of our branch.

Vicky Howell is taking reservations for the bus trip to the Italian Festival in Reno October 7-9. The price is $300 per person and includes two nights lodging and two breakfasts. Call Vicky at 831 345-6374 to sign up.

In honor of Father’s Day, here’s a quote from Lionel Kaufman:

Children are a great comfort in your old age — and they help you reach it faster, too.

Happy Father’s Day to all you dads and granddads.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande  
St. Patrick, Br. 291  
Since Br. 291 did not hold a March General Meeting (due to it falling on Easter) we celebrated our St. Joseph’s Table at our April meeting. Thank you to Kathleen Sullivan and Rose Haupt who did a wonderful job decorating our table and to Fr. Alphonse for blessing it. Also, thank you to all the members who brought in non-perishable food to display on our table. All food collected was donated to the St. Patrick’s Outreach Program.

At our April meeting we also celebrated member Marjorie Rodarte’s U.S. Citizenship! Marjorie is so proud to finally be an official U.S. citizen! We also send our congratulations and blessings to Homer and Dianne Clees, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April!

Br. 291 lost two former ICF members and dear friends, Trish Jimenez and Floralee Harris, one day apart in April. We pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families during this difficult time. We will truly miss them both.

Please continue to keep our entire ICF Family in your prayers, especially the following members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Barbara Budasci, Homer Clees, Dianne Clees, Crystina Giuffrida, Stevie Hall, Jim Mitten, Pat Osuch, Lorraine Spargo, Helen Summerfield, Joanna Van Blaricom and Jens Wagner.

Happy Father’s Day and welcome summer!

Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary

Paso Robles  
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354  
The April meeting opened by President David Zanini was well attended. Discussions covered business, finances, and replacement of chairs and tables damaged, abused or just worn due to the many activities held in our parish hall.

We will purchase 68 new chairs and two tables. Proceeds from our last pasta dinner will also be applied to the scholarship fund. Applications will be sent to St. Rose Catholic School later this month for possible candidates. Two $400.00 first year scholarships for beginning college applicants will be awarded. They will be named next month.

President David and his wife Irma attended the Castroville district meeting and luncheon. The approved allowance for meals was increased to $10.00. This will help since our branch together with the Arroyo Grande branch will be hosting a district meeting on June 4.

This month’s meeting, as in the past, will be held at my home. President David is going to BBQ sausage and chorizo. Members are asked to bring side dishes. Should be fun.

On June 14, Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. at our St. Rose church followed by a pancake breakfast for ICF members at the Grange Hall.

Tony Salvia can use your healing prayers. Michael Frederico is recovering from recent surgery, and President David is getting stronger.

Thought for the month comes from a quote by Kathleen Grove, “A friend is someone who not only reaches for your hand, but touches your heart.”

Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary

Oakland  
East Bay  
District Council  

Hi All, it’s that time of the year once again when we start preparing for the ICF convention. By the time you read this the delegates will have been selected and will be making their reservations. Being a delegate is a special privilege, as one has the chance to see how our organization works and be a part of it. Also, it is time to sell all those chance books that support both the ICF and our local branches. Who is your top seller??
Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

We were delighted to be able to hold our Primavera Dinner-Dance after a one year hiatus owing to the church hall being redone last year. These fund raising events are the lifeblood of our ability to support our charities. And as a special treat, two of our recent scholarship winners were there to say a few words about what scholarships mean to them and to those who will be supported by this event in the future. These young men and women are different from the many who simply don’t find the time to write a few paragraphs about what their Italian heritage and a scholarship, even a small scholarship, means to them. It’s a characteristic that will ultimately mean more to our scholarship winners than the money.

And here’s an idea for fundraising. We encouraged members who could not attend to purchase raffle tickets. And thanks to one special lady, Pauline Kirk, and her friends, we raised over $150 in tickets before the raffles began!

A special thanks from the ICF 285 members goes to Elaine Meier, chairman of the Primavera again this year. Events like this are hard work for many, but the rewards are evidenced by our “family” having a good time and whose support is essential to our ICF charities. Elaine thanks the many who spent untold hours making this year’s event a success, both as a family gathering and as a fundraiser. Unhappily, our own Joe Buonsante leaves the Melotones orchestra with Primavera as his final performance. Good luck Joe, we know you won’t be idle.

Thanks to our charity events, we are able to donate to special causes such as our donation this year to St. Michael’s in honor of Father Poon for student scholarships.

Our June meeting will be our annual dinner out which everyone will surely enjoy as a respite after a busy May. Our July meeting is Bocce and pizza. And to stretch out our fun and frivolity, August is our picnic. We will get back to our regular meetings in September so stay tuned for who our next speaker will be.

Come join us for our events or meetings - together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family.

Ciao, a presto
Chuck (my wife’s Italian) Meier

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It has been a busy month and will continue to be so into the summer, but there is a lot of fun to be packed in there too. During the Ministry Fair, Lisa and Dorothy were able to meet new parishioners and introduce them to ICF and some of our activities. One that is little known is the 8th grade scholarship awarded to qualified students who plan to continue their Catholic education.

On the fun side, we had a delicious dinner and evening of fun at Br. #285’s D/D. We are looking forward to Day at the Races, the golf tournament and Italian Night at the A’s.

Meantime, back at the branch, we are getting ready for our convention in Fresno, Labor Day weekend. Time to choose delegates and review any bylaw changes that have been submitted. Guess that sounds like work again, but there is also a social side to the convention for all to enjoy. Don’t forget to sell those chance books and raise money for both ICF and our branch. How many winners has this branch had??

Congratulations to all new graduates in 2016.

God bless all our fathers for all they do and will continue to do.

Pat Grasso, Sec.

Contra Costa
District Council

The Contra Costa District met on April 28th and discussed the coming events! The event coming...
We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone involved in the annual Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner. The volunteers, including the Iron Chefs, who prepared the delicious meal, and the members of the St. Catherine of Siena youth group who helped serve and distribute it to the other branches, truly made the event a success. We are grateful for the effort and time spent on this project.

A special thank you goes to the volunteers who took on the task of organizing the event. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. We also want to express our appreciation to the members of the St. Catherine of Siena youth group who helped serve and distribute the meal. Their contribution was invaluable.

The event was a great success, and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future. We would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner, which will take place on August 5. Contact Donna if you are interested in attending.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we do not meet in May. Watch for your newsletter with the date and details for our June Potluck, member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation meeting, free raffle. member appreciation

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on June 23. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our branch.
IHM Parishioners enjoying their breakfast from Branch 432.

Seminarian Mario Rizzo getting ready to enjoy breakfast at Branch 432.

IHM Breakfast cooks, left to right Mike Bertel, Chris Romero, Ken McCoy.

IHM Donation table, left to right Anna Castillo, Deacon John Kortuem (Majordomo), Mary Webber, Carol Ilch-Rojo.

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Coming up on June 5th another Pancake Breakfast. This one hosted by Branch 432. The Breakfast is free to all Parishioners. Donations are accepted to help offset the cost of the ingredients. Oddly enough, even though the breakfasts are free and donations are optional we have generated a profit over the years. The profits allowed ICF and their Co-sponsors, the Knights of Columbus, to add 2 scholarships to their scholarship programs, the second one this year.

There will be several new members, Lorraine Nelson, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Darling and Marilyn Darling.

Next meeting June 13th, Ravioli and Salad. Scholarship recipients honored. Please call Gloria Martinucci for reservations @ 526-8749.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214
Includes: St. Agnes, Queen of All Saints, St. Bonaventure & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes.

Our May meeting brought the largest attendance in a long time; 35 members. We had a membership drive this month @ St. Bonaventure Church. June meetings are back on our calendar our President Roberta Healy will prepare a Ham & members will bring side dishes. Our Wine Event plans are well into progress, June 12th; Viano Winery, Martinez. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact: Joanne Dooreck (925) 798-1735.

Folding our hands in prayer for our sick and elderly. Also always remembering the Military.

Ciao,
Christina, Correspondence Secy

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352
We are planning our Bake Sale and Membership Drive, also a Bingo night after our Saturday Mass afternoons Masses.

Happy Birthday wishes to all of our June celebrants.

Ciao,
Madeline

Orange
Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

It is with great sadness that our branch lost a beloved member, Kitty Cipolla on March 22. Our April meeting was dedicated to Kitty Cipolla, whose birthday would have been on April 20. She regularly attended the meetings with her husband Jerry if they were not travelling or attending their family’s events.

Fred Baldwin of St. Vincent de Paul was our guest speaker. He gave us a brief history of who St. Vincent de Paul was and the purpose of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This organization’s main purpose is to raise people out of their poor circumstances. They receive donations, give food to those who need it, assist in any way they can, and also spread the message of God’s love to those they help.

Branch scholarship/book decision will be made this month and the recipient will be announced at the June meeting.

On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, St. Thomas More parish had the Speaking of the Tongues Mass at 11:15 am. Member Joann Jordan did a reading in Italian for the mass.

The proposed picnic location is St. Thomas More parish on August 12. We plan to have our annual bocce ball tournament and picnic fare. More details to come.

Marci Dodson shared a heritage report about Italian wedding traditions. She shared that wedding veils are passed down through generations; candies like Jordan almonds are thrown at the couple; also candies are given in odd numbers, and men would wear iron to ward off evil spirits. The number five represents health, fertility, happiness, longevity, and wealth.

Ciao,
Miranda Gibson

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Welcome new member Mario Mandy. Mario has relocated to Sacramento and we thank him for joining our Branch.

Due to a conflict, we had to cancel our May 15th dinner but have re-scheduled for Sunday, June 12th in Giovanni Hall. We will still have Bingo Night with our Chicken and Polenta Dinner. A branch meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. and Bingo at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. with Salad, Roll, ½ Chicken, Polenta, Dessert. Cost is $14 for members and $17 for non-members. Each person receives one complimentary Bingo Card. Additional cards available for purchase. For reservations and information, contact me before June 7th at 916-508-1199. Upcoming on July 10th will be Monte Carlo Night with a Pasta Dinner. For more information, contact me at above number.

Scholarship applications for our Branch Scholarship have gone out to St. Mary’s 8th grade students. We will announce the winner in the next article. Thanks to Lee and Shirley Pasquini Bennett for making the scholarship possible. The donation is made in memory of Shirley’s mother,
San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
As you may know, Norma Tealdi’s celebrated her “100th” Birthday on April 20! Since we did not have a meeting in April, we are looking forward to singing Happy Birthday to her at our May meeting. Norma, we know what a wonderful and happy day it was for you and your dear family. We wish you nothing but good memories in your life.

We had two very sad deaths of our branch members recently. The first was Arleen Calegari who was Branch 38 President for a long time and this coming June would have been a 50 year member of our branch. She had recently undergone surgery and was doing well. Her death on April 30 was quite a shock. Rest in Peace dear Arleen.

Our second death was Charlotte (Lotte) Peradotto, middle sister of our members Norma Tealdi and Dora Varacchi. Lotte died on May 5. As of last January, Lotte was a 50-year member of our ICF branch. Lotte was an active and valuable member of our branch to the very end. Lotte, I don’t know what we’ll do without you. We’re glad you were able to enjoy your sister Norma’s 100th birthday. Lotte, remember to organize an ICF branch 38 extension in Heaven…for when the rest of us join you! RIP dear friend!

San Francisco
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Leda Pasquini.
Birthday wishes to members for June: Lisa Bandaccari and Rita Tomesi.
Ciao,
Janine

Roseville
Branch 73
Branch 73 had a very successful and well attended Polenta/Chicken dinner on April 16th. The success came from the hard work of members and friends of our branch. President Tony Barsotti and his cooking crew prepared a delicious dinner and everyone ate their fill. Our thanks go out to all those who: sold dinner tickets, cleaned the chicken, set up the hall, purchased supplies, decorated, donated raffle prizes, ran the bar, sold bar and raffle tickets, servers in the food line, and lastly, the young people who did such a good job of serving and clearing tables.

We send belated Happy Mother’s Day greetings to the Mothers of our branch and Happy Father’s Day greetings to the Fathers of our branch. Happy birthday to all our members who celebrate May and June birthdays. Remember to pray for all our members who are not feeling well and also for Robert Delpippo who is recovering from knee surgery.

Arlene Roe for Robert Delpippo

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342
A big thank you to all of you who attended and helped out at our annual corporate mass on May 15th. Thank you to Fr. Brennan and Deacon Mike for saying the mass, to Norma and MaryAnn for supplying the biscotti, to Diego for carrying our flag into mass, and to Flo for manning the membership table and all who helped with set up and passing out cookies. It was a beautiful morning and so wonderful to celebrate mass together.

We hope you will be able to join us on June 5th at Joseph’s Hall for our annual Member Appreciation Dinner. At this event we honor a member (or two) for service to our branch and recognize this year’s scholarship recipients. Dinner is potluck and by now you should have received a phone call from the call committee regarding what to bring. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun family event!

Our summer picnic will be held at ARD Park on July 9th. Details will be in the next Bollettino.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville
St. Clare, Br. 438
After our branch meeting in April several of our members served delicious dishes from our new cook book “ Buon Appetito”. These recipes were enjoyed by all the members. A huge thank you to Angela DiGrande and her committee for doing such a wonderful job in organizing the cook book. Also we give recognition to her husband Frank and all the members who worked at the masses. After all of the books were sold Angela and Frank took orders for more books. This is what I call dedication.

Michael Fuentes is busy preparing his committee for the upcoming elections. They will be working at 2 precincts.

We are planning several trips in the next upcoming months. One is the wine trip which we are planning to have around the area. We still need a chair person for this event. I hope someone is interested in being a chair person. It isn’t a hard task. It can actually be a lot of fun. We have several members that will step up to the plate and help you out. Please consider on taking this chairmanship.

It is so sad to see so many of our members sick or having surgeries. Get well soon as we all miss you. Please pray for them.

Before I close I would like to give Sandra Fuentes recognition for doing such a great job chairing the Gathering Inn. Thanks to you and your committee for making this very successful.

Your Reporter,
Yvonne Perry

San Diego
San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Friday evening, May 20, was certainly a night to remember as Our Lady of the Rosary held its monthly general meeting. Thank you to members Delfina Centanni, Theresa Cutri, Jim and Martha Cardinale-Hill, and Maria Tollefson for the delicious lasagna dinner. However, the highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by our own “Rat Pack” starring Louie Centanni. The impersonations and singing of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. filled the parish hall with fun memories of the 60’s.

The branch was happy to present to Fr. Joe Tabigue, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary, a check for $6,000 which represented the profit from the very popular Lenten Fish Fry. Due to a conflict with the use of the parish hall the April Pancake Breakfast was rescheduled for Sunday, September 25. The next general meeting will be on Friday, June 17.

Have a great summer and God bless!

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San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
As you may know, Norma Tealdi’s celebrated her “100th” Birthday on April 20! Since we did not have a meeting in April, we are looking forward to singing Happy Birthday to her at our May meeting. Norma, we know what a wonderful and happy day it was for you and your dear family. We wish you nothing but good memories in your life.

We had two very sad deaths of our branch members recently. The first was Arleen Calegari who was Branch 38 President for a long time and this coming June would have been a 50 year member of our branch. She had recently undergone surgery and was doing well. Her death on April 30 was quite a shock. Rest in Peace dear Arleen.

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**St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

We hope all of our mothers had a beautiful day. We love all of you.

To all of our fathers a very Happy Father’s Day. We love you too.

Our Champagne Bingo was another success. A big Thank You to those who helped on Saturday and Sunday. It takes many hands to put on a Champagne Bingo.

Branches that came to our Bingo Game: Br. 1, Br. 290, Br. 163, a group from Visitation Valley, a group from Epiphany Parish, Br. 258 and Br. 7. It is nice that we support each other.

On June 29th we have a Casino Trip to Red Hawk. It would be so nice if one of us hits a big jackpot.

Our get well wishes are with Barbara Bottarini. We said a prayer for you at our meeting and we will continue to keep you in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

To our June Birthdays – we wish you a Happy Birthday, Happiness and Good Health always.

Please remember our ill and deceased members and their families in your prayers.

June 6th - Officers’ Meeting
June 26th - Monthly Mass
June 27th - Meeting
Ciao,
Eva Peruta, President

**South San Francisco**

**Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

Over one hundred members enjoyed the May dinner meeting. It was chaired by Gaye & Bill Mangini. As always, it was a wonderful dinner to celebrate “cinco de Mayo”. Thank you Gail and Bill and all your helpers!

Don’t forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. The “Western BBQ Dinner-Dance” Fundraiser is scheduled for October and will be our 91st anniversary. More info to follow.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 3rd. Kelly Teglia has made arrangements for a guest speaker to talk to us about Cooley’s Anemia, which our branch helps support to find a cure. Our guest speaker for September will be Chapel Jon Wright from Fort Milly Military Hospital in San Francisco.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”...please consider helping to set up or clean-up at our regular meetings, or helping with reminder calls, or partnering with someone to chair and cook a dinner. If that doesn’t suit your fancy, how about selling raffle tickets, or make or buy a raffle prize to donate for our raffle. Please call Lola at 650-589-8269 or talk to her at the meeting.

So, until next time, a little thought to ponder... "When you see that someone is having a bad day, and everything looks dark, always try to be the ‘Rainbow in their Clouds’.

Sempre Avanti and Happy Summer!
Laurie Masetti

**Burlingame**

**Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

Hope all Mothers enjoyed their special day! We are looking forward to celebrating Cinco de Mayo dinner hosted by Brenda Wemiz and helpers.

Our May meeting will be time to vote for Convention Delegates as the convention will be in Fresno beginning 9-11-16. The Fresno group has many fun events planned along with taking care of the usual serious business.

We held a very profitable Pedro Tourn. and thanks to all who worked so hard to make it successful. We want to be as successful in our selling of raffle convention tickets. If every member sells at least one book, the branch will keep $750.00.

Upcoming events: June 3 annual Mother/Father’s Day dinner at the PIASC June 11 Ravioli Dinner - OLA Gym Please contact Dorene djc.nom2@att.net or 650.344.7870 July 10 Branch picnic:Beresford Park, San Mateo, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas skateboard park, Bocci Ball courts, face painting and for anyone wishing to play Pedro (cards will be supplied).
Contact: Mary Ann Camacho 415-285-1219

Some of our branch members need our prayers especially Carmela Gigliotti and family and Mary Ann Camacho & family.

Also our sick members Dave Mayer, Lori Clyne, Lois Fragomeni, Concha Edmondson, Mercedes Borgen, Lorraine Rollandi and Keith Aguilar (Dorene & John’s son-in-law need healing thoughts and prayers too).

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

**San Carlos**

**St. Charles, Br. 327**

Our May meeting was a potluck dinner and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who participated and prepared wonderful dishes for us to share.

The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21 and will be our annual Scholarship/Pizza dinner. Celebrate Lennemann will coordinate this meeting, and as in the past, it is an enjoyable event. Please plan to attend. And don’t forget to bring any unsold raffle tickets to the June meeting. We still have time to redistribute them to those who may want to buy or sell them.

There will be no meeting in July. We will resume our monthly meetings in August.

Upcoming events:
Saturday, June 18, Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma - Champagne BINGO. Opens 1:30pm, lunch 2:30pm - chicken, pasta, champagne, 1 BINGO card, $16.00 (21 and over only)
Saturday, June 25, Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame - Ravioli dinner, cocktails 6:00pm, dinner 7:00pm - antipasto, salad, ravioli, dessert, wine, $22.00
Friday-Sunday, October 7,9, Branch 19, Festa Italiana Bus Trip - accommodations at Silver Legacy - see President Tom for flyer at the June meeting
June 19 - Happy Father’s Day to all the dads!
Ciao,
Anna Biggio

**Novato**

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

With the arrival of spring, our Branch celebrated the energy and zest for life of a very special group of our membership. Approximately twenty-five percent of our members belong to an elite group that we respectfully refer to as our octogenarian plus members. They enthusiastically share with our Branch, throughout the year, their wisdom and the energy and zest for life of a very special group of our membership.

This is your opportunity to recognize one of our members who has reached the age of 80 years or over. We would like to honor the following individuals:

- **Lorraine Blume**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Vincent Calanni**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Dorothy Garfinkle**, age 80, member since 1980
- **William Gentry**, age 80, member since 1980
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- **Henry Treadway**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Raymond Tucker**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Josephine Wallace**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Catherine Walker**, age 80, member since 1980
- **William Whitley**, age 80, member since 1980
- **Mary Worth**, age 80, member since 1980

We hope you will join us in recognizing the contributions of these wonderful members by throwing a surprise party for them on your own territory or by attending our meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Fresno on Wednesday, June 29.

We will have a lot of serious business to discuss at our May meeting!

Our next meeting will be June 21.
There will be no meeting in July or August.
Ciao,
Anna Biggio
Branch 4 joined with PhilAm group and had a lovely crowning ceremony for our Blessed Mother. New member Raquel Acosta led the musical procession and crowned Mother Mary.

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council

First VP Bob Bausino presided over the district meeting. Branch 391 host Mike Rossi welcomed all branch delegates and introduced co-hosts. Bob nimbly went through the agenda. Highlights of the branch reports included Jim Jones reporting that St. Francis Cabrini is housing 16 homeless women as part of the Jubilee of Mercy. Mike Nunziata added that a “Safe Park” is being provided at Santa Teresa serving meals for about 20 homeless. Mike also added that John Gillio will be speaking at all masses at Santa Teresa about membership. Branch 435 reported they held a successful St. Joseph’s dinner where the middle school students provided a fresh fruit/veggie takeout.

Eileen Frisch said that April 14 was “Organ Donor Day.” She underscored the importance of getting a large pool of donors due to the stringent qualification requirements. Less than One percent of donors are accepted. Emily Corral said the Scholarship Committee is reviewing applicants and winners will be posted soon. Please call Nina Malone (916-759-3607) about your branch membership efforts. Elaine Ostero told Gifts of Love success by providing means for disabled child since birth able to go home. Mike Rossi reported successful progress with branch at Transfiguration Church.

Fr. George said that the “Safe Park” may be extended and 16 other parishes have committed to the corporal works of mercy. Please keep Leonard Zasoski and Russ Vento in your prayers

Next Meeting: June 13 St. Catherine’s Branch 435, Morgan Hill

Mike Nunziata

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4

Congratulations to Maria and Bill Greco on the birth of a new grandson. A gift from God! Have you paid your dues? If not, please do so at the next meeting or mail them to Bill Greco at his home address. If you don’t have it, call me. July 6 - Bocce Picnic at Bakesho Park. Come at 4-5 PM. Bring your chairs. Our Delegate to Convention is President Anna Gonzalez. You have your convention raffle tickets. Remember the branch keeps $10.00 for each book sold. It really helps our Branch.

Happy Father’s day to all of our Dad’s.

To all our sick members, we wish you a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with you.

It is with a heavy heart I report the loss of Josephine Francisconi. She passed away on May 9th. Josephine was a long standing member of our branch, and supported the branch and all of our functions until her health failed. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Many thanks to all who helped make our April pancake breakfast fundraiser, a success. Let’s do it again soon, and make it even more successful.

Please put July 10th on your calendars for our Branch 5 Chicken BBQ. Come and enjoy participating in the raffle, Cherry Bells, cake booth, etc. We will need several volunteers, along with raffle prices and baked goods. Also enter August 7th on the calendar for the SCVD BBQ. More information will be available at the Dinner/ Meeting and on various agenda announcements. Please come to both events to help our Branch and the District.

Because of the BBQ, no monthly meeting of Br. 5, will be held in July.

“Convention Raffle Tickets” Send in your money and stubs, to be come a WINNER!!!


Happy Father’s Day to all dads. Thanks for all that you do for your family, and the ICF.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

This has been a busy month for the Branch. We held our Spring Fund raiser and it was a success. Our Parish housed 15 homeless women at the Parish Center for a month and many of our members volunteered to cook wonderful morning and evening meals, prepare lunches, wash clothes, and transport them to and from Warmings Centers at local churches during the day. I and everyone involved were very appreciative at first, but we soon got over that and now we plan to do it again next year. It was a one month program that many of the Catholic and Christian Churches took part in. It is hopeful that many more Churches will get involved in the homeless program in the future.

This month our branch will choose the delegates for Convention. It is my hope that some of our newer members accept being nominated to represent our branch.

We have many excellent members that will gain great insight on what the ICF is all about.

Jim Jones

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice Br. 28

Happy June and Happy Father’s Day to all Dads and Nonnos.

June 20, Dinner meeting Cullen Hall 6 PM. Barbeque Tri tip dinner.

July Family Picnic: date and place to be determined.

Our congratulations go out to our newest branch #445, at the Church of the Transfiguration on Jarvis Ave. in San Jose. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining our branch, please invite them to one of our dinners.

Please get your convention tickets back to Frank Perrucci as soon as possible. We keep half of the funds from each book for our convention expenses. Please get your convention tickets back to Frank Perrucci as soon as possible. We keep half of the funds from each book for our convention expenses.

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San Jose

St. Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Elaine! Thank you for the delicious enchiladas! Elaine’s historic stuffed enchiladas for our members at our May 11 meeting, and wonderful they were! Our thanks also go to Jackie Morton for calling us all to round-out the menu. Good job, ladies!

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We have elected our delegates to Convention and have also happily installed several new members of our branch. Our parish is no longer participating in the Safe Park program, but we are looking for volunteers.

We also have a wonderful raffle with many great prizes. They were all donated by our members.

Please remember to include our new members in your prayers - especially for Donna DeFrancisi, Paul Blefari, Edith Novak, Al’s wife Syd, Betty DeVille, Carolyn O’Connor, John Parker’s wife Barbara, and Mary Jo DMuccio.

San Jose

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

With a heavy heart we say goodbye to longtime branch member Tony Ferrara, who died May 5. He and his wife Mary Jane were of great help with our dinners. He will be missed.

Remember our membership drive here at St. Mary’s on June 26. It falls on the anniversary of the ICF. If each of you could bring in just one member, how great would that be!

Save the date for our branch Mass, BBQ and Bocce. It will be Sunday July 17 at St. Frances Cabrini Courts. It’s always a lovely way to pray and play and of course MANGIA! with our officers and members.

August will be a busy month. On August 7, the District will host the Annual Mass and BBQ Chicken Dinner, at St. Clare’s Church in Santa Clara. They will also have raffles and desserts! The cost is only $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 10 and under. If interested, contact Denise Antonowicz at 356 2543 as soon as possible. Our Deputy, Maria Greco, said “we are the Italian CATHOLIC Federation, and we need to attend these special Masses, and get back to religious matters.”

Our own Father Rick Rodoni is reaching a milestone in his career, the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. There will be a Mass on Sunday, May 22, at 11:15 A.M. in his honor. Congratulations Fr. Rick - Tanti Auguri!

In closing we wish the best to all Fathers, and encouragement to all the young graduates. God Bless our members and God Bless the United States of America.

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

At the May meeting, members enjoyed a dinner of wonderful enchiladas with rice and beans to celebrate the upcoming Cinco de Mayo holiday. Many thanks to Jesse Romero and the “Holy Rollers” for preparing and serving the dinner.

President Mike Rossi led the meeting and Louise Vento gave the heritage report. Susan Busco updated the members on the recent Wine Down fundraiser, that featured a collection of fantastic wines from Guglielmo, Fortino, Cannonino, and Perrucci, with an attendance of over 75 individuals; and led to triple new members. Special thanks to Susan and John Busco, Rachel and Bob Gorini, Steve and Kathleen Lencioni, Marcie Rossi, Doug Schenk, and Cathy De Maria for hosting the fundraiser. Sal Lipari is currently reviewing scholarship applications, with winners being invited to the June 7 meeting. The branch was involved with St. Martin’s annual Celebration of Life on April 9th, we thank to all ICF members who helped. The branch selected four delegates to attend the 2016 convention in Fresno. See Louise for convention raffle tickets.

Mark your calendars for Branch #391 30th Anniversary dinner on Tuesday August 2nd at Three Flames Restaurant. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Un abbraccio,

Michael Amato

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Branch 408 – Sunnyvale - just completed a very Successful Blood Drive. We were glad to be able to host this Event with the Stanford Blood Bank once again and welcomed 37 donors. Thank you for your support.

The District Mass will be combined and held at the SCVD picnic on Sunday August 7th @ 10:30 AM this year at St. Clare’s. We hope in the future to be able to schedule our Outdoor June District Mass at Our Lady of Peace.

Congratulations to our 1st Year Scholarship Winner this year. We will have Cake and an Awards Ceremony at our Meeting on Monday the 23rd of May @ 7PM in the Alcoves.

We wish all of our Fathers a very Happy Fathers Day!!

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Donna DeFrancisi, Paul Blefari, Edith Novak, Al’s wife Syd, Betty DeVille, Carolyn O’Connor, John Parker’s wife Barbara, and Mary Jo DMuccio.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Our Fund Raiser in April was a big success. We all enjoyed an assortment of appetizers, delicious pasta with sauce, sausages, salad and dessert. The sauce was made by Alex Gallego, son of President Giulia Gallego. George Guglielmo and his crew cooked the sausage and helped in many ways.

We also has a wonderful raffle with many great prizes. They were all donated by our members.

A Hospitality Mass was on April 17th.

Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday May 17th.

We send our condolences to the family of Rick Chiala who passed away suddenly.

He was loved by us all.

God’s blessing to all.

Donna Baslin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

Our Branch has been saddened by the loss of three
members in the past four weeks. Past President and very faithful Branch member Richard Zanetell passed away the end of April after a long health battle. Then the first week in May our 50+ year member Elizabeth “Betty” Oddella passed away suddenly, and finally Michael A. McLaughlin passed away May 4th. He had been in poor health for a while. The ICF Funeral ritual was performed at each Service. May they rest in peace.

Due to a lack of reservations our 89th Branch Anniversary dinner was cancelled. We will plan for our 90th in May, 2017. May 5th we will be responsible for Hospitality Sunday at St. Apollinaris Church. It is a good time for us to “get the word out” about our Branch.

Ciao,
Juliann

Healdsburg
San Francisco di Sales, Br. 52

Our Mother’s Day Dinner meeting was another fun evening. Thank you to our chefs Teri Rolleri and Harry Wetzel and their volunteers for cooking the delicious dinner. We honored mothers over 80-years-old, and our high school and college scholarship winners. We also took the annual branch photo for the ICF Convention Souvenir Book. Photos of our scholarship winners will be in the next Bollettino.

Upcoming Events:

June 14th, Father’s Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we’ll be in the courtyard adjoining the small hall. Seating is limited! Call Mary Madden – 707-431-0438, or Barbara Sereni – 707-395-0367 for reservations. October 9th, Golf Tournament please save the date. Details to follow. October 23rd & 24th, a Reno Fun Trip! We’re planning an overnight bus trip to Reno, staying at the El Dorado Resort Casino. We can accommodate 40 guests, “first come, first served.” Call Susie Garcia, 707-433-2424, for details.

Happy Father’s Day!
Marie Butler for Lauren Kicullen

Cleverdale
L’Annunciata, Br. 75

We’re looking forward to Saturday’s Annual Spring Card Party and Luncheon at which we will entertain all sorts of card and board games. Lunch will be a variety of salads, sandwiches and desserts.
A real bargain at only $10 makes it affordable to all.

Branch members are donating prizes for the raffle and center pieces for game winners!

The following week features a post Mother’s Day Dinner/Meeting hosted by the men. Can’t wait to see what they come up with for us!

Please pray for Mary Louise DeGeorge who is battling cancer. She has a long way to go but is exhibiting a great attitude and is determined to conquer this disease!

We’d like to welcome new branch members, Fred and Donna Passalaqua!!!

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Before our branch’s vacation in July and August, the members will host the winners of our scholarships and their families at our next dinner meeting. One of the scholarships will be in the name of our beloved deceased pastor and branch chaplain, Father Mike Kelly. The new parish office building is also being named for Fr. Mike.

The members are also busy planning the annual branch picnic, usually at a local winery or park in Sonoma. More details to follow.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016. For dinner reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448. Menu will be a surprise!

Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Hope you all had a great Mother’s Day! Next important day is Father’s Day, which will be coming up soon. The year is flying by so fast, where has it all gone so far? Do all you can now, enjoy life, smell the coffee. Show your family how much you love them. Give a lonely person a hug and let them know someone cares about them. “It’ll make you feel good about yourself.

Our pizza/dinner meeting went well. The pizza was delicious, but the company was even better.

Scholarships will be presented to four students at the Chicken/cacciatore dinner They are:

In Memory of Dante Lombardi - presented to Jessica Barredo, Casa Grande High School, Petaluma
In Memory of Estelle Moretti - presented to Kailee Silacci, Petaluma High School, Petaluma
In Memory of Louis Vicino - presented to Amanda Charles, Petaluma High School, Petaluma.

June 12th - Quarterly Communion/Mass for Living and Deceased to be held at St. Vincent’s Church 10:30 A.M. with a lunch following the Mass. Book and Mass cards at the May Birthdays. Make your reservations with Kathleen- 763-7354.

THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN JUNE!

Mary Ann Ciabattari handed out convention raffle tickets to members at the meeting and will mail the rest out to our members. Try to send your tickets and donation in as soon as possible and remember DO NOT REMOVE THE STAPLES OFF THE STUBS.

Our condolences to Josephine Lavo and her family and to Giacco in their loss of Leo Lavo. He was a beautiful man who gave us so many wonderful polenta/stew dinners. He has given many many hours of his time to many organizations. Our condolences too, to the Cresci Family who lost their son Joey.

Happy Fathers’ Day, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Pray for the homeless and for our servicemen and women.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

The Special Anniversary Dinner of Branch 145 was well attended by our Branch. The food was delicious and the program was great. Thank you for the invitation.

The Special Mass for Deceased Members was opened by Fr. Bala before the regular May Branch Meeting. Josetta Matteri read and acknowledged the list of the departed members.

Prior to the May monthly meeting a potluck dinner was held. Lots of good food prepared for business. Discussion included car pooling to support or bocce ball team for May and later in August. Revamping our 2017 calendar of activities was proposed. Special thanks to Dorothy Eckland for her donation of an Italian Flag to our Branch.

The biscotti sale was successful. Thank you to all those who participated.

May Birthdays recognition went to Joan Dal Porto, Barbara Vanni, Sabrina De Lashmutt, Tony La Banca and Claire Monge.
June 2016

Summer is just around the corner.
Larry De Peel

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145

President Joe Bonino called our April 12th meeting order at 7:15. After opening prayer and flag salute Joe gave us our financial report. We then voted on the bills for the month to be paid. We also sent a donation to Catholic Charities. Joe also reported that all of our dues have been received. Thank you to all.

We have decided to have a biscotti sale again on May 15th for a fundraiser. This is a good time for all of our bakers to make their favorite biscotti.

Our May meeting will be a pizza potluck with the community and maybe consider joining our lodge.

Joe had also arranged for a guest speaker from Humboldt State. She also brought some members of the Newman Club with her. They were able to learn about what we are about and what we do for the community and maybe consider joining our lodge.

Our May meeting will be a pizza potluck with the introduction of the Jerry Colivas scholarship winner.

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear sister Anita. She was an original member of the St. Ambrose Lodge. Anita was always our dear sister Anita. She was an original member of the Newman Club with her. They were able to learn about what we are about and what we do for the community and maybe consider joining our lodge.

Catrina Smullin and Adam Cutler celebrate receiving the St. Eugene’s and Colivias Scholarships with Gerry Colivas at the Branch 145 Pizza Potluck in May.

Peace, strength, and faith to you all.
Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

Our April fund-raising Prime Rib and Pasta Dinner was so successful that we had to stop selling tickets. We raised more than projected in our budget. Our May Mothers and Scholarship Dinner was also a hit. We awarded eight college scholarships with six of the recipients and their families in attendance. We thank Randy Aple, with the help of Bill and Linda Pisenti and new members, Scott and Joanne Voelker, for the chicken and scallopio peas dinner. On Monday, On June 6 is our Fathers Day Potluck. Dinner meeting.

Gene Zingarelli
President

Stockton
District Council

WE’RE GOING TO A BALLGAME!
Saturdays, July 16, 7:10 P.M. 2nd Annual ICF Stockton District Ports Baseball Night at Banner Island. If you haven’t seen Jackson Rancheria’s Fireworks display at Banner Island, this is your opportunity. It’s also Princess/Superhero Night. Wear your crown or cape! Tickets are $11 each. Call Karen Rosson (209) 465-8074 for your tickets.

Happy Father’s Day! Happy Graduations! Congratulations to Bishop Stephen E. Blair on the 50th anniversary of Priesthood and 25th anniversary as a Bishop!
Karen Rosson

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Thanks to Central Council member Vince Piro and our branch deputy Frank Re who is also president of branch 139 in Manteca for helping us with our membership drive. We have two families that are joining our branch and two other possibilities. We will be doing more recruiting at our bake sale. We have our conventionaffle tickets to sell. I know some of our members can’t attend the meeting but if you give me a call (209)524-7866) I will send you a book. We get to keep five dollars from each book we sell.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, June 5, 2016 and July 10, 2016 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our bank night winner was Nancy Souza. Our refreshments for the June 8, 2016 meeting will be furnished by Mary Jennings.

Coming up:
June 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto
July - No meeting
Aug. - No meeting
Aug 21 - District Picnic 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Escalon Park
Sep 2-5 Convention - Fresno
Sep 14 - 7:00 pm Meeting - In the hall at 7th and K Streets, Modesto

Cecelia McGhee

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi was welcomed back as a guest at our latest Branch meeting. It is always good to have Dante around. Tony and Ida Queirolo received well-deserved thanks for all their work on our annual “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner. Nearly 190 persons were served this year, the most ever. Once again, it was enjoyed by all who attended and the proceeds generated went into our scholarship fund. We continue to award scholarships to college and high school students, along with funds in support of our parish school.

We’ll all looking forward to our annual Branch 139 picnic on June 5 at the home of Dino and Sharon Curinal. After a boceo tournament, barbequed steak with all the trimmings will be served.

Our branch was involved in our parish’s farewell dinner for our pastor, Father Pat Walker. After nine years at St. Anthony’s, he has been assigned to a parish in Turlock. We wish him all the best with our prayers.

Branch: 139’s Italian Sandwich Booth at the Festa Italiana had a successful run at Lodi last month. Thanks go to Anna Mello and Lori Pellegrino-Jackson for their work and organization.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

Italian Heritage Night had lots of winners! Woo hoo! First, Sandi Corallo, who has been a member since 1990, won the “First Annual Sugo Contest” and believe me the six contestants brought their “A game” when it came to this event. Over 100 judges tasted the samples and it was hard to choose the winner!
Then, we drew the winners of the annual Scholarship Fundraiser and the $1,000 winner was Marilyn Tuso, who along with her husband Chuck, has been a member since 1986! Second prize of the Spa basket worth over $400 went to Joey Schlemmer, and third prize went to Julie Fornasero. We also were entertained by a surprise guest performer, Mr. Don Garibaldi, who played the accordion with gusto for our listening pleasure. What a treat that was!

Hard to believe but we are granting the many wishes of our members and serving lasagne at the June 23 dinner meeting! Come one come all! As a matter of fact, the wonderful family of six of our District President Robert Pachinger traveled all the way from Angels Camp to attend our Italian Heritage Night’s dinner meeting and they had a swell time!

Our condolences to the wife and all the family members of Guy Masciotra who passed away recently. He was a past Central Council Member as well as a Field Director. He was also very instrumental in starting our Tracy Branch 390 with the help of Msgr. Ivo Rocha and charter member Paula Re. Guy was always very kind and professional in his dedication to ICF.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton

Church of the Presentation, Br. 395

Branch 395 has many activities in the works! At our April 14, meeting our Pastor, Msgr. Lawrence McGovern was presented with a check for $4,000 from our very successful annual Polenta Dinner proceeds. These funds will go towards projects and programs at our church. Branch 395 will be hosting the quarterly Stockton District meeting on May 15. May 21 is the Priestly Ordination of our Seminarian Ronald Manango, 10:00 am at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. We are also busy working on our booth for the Festa Italiana to be held May 22, 2016. At our May 12 meeting it was Pizza and Beer night! We have a fun activity scheduled for the summer. It is the second annual ICF Night at the Ports Minor League Baseball Team. It will be held Saturday, July 16 and it is Princess/Super Hero Night with Fireworks! The kids and grandkids will love it, so contact Karen Rosson for your tickets.

Upcoming Events:
June 5 – Quarterly Communion 8:45 am mass
July 16 – Night at the Ports
August – District Picnic (TBA)
Have a safe and wonderful summer.
Josephine Weber, President, Branch 395

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

The Easter Cookie Sale found the tables barren with one mass to go! Our St. Joseph Table Dinner was the most successful to date. 100% of the ticket sales was donated to Community Food Bank. There was a good turnout for our corporate communion, followed by a group breakfast. On May 1st thirty-one of our members carpooled to the Holy Trinity Benedictine Monastery at St. David for mass and dinner with the Abbott. Tomorrow’s meeting is a potluck picnic in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita mountain range behind Green Valley…we’ll be at 4000 ft. while the valley is experiencing its first 100 degree day. The picnic will mark the suspension of formal branch activities until September. This was our most successful year in terms of fund raising and membership growth. Our ICF family gives thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

Barbara Barton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 435

The officers met on April 10 to plan the rest of the year. The focus this year will be on increasing our membership. We are planning on hosting a Meet and Greet ICF Social with refreshments in September.

Our fundraising this year will consist of bake sales. These are also great opportunities to provide information about the rich heritage of ICF.

Ciao,
Mary Casey

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

October 8 – 12, 2016 to Washington DC with ICF Br. 12’s Chaplain Brother Paul, Napa and Knights of Columbus

Price of $1500 per person, based on double occupancy includes round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for 4 nights.

Highlights of the pilgrimage will be daily Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and St. Augustine’s Catholic Church and other churches. You will also visit the many memorials in Washington DC. A tour of the US Capitol and the National Archives will round out the tour.

For more information, call Proximo Travel at 1-855-842-8001 or visit their website at www.proximotravel.com and look for “Brother Paul’s Trip to Washington DC.”
**Fresno District to Hold Annual Bocce Ball Tournament**

**Family Fun! Good Food! Prizes!**

The Fresno District of the ICF is hosting a Backyard Bocce Ball tournament on May 14th, 2016. All are welcome to attend and participate, children and seniors, beginners and experienced players, and families and friends.

As many of you know, Bocce is a sport closely related to lawn bowling with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire. Developed into its present form in Italy, it is played around Europe and around the world. People of all ages play the game and find it is a great way to spend a relaxing morning or afternoon.

The Fresno District tournament will be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno) and registration fees include a lunch and prizes for the winners. The registration fee is only $80 per team of four. (Non-players are welcome and can purchase lunch for only $10/adult and $5/child.) Registration opens at 8:45 AM with the first games beginning around 9:00 AM.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun filled day. All proceeds go to support the events and charities of the ICF Fresno District.

For more information and registration forms, contact Allen Watts 661-363-3803 by May 11th, 2016.

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**Departing from San Francisco**

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  - $1,899.00
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Intention to Run for Central Council
Roselynne Jarrett
Convention Director

Application Process
1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates’ completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1st in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the convention.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines
1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book, the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1st.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules
1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during “Meet the Candidates.” Food and beverage items may not be distributed during “Meet the Candidates.”
3. As voted upon at the February 2016 Central Council Meeting, there will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the hotel’s quiet time policy. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information
1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council, unless an unforeseen event takes place that will reduce the election to 9 Central Council Members.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

Happy Father’s Day!