



BOLLETTINO



Pope Benedict XVI Resigned On Feb. 28 Due To Health Concerns

VATICAN CITY (AP) — On February 28, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI resigned his position as leader of the Roman Catholic faith -- the first pontiff to do so in nearly 600 years. The decision sets the stage for a conclave to elect a new pope before the end of March.

After departing Vatican City, Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Castel Gandolfo, Italy where he will stay for about two months before moving into a former monastery in the Vatican Gardens.

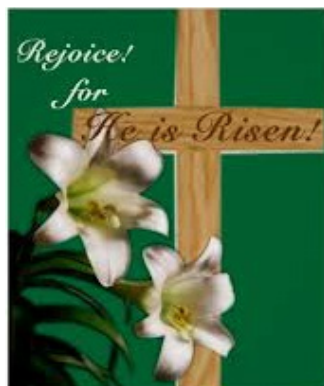
In discussing his decision to resign Pope Benedict emphasized that carrying out the duties of being pope — the leader of more than a billion Roman Catholics worldwide — requires “both strength of mind and body.”

“After having repeatedly examined my
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March Bollettino Delay

Due to your editor recently having had surgery and complications, this issue of the Bollettino is late. Please excuse the delay and any errors as I tried my best.

Thank you,
Michelle



Buona Pasqua! Happy Easter!

*On Easter Day the veil
between time and eternity
thins to gossamer.
~Douglas Horton*

Results for Prizes as of February 8, 2013

Top selling branches in each of 3 categories receive five (5) 2013 calendars

Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive one (1) 2013 calendar

Top selling individual receives five (5) 2013 calendars

Individuals placing 2nd and 3rd receive one (1) 2013 calendar

Category 1: 1 – 99 Members

1 st Place:	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 60 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 48, Modesto	Sold 40 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 408, Sunnyvale	Sold 38 calendars

Category 2: 100 – 199 Members

1 st Place:	Branch 28, Gilroy	Sold 64 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 10, Alameda	Sold 52 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 161, Larkspur	Sold 45 calendars
	Branch 281, Bakersfield	Sold 45 calendars

Category 3: 200+ Members

1 st Place:	Branch 39, Merced	Sold 98 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 14, Crockett	Sold 96 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 191, San Jose	Sold 45 calendars

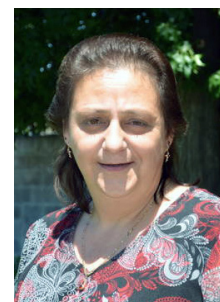
Individuals

1 st Place:	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced	Sold 97 calendars
2 nd Place:	Louise DeTomaso – Br. 14 – Crockett	Sold 96 calendars
3 rd Place:	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield	Sold 40 calendars

Grand President's Monthly Message

As I stated in my Installation speech, it is my intent to have every branch visited by a Central Council member this year. To reiterate, the purpose of these visits is to give you, the members, a chance to voice any concerns or issues that your branch may need help with, directly to the Central Council. Additionally, we would also like to hear of any suggestions you may have, as well as any accomplishments your branch has achieved. This is designed to be a great learning experience for all of us.

Over the past couple of weeks Roselynn Jarrett and I have been preparing layouts of all branch locations, meeting nights and times, as well as listing which Central Council members reside nearest to each



branch. Once we have these documents and possible schedules for visits completed, I will be sending a package out to each branch president. The package will include the date and time of the visit, who will be coming and what you may expect from the visit.

Please keep in mind we are not making these visits to grade you on your meeting protocol or how your meeting room is set up. We are there to listen to your concerns and suggestions, and hopefully provide any assistance you may need with your branch.

Additionally, due to the fact that we have eliminated the position of field director, another new program will be started on the district level. We are still working out the details, however, each district will be assigned a District Expansion Representative. The purpose of this individual will be to work with your district/diocesan chaplain to contact each parish in your diocese. The purpose is to introduce the ICF and to solicit the possibility of an ICF branch in the parish. By using district representatives, we can cover an entire diocese where the ICF is currently located in a very short period of time. More details will follow shortly on this program.

As I also mentioned in my installation speech, the future and the reputation of the Federation is a responsibility that we all must share and embrace. The time has now come for us to all step forward and work together to preserve this wonderful organization.

*Fraternally,
Jane Dianda, Grand President*

Central Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 9, 2013 Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Opening Prayer: led by Monsignor Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski/GP Jane Dianda

Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused: Nancy Corsi, Nina Malone

CC Life Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Bob Dianda, Jim Jones, Carmen Kilcullen, Larry Marsalli, Leroy Taddei

CC Members Emeritus: Jerry Delfino

Introductions: GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: October 13, 2012 were approved as presented.

Communications

* Thank you from Diocese of Phoenix for the \$1,000 donation to the seminarian program.

* Thank you from Diocese of Orange Bishop Kevin W. Vann for our welcome along with the ICF 2013 calendar.

* Thank you from the family of Josephine Sperrazzo for floral arrangement sent for her passing.

* Thank you from Joe Donato and Nina Malone for get well donation to the Providenza Fund.

* ICF acknowledgement for our get well

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UPCOMING:

2013 Bishops' Days:
Mar. 17 Stockton
Apr. 8 San Francisco
(San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin)
Apr. 21 Oakland (Contra Costa & East Bay)
Apr. 28 Chicago
Oct. 19 Santa Rosa
Oct. 20 Fresno
Oct. 27 Las Vegas
San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Nov. 3 Monterey (Central Coast)
Nov. 17 Los Angeles

2013 District Installations:
Apr. 25 Chicago

Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.'s Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund as of February 22, 2013. Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief for the total amount donated.

Districts:

East Bay	210
Fresno	218
Santa Clara Valley	227
Santa Rosa	258

Branches:

1	5
6	10
14	32
39	47

Pope Benedict XVI Resigns as Pope of the Catholic Church

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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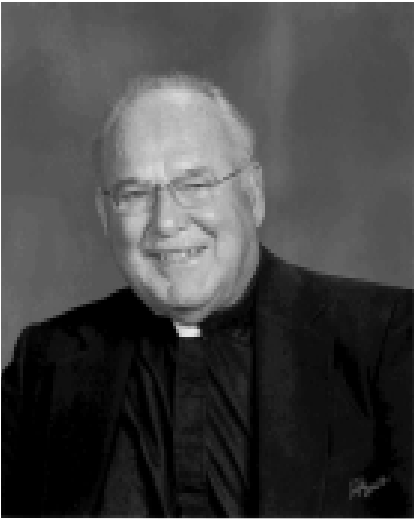
For the first time in 600 years, a Pope resigned. Most recently, in 1415, during a time of horrendous unrest in the world and in the Church, Pope Gregory XII abdicated his papacy to end the Great Western Schism. In 1294, after only five months of administration, Pope Celestine V resigned. He was canonized in 1313.

Now Pope Benedict XVI, with courage and humility, steps down as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. The following is an excerpt from his document of resignation:

"I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual

nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering." "... with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is."

The Holy Father's decision comes in the Year of Faith, a time of renewal. This is also the season of Lent, a time of inner conversion to Christ. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we pray with gratitude for Pope Benedict XVI. We thank him for all that he has done for us, the people of God. May God bless him in a special way. May the Holy Spirit guide the Cardinals in their election of a wise and



holy successor.
Let us pray. "Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Lenten Dinners Help Increase Membership

Franklyn Lopes
Membership Committee Member

During this Lenten season I am reminded of all the dedicated Italian Catholic Federation members who don their red and green aprons to prepare their branch Lenten dinners. Preparations often begin in early January, and much time and effort is put in by the dinner coordinators and branch members to provide "restaurant" meals for the six weeks of Lent.

Not only do the various fish fries and soup nights support the branches, but they are also a time to bring members together and provide an opportunity for the branches to introduce parishioners and members of the community to the ideals of ICF, to the charities it supports, and to the assistance ICF gives to the local parishes.

Lenten dinners are a major fundraising opportunity for all branches; but equally as

important, are the chances they provide to promote the ICF and increase membership.

Learning about the good works done by the ICF locally and through the Gifts of Love and Scholarship programs have moved many people to become new members. In my own branch, Branch 227, Capitola, the fish fries have made it possible to bring new members into the branch from parishes

Membership Stats as of July 1, 2012:	
11,212	
New:	495
Reinstated:	11
Transfer in/out:	24
Deceased:	164
Non-payment:	299
Cancellations:	310

where no branch exists.
To those whose hard work makes these Lenten dinners possible, we thank you for helping to grow the Federation and to spread the ideals of the ICF. May we continue to grow! Buona Pasqua!

High Five!

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

Contra Costa	+34
Blessed Sacrament	+25
Chicago	+11
San Gabriel	+6
East Bay	+2

Congratulations to the Orange District and the Reno Branch who also have increased membership.

Individuals:

Dawn Beck
Marian Borgett
Frank and Louise Brunolli
Olympia DeMicheli
Gloria Galeotti
Anne Hextrum
Barbara and Herman Hextrum
Tom and Marisa Poggi
Tony Rainaldi
John and Arlene Rocchio
Leonard and Karen Rossi
Karl and Nancy Seppi

Total Donations: \$9,600.00

**Awards
Deadline
Nears**

The deadline for submitting applications for the Pope John XXIII, Grand President, Mother Teresa, Family of the Year, and Young Adult Leadership Awards is May 1, 2013.

Fourth Annual Seminarian Night Promises to be a Delicious Success

Pat Mages
Ways & Means Committee

Please join us for the ICF ‘s Fourth Annual Night for the Seminarians sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. This year the event will be held at Our Lady of Grace

Church in Castro Valley, June 1, 2013, 6pm to 11pm. It will be an evening of dining, dancing, fun and must importantly fundraising to support our seminarians.

Dance to the Big Band sounds of the “In Full Swing Band” and if you so choose you may wear your ‘Black Tie Clothes.’

The price is \$50. If you are unable to attend you may still support the event through sponsorship; paying for a (or several) seminarians, or other types of donations. This is the

only fundraiser the Central Council Ways & Means Committee sponsors, to support the Bishops’ Days donations.

Please contact Pat Mages for sponsorship and other additional information, (805) 492-9658, email: pat.lou.mages@gmail.com; 1158 Calle Pinata, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

For dinner reservations contact Lisa Crudo: (510) 537-3256, email: Watkins6pk@aol.com mail: 3718 September Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546.

All reservations, sponsorships or other donations are to be sent to the Ways & Means Committee at the listed addresses.

The Ways and Means Committee announces

the Theme for the 2014 Fundraiser Calendar as

“Through The Years With The Italian Catholic Federation 1924 - 2014

Celebrating Our 90th Anniversary.”

The Ways and Means Committee will be planning and designing the 2014 Calendar.

Included in the calendar will be stories, facts and pictures in the 90 year history of the Italian Catholic Federation.

We invite you once again to participate in the listing of not only Birthdays (yourself, your children, grandchildren, your parish priests or even friends) but this year Anniversaries (wedding, branch, priests’ ordination anniversaries, etc.) and Religious Events or local Branch or Church Activities. The price schedule will be as follows:

\$10.00 for one name, \$15.00 for 2 names and \$20.00 for 4 names. Other numbers will be a combination of prices – for example 5 names will be \$30.00 (\$20.00 + \$10.00).

The deadline for the names and payments to

be sent to the I.C.F. office will be **May 1, 2013.**

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS			
DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1 Mark Deiro	395	Stockton, CA	\$100
1/2 Angela Reese		Crockett, CA	\$30
1/3 Betty Ann Dal Porto		Stockton, CA	\$30
1/4 Connie Bianchini		Mountain View, CA	\$30
1/5 Paula Roller	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
1/6 Anita Martin		Livermore, CA	\$50
1/7 Mario McGhee		Modesto, CA	\$30
1/8 Pat Meneghetti		Martinez, CA	\$30
1/9 Peggy McCarthy		Alameda, CA	\$30
1/10 Elizabeth Brescia		Baltimore, MD	\$30
1/11 Elsie Collins	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/12 Natale Bavaro	441	Des Plaines, IL	\$30
1/13 Claire Philpott		Tigard, OR	\$30
1/14 Gianna Cattarin	163	San Mateo, CA	\$30
1/15 Judy Bates	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
1/16 Dave Ballard	4	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/17 Emmett Schumer		Martinez, CA	\$30
1/18 Patrick Maffei		San Anselmo, CA	\$30
1/19 Emmett Schumer		Martinez, CA	\$30
1/20 Betty De Ville	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
1/21 Frankie Such	191	San Jose, CA	\$40
1/22 Linda Pelliccione	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
1/23 Linda Sherman	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
1/24 Robert Biale		Napa, CA	\$30
1/25 Justin Iavarone		Mill Valley, CA	\$30
1/26 J.R. Bruno		Martinez, CA	\$30
1/27 Mary Matranga	393	San Clemente, CA	\$50
1/28 Fr. Allen Navarro	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
1/29 Elaine Davis	191	Campbell, CA	\$30
1/30 Pauline Iacono	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
1/31 Donna M. Marquez	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS			
DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1 Vivian Simon		Stockton, CA	\$30
2/2 Linda Comin		Gilroy, CA	\$30
2/3 Dennis & Ann Mazzini		Reno, NV	\$40
2/4 Branch 50		San Francisco, CA	\$30
2/5 Troy & Melanie Miller		Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
2/6 Robert Tyler	39	Merced, CA	\$30
2/7 David Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
2/8 Most Rev. Stephen E. Blaire		Stockton, CA	\$30
2/9 Benjamin Gillio		San Jose, CA	\$30
2/10 Barbara Bidia	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
2/11 Jan Lorenzi		Merced, CA	\$30
2/12 Adrian & Joan Lampe	215	Fremont, CA	\$50
2/13 Kathleen Faust		Sunnyvale, CA	\$50
2/14 Carole K. Gruss	12	Napa, CA	\$100
2/15 Ron Schmid	413	Altaville, CA	\$30
2/16 Ernie Malaspina		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
2/17 Nancy Byrne	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$30
2/18 Lois Rose		Crockett, CA	\$30
2/19 John Cutrufelli		Novato, CA	\$30
2/20 John & Rita Wells		Apple Valley, CA	\$30
2/21 Al & Holly Raineri	223	Piedmont, CA	\$30
2/22 Michael Blasi	230	San Diego, CA	\$50
2/23 Kathy Houle	14	Vallejo, CA	\$30
2/24 Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted		Phoenix, AZ	\$30
2/25 Debra Richardson		Altaville, CA	\$30
2/26 Gus Bertolotti		Modesto, CA	\$30
2/27 Mark Gaul	223	Oakland, CA	\$30
2/28 Larry Tartaglino	21	Aptos, CA	\$30
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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Norma Damozonio	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
Emerson Heinen	Officers/Members of Br. 45
Norma Damozonio	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Nick Kasimatis	Forrest and Prudence Price
Albert P. Tomaino	Officers/Members of Br. 229
Lorraine Cirelli	Officers/Members of Br. 290
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Josephine Sperrazzo	Officers/Members of Central Council
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Ernest Bianco	Elaine Nola
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Maripaul Baier	Officers/Members of Br. 342
Bruce Norton	Officers/Members of Br. 342
Michael Lesky	Frank and Margie Blanco
Michael Lesky	Officers/Members of Los Angeles District

GET WELL WISHES:	
Marie Crociani	Officers/Members of Br. 290
Doris Mulligan	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Fabiola Di Paolo	Officers/Members of Central Council
Joseph Donato	Russ and Louise Vento
Doris Onetti	Officers/Members of Br. 161

THANK YOU FOR OUR 2013 DISTRICT INSTALLATION:	
Jane Dianda	Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
Jane Dianda	Officers/Members of Central Coast District

IN HONOR OF BR. 144 PAST PRESIDENT:	
Rosemary Melendy	Officers/Members of Br. 144

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:	
Suzanne M. Padilla	Suzanne M. Padilla

*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: 02/14/2013		
ROSE FERRO	Branch 010	ROLANDA FRANK
MARION V ZANETELL	Branch 012	JOSEPHINE SPERRAZZO
VALERIE A RADER	Branch 014	CORINNE V HENNING
LEO T TASTSIDES	Branch 014	NORMA VENTURINO
JOSEPH NARDUZZI	Branch 018	LIDIA VIVOLA
GLORIA C TRICERRI	Branch 019	ALBERT P TOMAINO
FRANCES M NEUMAN	Branch 036	PHILIP T JEFFERS
FLOYD L LAVERDURE	Branch 039	GEORGE N KIMM
ALICE DEVINCENZI	Branch 050	ANTHONY F PAPASERGIA
EUGENE RODGERS	Branch 070	LORRAINE CIRELLI
CHARLES J FERREIRA	Branch 072	ROBERT FIGONE
ALFRED J MIRTONI	Branch 073	MARIPAUL S BAIER
HELEN DAMONTE	Branch 091	JOSEPH FUENTES
MARIO TOMEI	Branch 102	ALBERT A MARINO
SAMUEL ROYBAL	Branch 103	BRUCE E NORTON
EGIDIO BERTOIA	Branch 163	PAUL ROBBIANO
ALICE E MCNESBY	Branch 163	ROSARIA C CONTINI
		MARY SUSAN WHITE
		ROCCO CARROZZA

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations - 1 st Year	Scholarship Donations - 2 nd - 4 th Year
Dante and Julie Galeazzi	Tom and Carole Jobe
In honor of the birthday of Marilyn Amoral	In memory of Joanne Parella

Gifts of Love Donations

Branch 4	Joan and Jerry Delfino
John and Lena Nunes	In honor of 60 years ordained to the priesthood for Father Frank Murray
In memory of Rose Santanocito	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Pauline Ciraulo	In memory of Al Traverso
In memory of Rose Santanocito	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Tom and Marisa Poggi	In memory of Alyssa Byrne
Get well wishes for Nina Malone	Edward and Gail Rocca
Officers/Members of Br. 365	In memory of Norma Damozonio
In memory of Louis Mendieta	Bill and Maria Greco
Bob and Elaine Osorio	In memory of John Salamida
Get well wishes for Mary Santaferarro	Bill and Maria Greco
Bob and Elaine Osorio	In memory of Rose Santanocito
In memory of Rose Santanocito	Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Del Carlo
David and Donna Ballard	In memory of Rosa Cademartori
In memory of Rose Santanocito	Bob and Elaine Osorio
Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim	In memory of Steven Gazzera
In memory of Rose Santanocito	
Officers/Members of Br. 184	
In memory of Cvetko Luksetich	

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 02/14/2013		
VILMA PARISE	Branch 007	LUCIA DELLA SANTINA
TARA S KAJLA	Branch 014	RALPH DELLA SANTINA
CARMEN NEMANICK	Branch 014	PAUL J CONSTANTINO
RICHARD NEMANICK	Branch 014	GINGER PELLETTIERI
NANCY C RIESEN	Branch 014	RALPH PELLETTIERI
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		MELISSA E MOSCA
		VINCENT J MOSCA
		JEAN ORNELAZ
		GIANNA GOTTERBA
		KATRIN GOTTERBA
		CLAUDIA M NICOLAOU
		KOSTA NICOLAOU
		LAURA G MITCHELL
		WARREN (BUSS) M MITCHELL
		CONCETTA ARIANO
		GIOVANNI ARIANO
		PAT PERRONE
		HILARY GROVE
		ANN M RUSSELL
		REV JIM SULLIVAN
		RONNIE J URIBE
		MITCHELL L MARIANI
		LUCILLE CENSOPRANO
		JOSEPH FISHER
		NANCY A MILLER
		ANGELA D'ARGENTO

Cooley’s Corner

Thalassemia Awareness – A Volunteer Experience That Will Last a Lifetime

Ivanna Pincilotti

Thalassemia is a genetic blood disorder in which the body does not produce enough hemoglobin. Many people have thalassemia trait, but the majority of people don’t know what thalassemia is. How could this be possible?

A year ago this June, I graduated from high school. During senior year, my English teacher assigned my class a project. The project consisted of reading a book about a specific topic and presenting it to the class. Most of my classmates had a difficult time finding a topic, whereas I knew exactly what I wanted to talk about: thalassemia. My sister has thalassemia trait, and I wanted to learn more about this disorder. During my presentation, I asked the class if they had donated blood before, and a handful of students raised their hands. Then when I asked the students if they knew what thalassemia was, nobody had a clue. However, by the end of my presentation, my classmates were asking various questions and now had some background knowledge about thalassemia. It became clear to me that not enough people knew what thalassemia is because it is not talked about in classes, school clubs, or many other places.

After I presented my English project, I knew I wanted to raise awareness and volunteer. Laurice Levine invited me to Children’s Hospital Oakland’s annual Hematology and Oncology conference to learn more about thalassemia and to meet other hospital staff members. During the conference, I had a chance to sit down with doctors and staff to further my knowledge on thalassemia. Last August, I started volunteering for the Thalassemia Outreach Department. My first project was to help with the department’s annual holiday party. I helped Laurice prepare and execute the party, while also writing many letters to solicit donations.

Around the same time, I was asked to speak about thalassemia at the Student California Teachers Association’s monthly meeting at Sonoma State University. During the meeting, the students were engaged with the presentation. Afterward, they were determined to help collect toys for the



holiday party. Together, we gathered about 200 toys for the party! Once December rolled around, we were ready to kick off the Rock ‘n’ Roll Holiday Party. All of the patients, families, and staff members had a wonderful time. When I saw each child at the party smiling, laughing, and having fun, I knew my goal had been accomplished.

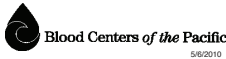
I also had the opportunity to help write donation letters for this year’s annual blood drive. Various generous donors gave to the blood drive’s raffle. This year, the blood drive collected enough pints of blood to help 60 Bay Area patients. Having a chance to work alongside Laurice is an amazing opportunity; she is a warm-hearted person that wants the best for the patients around her. Laurice isn’t only my colleague and best friend, but she is also someone I deeply admire. I am looking forward to planning and executing this year’s holiday party! My experience volunteering for the CHO Thalassemia Outreach Department has not only given me the opportunity to receive work experience but has also allowed me to learn more about thalassemia.

Ivanna is currently attending Sacramento Community College, but her goal is to transfer out of state to the University of Washington. When she isn’t volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, taking day trips to San Francisco, and vacationing—especially to Disneyland.

Live to Give

Donation Eligibility Guidelines

For further information call 1-888-393-GIVE



General requirements

AGE: 17 (16 year-olds can donate with written permission of parent or guardian).

WEIGHT: At least 110 pounds (different requirements for 16-22-year-olds, please call 1-888-393-GIVE).

DIET: A well-balanced meal is recommended within four hours of donation.

HEALTH: General good health

IDENTIFICATION: Valid identification such as a driver’s license, DMV identification card, passport, etc.

Do not donate if any of the following applies to you:

You are a man who has had sex with another man one or more times since 1977.

You are a past or present intravenous drug abuser.

You are a man or woman who has given or received money or drugs for engaging in sex since 1977.

You are a person with hemophilia who has received clotting factor concentrates.

You have been a sexual partner of any of the above, within the past 12 months.

Do not donate if any of the following apply to you:

AIDS: You are a person with symptoms or laboratory evidence of HIV infection.

CANCER: Hematological, ie: Hodgkin, Leukemia, Lymphomas

HEPATITIS: A history of the disease after the age of 11, or a positive lab test for the virus.

ORGAN FAILURE: Kidney, lung or liver failure.

RECREATIONAL DRUG USE (by injection): Having injected yourself with drugs not prescribed by a physician.

UNITED KINGDOM: You have visited or lived in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Gibraltar or Falkland Islands for a total of 3 months or more from 1980 thru 1996.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: If you have spent a cumulative of 5 years or more since 1980.

U.S. MILITARY/DEPENDENTS/CIVILIAN

MILITARY EMPLOYEE: If you are U.S. Military / Dependent / Civilian Military Employee who spent a cumulative of six months or more between 1980 thru 1996 associated with a military base in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy or Greece, and/or 1980 thru 1990 in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany.

TRAVEL: Travel to certain countries may temporarily restrict you from donating blood. Please call 1-888-393-GIVE to learn more.

You may need to wait before donating blood if you have any of these conditions:

Condition:

Allergy.....	No wait
Abortion/Miscarriage.....	6 week wait if pregnancy terminated in third trimester, otherwise no wait
Acupuncture.....	Can donate if single-use equipment is used
Alcohol Consumption.....	No wait unless intoxicated
Anemia (past diagnosis).....	No wait if corrected
Blood donation, Apheresis.....	48 hours
Blood donation, Whole.....	8 weeks
Cancer, treated surgically with radiation or chemotherapy, except for hematological cancers.....	1 year (except basal or squamous cell, if cancer removed)
Cold.....	No wait if no sore throat or fever
Cough.....	No wait if no sore throat or fever
Sore Throat.....	Until well, no symptoms
Diabetes.....	No wait if medically controlled
Ear and Body Piercing.....	See Acupuncture
Electrolysis.....	See Acupuncture
Gonorrhea.....	1 year after treatment is completed
Heart Disease	
Angina or heart attack (m.i.) (no heart medication).....	3 month wait if asymptomatic and no activity restrictions
Angioplasty or bypass surgery (no heart medication).....	3 month wait if asymptomatic and no activity restrictions
Hepatitis Contact.....	Depends on type
Herpes.....	Free of fever/systemic symptoms
High Blood Pressure.....	No wait if medically controlled
Malaria.....	3 years
-immigration from malarial area.....	3 years
-travel to malarial area.....	1 year
Pregnancy.....	6 week wait after delivery
Recent Surgery.....	When released from MD’s care
Syphilis.....	1 year after treatment is complete
Tattoo.....	1 year

Immunizations/Vaccines (shots):

Flu/Pneumonia Vaccine.....	No wait
MMR.....	4 weeks
Rubeola (measles), Yellow Fever, Mumps and Oral Polio.....	2 weeks
Rubella (German measles).....	4 weeks
Hepatitis A and B.....	No wait
TB Skin Test.....	48 hours
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid (inject) and Cholera.....	No wait
Varicella (Chicken Pox).....	4 weeks
Allergy shots.....	No wait

Medications:

Accutane.....	1 month
Allergy Medications.....	No wait
Antibiotics.....	One Day after last dose, symptom-free
Flagyl.....	No wait
High Blood Pressure Medicine.....	No wait
Oral Contraceptives.....	No wait
Propecia.....	1 month
Proscar.....	1 month
Tegison (for psoriasis).....	Permanently deferred
Tetracycline for acne.....	No wait
Vitamins.....	No wait

Scholarship Focus

Rachel Mannina

Rachel Mannina

College: Loyola Marymount University

Mascot: Lions

The recipient of an ICF scholarship for 2012, Rachel Mannina is attending Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Rachel says that she chose LMU primarily because of its Jesuit affiliation. As she writes, “I have not yet had the chance to attend a Catholic institution: therefore, I knew that I wanted to attend a Jesuit university. Aside from Jesuit tradition, LMU’s beautiful campus, outstanding academic programs and proximity to the beach were all reasons that I chose to attend.”

Rachel is majoring in chemistry because science interests her very much and she plans to use her major to go into physical therapy or medical school after graduating from LMU.

Rachel writes, “Receiving an ICF scholarship benefitted me very much. LMU along with other Jesuit schools are not the

most affordable in terms of tuition. Therefore this scholarship will help my family in a big way. I would like the ICF members to know that I am so grateful to have been given a scholarship from the ICF.”

Rachel plans to be active and involved on campus and plans to take advantage of both religious and community opportunities. Before her first semester on campus Rachel was excited about attending the university: “I am very much looking forward to starting LMU in the Fall. During the first month at LMU, I am going on a faith based retreat in the LA hills along with two hundred other students from our class. I am excited for the retreat. I am also excited to participate in all the fun activities that LMU provides to us including weekly community service opportunities, Dorm/Hall competitions . . .and social dances.”

Rachel’s grandparents, Joseph and Janet Mannina, are members of the ICF.

To donate to the ICF scholarship fund or to learn more about the scholarship program, please visit <http://www.icf.org/scholarships.html> or contact the ICF office.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Branch 4
Branch 11 - Closing Donation
Branch 209
Branch 342
Officers/Members of Br. 161

Thank you to Jane Dianda for our 2013 Branch Officers’ Installation

Pat and Louis Cordich, Jr.
In memory of Rose Santanocito
Angelo Benassi
In memory of Dolores Lamdert

BOOK REVIEW
Vince Piro

Also ONLINE AT ICF.ORG

Various Books on New Orleans and Italians

With the Superbowl having just occurred in New Orleans this year, I was reminded of the long and interesting history of Italians in the city. Italians arrived to New Orleans in the late 1800s and remain as one of the cities most vibrant ethnic communities. However, due to their immigrant status and strong rooted Catholicism, Italians were not always welcome in the city and faced discrimination and danger. In the mid-1800s, there were more Italian immigrants in New Orleans than any other city in the United States. These Italian-born residents and citizens held a wide variety of jobs and positions throughout the city, but they were not always welcome and often held in suspicion. With anti-Italian sentiment on the rise, in 1891, 11 Italians were lynched in New Orleans, the largest mass lynching in American history. Despite this, Italians and their descendants thrived in the city and “Little Palermo” was full of Italian shopkeepers, laborers, musicians, and others. Below, I provide brief publisher descriptions of several books about Italians and Italian Americans in New Orleans and Louisiana that I have found interesting over the years.

Italians in New Orleans (LA) (Images of America)

by Joseph Maselli and Dominic Candeloro

In this volume Joseph Maselli, the editor of the Italian American Digest, and Dominic Candeloro, executive director of the



American Italian Historical Association, have partnered to use the rich holdings of the American Italian Renaissance Foundation Museum of New Orleans (which Maselli founded) to create a lively photographic history of Italians in New Orleans. With the assistance of Bette W. Cadwell and Karen Quaglino Daray of the museum staff, Maselli and Candeloro explore the social, family, political, and religious history of one of New Orleans’s most remarkable ethnic groups.

Vendetta

by Richard Gambino

A the subtitle to this book says this is “a true story of the worst lynching in America, the mass murder of Italian-American in New Orleans in 1891, the vicious motivations behind it and the tragic repercussions that linger to this day.”

An account of the trial of eleven Italian-Americans accused of murdering a New Orleans police superintendent, of their subsequent lynching by several thousand citizens and of the repercussions of that lynching, which almost led to war with Italy.

Bread and Respect: The Italians of Louisiana

by A. Margavio and Jerome Salamone

Using vignettes, family histories, and

census, as well as other historical records, this book examines how Italian culture shaped the lives of the immigrants to Louisiana and, in turn, how experiences in Louisiana modified the Old World values and culture the Italians brought with them.

Sicily to New Orleans and Beyond

by Frank Palisi

Many families have their own hopes and dreams of being descended from royalty, from someone famous, or simply having one “interesting” story about their ancestors. Frank had an early interest in his family history, starting when he was old enough to take part in family discussions about their suspicions of mafia involvement in their family’s past. There were many such discussions, but Frank [Palisi] just knew there had to be more, especially since the older family members would staunchly avoid taking part in all such discussions. Sure enough, there was more-a lot more. Frank (“Frankie”) Palisi was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. His father’s family is Sicilian, and his mother’s heritage is Cajun French. Frank is the third generation of his Sicilian line to be born in New Orleans. Fifteen years and roughly 60,000 hours of research are included in this book. For the most part this book is a reference material. Also included are details of ancestor voyages, accounts of major incidents, the impacts those incidents had on these families, and more. There are steamer ship voyages documented for 27 families and for 795 individuals. There are 32 family trees presented. The Index includes 731 unique surnames and 2948 individuals documented in the family trees presented.

Louisiana’s Italians, Food, Recipes and Folkways

by Nancy Wilson

For over three decades, Nancy Wilson collected anecdotes and recipes from

Louisiana’s Italian immigrants, including her family and friends, as a way to preserve her children’s Italian heritage. Nancy Wilson is president of Louisiana Gourmet Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned business that manufactures Cajun-Creole dinner mixes and specialty gourmet cake and frosting mixes under the Mam Papaul brand name. She lives in Hahnville, Louisiana, with her husband. They are the parents of four grown children.

New Orleans Italian Cookbook

by the Italian American Society of Jefferson

Shrimp Italian, Crabmeat Contessa, Stuffed Artichokes-in New Orleans, Italian cooking means a unique combination of spices, sauces, and flavors. Compiled by the Italian-American Society of Jefferson Auxiliary, The New Orleans Italian Cookbook includes recipes for traditional favorites such as Ravioli, Pizza, and Eggplant Parmesan, as well as special creations by some of New Orleans’ best cooks. The blending of two cultures, Creole and Italian, has produced culinary delights that rank with the finest of New Orleans’ world-renowned cuisine. The recipe for spicy Shrimp Mosca has been included in this cookbook, as has the original recipe for the Creole-Italian Muffuletta, first created at Central Grocery in New Orleans. There are also instructions on how to prepare Aunt Jennie’s Italian Red Beans-easy to make and guaranteed to be delicious. Try them all, but don’t forget to save room for such delectable desserts as Cassata, Fig Cookies, and Almond Biscotti!

These books can be found by special order through your local independent bookseller or online through booksellers such as Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.

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donation to the Providenza Fund for Fabiola DiPaolo and in memory donation for Josephine Sperrazzo to Chuck Sperrazzo and family.

Reports

Spiritual Director – Msgr. Daniel Cardelli

Constantly moved and impressed with the members of the ICF in their faith and devotion to their parish and ICF. A Parish/ Pastor is very fortunate to have a branch in their parish. Commends the members for always trying to love each other. Hopes we continue with our efforts.

Grand President – Jane Dianda

* In October attended 50th Anniversary of Br. 163 San Mateo; Santa Rosa and Central Coast Bishops’ Days; Bob Basuino attended Blessed Sacrament and Las Vegas Bishops’ Days; Leonard Zasoski attended Fresno Bishops Day.

* In November attended LA Bishop’s Day; Leonard Zasoski attended San Diego Bishop’s Day.

* In December attended Children’s Hospital Christmas Party, hosted Executive Committee Christmas party; Andy Pappani attended Reno Bishop’s Day.

* In January attended Installations at Blessed Sacrament, San Francisco, Marin/ Larkspur, San Mateo, East Bay and Contra Costa, attended Ways and Means Committee meeting; Bob Basuino attended Installations at Los Angeles and Santa Rosa; Leonard Zasoski attended San Gabriel and San Diego Installations; David Botta attended Arizona Installation/Bishops Day, Roselynn Jarrett attended San Bernardino Installation

* In February attended Central Coast Installation; attended Finance, Executive, and Task Force Committee meetings; Bob Basuino attended Tucson Installation/ Bishop’s Day

Upcoming Calendar

From February to April will be attending Installations at Fresno, Orange County and Chicago; attending Bishops’ Days at Stockton, San Mateo and Chicago; Roselynn Jarrett will be attending Las Vegas Installation.

Grand Treasurer – George Bacigalupi

* Reviewed Budget/Finances for 12 months ending December 31, 2012.

* The Finance Committee is collecting bids from accountants for our annual review and tax filing.

* Reviewed the 2013 budget. A correction was stated by George Bacigalupi that in expenses the line item for Expansion should have read \$12,000 not \$2,000, as per the minutes of the October 13, 2012 minutes.

* Carmen Kilcullen is to come up with a proposal for changing the distribution of the Apostolate Fund part of our dues.

Deputy Chairperson – Bob Basuino

* Since last meeting 3 District Deputies have stepped down, fortunately 3 individuals have stepped up into those positions.

* Branches closed: Br 11 Oakland, Br. 266 Yuba City, Br. 200 Salinas, Br. 323 Chicago

* Br 387 Fullerton-Checking into the status of the branch.

* Where there is trouble getting Presidents dual presidency has been suggested with positive feedback.

* Our Deputies are CC’s ears and eyes, we need them to help us save branches.

* Bob Basuino has not gotten District Deputy reports from many districts; he will be working on getting better responses.

* Leonard Zasoski from the CC aspect he feels that the Deputy Program is important and we have to actively get deputies in all the branches.

* David Botta will keep an eye on any struggling branches he hears about.

* Jane Dianda responded to the above with a plan for CC members to visit all branches this year. Roselynn Jarrett is working on the schedule and form to be filled out and returned to the office. David Botta suggested that CC members go outside of their own district to give the branch a new face.

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La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Create a Paschal Candle

Making an Easter candle (also known as a Paschal Candle) to use at home can be a great religious Easter craft for members of all ages to make at your next meeting.

- 1) Provide white candles (at least 5 inches in height). Scratch/design a cross onto the candle with a dull pencil.
- 2) With a brush or sponge paint over the design with tempera paint.
- 4) Wipe the candle with a baby wipe, removing paint. The etching will keep its color.
- 5) Your design is complete!

Easter candles can have all kinds of symbols. It seems they most commonly have a cross with the year written around it. Some other things you could try would be a lamb, an alpha and omega, wheat and grapes or a chalice.



What is the Paschal Candle?

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he chants a prayer; then affixes the five grains of incense. The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until Ascension Thursday.

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Committee Reports

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

* Each month an article has been in the "Bollettino". They are timely/seasonal topics promoting the generosity of giving within the ICF, the spiritual nature of our Parishes/Branches.

* We have emphasized that membership in the ICF is a privilege and as such carries certain responsibilities. We must remain united in our mission of encouraging faith renewal and apostolic and charitable works.

* The Committee will be promoting the importance of each Branch filling out and returning their Apostolate/Charity Report.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi

* CC members should go back to their Districts/Branches and encourage by-law changes where members feel necessary; they need to be in the office by April 30.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

The convention survey and workshop results have been compiled and reviewed.

Theme for this year's convention is "Living the Year of Faith."

Expansion – David Botta

* Carmen Kilcullen is joining David Botta for pulpit announcements promoting a new branch Feb. 23-24 at Holy Family Church masses in Las Vegas; April 6-7 at Christ the King in Las Vegas.

* Checking into Christ the King in Pleasant Hill as a possible branch site.

* Jane Dianda shared the draft of a program using District Expansion Representatives to help with expansion. The purpose of having this is to curtail the travel expenses which would be incurred by having only 1 or 2 people seek out possibilities of new branches in all areas. This would also cover parishes where branches of the ICF formerly existed.

Gifts of Love – Andy Pappani

* Met Nov. 9 -- 22 applications received, approved 11 applications total of \$11,750.00 awarded.

* Thank you for all your donations to make this program possible.

* Working with Reno area on a hearing impaired program. Andy Pappani and committee will be actively looking for other possible sites.

Heritage – Vince Piro representing Nancy Corsi

* Interview/video updates: End of April will begin interviews with Guy Masciotra, Mary Alesi and Jody Balestrieri; during summer to set up interview with Chris Bottino-grandson of Luigi Providenza.

* Heritage Events confirmed: San Jose Giants Night August 10. Contacted but no response yet: Chicago Cubs and White Sox,

Anaheim Angels and LA Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks, San Diego Padres, Oakland A's, SF Giants.

* Sutter Creek- June 1-2 ICF Float to be in Parade.

* Santa Rosalia Festival, Monterey Sept. 14 & 15 (2nd weekend in Sept.) ICF Float to be in Parade.

* Sacramento Italian Cultural Society Info booth first weekend of August.

* Italian Festival El Dorado-Reno Oct. 12-13 getting more info and local branch involved.

* Columbus Day Parade SF Oct. 13 Float to be in Parade - no response from the Event yet.

* Community Contacts: Italian Consulate, no response yet; Italo-Americano newspaper for articles and press releases; Diocesan newspaper.

* Archive Project: Vince Piro checking with Bancroft Library for housing ICF books, materials, banners.

* Committee is hoping to get a workshop at 2013 Convention. Will have continuous running video at Heritage booth.

* Need to get more Heritage reports back from branches. Will simplify form.

* Marco Galeazzi talked about the year in pictures. Book itself will be about 50 to 100 pages in black and white; a book of 50 pages will be \$16.50, 75 pages will be \$21.50 etc. There will be samples at convention and individuals can order them.

Hospitalization – Patricia Mages

* Committee met February 8. Discussed: sending letters to branches promoting the plan; possibly having plan information at Convention.

* As of January 31, 2013 the Plan's assets were \$843,096.99 (compared to \$814,000 January 31, 2012. Accumulated gains from December 2002 to December 2012 are \$382,898 a gain of \$51,303 from one year ago.

* A total of \$9,620 was paid out in claims for the year ending December 31, 2012

* The Committee recommended/moved that for the year 2014 only, \$30,000 (approximately 3.56%) be transferred from Hospitalization Fund to the following accounts: \$15,000 to General Fund and \$15,000 to 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships. This recommendation is in keeping with the Memorandum dated October 13, 2008, stating we are able to transfer monies from the Hospitalization Fund to the General Fund and other funds when it is for the benefit of the ICF, it's members and/or charities.

* After much discussion Pat Mages will be taking the recommendation back to committee to bring back to the June CC meeting.

Live to Give – Lisa Crudo representing Nina Malone

* Sending letter to districts and branches getting them thinking about doing a local blood drive or work with another organization that is doing one in their

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Convention ByLaw Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi
Parlimentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and/or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. All Branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2012. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from the Central Council through the Bylaws Committee. Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable. It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified or changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must

Pope Benedict

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conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths due to an advanced age are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry,” he told the cardinals. “I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only by words and deeds but no less with prayer and suffering. “However, in today’s world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of St. Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary — strengths which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me.” The last pope to resign was Pope Gregory XII, who stepped down in 1415 in a deal to end the Great Western Schism among competing papal claimants. Benedict called his choice “a decision

be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change. The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (expect as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation. Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present the proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention. The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council. The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion. Once passed by a majority vote of the delegates at the Annual Convention the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

of great importance for the life of the church.” The move sets the stage for the Vatican to hold a conclave to elect a new pope by mid-March, since the traditional mourning time that would follow the death of a pope doesn’t have to be observed. There are several papal contenders in the wings, but no obvious front-runner — the same situation when Benedict was elected pontiff in 2005 after the death of Pope John Paul II. When Benedict was elected pope at age 78 — already the oldest pope elected in nearly 300 years — he had been already planning to retire as the Vatican’s chief orthodoxy watchdog to spend his final years writing in the “peace and quiet” of his native Bavaria. Contenders to be his successor include Cardinal Angelo Scola, archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, the archbishop of Vienna, and Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the Canadian head of the Vatican’s office for bishops.

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parish.

* Looking to have a blood drive at this year’s convention. Theme “Oasis in the Desert.” This year we need 25 to sign up in advance for the blood drive to happen at convention.

Membership – Roselynn Jarrett

* Went over some of the responses from the questionnaires that went out to the branches and members. Noticed that more branches are moving their meetings to afternoons, especially Sundays.

Public Relations –Vince Piro

* The Bollettino has been consistently on time, meeting the established article deadline has helped greatly with that. Announcements for branch and district events should be published one month early, assures that your event will be announced in a timely fashion. Michelle Feldman is looking into interviewing different printers because the print quality of the current printer is so low.

* The committee will also be looking into online or electronic only subscriptions (on a voluntary basis). It would be available for iPads, tablets and computers.

* We are going to begin binding the old Bollettinos that are archived in the office.

* Award forms are now out to branches and online. No changes to the forms at this time.

* Resolutions and Communications Nina Malone is keeping a list through the year for the next convention. If you have any ideas contact Nina Malone.

* Vince Piro will continue to update the website. Let Vince Piro know via email vfp@aol.com if you find anything out of date or in need of revision.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

* Met today. Will be judging 1st year scholarships on April 17 at the office.

* Also will be looking into emailing the scholarship 1st year info out to the schools, besides saving on postage we believe it will give more students access to the applications.

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski

* Conference calling has been set-up. This should prove to be cost effective and save a lot of time for individual CC and CC committee members.

* Notifying all committee chairpersons and officers of CC to create a description of the responsibilities of the committee or office.

* Strategic Plan: we will be busy in the next few months so that we have information to review at the June CC meeting. We will be having an executive meeting the day before the CC meeting. If we get the approval at the June meeting we will want a workshop at the convention for all delegates.

Ways and Means – Franklyn Lopes

* Met Monday the 28th. Invitations to Seminarian Night June 1 are going out.

* 2014 Calendar will be representing the 90 years of ICF, January and February are dedicated to our founders; from March to December each month will represent a decade.

* Golf tournament Friday July 19 in Monterey. Hole sponsor info will be going out. At the June meeting Ways and Means would like every CC member to bring a bottle of wine for the prizes or better yet bring a basket.

Workshop – Dante Galeazzi

* Letters have been sent to Branch and District Presidents asking that they consider doing a workshop in their area. East Bay is having one April 22, Fresno April 20. Will cover 2-3 topics about 90 minutes then have Q &A. Will be videotaping some workshops.

New Business

Andy Pappani made a motion to give \$150 to Our Lady of Grace for the use of the hall for today’s meetings. Seconded by Vince Picciola. PASSED.

Good of the Order

* Leonard Zasoski talked about a member that recently passed away, whose son is a priest in San Jose and the family talked highly of ICF and what it meant to their father. The family is Chinese.

* Deborah Rodondi thanked CC for being at San Mateo’s Installation; the District members enjoyed their presence and being able to visit with them.

* Franklyn Lopes thanked all for thoughts and prayers for his dad.

* Bob Acquistapace and Jim Friebel asked us to remember special people from their area branches.

* Jane Dianda thanked all those that came to the East Bay crab feed the night before.

Closing Prayer: led by Mgsr. Cardelli

The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary

Chicago

**Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195**

Of all the Saints to whom we pray, one of the more powerful intercessors on our behalf is St. Joseph. After all God entrusted his son to St. Joseph. It's no wonder we pray to him and trust him. Branch 195 hosts our annual St. Joseph celebration on Sunday, March 17, 2013. We are honored to have Bishop Joseph Perry as the main celebrant of our 10:30am Mass. Our Pastor Rev. Dave Pavlik, Associate Pastor Rev. Bob Sprott, and our weekend presider Rev. Dan Torson have been invited to concelebrate. The Mass will be followed by our St. Joseph TAVOLA, a home made meal consisting of mostociolli, meat balls, Italian sausage, salad, bread and butter, glass of wine/beverage and dessert. A special altar is erected to be laden with home baked cakes and desserts for sale. Tickets are \$12, Children under 5 are free. Telephone 708-895-7725 for tickets. No tickets sold at the door. The TAVOLA occurs a little more than midpoint of Lent during which we have Ash Wednesday, Stations on Fridays, a Catholicism faith-sharing series, fasting, almsgiving, a time for praying in anticipation of HolyWeek and Easter. On Sunday, February 17, Br. 195 has the Memorial Mass Intention at the 10:30 Mass for the families and victims of Sandy Hook. Every day we pray for members Sharon Santelli, Frank Sidote and Sergio Del Carlo's return to good health, along with all our friends and relatives.

*God Bless,
Jo Merlo*

**Chicago
St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392**

We apologize for having missed a few months of reporting. Things were hopping at Branch 392 this past holiday season with church celebrations and parties galore. Our holidays came to a close in grand style with our annual "La Befana" Dinner Dance on the Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 6th, 2013 at Manzo's Elegant Banquets. Thanks to a hard working committee for organizing another fun event. The party was a great success as over 150 of our members with families and friends attended. The evening was filled with many happy moments. Among the most memorable are: the excited children enjoying the arrival of "la befana" (portrayed by our dear Silvia Zazzeron) bearing gifts; Signora Gina Martorana receiving the Angel of Peace Award and Signora Silvia Zazzeron receiving the Wisdom Award; and, of course, the fine dining and plenty of dancing.

Upcoming Events:
-The Chicago District's first "A Night for the Seminarians" buffet dinner. The fundraiser will take place on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at St. Francis Borgia - Fr. Stokes Center (at 5:00pm).

-Branch 392 will host the St. Joseph's Day Table on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at St. Francis Borgia - Fr. Stokes Center (after the 7:30 pm St. Padre Pio Mass).

As we prepare for Easter let's remember to pray for peace and harmony within our church (in this transitional period as a new Pope is elected) and our communities.

Happy Easter to all from the Officers and members of Branch 392!

*God Bless
Aurora Pensa
Recording Secretary*

**Itasca
St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418**

Our branch is very saddened on the passing of one of our dearest and most devoted members: Rocco Carrozza, passed away on January 20. Rocco loved our branch, and the I.C.F. He will be truly missed. Our condolences to his wife, Maria, and the Carrozza family. "A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS",

will be held at St. Francis Borgia Church Hall, 8033 West Addison Street, in Chicago, on Sunday, March 10. \$20.00 for a catered Italian buffet dinner, served at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Luigi Providenza fund for the seminary bursary.

Please contact Teresa Helfand, for tickets: (773)763-0507, or Leonora Gillette, (708) 343-3366. All branches are asked to attend. We would like to wish all members of the I.C.F. a very Happy and Blessed Easter season. May God bless each and every one with good health, peace, and happiness.

Officers and members of Branch 418

**Des Plaines
St. Zachary, Br. 441**

Our branch is quickly approaching its first anniversary and are making progress in spite of growing pains... we raised more than \$5400 in our first-ever fund raiser. The prize was two \$350 main floor tickets to the December 2 Andrea Bocelli concert in suburban Chicago. The winner was Marilyn Sulek of Chicago with the winning ticket being pulled by Father Feccia after the Italian-language mass at St. Zachary on November 11 the branch held a Christmas party on December 15 and made a donation to the parish and to an Eagle Scout project to benefit the school. Members of Branch 441 combined with Branch 392 of nearby St. Francis Borgia to visit the Our Lady of the Millennium statue in St. John, IN. The statue was the promise of Carl Demma at the age of nine. "As a child he said, 'I will build a big statue of Mary for the city of Chicago,'" Fr. Maletta, pastor of St. John The Evangelist which is next to the Shrine recalled. "And his whole life - from nine years old until the day he died - was a struggle to keep this promise to God." The statue is 34 feet tall and was blessed by Pope John Paul II in St. Louis in 1999. It began touring Chicago parishes shortly thereafter before finding its permanent home in St. John which is near the Illinois-Indiana border and just south of Chicago in April of 2011. When it was touring Chicago parishes, it visited St. Zachary.

Fresno

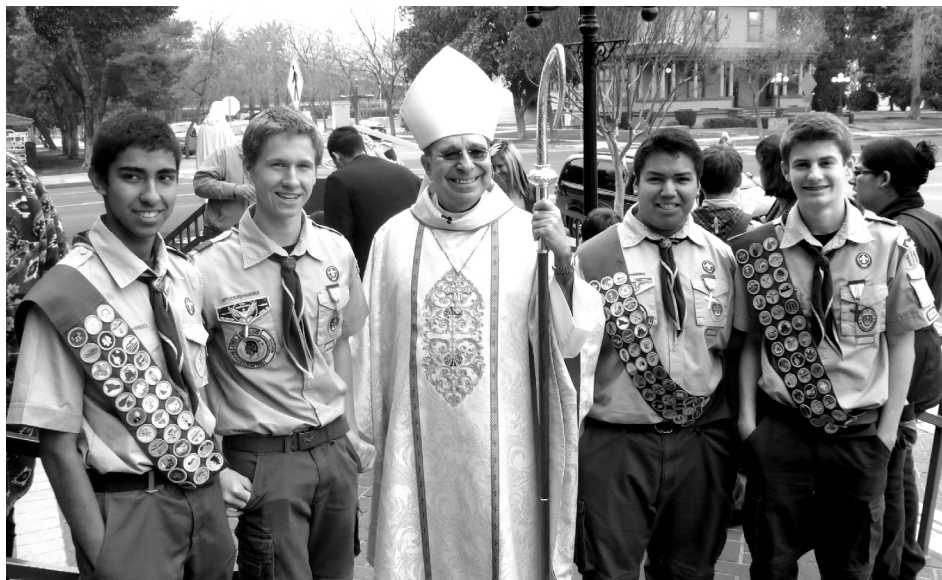
**Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

The theme for the February meeting was hearts and candy as the February committee wished everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day". Good job all you folks on the February committee: chairmen Jerry and Angie Kelzer, Rita Dolio, Bill Bottorff, Elsie Bottorff and Marge Avellar. Thanks Marge for making your famous chicken soup! It was delicious and the perfect thing for a cold February night. The soup, salad, bread, and dessert made for a great dinner. Congratulations to two of our youngest members; Thomas Keitz (17) and Mark Cavallero (16). Madera Boy Scouts from Troop 118 were presented with Ad Altar Dei medals by Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, at the annual Diocese of Fresno Scout Mass held at St. John Cathedral on February 2, 2013. The medals were given in recognition of the scouts' completion of a course of study on their Roman Catholic faith. I want to give a great big "Thank you" to our chapter Chaplin, Sister Thomas Marie Heavey, for teaching the boys about their faith. We have another new member who joined this month-welcome Jeff Dal Cerro. Please remember to pray for our sick or injured members, especially those with cancer.

*Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero*

**Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32**

January 19, 2013 was the Quarterly Fresno District Council Meeting at 10:00am in Hayes Hall of Our Lady of Victory Church.



Madera Boy Scouts from Troop 118 were presented with Ad Altar Dei medals by Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, at the annual Diocese of Fresno Scout Mass held at St. John Cathedral on February 2, 2013. The medals were given in recognition of the scouts' completion of a course of study on their Roman Catholic faith.

It was well attended by District Officers, Branch Officers, Branch Presidents and District Deputies. Jim Clark, Natalie Clark and Patricia Vivenzi attended for Branch 32. Elaine Lencioni, Patricia Vinenzi and Evelyn Nieto provided the refreshments. The new district president, Vince Piro did a great job keeping the meeting on track and to the point. February 24 was the District and Branch Officers Installation at the Bakersfield Our Lady of Perpetual Church. Our regular meeting for March 26, 2013 was cancelled due to Holy Week, but we will be hosting the Lenten meal on March 8. Our Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for April has been cancelled to many issues. The January meeting was attended by three prospective members.

Always, if you need a ride for our February regular meeting put call (559) 977-0190

*God Bless
Jim*

**Merced
St. Cecelia, Br. 39**

We had our February meeting on Ash Wednesday. Our chaplain, Father Frank Piro distributed ashes after a prayer service, followed by a delicious potluck dinner. We need to write a cookbook about that great food.

Members brought warm clothing and canned food for Catholic Charities, something we do at every meeting.

Saw some new faces there, come again. Reports were given on the successful casino trip. Look for one again in April. Thanks to all who provided desserts for the Calamari/dinner and movie at our newly remodeled Merced Theatre. Our polenta dinner is set for March 13th, \$15.00 a person and includes wine. We will also have a raffle with great prizes. Lots of restaurant gift cards and wines. Our next meeting is on March 6th and the menu is chicken and risotto, prepared by our head chef, Maryellen Mazzei. Get well wishes for our sick members. Hurry back to our meetings, we miss you. Prayers to the families of Joe and Margaret Pia, for the loss of her father Arthur Brown, and the Martinelli family for the loss of Reno's mother, Albertina, a member for many years. "Families are like branches on a tree. We all grow in different directions and yet our roots remain the same."

**Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33**

Members were treated to a delicious Chicken and Polenta Dinner prepared by our personal chef - Kurt Moore. The way he cooked the polenta you'd think he was one of us - Italian. The calendar of events was passed out for 2013. March 12, we will have a Corned Beef

and Cabbage Dinner prepared by our chef. We welcomed guests Edward McKenna, Claire Walsh and Daniel. Congratulations also go out to Charles Linnenbrink who recently married Kathleen Drake.

We are in the planning stages for our March 10, St. Joseph Day Dinner. We need to build up our funds so plan on bringing everyone that you know! Volunteers are needed to help work. You are also asked to bring a dessert to the dinner.

Continue to pray for Frank McKenna and Irene Lencioni.

Mike Cerri was lucky to win \$35 in our raffle and Fernando Teglia missed out on winning \$20 due to absence.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter.

Barbara Eyherabide

**Sanger
Sant' Antonio, Br. 70**

Feb. 12 was our annual Polenta Dinner and I must say it was very good and enjoyed by all.

President Kathey Lopez opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed our new chaplain, Father John Bruno and our deputy Fred DeRienzo and his lovely wife Gerry. President Kathey did a fine job conducting her first meeting as President.

We mourn the passing of Eugene Rodgers on January 8. He was a dear friend and past president who was very devoted to our branch. Gene will be missed by all. Our condolences to his wife Teresa and family. We also give our condolences to Father John, who lost his mother this past month. He has just returned from her funeral in Italy.

We are looking forward to the installation in Bakersfield.

We are also pleased to announce we have a new member, Joan Moglia. Welcome to our branch, we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

*God Bless,
Orsolina Casella*

**Fresno
Sacred Heart, Br. 185**

With the holidays over and beginning the year with a new slate of officers, let's make this a banner year for Branch 185.

Installation of officers will be hosted by Bakersfield Branches 281 and 33 on February 24. We hope all officers can attend and we will try to accommodate transportation.

Betty Burn still has calendars so for a \$25.00 investment the least you can win is \$30.00 and our branch keeps \$5.00. Great way to add to our treasury.

Bob Biehle had to be hospitalized again but is now home recovering. Our prayers to all who are under the weather.

*Ciao,
F.D.P.*



Branch 250 Mary Semas, Pat Ogle, Tony Rainaldi, Sherrie Attolico & Bill Conatser were guests at Mark and Jessie's wedding.

Wes & Maxine Johnson, and LeAnne & Angelo Lavagnino are toasting the happy couple.



Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

The big event in January was Mark and Jessie Budd's wedding. The wedding was beautiful and the reception was well planned – great food, great music and great fun. We discovered a side of Mark we never knew before. He can really "rock" with a make-believe guitar. Pictures of the bride and groom and some of the ICF guests are included in this Bollettino.

Rich and Mary Zanarini's daughter, Alyssa Collins, ran the "Tinkerbell Half Marathon" at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA on Sunday, January 20. She finished within 3 hours and 23 minutes.

Mary Semas had a great-grandson, Erick, born January 2, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 20" long. Congratulations, Mary.

Prayers for Dolores Guaglianoni who broke her ankle while picking lemons in her yard. We pray for quick healing. We miss you and LeRoy at our meetings, Dolores.

Happy Birthday to Nicole Squeo who turns 18 on March 14. She has been a member of our Branch since she was 6 years old.

Other birthday greetings in March go to Loretta Benedetti, Mark Budd and Deputy Flora DePasquale.

"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year." (Ogden Nash)

Happy Easter to everyone.

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

As we start our Lenten journey our branch has many exciting events planned. Our first pancake breakfast was a huge success and our sandwich lunch was also a hit. Thanks to the Mole Team and helpers. The Fresno District Installation was hosted by Br 281 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church followed by a Celebration Luncheon. Thank you to all ICF Members who traveled to join us for an afternoon of great fellowship.

We will now be using e-mail for newsletters and responses so please make sure to check

your emails.

In March our branch will be celebrating our 40th anniversary with a Steak Dinner Celebration and hope all members will mark their calendars and plan to attend to enjoy this very special occasion.

Items to put on your calendar, Fridays during Lent the branch will be serving adult beverages at the Knight's of Columbus Fish Fry dinners. On March 24th Chef Leonardo Zasoski and crew will be hosting our annual Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner. It's a delicious meal and a fun time for workers and all who attend! So plan on attending and call Leonard to help.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for the families of Tony Papasergia, George Kimm, Phil Jeffers, Frank Spallino dear branch members who passed away this past month. Have a Blessed Easter, Buona Pasqua.

Mindy

Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Our ICF Branch 308 at St. Anthony de Padua has been holding its planning meetings for this year's Lenten Meals which began on Friday, February 15. Our first Lenten Din-



Branch 417 members enjoying the Lenten dinner.



Congratulations to Branch 250's newly weds, Mark & Jessie Budd!

Bev Travis, Jennie Compopiano, Ron Travis & Frank Pemintel also attended the wedding.



ner was of salad, fish and chips, rolls, wine, beverage, and sweets. Our second Lenten Dinner consisted of Clam Chowder, salad, beverages, wine and dessert. Our dinner prices will remain the same as the previous four years and the best part is you do not need to make reservations.

On February 24 the Board Members traveled south to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bakersfield for the Mass with Installation of District and Branch Officers. Where most of our officers renewed their oaths and new officers made the oath for the first time. Immediately following the Installation there was a celebratory luncheon in the Parish Hall, hosted by Branch 281 in Bakersfield.

In March, Antoinette and Angelo Pecora will prepare the main dish of corn beef and cabbage for our next dinner meeting on March 13 at 6:00pm. Members are to bring salads, side dishes rolls, and desserts.

Please continue to keep all our ill and convalescing members and their caregivers in your daily prayers.

Happy Birthday to Dr. Bertha Felix~Mata, and those that celebrated a birthday in February, Dr. Jay Newsome, Maria E. A.

Juarez~Garcia. Many happy returns to all the March birthdaycelebrants.

Happy Anniversary to the February and March couples.

Lastly, I'll leave you with this thought:

Let's all remember that he who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses more; He who loses faith, loses all.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all.

Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Fresno

Holy Spirit, Br. 417

February started off with much work by our members preparing and serving our annual Lenten Dinners at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fresno. We began serving on Friday, February 15 at 5 to 6:30pm in Logan Hall before the Stations of the Cross.

We had a great turnout of our parishioners as usual. Many new members were present to help. It's wonderful to see new faces as well as old friends at our dinners.

All our meals include a meatless pasta, soup, special salad, rolls, homemade desserts and coffee. All net proceeds go to charity.

The last 3 dinner menus are as follows:



Fresno Branch 417 members having a good time at the Lenten dinner.



Branch 417 members Cheryl and Patricia at the Lenten dinner.

3/8 - Baked Pasta shells in a Fontini cheese sauce or eggplant parmesan.
3/15 - Spaghetti and bay scallops in a cream sauce and polenta with a red sauce.
3/22 - Cheese tortellini in a red sauce, pesto sauce, or a cream sauce
Dinners are \$10 for adults and children from 5-12 are \$5. Children under 5\$ are free. All take out orders are \$10. Soft Drinks and wine are available separately.
We hope to see our members and friends during our Lenten dinners.
Thanks to all for their hard work and their great baking efforts.
Our regular meeting is on March 20th in Logan Hall. And on March 31, Easter Sunday, we have the ICF Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 mass.
If you have not as yet paid your 2013 dues, you can do that at our meeting on March 20.
Ciao,

Pat Duncan

Los Angeles

Los Angeles District Council

On February 7, 2013, the Districts in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles "Bishop Day and Chaplain Recognition Luncheon Committee" convened at St. Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada (Branch 374). Please save the date of November 17, 2013 for the annual Bishop Day Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in downtown Los Angeles. All 18 ICF Branches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to bring their Members, Bishops, Chaplains and Seminarians to this beautiful event to show solidarity within our ICF Organization and our Holy Mother Church. Thank you also to members and guests who attended the Mother



Br. 417 members at dinner.

Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House at Saint Frances Xavier Catholic Church in Burbank on February 10!
On December 20, 2012 District President Carmelo Sabatella attended the Federated Italo Americans of Southern California Holiday Party in Casa Italiana at St Peter's Church in downtown Los Angeles.
The District Board encourages all Branches to support each other's events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.
Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased members, friends and Parishioners. Special prayers for ICF Charter Members Angie Publico (Br 237), Michael Lesky (Br 362) and Pasquale (Pat) Di Bernardo (Br 115) who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.
Please keep our troops in your prayers that they may be kept safe and from harm's way.
Carmelo Sabatella, President
South Pasadena, CA 91030
626 372-781

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108
Thank you to Co-Chairs Christy Shaw & Gina Sabatella and members of Branch 108 for making the 10th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on Saturday, February 9, 2013 a great success. Members and Parishioners came in costume to celebrate Marde Gras together with family and friends. All en-

Save the Dates

- March 9 & 10, 2013 – St. Joseph Table at Branch 108 (Holy Family Church Parish Hall);
- March 16 & 17, 2013 - St. Joseph Table at Branch 67 (Casa Italiana) and Branch 118 (Parish Hall);
- March 17, 2013 – St. Joseph Table at Branch 362 (Parish Hall);
- March 21, 2013 - LA District General Meeting in the Galilee Room (basement) at Holy Family Catholic Church, South Pasadena.
- April 14, 2013 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the ICF San Gabriel District. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

joyed great wine, beer and food prepared by President Michele Silveriand her ICF staff. All proceeds support our ICF Scholarship Program.
Save The Dates:
- March 9 & 10, 2013 – St. Joseph Table in Holy Family Parish Hall
- April 7, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Bocce (1 to 2:30 pm), lunch social and general meeting (3 to 5:00 pm).
- April 14, 2013 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the ICF San Gabriel District. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.
Grazie Members, Families, Friends and HF Parishioners for your support of the ICF and it's related events. Our prayers out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to sick members, family, friends and parishioners for a speedy recovery. May God bless and keep you healthy "per cento anni!"
Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108
-Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti,
As we move along in 2013 we come to the season of Easter and start our Lenten Process. Coming into the Lenten season let us go from fasting and feasting. Changing our thoughts from negative to positive creates the difference from fasting to feasting. For example: Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude. Though it may sound simple, it takes practice. When you see yourself dwelling on the negative, change that thought and see the world change in your eyes.
February 14 we celebrated our monthly meeting with a Valentine's Day potluck dinner. There was a great turnout with members. We also celebrated our February birthdays. Congratulations to Lynn Enrico, Ara Kelekian, Sandro Mercuri, Florence Terramani, Eileen Viera, and Christina Winans who celebrated birthdays in February. Buon Compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday! Our St. Joseph's Table will be held on March 16 and 17th. Set up will be on Friday, March



LA District members at the Mother Cabrini Shrine.



Members of Branch 108 enjoyed its 10th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on Saturday, February 9, 2013.



(Above) Federated Italo Americans of Southern California Christmas Party Photo attached includes Left to Right: Josh Smith and wife FIASC President Ann Potenza, Past FIASC President and Present ICF Branch 67 President Nick Degidio, LA Councilwoman Jan Perry, LA District President Carmelo Sabatella and Father Louis Piran, Pastor of St Peter's Catholic Church





Members of Branch 108 enjoyed its 10th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event on Saturday, February 9, 2013.



Branch 111 February General Meeting Valentine Potluck Dinner



Branch 111 February Birthdays.

15 starting at 6:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. We will be having our 6th annual 25/25/50 raffle.

St. Benedict's Pastoral Council is planning a fundraising dinner to support church improvement costs. Mark your calendars for an evening of dinner, entertainment, and fun. Saturday, April 6, 6:00pm. Quiet Cannon, Montebello. Tickets are \$60 per person.

We would like to thank our Pastor, Rev Domingos Machado, for his support in our efforts to find a permanent location for the St. Joseph Statue inside St. Benedict Church. It was the wish of one of our recently departed members, Carmela Diliberto, to help with the costs to move the St. Joseph statue inside the church. We also would like to thank Carmela's brother, Salvatore Sorce, our Treasurer, for helping to make Carmela's wish a reality – he secured funds from the Carmela & Salvatore Diliberto trust, in the amount of \$2,000, to cover the cost to construct the marble pedestal for the St. Joseph Statue. We also want to thank our President, Franco, for initiating the meetings with Fr. Domingos and coordinating this effort with Salvatore. We will still be able to move the statue to the parish hall yearly for the Feast of St. Joseph's Table.

This month I leave you with quote from Dr. John F. Demartini – “When you follow the dream in your heart, you're energized, inspired, & motivated.” Follow your heart and turn your dream into reality. *Thank you and God Bless, Giuseppe Veneziano*

ICF Mourns Loss of Michael Paul Lesky

Michael Paul Lesky of Santa Clarita, CA, passed away on Tuesday February 5th, 2013 at the age of 91. He lived a long wonderful life and truly enjoyed life to the fullest. His motto “Live every day to the fullest”

Michael is survived by his daughter Lana Taylor, granddaughter Tanya Taylor and great grandchildren Justin, Jennifer and Jason Taylor. Nieces Maureen Sheridan, Michele Frank and Debra Leslie and nephews Samuel Lesky and John Leslie.

My wonderful dad was born to Samuel and Veronica Lesky in Camden, New Jersey, the 3rd of 4 sons. He served in the Navy during World War II in Europe. He worked in Campbell Soup in NJ and latter at RCA in CA. Once he retired he also worked with my mom at Magic Mountain for a few years. He has spent the last several years enjoying life with family, friends and travel.

Michael was involved with the Italian Catholic Federation for 48 years. He



served as President of Branch #143 and LA District President. He was currently a member of Branch 362 in Downey. He loved his many years with this group, the church, the fundraisers and conventions and parties.

He loved to travel, read, and trips to the

casinos. He loved to read the newspaper and People magazine. He loved to keep up on all topics and remained alert and orientated up until his hospitalization. He most of all loved people of all ages to talk and visit with. He shared stories of his life growing up and for times past and we all found him interesting to talk with. He had many friends and enjoyed keeping in touch with those near and far.

We remember and celebrate his life on February 16th with a mass at Saint Kateri at 2pm followed by a Celebration at my home.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made online, by mail or phone in Memory to Michael Lesky. Fisher House Foundation: <http://www.fisherhouse.org/> - the Fisher House is similar to the Ronald McDonald houses and provides homes away from homes for families of wounded soldiers to stay for free while their soldiers are recovering from the wounds of war. J&J has been committed to supporting this group and providing products in the homes to help the families.



Branch #115 San Pedro dedicated a picture of the Madonna dell'Arco at a beautiful celebration at the Italian Mass on January 27, 2013. The picture was mounted on an easel and placed in the Shrine of San Giuseppe della Croce at Mary Star of the Sea Church. The picture was donated by Giuseppe Scotti. The Branch also was involved with president Neal Di Leva coordinating the event.

Madonna dell'Arco or Our Lady of the Arch is a fresco that first was painted on the aqueduct arches in old Via Napoli during the end of the Roman Empire. Many centuries later while a young man was playing with a stone ball, they accidentally hit the image on the left cheek. Soon after it was seen bleeding.

Over the years many miracles took place. The fresco was relocated to the Sanctuary in Naples. The liturgical feast is on April 18.

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Hello dear members, Things are just hopping along. We have had a few momentous occasions, such as the dedication of the image of the Madonna dell'Arco, Pot Luck Meeting, Annual Crab Dinner Dance and the Mass in honor of St. John Joseph. They were very enjoyable and quite successful. We have been very busy. The deadline for applying for scholarships is March 15. Pauline is planning the Laughlin Trip for April 14th-17th at the Aquarius Hotel. Schedule is 3 nights, 4 days, with a side trip to Oatman, an authentic mining town. Prices are: \$120 per person for double occupancy, and \$150 for single. (310) 832-0563. Please look at your agenda for further information. Don't forget your payment of dues, \$36. I will give you a report on the Dinner Dance next month. News regarding the Pope was very surprising so let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers. It must have been a very difficult decision for him. Please remember all our deceased and ill members.



Beloved Angie Publico of Branch 237 celebrated her 90th Birthday on January 20 at the VFW, with family and friends. Angie, God-speed.

Phil is home from the hospital once again and recuperating at home. We extend a very pleasant and Happy Easter to everyone. Thought for this month: Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime. God bless you all and see you next month.

Mary Ann Lauro, Officer

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

We celebrate March, springtime, Sts. Joseph & Patrick, Palm Sunday and Easter! In Remembrance

Charter member, Past President / Treasurer Angelina Genevieve De Rosa Publico went to glory on February 1, at the age of 90, surrounded by prayer, loved ones and clergy. Angie was a treasure. She raised a wonderful family. She is survived by 3 daughters: Connie, Marie, Rose; 2 sons: Peter and John; and 2 brothers: Louie and Charles, 16 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren who had joined with many friends and Fr. Kevin at her January 20 B-day at the Gardena VFW. Angie was a proud Boston girl & loving wife

of Naval Officer Anthony Publico. They later moved their young family to California & St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

A long-time ICF & Sons of Italy member as well as an expert Avon Rep, Angie volunteered at Serra High School and was a great supporter of their Adopt-a- Student Program.

Mgrs. Pilato & O'Byrne, Pastor Aguilera, Frs. Juarez, Perucho, and Ley concelebrated her Mass. Deacon Felix presided at her rosary. Erick Rubalcava, The Poor Clare Missionary Sisters, Nina Paul, & Irene Furukawa provided the beautiful music.

Angie encouraged giving. Our Annual Columbus Day Dinner-Dance supported scholarships, Thanksgiving Baskets/ multiple charities.

We thank L.A. District President Carmelo Sabatella and officers especially Theresa Shaw; Charlene & Steven Drobeck; Neal & Anna Di Leva (Branches 108, 362, and 115); Charlene Kramer: ICF Administrative Ass't., and our Branch 237 for supporting Angie's family with your sharing.... gracious presence.

Angelina, we celebrate your life!



Members of Branch 317 at the District Installation.



You loved to dance and, right now, are doing so accompanied by a heavenly angelic choir! Please keep in your prayers: Retired Pope Benedict as we welcome our new Pope. Connie, John Roa, Victoria, & Elaine enjoyed their February B-Days. Wishing March B-day happiness to: Gloria Castaneda and John Moore (3-30). Up-coming event: April fundraising bus trip to Laughlin. There is a time to live....a time to share....a time under heaven..... Let us spend our time here on God's Earth wisely, with love, compassion, and generosity of spirit! Keep well! PAX, Eleanor Rose

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Congratulations Branch 362! Our January 20th & Feb 20th Bingos were a huge success.

Thanks to all our members who worked so hard to start 2013 with "Big Bang" and to our wonderful "Life Teens" for all their help.

The members and friends of the St. Raymond parish community filled the hall to capacity. March 8 was our turn to host the Lenten Dinner at our parish. Thanks to all who helped. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up soon. St. Joseph's Table is March 17th so all you fabulous bakers get out your wonderful recipes and start your ovens. I can almost smell the aroma just thinking about it. I think I just gained 3 pounds! We need lots of cookies, cakes and breads to fill the table. It's with a heavy heart that we bring the news that our dear Mike "The Polish Prince" Lesky passed away on Feb. 5. He was a very active member of ICF for over 48 years. He sure loved the conventions which brought lots of wonderful fun memories. He really knew how to live life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all. Our hearts go out to his daughter Lana and family. He will truly be missed. May he rest in Peace. Aline Amatisto

San Gabriel Valley

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our last meeting was well attended - over 40 persons. Thank you to JoAnn Howell for helping me with the luncheon after. We welcomed new members Carolyn Flack, Marie Parisi and Bob Keeler. Marie ended up winning the 50/50.

Upcoming - General Meeting March 10, rosary before, St. Joseph's Table setup Friday, the 15th, the event will again be held 2 days - the 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 at which time the Table will be blessed, and Sunday, the 17th from 8:00 to 4:00. If you have not signed up to help, please contact JoAnn Howell. And, don't forget to bake. The baked goods are an important part of the Table.

We wish to extend our condolences to Jeanne and Al Bernabei on the loss of Jeanne's sister, Marie Calabrese, who was an ICF member and on the board. Marie was a very sweet lady, always willing to help whenever she could. She will be greatly missed. Hope to see everyone at our meeting and the St. Joseph's Table.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar St. Denis, Br. 317

March 2 - Annual Pastoral Awards Dinner

March 8 -- Lenten Soup Meal at St. Denis

March 3, 10 -- Presale for Cannolis

March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day ICF Cannoli Sale and Fundraiser

April 28 -- Arts & Craft Faire at St. Denis (ICF)

May 19 -- San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday Luncheon

March 2 will be the Annual Pastoral Awards Dinner and will be for the Building on Faith. ICF supports this wonderful fundraiser for St. Denis as many of our members have been honored at this event.

March 8 will once again be the Lenten Soup Meal at St. Denis Homemade soups and bread will complete the meal and St. Denis community is invited along with our members to donate to the Operation Rice Bowl. Our members will donate delicious soups for the evening.

Our fundraiser will once again be the cannoli's with three presale dates with distribution on Sunday, March 17. Our chairpersons Toni Werley and Laura along with the assistance of the members will ensure a success for the Branch to accumulate funds for our charitable works. Thank you one and all for all your dedication and hard work.



Members of Branch 317 at the District Installation.

April 28 will be the Arts & Craft Faire at St. Denis with many vendors signing up and all proceeds from the tables (at \$30 each) will be donated to St. Denis for "Building on Faith". More details will be available in March or April regarding the San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday Luncheon to be held at St. Denis and hosted by Branch 317. We would like a nice attendance from the Branch and District for a wonderful Mass at 12:00 noon with a catered lunch to follow. Have a very Blessed Easter and continue to pray for the Italian Catholic Federation as we accomplish many wonderful works of scholarship, Seminary Bursar, our church of St. Denis, Cooley's anemia, etc.

God Bless,
Roxanne Perry
President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

March will be a busy month for our Branch. Not only will there be the regular meeting on March 15, but also the St Joseph's Table and Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 17. Prizes will be a 40inch television and a bicycle, a prepaid weekend in Laughlin, Nevada and the \$50 money hat.

Dues of \$36 are now due for 2013.

We ask for prayers for Chris Torcivia, and Marilyn Trolie.

Birthday greetings to Joan Blazis, Angelo Capriotti, Emy Fredrick, Mimi Huisking, Algird Leiga, Erin Murphy and Sylvia Stephens.

Happy St Patrick's Day! Happy St Joseph's Day

Margaret Brown
Branch 319,
Claremont, CA 91711

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Happy Easter to all of our members!

Congratulations to our 2013 Board Members: President - Tony Farinella, 1st VP - Frank Buccola, 2nd VP - Anthony Basile, Recording Secretary - Ann Baziak, Corresponding Secretary - Eleanor Cuneo and Jo Anne Disney, Financial Secretary - Frances Scorsone, Treasurer - Mae Rosenkranze, Orator - Lucy Hernandez, Trustee - Pat Buccola, Trustee - Lena Merendino, Trustee - Roberta N'Angelo, Sentinel - Mary Ann Law, and Branch Deputy - Angelo Capriotti. Our quarterly mass will be held on March 10 at the 8:00 a.m. mass. Breakfast to follow at Coco's on Baldwin in Arcadia.

Our next General Meeting will be held on April 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. but the menu has not yet been decided. There will be no March meeting.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, Mary Girillo, and Frank Buccola. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy March Birthday to: Salma Bishara, Angelo Capriotti and John Perfetto.

Happy Anniversary to: Frances and Frank Scorsone (42 years)

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first day of our future to be; each dawn we rise is a blessing, to be here, alive, and free. ... Seize each day that comes to view, use every precious moment; Take pride in everything you do, your life will be so content" (Joseph Ferrara)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley Burbank

St. Maria Goriotta, Br. 102

Happy Birthday to Ann Centoni, on February 28. #99 is her big number this year. She is going strong for the 100 mark.

Our pizza party was very successful. Thank you all for participating. We will hold one in April.

March 9, at noon will be our regular meeting. We meet in Cabrini Hall.

Thank you for all the meatless soup for lenten supper.

Ciao,
Joy

Santa Barbara/ Ventura

Thousand Oaks

St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our February meeting included the installation of new officers and the theme was Carnevale!

Our branch enjoyed a wonderful catered meal from Viva la Pasta, which included, of course, pasta, chicken, lasagna, and a variety

of salads. Once more, our exciting event was held in our church's hall and members had fun ornamenting the walls with Mardi Gras/Carnevale decorations. Also, at each table, colorful masks and necklaces were provided to bring out our members' wild sides.

The installation of new officers for 2013 occurred after dinner. Each new officer was read their duties, and then officially installed. After all of our board members had received the insignia of their office, our youth officers were installed in a similar fashion. Our youth officers, which include individuals between the ages of 7 and 17, beamed with pride as they were installed as official representatives of their branch. Many exciting things have happened for our branch thus far, and one can most definitely expect the excitement to continue.

Ciao!

Marisa Interrante

<http://www.icfbranch380.org>

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Here we are again in the Season of Lent and our Branch 21 celebrated this most special time in Christ with several events. Thanks to the cooking team of Sal Locatelli, Angelo Raffaelli and Luigi Dell'Acqua. Members and guests came together on the First Friday of Lent to share a tasty dinner of Fresh

Cracked Crab and Pasta al Tonno Putanesca. At our first General Meeting with new President Roseann Costabile, we enjoyed a pot-luck dinner while laying out strategies for this year. Here are some of the forth coming events:

- A No-Bake Sale Fund Raiser
- Soup Supper during Lent
- St. Joseph's Day Fund Raiser dinner on March 24

On February 2, the installation of new Central Coast ICF Officers was hosted by Hollister ICF Branch 26. The food, the other guests, and especially our hosts at Branch 26, all came together to make it a most enjoyable day. As new District Chaplain, our own Father Occhiuto celebrated mass in Hollister's lovely Sacred Heart Church.

We are pleased to announce that we have 8 new members joining our Branch. Their names will be included in a future bulletin. Also, along with other parish and community groups we are helping provide meals, every two months, for the homeless. Branch members interested in helping with this important project, please contact Rosa Radicchi or Roseann Costabile.

Join us at our next general meeting held, as always, on the first Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross Parish Hall. Corned beef & cabbage will be served at our pot luck supper. Come... you'll have fun, I promise.

Buona Pasqua a tutti.

Patty Morelli

Recording Secretary

Branch 21 – Santa Cruz

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

We offer thanks for a job well done by Branch 26, Hollister in hosting the Installation of Officers on February 2nd. The installation, meal and camaraderie were great.

Our branch will once again provide one scholarship of \$400 for a student in the Salinas area. Applications have been submitted to area high schools.

We have submitted possible dates to the Sacred Heart office for our polenta luncheon. The date will be reported once it is known.

We also have a date for our Annual District Picnic. The event will be held at the J&M Ranch on August 4th. It's not too early to mark your calendars.

By the time you read this, we will be well into Lent, and perhaps beyond. Branch members have supported the Lenten Fish Dinners held each Friday at Madonna del Sasso. Many have worked hard to prepare and present the food over the years and we want to thank them for their work.

We were sad to hear that Branch 200 has closed in Salinas after many years of operation. It is difficult to completely lose affiliation with an organization such as ICF that has spanned generations in some cases. If any Branch 200 members would like to continue with the ICF, we ask them to consider transferring to Branch 25. We would wel-

come you.

Just a thought from composer Joe Green, also known as Giuseppe Verdi, who said; "You can have the universe if I may have Italy."

Dates to remember:

April 14: District Meeting with Paso Robles/Arroyo Grande

June 15: District Meeting at Capitola

Aug 4: District Picnic and Meeting

Nov 3: Bishop's Day in Santa Cruz

Addio

Roy Frontani

Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, Br. 26

Greetings from beautiful Hollister, California. All members of Branch 26 would like to welcome all new officers to the ICF family. Together we can all make a difference in our catholic charities. We are anticipating a great new year! A great big thanks to everyone who helped make the installation of officers in February a success! Please come to our first fundraiser of the year, a pancake breakfast at St. Benedict's church after the masses on Sunday, February 24, hope to see you there. Come and enjoy our monthly dinner meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, we would love to have you! Please pray for all of our sick members, we have quite a few and we miss them. Take care and God bless all of you.

Jennifer Frusetta

Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Lenten dinners will be well on their way when you read this with all of our wonderful members volunteering and filling every need to make everything go smoothly. This time is so rewarding for all of us and we love being together

March 10 - St. Joseph's Celebration - A beautiful event. Mass will be at 2:00pm at San Carlos Cathedral, then to San Carlos Parish Hall for a fabulous dinner and dancing to Anthony Lane Band and Mike Marotta Jr. All this for \$25.00 p/p, what a deal! For reservations call Mary Manuguerra, 375-2009, or Beatrice Bonanno, 649-3216.

We have lost another wonderful member, Fran Neuman. Fran worked long and hard at everything she did and we will certainly miss her smile and upbeat personality. On the bright side she has been reunited with her son and husband. Also, our deepest sympathy to the following: Vivian Selby whose father passed away, Will Avila who lost his brother, Dr. Gerald Carnazzo whose brother passed away, Gus Aiello whose sister passed away, Bart DiMaggio whose brother passed away, and to Faye Russo whose sister Lucy Davi passed away, Lucy was a long time member who volunteered at our branch for years. Lucy was also my sister-in-law and a joy to be with. May they all rest in peace.

March 31 - May the beauty and peace of this Easter season stay with you always, comforting you and reminding you of Christ's prom-



(Above) Officers and Youth Officers at Branch 380's (Thousand Oaks, CA) installation
(Right) Youth Officers are sworn in at Branch 380's (Thousand Oaks, CA) installation





ICF member, Father Alphonse (aka: Father Mario) cheerfully delivers fish dinners during Branch 291's first Lenten Fish Fry on Feb. 15.

ise of eternal life.

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. My favorite: God placed his hand on the shoulder of humanity and said, "You are someone special" and we are!
*Have a blessed Easter,
Bettye Sollecito*

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Members attending the installation on February 2 in Hollister had a very enjoyable day. The mass and ceremony were beautiful. The lunch that followed was fantastic as always, kudos to Hollister Branch 26. The Installation ceremony for Father Pedro was truly inspiring and the international festivities that followed express the admiration we as a parish community have for our Pastor. We are truly blessed to have Father Pedro at Our Lady of Refuge Church. We are busy preparing for our St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 14. This well attended function is always a fun filled evening (Italians become a little Irish). We are also in the planning stages for our Spring fundraiser on April 21 at the Parish Hall. We invite all branches to come and enjoy great food, good friends and fabulous raffle prizes. More information will follow next month. We just received word that I.C.F. member Thelma Sbarra and family (who all live in Iowa) will be coming to Castroville for a visit and will be attending our Spring Fundraiser on April 21 (God bless them.... all the way from Iowa). On a personal note my husband and I celebrated our 50th, yes 50th wedding anniversary. Wow time does fly!!

Please keep Carl Armento in your prayers as he continues to recover from his illness. His daughter Carrie Holbrook stated he is doing much better. As we travel on our Lenten journey may we look beyond our own lives to the needs of others.

*Ciao,
Leonora Barlow*

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227

Branch 227 invites all our friends to our Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinners. By the time you read this, they will be underway, but bring your appetites to the next ones: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22! Dinners are held from 4:30-7 p.m. in the meeting hall at St. Joseph's, 435 Monterey Ave., Capitola. Members, we always need help. Please contact Sharleen Hedgepeth for sign-up.

St. Joseph's Father Wayne Dawson is attending the Lenten dinners, and afterwards leading Stations of the Cross at 7pm. upstairs in the church. Diners are welcome to join him after dinner.

Branch officers offer our sincere thanks to the Hollister Branch for hosting District Installation Feb. 2. The luncheon prepared by the Hollister Branch was fantastic! Our deepest thanks also to Father Joseph Occhiuto, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, for celebrating the installation mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Our January dinner, prepared by Dan Casagrande and his team, was outstanding. Members interested in volunteering for food preparation, should contact Dan, who is coordinating chapter dinners. Our February meeting was held Superbowl Sunday. It was a quick pizza, salad and beer "greet, meet and eat"! Thanks to all who were able to attend. Members who have a college-bound relative are reminded that Perlino Scholarship applications are available now and due April 15. Students should start collecting reference letters, transcripts and completing the forms. As always, please pray for our members who are sick.

*Ciao,
Kathleen Martinelli*

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

At our January meeting we initiated and welcomed two new members to our ICF family—Dean Castellino and Matthew Giuffrida. The rest of their families will be initiated at a future meeting. Our membership co-chairpersons, Pat and Mike Lombardini, are stepping down from their position and we would like to thank them for doing a tremendous job for Branch 291 the last few years. They have helped our membership grow substantially!

Our Branch will help co-host the Central District Meeting at St. Rose Parish in Paso Robles with the Paso Robles Branch 354 on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Our members are

encouraged to attend and also help with the set-up and meal.

The 2013 Lenten Fish Fries are underway! Our February fish fries were very successful, and we have 3 dinners coming up in March—on the 1st, 8th and 22nd. If you're in the area, please stop by St. Patrick's Church from 4-7pm and enjoy a delicious fish, French fries, and coleslaw dinner, plus delectable desserts and refreshing beverages!

Please keep the following members, and/or family members, in your thoughts and prayers: Josephine Volanto, Bob and Floralee Harris, Marge Caruso, Dianne and Homer Clees, Bob McLean, Sharon Reed, Leonard Ambruso, The son of Jens and Sonia Wagner, Joe Slavin, and Karen (Marilou Halsteen's daughter) whose husband Shelly is suffering from cancer. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angelo Lombardini, father of Mike Lombardini, who passed away in January.

Remember, we will not hold a General Meeting in March, so may you all enjoy a very Blessed Easter celebration with your family and loved ones.

*Happy Easter!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary*

Oakland

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Our Friday night Fish Frys are every Friday through Lent. Dinner 6pm after 5pm Stations Of The Cross. Adults \$10. Kids \$5. No reservations needed.

Irish Social is Saturday, March 16, Parish Hall. Social 6pm, Dinner 7pm.

Corned Beef and all the trimmings by Jan and John Rosa. Adults \$25.

Children 12yrs & under \$12.

Raffle prizes and Irish Dancers.

Reservations to Gina Foster, 510-995-8140 or email gfooster@csdo.org by March 11.

Checks (ICF BR10) to Gina Foster, 3101 Van Buren, Alameda Ca 94501.

Information regarding the St. Joseph Day celebration on Monday March 18 will be sent by mail or email.

A big Thank You to Sheila Doan for selling 52 ICF calendars. We were placed 2nd in category of 100-199 members and we received a calendar plus chances to win monthly drawings.

Our prayers to the family of Rose Fero, one of our dear and long time members of Branch 10.

There will be a Mass said for her..

*Until Next Month
Jean McElroy*

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day. Branch officers were chosen. All 2012 offices accepted with same positions for 2013. The exception was the position of President, Anna Alberti has accepted the position. We thank Leroy Casale for all of the work he has done for our Branch. His loyalty and devotion will be hard to match. If your ICF dues have not been paid, please do so now. Message from Anna Alberti, "My goal is to build membership and attendance to our monthly meetings. Bring a friend."

Upcoming:

March 7 -- Monthly meeting 7:00pm

April 4 -- Monthly meeting 7:00pm

April 28 -- Polenta Dinner, Fratellanza Club, No Host cocktails 4pm, Dinner 5pm.

June Date TBD: Spaghetti Meatball Dinner

October 13 -- Anniversary Dinner, 81 years, Fratellanza Club

Happy Birthday to Gloria Andrada, Rosalie DeSanti, and Aldo Innocenti. Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing members of our branch. Especially Elsie

Giani, Aldo Innocenti, Leroy and Elma Casale, Chris Zanta and Anna Alberti.

Thought: It takes a special kind of person to care enough to take time for others.

*Ciao,
M.A. Francis and L. Francis*

Oakland

St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

We had minestrone and beef barley soup made by the Dianda duo of Theresa and Donna. Both were terrific!

Deacon Jeff led us in our opening prayer and the meeting was called to order by our new President, Nancy Corsi who ran a great meeting.

Our branch will be donating a 1st year scholarship. The 1st year scholarships will be awarded in March so have those graduating seniors get in their applications.

Our anniversary dinner is set for Sunday, April 14 at the Fratellanza Club. Please contact John Corsi at 707-996-5866 or gdsportmom1@aol.com by April 7th. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this event. There will be great food and wonderful raffle prizes. There will also be music by Leonard Rossi.

Upcoming events:

June 1 -- Night for Seminarians, sponsored by the Central Council and hosted by Br. 343, Castro Valley -- Black Tie optional. More details to follow.

Donna Santich

Oakland

St. Theresa, Br. 223

Save the date-April 28- Branch 223's Spring Dinner will take place at St Theresa's Church Hall, 30 Mandalay Rd, Oakland. The dinner will consist of Polenta and Stew, prepared by our faithful chefs Peter Nuti, Bill Curotto, and crew. Members Marlene Mcshane, and Cecile Cuttitta are the Chairpersons, and Holly Raineri will take reservations. If you are interested in attending this event, contact Yoli Moglia, (510) 547-3800, or Nancy Carriere, (510) 655-3446 or E-mail injcarrya@yahoo.com for more details.

Benvenuti- to our new members Ralph and Ginger Pellettieri, who were sponsored by Olga Lamberti.

Unfortunately our dear member Corinne Henning passed away on January 12 2013. Corinne died peacefully at home in the company of her family. She was the beloved wife of the late George Henning, and sister of the late Robert Delucchi, loving mother of Ann and Paul Henning and Mother-in-Law of Linda Henning, and adored Grandmother of Michael and Christine Henning. May she rest in peace. Our heartfelt condolences go to all in her family.

Our Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Norma Damozonio, who we fondly remember. May she rest in peace.

On May 4th and 5th, Br. 223 will have their Bake Sale with homemade cakes, pies, Biscotti, breads etc. Don't miss chance to buy these delicious goodies after 5pm Mass May 4, and the 9am and 11am Masses on May 5.

Please pray for the good health for Larry Polito, Cookie Rossi, and Virginia Cuttitta (Cecile's Mother).

*Happy Easter/Buona Pasqua
Yoli Moglia*

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our new officers attended the installation and are ready to work toward a great year. Pat Mueller (our new president) will remain as the District Deputy of the East Bay. Thank you Pat and also to the new incoming officers.

Our February business/dinner meeting was hosted by the Bellavia's. The theme was Valentine's Day. The entrees and sidedishes were delicious. Great decor and ambiance. Thank you Pat and Chuck and a nice tribute

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to Valentine's Day.

The next night (February 16) was our annual "Bingo Bash" event. This event is always well attended. It is so enjoyable for all who work on it and for those who participate. Joe Buonsante does a great D.J. with music between games and people get up and dance. This year some of the ladies of the branch performed line dancing. They were real good. Thanks ladies. Part of the proceeds go to the Childrens Hospital in Oakland and also other charities. A special thanks to members who donated their time and wonderful raffle baskets and also we owe recognition to Ron Tujague for his work on our data base. Ron keeps a record of all donations; sends out thankyou letters to donators and performs various things that are so helpful. He is also our resident photographer.

Our March business/dinner meeting will be hosted by Elaine and Chuck Meier and the theme will be "St Patrick's Day." Sounds like fun. Thanks to Chuck and Elaine, Kathy and Milt Elm will set up a St. Joseph table at the meeting. They do this every year and it is always a beautiful table. Thankyou Kathy and Milt.

Coming up is our gala Primavera Dinner Dance on May 4. You just can't afford to miss this event.. We will dance to the tunes of the Mello Tones (Joe Buonsante's band) and there will be lots of food and entertainment. Remember the date - May 4 - St. Michaels Hall in Livermore. We will be giving out more publicity soon, so in the meantime save the date.

Several of our members were victims of the flu's and viruses that have been going around. Get well wishes to them all, and our prayers for the Yoakams for the loss of their nephew.

Tanti cari saluti
Pauline Kirk

Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley, Br. 343

It seems like just a short time ago that it was the beginning of 2013 and here we are already into the season of Lent. In this short time we have been quite productive thanks to many hands our Super Bowl Sunday bake sale was super in every way. It seems that St. Valentine's Day and a Polenta dinner prepared by Mike Miraglia were a winning combination. During dinner we were able to welcome the new pastor of Our Lady of Grace, the Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A., who has also agreed to be our Chaplain. Thank you Fr. Greg and welcome to the ICF family. And for the second month in a row we are able to welcome new ICF members. Perhaps hearing about ICF and their history and charitable works from the pulpit was just the encouragement some folks needed. Later this month we will also be preparing the soup meal that will follow the evening Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013.

Our next meeting will be our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner after which we will discuss the scholarship to be awarded to a grad-



(Above) Outgoing Contra Costa District President, Carol Lawson, passes on the gavel to incoming District President,

(Right) Grand President Jane Dianda presents the Contra Costa District President, Joe Flores, with a certificate recognizing all branches within the district for their Apostolate/Charity participation in 2012

uate of one of the local high schools. Time to encourage your family senior class members to get their paper work submitted. A Happy St. Paddy's Day and St. Joseph's Day to all. As we enter the most solemn season of Holy Week let's take time to reflect on the true meaning of an ICF family.
Easter Blessing to all,
Pat Grasso

Contra Costa Contra Costa District Council

At the District meeting on Jan 24th Carol Lawson, past president, presented incoming President Joseph Flores with the gavel. He in turn presented Carol with a plaque bearing her name and years of presidency. A very nice keepsake given with heartfelt gratitude. The following Sunday Jan 27th the installation of officers was held in Pittsburg at the Wedgewood Restaurant, preceded by Holly Mass at Good Shepherd Church. A big thank you to Branch 72, especially to the Jarrett family.

At the meeting we discussed the preparations for the upcoming District Communion Breakfast hosted by Branch 13, St Catherine's in Martinez. The Mass will be on March 17 at 8:30am, followed by breakfast in the church hall. The District would appreciate a head count by Feb. 28. David Botta of Branch 14 in Crockett, updated us regarding our present membership. He reported that the ICF Contra Costa District has 751 members. The membership com-



Fr. Nick Reina, Chaplain of Branch 154 Richmond, and Deacon Albert Dizon, Co-Chaplain of Branch 13 Martinez before mass at the Contra Costa District Installation



mittee will be sending out a questionnaire to each member. The committee would really like our feedback. Please return the questionnaire, for it will be a big tool in evaluating what can be done to make the ICF more viable.

Please mark your calender for Bishop's Day on April 21. Details will follow. Valentines Day is a day of expressing love, so let us remember that love is patient, love is kind, it does not boast, it does not envy, and love never fails -- Corinthians 13 4-7
Joann Thilgen

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Thanks, Lisa Yama, for a wonderful February Italian dinner! It was a grand way to welcome new members Mike and Sandra Bowman of Fairfield (Mike was raised in Crockett), Mike and Bev Thomas of Crockett (Mike was raised in Port Costa, Rodeo and Crockett and Bev hails from Livermore), and Frank Kelly, a proud Irishman who moved from Philadelphia and has lived in Pinole since 1966. So glad to welcome you all to Branch 14, as well as Theresa Canepa and her son Nicholas, both of whom transferred from another branch. Some may remember Theresa's aunt, Josephine Simontacchi. Get well prayers for Sante Cerri, Brian Harrah, Laverne Marinell, Alice Marshall, Gayle McConlogue, Robert Pallotta, Vince Ramos, Anthony Scardina and Helen Peterson. Please take good care of yourself everyone; don't let me list your name here next month!

We send sincere condolences to Valerie Rader's family. We will all miss Valerie, a devoted member for many years. Also, our sympathies to Raymond Lehre, on the loss of his mother.

IMPORTANT: Note date and time change. March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00. There is no mass as we celebrate St. Joseph's Table. Please bring a meatless dish to share. And a special treat; Nancy Botta will present the Heritage Report. Perfect since she's half Italian and half Irish, right?

Remember the St. Rose Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, always the biggest and best fundraiser for our church. Cost is \$16.

Please check the Contra Costa District article; lots happening there, too, but I've already probably exceeded my word limit. In honor of St. Patrick's Day and our Irish members, I'll close with an Irish toast: May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect

you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you.

Diane Bottini O'Thomas

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

At the Feb. meeting Connie Boschke and Jennie Green returned after a one year absence due to health problems. They thanked the members for their ongoing prayers. The Feb. heritage report was about Venice Italy. Three different reports and all were very interesting.

Upcoming:
Sunday March 10 – Branch meeting at 2pm. Theme: "St. Joseph and St. Patrick" Novena and lunch to follow.

Sunday, March 17 – District Communion Breakfast hosted by Branch 13. Mass will be celebrated at St. Catherine's in Martinez at 8:30am. Breakfast will follow in the parish hall for 5.00 per person.

Please call Patty at 925-228-0810. A head-count is needed in advance.

Sunday, April 14 – Branch meeting at 2pm. Theme: "Spring" There will be an election of Convention Delegates. We will also have a free raffle and an egg hunt.

Sunday, April 21 – Bishop's Day will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Richmond. Banquet to follow at the Richmond Galileo Club. If you plan to attend please mail check made out to ICF branch 72. Send it to treasurer Helen Politakes at 953 Veterans Dr. Martinez, CA 94553. Lunch is 25.00 per adult. Children's price available.

Thursday, April 25 – District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.

Branch member Charles Fierreira recently passed away. We offer condolences to his family. May he R.I.P.

This year's membership contest is still open to all members. Will you be the winner in Dec?

Until next time,
Helen Politakes

Richmong St. Raymond, Br. 154

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm before the March 11 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Reserve with Dee Rosier at 232-1387 by March 7. Cost is \$12.

We welcomed guests Donna Hoffman, Deputy, and Tony Mirante and his mother Marie. Mark your calendars for March 17, the District Communion with mass at 8:30 am followed by

Pancake Breakfast at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Martinez at a bargain price of \$5.00; for

Casino trip to Cache Creek on March 25. Reserve with Joe Meneghelli at 2234-2208. Cost is \$30.

April 21 is Bishop's Day. Mass will be at Our Lady of Mercy Church followed by dinner at the Galileo Club. Dinner cost is \$25 and reserve with Walter Costa at 925-370-3737. Fundraiser Polenta Dinner at St. Jerome's is planned for May 4.

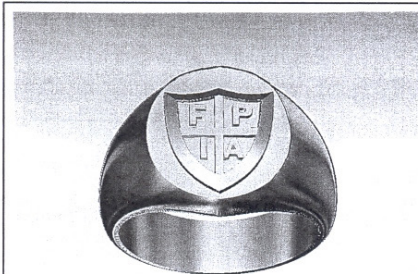
The following were winners after the Minestrone and Salad dinner prepared by President Walter Costa and Toni Reeder. Attendance: Amy Berner, Gino Martinucci, Marie Mirante, Frank Soldano, and Eugenia Traverso; Birthday: Mike Cannady; 50/50: Diana DeSimoni.

Keep members Lina Cardella, Dee Rosier, and Jean Stark in your prayers. Jean is home again at Bay Park and Dee is recuperating at home.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.
God bless,
Joyce Peterson

Concord St. Agnes, Br. 214

Our installation of Officers for 2013 was a special day, we Thank Pittsburgs Branch #72 for hosting this great event. Officers are: Roberta Healy (President), Eileen Vonk (Vice



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Pres.), Teri Hurlbut (Secty), Barbara Faircloth (Treasurer),Angie Monson (Financial Secty.), Christina Artale (correspondence Secty/Membership),Dixie Grossi (Orator), Karen Gee (Sentinel), Paul Schepis (Heritage/Historian), Allison & Ed McGuirk (Trustees), Diane Lorenzetti (Trustee). We are excited about our upcoming 45th Anniversary Polenta Dinner. Come one Come all, help us Celebrate & Enjoy. MARCH 9TH, 6PM. Raffle Prizes!! It will be held at the Concord Senior Ctr., 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord. For Tickets contact: Barbara Faircloth (925) 682-2137 or Teri Hurlbut (925) 256-9649 ticket deadline is MAR. 4th. Michael Faircloth will head the event, accompanied by his wife Barbara, Robertal Healy (Pres.),Teri & Steve Hurlbut, & Angie Monson. Birthday Blessings to: Thelma Maggio, Paul Schepis, Barbara Faircloth, Allison McGuirk, & Angie Monson. We keep our sick members in our prayers especially Mia Basarich and Fr. Vince our Chaplin. We look forward to the Honoring of St. Joseph's Day. *May yours be a Blessed day too.*
Christina A

ICF - Bulletino
photo is of attending installation of officers. back L-R: Allison & Ed McGuirk,Karen Gee, Teri Hurlbut, Barbara Faircloth,Angie Monson (behind her) Dixie Grossi, front row: President Roberta Healy & Ron Artale

**Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352**

We are very saddened at the passing of our dear friend and long time branch member, Jim Mercurio. Jim and his wife, Tina, have always been very active and supportive members of our Branch. Jim will be sorely missed. Our most sincere condolences go out to Tina and his sons and daughter. Our March general meeting will be Monday the 18th at 7:30pm. Chef Angelo will serve us his special corned beef and cabbage dinner at 6:30 prior to the meeting. At \$15.00 this dinner is very popular. Reserve early via E-vite or with Pres. Tony at 820-1670 or tlrosellini@sbcglobal.net. tlrosellini@sbcglobal.net. tlrosellini@sbcglobal.net. Our first bake sale of the year will Sunday, March 3rd. Bake sales are one of our major fund raising events and we need the support of all our members. Please bring your cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. to the vestibule of the church prior to either the 7:30, 9:00, or 10:30am mass. If you are unable to donate baked goods, a monetary donation will be greatly appreciated. It can be presented at the church vestibule during the bake sale or mailed to our Treasurer, Steve Gouig. Steve's address is 820 St. George Rd., Danville 94526. Mark your calendar for April 20. That is when we will have our Festa Primavera dinner which you won't want to miss. Chef Angelo will serve up a sumptuous dinner, we will have music and Frank Luciani will conduct a great raffle and silent auction. A guaranteed fun evening. Early reservations are a must. Our Contra Costa District is sponsoring a Communion Breakfast on March 17. It will be hosted by Branch 13, Martinez. Mass will be at 8:30am at St. Catherine of Siena, 604 Mellus St., Martinez. Breakfast will follow immediately in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Happy Birthday to all of our March birthday members.
Ciao
Gordon Brasseur

**Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432**
The year is getting under way and we are

busy putting together an interesting and fun-filled calendar of events and fundraisers for this year. Our new Vice President Anita Camera and the board members are planning our fundraiser for April as well as our Annual Festa D'Italia and Car Show in September. More information will follow. The district installation was great, the Pittsburg Branch did a wonderful job. We had a good turnout of members from the district and we all enjoyed each other's company. It really is nice to get together with members from the other branches, we should all try to do that more often. We are in the middle of the Lenten Season and reflecting on what we can do for others in our branch, our church and our communities, sometimes it is a simple thing that can bring some joy to another. Let us just think of that simple thing each day that may brighten someone's day. From Branch 432 we wish you a fruitful Lenten Season and a Joyful and Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.
Until next month,
Ciao,
Phyllis Lilly

**Orange
Irvine**

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! Our January meeting dinner was hosted by Ann and Lorraine Volpe. They served pasta with meat sauce, warm garlic bread, salads, and desserts. Tom Farrell reminded everyone to pay their dues. Our February meeting dinner was hosted by Tom and Joann Jordan. We dined on cheese and vegetarian pizzas with assorted salads and desserts. President Frank Gianantonio thanked Mary Ann Profeta for facilitating the January meeting in his absence. Frank also thanked Ann and Lorraine Volpe and Tom and Joann Jordan for hosting dinners for the last two meetings. In addition, Frank thanked Maureen for hosting the officers' meeting brunch. We welcomed two new members to our branch: Lucia Trozzi and John Pianta. Welcome to our ICF family! Our next social event will be the Pageant of Our Lord in Palos Verdes on March 16. The event costs \$36 per person. If you are interested, please contact Dolly Lewis for more information. St. Joseph Table will be held at St. Thomas More parish on March 16 and 17 after all the masses. We will have baked goods, cupcakes, meal in a bag, fresh made cannolis, and meatball and sausage sandwiches for sale. We are asking for the members to provide baked goods and other specialties to add to our table.
Ciao,
Miranda Gibson

Phoenix

Glendale

St. Thomas More, Br. 436

By the time you receive this Bolletino the Lenten season will be in full swing and we will be looking forward to the blessings of Easter. Our branch started off the New Year with many fun-filled and blessed events. Election and installation of officers was held, we helped St. Thomas More church with the annual Italian dinner, and we hosted a reception for the Bishop's Day Mass. We are pleased to announce that Suzanne will once again take on the responsibility of President for our branch. Thank you Suzanne for giving of your time, we know you have family and work commitments but are



Branch 436 Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares at Bishops Day.

thankful for all you do for our branch. A big thanks to members Maria and Pasquale Lombardo for their hard work cooking and setting up for the annual Italian dinner. A great meal and much fun were had by all. Thanks to all members of our branch who contributed to the success of this gathering. The Bishop's day mass was well attended by our branch as well as by guests from our Surprise, AZ branch. A big thanks to David Botta and Jim and Bette Acitelli for attending and helping us successfully welcome Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares to the reception for Bishop's Day. Finally, a huge thanks to member Jill Lamoureux's daughter Kim Tiberio for making the beautiful cake for our reception! The cake was a true piece of art and it tasted as wonderful as it looked. Thank you Mike DeLucia for all your support and help with all the events in January. Looking ahead we will be preparing for St. Joseph's Table.
God Bless,
Brenda Cavaliere

Reno

**Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135**

On a cold Sunday pre-Valentine's evening of February 10th, 31 members and guests enjoyed a terrific meatloaf and fixings dinner put together by Vonnice Ramos, Charlyne Pacini, Joe Saiz. Guests were Ray Ferrari (cousin of Bob Ferrari), his wife Mary Jo Wiese, and Michael Smith. Much thanks to the folk who prepared and served the food for their dedication, service and terrific food. Brother Mathew lead our group in a prayer, remembering Monsigour Leo McFadden, who recently died. Msgr. McFadden was a much loved priest of the diocese for 60 years and many of our members knew him well. He was 84 years old. At the meeting portion of the evening, the following items were voted upon: a) a YES vote to send \$100 to the Knights of Columbus of St. Albert's for their fund-raiser wine tasting event; b) a YES vote to give two \$400 scholarships to Central Council for two Reno area graduating seniors to be used for college; c) a YES vote to give three \$250 tuition assistance scholarships for the Catholic grammar schools in Reno (total amount \$750); and, d) a YES vote to give two \$500 tuition assistance scholarships for two current year students of Manogue Catholic High School (total amount \$1,000); Our next meeting is Sunday, March 10. Everybody needs to be there for the grand prospects of a "tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner". We ask the Lord's blessing on all our members and their families.
Submitted by,
Tony DiGuglielmo

**San Bernardino
District Council**

Attention all Branches of San Bernardino District. Since we are hosting this year's Convention, Central Council Member, Steve Fuentes has set up a meeting for as many members to meet him at the site. This year the Convention will be held at La Quinta Resort in La Quinta CA. Those members going should be there by 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd. We will get preliminary instructions for what we are expected to provide as hosts. I hope to see many of you there. The address is 49499 E. Eisenhower Drive. La Quinta, CA 92253.
Jack Grisafe
San Bernardino
District President

**Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210**

We lost our Centurion, Josephine Bruno, who would have been 102 on June 24 this year. She passed peacefully February 5. We also were notified of the passing of Josephine Sperrazzo, Wife of Past Central Council Member Emeritus. Josephine and Chuck became Members of our Branch when their branch in Hemet closed. Steve Fuentes made contact with me last week, to make a date to meet at La Quinta, to make plans for this year's convention. We will meet at the site March 3 at 1pm. All San Bernardino District Branch members are invited to attend. The more Members to attend the more educated, we will be as to what has to be done to prepare for and host the Convention. Mauro, reminded everyone to recommend students for our ICF Scholarship. We voted to fund one \$400.00 Scholarship again this year. Since Easter is early this year, we will celebrate St Patrick's Day with Corned Beef and Cabbage in March, as usual, and have our Easter Dinner at the April Meeting. We still need a Heritage, and a Scholarship Committee Chairperson. We also need someone to plan our next breakfast fund raiser. See Mauro if you would like to head or work on one of these committees. I received the Raffle booklets this morning and will have them at the March 3 Meeting in La Quinta, so be sure to have someone there from each Branch to pick them up. Happy Birthday Greetings to all Members born in February and March. Thanks to Nan Judge, Angie Teal and Pat Grisafe for creating the beautiful Baskets for the Installation and the Branch Raffles.
Ciao.
Jack Grisafe

**Sacramento
Blessed Sacrament**

District Council

January 12, 2013 we held our District Installation of Officers at St. Mary's Branch \45. Prior to the Installation of Officers, a regular District Meeting was held. Some of our District Members were not present due to being snowbound. There was excellent representation from Central Council and our Branches with a lovely meal served by the host Branch after the Installation. Our next District Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, at St. Clare's Branch #438 at 1:00 P.M., with lunch to follow. We are working with Jim Jones on our District Float for the Italian Benevolent Society's Picnic and Parade which will be held in Sutter Creek on Sunday, June 2. We are also working on our annual Mangiamo Dinner fundraiser with a date to be determined. Details to follow!
Ciao,
Lee A. Cook
1st Vice President

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73
The evening of 2 February, Branch 73 served a delicious polenta/chicken dinner to some 250 persons. We thank Tony and Kathy Barsotti and their kitchen crew for preparing it. Also to be thanked are those who procured the food and table settings, set up and outfitted the tables, served the food, and cleared the tables. Such is the reputation of the branch's twice yearly dinners that it is not necessary to advertise them to sell all the tickets. A last thank you is due to those who outfitted and manned the bar and sold dinner, drink, and raffle tickets.
The next meeting of Branch 73 will be in the Convent at 7:00 19 March. Remember that 2013 dues maay be paid at the meeting or mailed to Fred Terrio, 228 Skopas Court, Roseville, 95661
Buona Pasqua a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 il 31 marzo. Che possano festeggiare la giornata con un bel prosciutto o arrosto di agnello ed altri cibi buoni sulla tavola, ed intorno questa i loro familiari. Se pensate che il 31 marzo e' troppo presto per Pasqua, date la colpa alla luna.
Buon compleanno a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di marzo, ed anche tante belle cose.

North Highlands
St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236
On Saturday, February 2 our general meeting was held in Gabrielli Hall where members were treated to homemade meatball soup and salad. Thank you to Maria Keller for putting together February's meal, the soup was simply delicious! Congratulations to Mary Mencarini who won this month's membership drawing and to Nina Malone who won the 50/50 drawing.
Last month members voted to change the start time of our regular meetings from 6:30pm to 2:00 pm and our February meeting was the first regular meeting to start at 2:00, which all appeared to go quite smoothly.
Happy Birthday wishes to Patricia Korf (March 6th), Ann D'Antonio (March 15th), Virginia Becker (March 16th), and John Green (March 21st).
Please continue to keep in your prayers our sick members and our member's family members who are sick.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Margie Burke

Sutter Creek
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 428
As of January 11, 2013 our Branch name has been changed from Immaculate Conception to St. Katharine Drexel Amador County, Branch #428.
Bishop Soto has combined all the churches in Amador County to reflect one name, St. Katharine Drexel, which is why we requested a name change from Central Council. Amador County has six individual mission churches that will remain open but the "County" parish will be known by one name and have a separate church facility. We felt that by changing the name it would promote more unity of the parishioners in the County and hopefully increased membership.
Our Branch will be celebrating its 12th Birthday on the 19th of March 2013 and we will celebrate the name change at that time. If you would like to attend our name change Birthday Party, call Lee or Lynda Cook at 209-267-9235. Dinner will be \$7.50 and some Central Council members will be attending to help us celebrate. Hope to see you there. Garrett Anderson and Lee Cook will cook a fantastic corned beef dinner utilizing a 65 year old recipe. These guys are upset if the house isn't packed!
Happy Easter Season!
Ciao,
Lynda Cook

San Diego

District Council

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, the San Diego District Council held its annual Joint Installation of Branch and District Officers at St. Therese's Social Center. Father Bill Stevenson, Diocesan Chaplain and St. Therese Branch Chaplain officiated at the 11:00am mass held in St. Therese Church. A delicious luncheon featuring a magnificent hors d'oeuvre table catered by Cupid's Catering followed in the Social Center. During the program that followed gifts were presented to installing officer, Leonard Zasoski, Grand 2nd Vice President and his wife, Betty by District President, Tony Anthony and his wife, Rose Marie respectively. Other C.C. and C.C. Emeritus present were Sargent at Arms, Franklyn Lopes Jr., Pat Mages and her husband, Lou, Life Member Emeritus, Jody Balestrieri and C.C. Emeritus, Forrest Price and his wife Prudence. During the events, Leonard Zasoski presented Grand President, Jane Dianda's message and Tony Anthony made his remarks concerning the District. Forrest Price, District Deputy, presented the Branch Deputy of the Year Award to Jody Balestrieri. Co-chairs for the event were Prudence and Forrest Price. Others who played a role in the ceremony were: Don Chmiel, Richard Barker, Robin Fielding, Robert Tallarida, Chris Murphy and Maria Tollefson.
Forrest Price

Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229
February had a great start for Branch 229. On the 3rd we had our famous Super Bowl Sandwich Sale. A great way to interact with other members of the parish, our popular meatball and sausage sandwiches were a huge success. Cannoli sales also went well. New and old members working together made for a fun time under our blue tents. Free hot coffee and mini muffins for the kids brought a new element into the event. We look forward to the Lenten season and the many faith oriented events taking place at St. Rose of Lima. The celebration of our Lord rising on Easter morning brings a need to repent and the joy and peace it brings. We will try to emphasize a spirit of preparation and anticipation in our members.
Our goal of bringing more emphasis to the Italian Heritage will be brought to life with the celebration of St. Joseph on March 17. We will serve a variety of foods indigenous to the poor people St. Joseph is known for helping. Our St. Joseph "Table" always a favorite will be the center, with Italian cookies, cannolis and other hot foods offered. May the Lenten Season bring renewed Faith, Love and Charity to your lives.
God Bless all of you,
Toni Hildebrand

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Cari Amici,
Lent is here, a great time for prayer and reflection. As we examine our approach to daily life with fasting, good deeds, and dedication to God let us pray that this Lent will be a time of true transformation. Branch 230 had a General Meeting on January 18, it was preceded by a dinner social, thank-you to the chefs Mary Lou Terramagra, Theresa Cutri, Pietro Vella, and Sherry Thurston. Thanks also to our bartenders, Joe and Marcia Buompensiero, and Iceman Vince Lieggi. The Branch prayed a Rosary for Bishop Coadjutor Cirilo Flores, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Thanks to all who led each decade and helped our branch fulfill it's

Bishop's Day Spiritual Bouquet. Speaking of flowers, our Branch Deputy Jody Balestrieri strongly encouraged our branch to nominate a member for the Grand President's Award. Thanks to Francesca Sumner for doing a great job on our drawing. We sent 11 members to the District Installation on January 27. Thanks to Jim Cardinale-Hill and Valerie Webb for their great work on the Prize Drawing. Thanks also to Carmen Lemus for representing an under the weather ,absent/ excused, Carolyne Koebrich. We all got a kick when Jamison Cassidy was recognized as the youngest ICF member in attendance, parents James and Amanda beamed with joy. Members of Branch 230 are encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Fridays February 22 and March 15, and Corporate Communion on April 10 at 10:30 am Mass. Our Pancake Breakfast for Schol-arships will be on Sunday April 21, 8am-12 noon. Please pray for our lawmakers ans servicemen and women.
Pace di Cristo
Richard Barker

San Diego
St. Vincent de Paul, Br. 246
We are preparing for the feast of St Joseph. The procession for Saint Joseph and Our Blessed Mary,with children of our members, will begin the evening. It will be followed by the blessing of St. Joseph's table. All proceeds will benefit our favorite charities. We will celebrate St. Joseph's Table on March 15.
A joyful St. Patrick Day to our beloved Sisters of Mercy, Sr. Ursula, Sr. Kathleen and Sr. Mary.
A happy St. Patrick's Day, Fr. William Dillard.
May your sacrifices, almsgiving and devotions give each of us, new insight of the Crucifixion of Jesus, this holy season of Lent.
Thank you, all for attending our Corporate Communion and Breakfast.
Please continue to remember our service personnel and their families in your prayers.
We wish each of you, your family and friends a glorious celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Ciao,
Patricia

San Francisco
Maria SS Immacolata, Br. 1
Dear Members:
Please note these upcoming events:
March 24 - Branch Mass 10:30am
April 3 - Monthly Meeting 7:00pm Hosts: Paul Biagi and Rose Vallerga
April 7 - Archbishop Day - Details TBA
Prayers and get-well wishes to Leo Sapienza, recuperating from a broken elbow. Also for wife Margaret's health issues.
Happy Easter to all !
Ciao!
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
The attendance at our February meeting was again very small. We had members missing with bad colds and various other illnesses. Get well members, we need you back soon and completely healthy!
Our meeting lunch was a success. Everyone enjoyed it very much. Of course we had a lot of leftovers because of our "sickies," but nothing got wasted. We all got to take something home for dinner.
We had just made up our Branch 38 calendar and sent it to all our members when we have had to change two dates already, because I have two important family commitments those 2 days and can't be there.
The 1st date: We've had to change the March

9 date to Saturday, March 23. We will have a Brown Bag Lunch with Cucidati (donated by Maria Gloria) for dessert. We are honoring St. Joseph.
The 2nd date we have to change is April 13 to Saturday, April 6. The theme of the day will still be "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". I hope I haven't confused anyone. If you are confused, phone me at 415-392-3560.
We would like to thank Dora and Lottie for always being such a huge help at all our meetings and luncheons and always willing to be chairladies, and Ines Massetani for phoning and reminding our members of our meeting dates. A giant thank you to Ellen (Mary Lavin's caregiver) for helping at our meetings.
Please keep our sick and homebound in your prayers.
Ciao!
Ci Vediamo il 23 di marzo!
Mara Amato

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258
On April 7 we will have our Champagne Bingo. The doors will open at 12:30pm in Cantwell Hall. The price is \$25.00 and includes 1 Bingo Packet. The menu includes Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert. Please call Mary Perata at (415) 239-5936 or Florence Mangion at (415) 468-1764 for reservations. The deadline for reservations is April 3. Please come and join us for a very pleasant day. We wish all of our members and their families a very Blessed and Happy Easter - Buona Pasqua!
Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.
March 4 - Officers' Meeting
March 24 - Mass
March 25 - Meeting
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

San Francisco
Corpus Christi, Br. 290
Branch 290 would like to thank everyone who attended our Crab Feed on February 2. A wonderful evening of good food, terrific Raffle prizes, and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. A heartfelt thank you to all members who helped make the evening such a great success.
Branch 290's first Champagne-Bingo luncheon of the year will be held on Saturday, March 2.
Doors open at 11:00am, followed by lunch at noon. Delicious food, fun Bingo games, and the possibility of winning lovely Raffle prizes are available to anyone for the price of \$25. Hope to see you there.
Our March meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 21. A catered corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00pm. Price of dinner to be determined.
Best wishes for good health to all members.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Ciao,
Jeannette

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San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Over the last few months, we have lost 3 members, Ed O'Malley, Louis Mendieta and Frank DeRenzi. Please pray for the repose of their souls and also pray for the loved ones they left behind. We hope that Peggy Nan is doing better after her trip to the hospital.

Something new for Br. 365: We are planning a "Garage Sale" in April. Our new prez, George Pagni, has graciously offered to hold the sale in his garage, which is directly across from St. Cecilia's on 17th Avenue. The sale will be held on the 27 & 28 of April. We need everyone's participation on this event. Large items will be picked up, and other items can be delivered before that weekend. George & Nancy Pagni, 566-8333.

There was a good attendance at our meeting and pasta dinner last month. Thanks to Mary DeMartini and Liliana Zarich, who did the cooking and Paul and Italo who set up. Our next meeting will be on March 13, at 6:30, in the Serra Room. We will have a potluck dinner in honor of St. Joseph. Liliana is in charge. If you have not already made a decision on what to bring, please give her a call at 661-3067.

*Ciao and God Bless,
Ann Basuino*

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Thanks again to branch 10 for a successful Installation of Officers. If you did not attend, you missed a great day. Congratulations to Father Frank Murray on his 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration to the Priesthood. He is truly a Saintly Priest. Note: His address has changed to 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, April 7, Bishop's Day for the San Francisco Archdiocese at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Mass 11:30a.m. with lunch following in the hall. Reservation deadline: March 30th to Bea Tomasello, 1348 Paloma Avenue, Burlingame 94010. 650-344-5276. Price: \$20 for San Mateo District Branch Members and \$25 for Guests and non-San Mateo District Members. Note: Seminary Burse and Spiritual Bouquet should be sent to Bea Tomasello by March 15.

Carol Gianuario is the new Sunshine Person.

Call her if you know of anyone we should send a card to--650-593-5681.

Please remember in our thoughts and prayers: Father Frank Murray, John Cannon, Anne O'Brien and Nancy Van Tricht.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Blessed Easter!

Anne O'Brien

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Our February business/dinner meeting was held on the 6th and we would like to thank all of the helpers who prepared our dinner. We would like to also extend a big welcome to our new member, Vilma Parisi.

The Crab Feed Fundraiser was held on Feb. 16th, and over 100 guests enjoyed the delicious dinner prepared by Aldo DeTomasi and Bill Mangini. Thanks to all for helping to make this such a successful event.

The dinner meeting for March was chaired by Chef Sam Bonnano. He and his crew always do an outstanding job. In fact, we are truly blessed to have so many members who "step up" and are always willing to help!

Don't forget March 16 is our Corn Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser. All are welcome, so bring your friends and have a wonderful evening. For more information, contact Norma at 650-583-3643.

On April 3, we will be serving Baked Ham with all the trimmings, for our business/dinner meeting.

May 1, will be our last business/dinner meeting as we take a break for the months of June and July. Our first meeting after the break will be August 7.

So until next time...a little thought to ponder. "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart".

Happy Easter!

Sempre Avanti,

Laurie Masetti

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

The membership enjoyed a very tasty sausage and polenta dinner at the February 11 dinner meeting. Many thanks to Deborah and Kathy for a job well done.

Upcoming Events:

March 11: Dinner meeting- Corned Beef and Cabbage, Members \$10, Guests \$12

No host cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, Chairpersons: Donna and Christine. Reser-

vations by March 6 to Cheryl (650)755-0873

March 25: Social meeting/Easter favors

April 6: Champagne-Chicken Bingo. Call Kathy if you can help (650) 993-8336

April 7: Bishop's Day-Our Lady of the Angels, Burlingame. Details to follow.

April 8: Dinner/Meeting-Soup Night. \$10 Members, \$12 Guests. No host cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30. Please bring your bowl and spoon.

Chairpersons: Kathy & Deborah. Reservations by April 4 to Cheryl (650) 755-0878.

April 22: Social meeting/Mother's and Father's Day favors.

At our social meetings we get together and make tray favors that are distributed to local nursing homes. All the materials are supplied, no special skills are needed and help is on hand to assemble the favors. Consider joining us as many hands make light work and it is a fun evening.

Have you paid your 2013 dues? If not, please send them to Joann Sangiacomo. Any questions, call (650) 756-5969.

Looking forward to seeing you in "the wearing of the green" at our St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 11.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all,

Ruth Lapachet

San Mateo St. Matthew, Br. 163

Salutations! Can you believe that the Lenten season has already begun and Easter will be here on March 31?

Thanks to our member for the great potluck dinner we had at our February meeting. All the food donated by the members was a delicious and we had a very enjoyable evening. Reminder: Dinners start at 6:00 p.m. and meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Father Frank Murray is now living at 2087 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Please send him a card so he will know you are thinking of him. I know he would appreciate thoughts and prayers.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, March 7, 2013 - Soup dinner and meeting. Bring your own soup bowl and spoon. Members: \$9.00, Non-members: @11.00. Send checks to Anne Guerin, 3040 Del Ray St., San Mateo.

Sunday April 7th - Bishop's day at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Mass at 11:30 a.m., with lunch following in the hall. Price \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Dues are \$36.00 and are now payable for this year. Send to Virginia Fuentes, 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont, CA 94002.

Happy St. Patrick's! Happy Easter!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

This year seems to be moving faster than others as we have so many events planned and the fact that Lent has already started is surprising to me.

Our branch would like to welcome a new member, Paul Constantino, whose family is well known around Burlingame.

Our February meeting was a Soup Supper chaired by our president, Dorene Campanile and a special thank you to Dorene and all of the members who shared their specialties with the rest of us.

Upcoming events:

March 14 - St. Joseph's Table 6:30pm and meeting to follow. Please let Dorene and Bob Tomasello know which dish you would like to bring to share in St. Joseph's feast celebration.

April 07 Sunday - Bishop's Day OLA 11:30. Lunch to follow OLA Gym

April 11 Meeting dessert social

April 14 - Sunday Fundraiser OLA Gym (more details to follow)

April 28 - Mass 10:00 am with Branch 403. Millbrae - brunch to follow Terrace Cafe.

Please keep our sick members of our branch in your prayers especially Anitas Bacich and John Watterson.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

Thank you Lorraine and Jackie for hosting our February 12 Valentine's Day Social. The appetizers were wonderful and the decorations were outstanding. Great job, ladies.

President Joe Crosetti discussed Bishop's Day to be held on April 7 at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am and lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Lunch menu includes appetizers, salad, pasta, chicken, vegetables, dessert, wine, coffee, and tea. Price is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, and money will be collected at our March 12 meeting. Need more information? Call President Joe at 650-589-8377.

We are almost 100% on our dues receipts. Thank you all for being so prompt! Makes my job a lot easier!

As always, please remember our members who cannot attend our meetings. Let them know they are missed! John and Fran Cannon, Mary Rose Favuzzi, Helen Minotti, Bill Houwer. We miss you!

We will have a Lenten Soup Supper at our March 12 meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

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San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Hi All,

The January meeting was well attended and a wonderful dinner was had by all! Carmine Maffei prepared a roast pork dinner which was enjoyed by all. The meeting was cut short due to a vigil service in the church for Bob Figone.

Bob and Norma, his wife, were long time members of the I.C.F. and parish as well!! Norma passed 5 years ago.

She was our president for three years. Bob and his crew made our wonderful Tom & Jerry drinks at the Christmas party.

He did everything and anything he was asked to do. We were truly blessed to have

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*God Bless - Ciao,
Carole*

**Menlo Park
Church of Nativity, Br. 351**

Dues are NOW payable!!!! Please pay promptly!!!
Thursday March 7 – Member Mass at 5:30pm at Church of Nativity followed by Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (\$15.00) at 6:30pm, Brief meeting. Reservation deadline MARCH 1!!!! Call Cory 650-867-8946
SAVE THE DATE Sunday April 7 – Bishop's Day will be at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. 11:30am Mass followed by lunch in the Gym. \$20.00 per person. THERE WILL BE A MEMBER MASS FOR PAUL ROBBIANO ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9th. 5:15pm at ST. RAYMOND CHURCH. Paul was a Charter member of our Branch and will be remembered by his many friends. Please continue to pray for our many sick members especially Theresa Genevro, Mary Henriques, Rose Edel and Martha and Charles Stevens.
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In the Santa Clara Valley District, each branch takes turns hosting a monthly district meeting and arranging a dinner at a local restaurant. Key is separate checks and allowing people to arrive at different times. In February, we enjoyed each other's company at the Garrett in Los Gatos.

**Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Hi All,
The January meeting was well attended and a wonderful dinner was had by all! Carmine Maffei prepared a roast pork dinner which was enjoyed by all. The meeting was cut short due to a vigil service in the church for Bob Figone. Bob and Norma, his wife, were long time members of the I.C.F. and parish as well!! Norma passed 5 years ago. She was our president for three years. Bob and his crew made our wonderful Tom & Jerry drinks at the Christmas party. He did everything and anything he was asked to do. We were truly blessed to have them both as members of our organization. The February meeting on Tuesday, the 19, will be our meatloaf dinner, made by the Young's, Mike and Martha. They live in Cool California, and still bring the dinner down to us each year. We are so blessed by such wonderful people in our Branch. Fr. Frank Murray celebrated his 60th Anniversary as a priest. He has been the moderator for several years in our district. Thankfully, many members were in attendance. God bless him, what a wonderful priest. Our fundraiser, Corned Beef dinner, will be held on March 9: cocktails at 6:00pm, 7:00pmdinner. \$25.00/dinner. Please call Marie: 650-593-4118 for reservations. by Feb. 28th, please! Jim Stevens will be our entertainment again this year--brought back by popular request! Once again, a BIG Raffle will be held. Lots of goodies to be had--you all come!!
*God Bless - Ciao,
Carole*

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

On January 15, we had the pleasure of having Grand President Jane Dianda and other members of the central council install the officers for 2013.
President – Marlene Farber
1st Vice President – Lorraine Iavarone
2nd Vice President – Phyllis Rybensky
Recording Secretary – Anna Biggio
Financial & Corresponding Secretary – Mary Onetti
Treasurer – Catherine Biggio
Orator – Theresa Rosser
Trustees – Gloria Ghirarduzzi, Doris Warne-Mulligan, Guy Francoz
Sentinel – Jeanne Asdourian
Our deputy, Kathy Acquistapace, presented Branch 161 with two awards, one was a

Certificate of Merit in recognition of 100% Apostolate/Charity Report Participation and the other one was a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of 100% Branch Participation of full scholarships in the 2012 Scholarship Program.
On Saturday, February 2 we had our annual crab dinner at Deer Park Villa. The evening started out with cocktails and appetizers followed by a wonderful dinner of salad, garlic bread and one whole cracked crab platter. For dessert we had sorbet with cookies made by Cindy Iavarone and Imma Sottile, thank you ladies for the delicious cookies. Seventy four people attended and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle money for the baskets. Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren't feeling well. Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day to all of you. We also wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Buona Pasqua!
*Ciao,
Anna Biggio*

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

Co President Greg Erigero welcomed all members and guests to Branch 332's Fat Tuesday dinner meeting. Everyone filled their plates in anticipation of Lent beginning the following day. We continue to keep Lisa Steiner and Marilyn Hunter in our prayers and thoughts. Are you interested in learning more about your Italian heritage? If so, The Italian American Genealogical Society is having a luncheon on Saturday April 6 at Muscio's Italian Restaurant in Novato. Please contact Dee Denko at 415-382-8090 for details, directions and reservations. Thanks to Dave Garbarino for the music and Angie McDuffie and her crew for a delicious dinner. Our next dinner meeting is March 12. We wish everyone happy St. Patrick's Day, happy St. Joseph Day, and a happy and Blessed Easter.

**San Jose
Santa Clara Valley**

District Council

The March district meeting will be held at Br. 186, St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos (not the sachool)– Monday, March 11. The premeeting dinner will be at The Sizzler in Mtn. View.
The following are district and branch dates to mark your calendars and make plans to attend:
March 9 – Branch 28, Polenta dinner \$20.00
Kathy Santos 408-

842-8547
March 9 – Branch 408, Pasta dinner \$12.00
Ric Shimshock 408-733-4890
March 16 - District Day of Recollection with Father George Aranhacontact your branch president no later than March 10
March 16 Br. 186 Polenta dinner dance \$25.00 Elaine Osorio 650-493-5520
March 26 Br. 47 Corned Beef dinner 6:30 P.M. Joe Teresi 650-493-2856
April 20 Br. 184 Chicken and Polenta dinner/dance \$25.00 Don Arnaudo 408-354-4017
May 4 – District golf tournament in Gilroy-more info. to follow
May 11 – Day at the Races 12:00 keep the date open – more info. to follow
June 23 – District Our Lady of Peace Mass 11:30am more info. to follow
September 7th and 8th 3rd Annual Italian Harvest Festa Morgan Hill branches encouraged to participate with a booth. Contact Jim DiVittorio for information 408-461-0107
October 27 – District Bishop's Day at St. Francis Cabrini 11:30am. More info. to follow.
*Happy St. Patrick's Day and I pray that you have a blessed Easter,
Marcie Rossi*

**San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4**

Our polenta dinner was successful. Thanks to Bill and Maria Greco and committee for all the hard work. Also thanks to the ladies who did the decorations for Mardi Gras. March 6- Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner meeting \$10.00
For those of you who didn't attend the January meeting, dinners were raised \$1.00 to cover the increased cost of food.
March 16- Day of Recollection at St. Clare's Parish. The day will start at 9am, and end at 3pm. Lunch will be served. Donations for lunch are welcome.
To all of our sick members, our prayers are with you.
Our deepest sympathy to the Macaluso Family on the loss of their Mom Mary. Mary was a long time member of Branch 4, and a great friend. She also was a hard worker in her early years as a member. May her soul and all departed members rest in peace.
*God Bless,
Ann Fitzgerald*

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

Thanks to all members who have paid their membership dues for 2013. If you have any name, address, and/or phone number changes, please inform the Financial Secretary, Marlene Rotolo, at the Dinner/Meeting. Happy St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick's Day to all members.
District Day of Recollections, with Father George Aranda, is being held on March



It takes a big crew to make a fundraiser successful. These wonderful ladies created yummy antipasta plates for Br. 391's Valentine's dinner dance.

16, 2013 in St Clare Parish North Hall from 9:00am-3:00pm. All are welcome. It is a great spiritual event during Lent. Please watch your mail for the Branch Newsletter for March for Dinner/Meeting information.

ICF Scholarship Applications are available in Counselor's Office of your high school or download them from the ICF.Org. web site. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2013. See ICF web site for more information.

May you remember to turn you clocks on March 10, 2013 –Spring forward.

Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Asiliatrice, Br. 28

Our main fundraiser the Polenta Dinner will be on March 9, in Cullen Hall at St Mary Parish. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7pm. Thank you to our kitchen crew headed by Andy Pappani, our servers, and all members who put in their time and talent to make this such a great event.

If any of you know of a graduating senior, urge them to apply for our ICF scholarship. Deadline is March 15.

March dinner meeting will be held on March 18, 6pm Cullen Hall.

We will again hold the Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle Run and Car Show at the Santos Residence on Buena Vista Ave. on May 18. If you know of any one who owns a classic car and would like to add it to our display please call Roger or Kathy Santos at 408 842-8547. All proceeds go to Cooley's anemia.

We were happy to celebrate Bernice Kaiser's 100th Birthday in February. Can you believe she is 100. Doesn't look it or act it at all. Best wishes again Bernice Wishing all a very happy and holy Easter.

Buona Pasqua a tutti.

Ciao

Anna Barberi

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

We want to thank all the members for their help at the Crab Dinner. We will have a polenta dinner on Saturday April 20th at Doyle Hall Church basement at 6:30pm. The price is \$20.00, a flyer will be sent to the members. Call Joe Teresi 650-493-2856, 622 Wellsbury Way, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Our Branch wishes all the blessings to Pope Benedict XVI for leading our church for eight years. May God bless our new Pope. Our district will have a Day of Recollection with Fr. George Aranha on Saturday March 16th at St. Clares Church, Santa Clara. Prepare for

Easter, 9:00-3:00 Pm, Mass 2:00 PM. Happy Birthday to Zachery Howe, Kay Ingalls, Joanne McDonald & Bubba Rendazzo.

*Sincerely in Christ
Joseph J. Teresi*

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Every Spring the ICF presents a Day of Recollection. This year the date will be Saturday, March 16, from 9am to pm, at St. Clare's Church in Santa Clara. Excellent speaker Fr. George Aranha will be the presenter. Lunch will be served, for a personal donation. The day will conclude with Mass, celebrated at 2pm.

Our Polenta-Chicken Cacciatore Dinner Dance, "April in Paris", will take place April 20. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join us for a pleasant evening. There will be live music by the Reno di Bono band for your dancing pleasure. The cost is \$25 per person, \$12.50 for children under 12. Please call Denise @ (408)356 2543 or Don @ (408)354 4017 for more information. Hope to see you there.

Octavio Scalise and Marie Yurosko are providing a special meal for the Thursday, March 14 meeting. Please be there by 6:30pm and bring your own dinner service. The cost will be \$5.00 - can't beat that! Blessings of St. Joseph as well as St. Patrick to all! We keep our members and their families in our prayers.

*Ciao for now,
Lucia Amico*

Los Altos St. Nicholas, Br. 186

Have you made your reservations for our Annual Polenta-Dinner Dance March 16. Reno Di Bono will play his wonderful music. Come and enjoy an evening of fun. \$25.00 Adults - \$ 5.00 children under 12. Call Elaine 650-493-5520 for tickets.

The hors d'oeuvres being served before our meetings are great. Its a wonderful social hour. Come and enjoy. 6:30pm at St. Nicholas School Center.

Books of convention raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. The cost is \$20.00 a book and the branch keeps \$10.00. Please send check to Bernadette Tapella with the stubs.

If you know of a member who is ill or needs cheering up, let Anna Petro or any officer know so we may send a card or perhaps call them. Just to let them know we care.

There are many activities at other branches. Read the Bollettino articles for events Its nice to visit other branches and meet new friends.

Deadline for submitting scholarship applications for graduating high school students is



The gym at St. Martin of Tours is decorated with lights and hearts for Our Valentine's dinner dance while busy members fill candy bowls for each table.

March 15.

March 16 - Polenta-Dinner Dance

April 4 - Regular Meeting 6:30pm Hors d'oeuvres to share

"To walk life alone takes courage. To bend to life's needs takes patience. To carry one's sorrow takes strength. To live one's life takes faith."

*Happy St. Patrick's Day,
Elaine*

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Doesn't it feel like this year is flying bye? Greetings of "Happy New Year" seemed to have been too short. Valentine's Day became a memory very quickly too. Now we are focusing our thoughts on Lent and our journey to Easter. As part of this journey, many of our members will be attending the Day of Recollection at St. Claire's Church in Santa Clara on March 16 to hear Fr. Aranha's inspirational words for reflection and prayer. February 27's meeting was the branch's opportunity to participate in the parish's yearly soup nights. The branch prepared and served minestrone soup. This weekly parish event during the Lenten season helps raise money for the missions. Our soup is always popular and it is not unusual to have people coming back for seconds and thirds.

March 24 will be our Palm Sunday quarterly Mass and family breakfast. After breakfast the children will have the opportunity to hunt for eggs. This is always a fun time for the children as well as their parents and grandparents.

Our monthly meeting will be on March 27. The cooks will be serving corned beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Our annual polenta dinner/dance will take place on April 13. The theme is "50's Sock Hop". Dinner will be antipasto salad, chicken cacciatore and polenta, rolls, coffee, wine and desert. Donations are \$25 for Adults and \$12.50 for children. For information and tickets contact Liz Donaldson at (408) 266-3833.

Happy Easter

Rosemary Janis

San Jose

Santa Teresa, Br. 368

Our potluck dinner was organized by the Tavalaras, the Butlers and Johnnie Vierra. The food was great. Thank you to all the members who contributed dishes.

Ed Wendler's spiritual talk began with these words from St. Francis Assis's, "Preach the gospel wherever you go and when possible use words." Was an inspiring talk.

John Dyer gave a heritage talk about Italy. Lots of interesting facts and trivia. Even those who consider themselves experts learned something new! Great job, John!

Aldine Grisenti spoke about the need to continue membership growth.

Mike Nunziata handed out a survey regarding membership. He also announced that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 15.

Noreen Gillio spoke briefly about the Annual Convention Awards. The deadline for nominations is May 1.

Important Dates:

Scholarship Applications are due March 15

~Day of Recollection at St. Clare's

March 16 -- Golf Tournament

May 9 ~ Branch 368 Hosts District Meeting

May 13 ~ Branch 368 Chicken/Pasta Dinner

May 17 ~ Branch 368 Casino Night

Have a blessed and spiritual Lenten season.

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Branch 391 had another successful Valentine Dinner Dance fundraiser. The food, music, and decorations all contributed to a wonderful evening. A special thank you to everyone who helped make the evening special, especially Jessie Romero and Pete Sanchez for heading the fundraiser; Diana and Al Valloriz, John Rossi, Patrick Romero, Mary Lipari, and Bob and Rachel Gorini for preparing dinner; Kathleen and Steve Lencioni for spearheading ticket sales; and Louise Vento for the raffle. Many people contributed to the fundraiser, and unfortunately not everyone can be named, but remember that everyone's hard work made for a memorial night.

Some reminders from our February meeting include the following: First, ICF membership dues must be turned in by March 15th. Please see Tina Rossi or Marcie Rossi for Branch 391 dues. Second, if you or your family members are eligible for an ICF Branch 391 scholarship, then see Sal Lipari. Applications are also due by March 15. Third, Linda Pfahnl is the new telephone committee leader, and she will be heading up our great team. Fourth, if you are interested in presenting a heritage report at a branch meeting, then contact Louise Vento. Presentations only need to be a few minutes in length. Lastly, Branch 391 welcomed two new members, Laura and Buzz Mitchell.

At the next meeting, Marcie Rossi will pass out a survey regarding the ICF and the 2013 budget will be presented.

Baci,

Bianca Valloriz

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Tired of polenta or corned beef and cabbage?

Branch 52 Honors Miria Garfagnoli

At the January 19 dinner, Branch 52, Healdsburg, honored long-time member, Miria Garfagnoli. Miria joined the ICF in 1950, shortly after arriving from Italy. Miria and her late husband, Giuseppe, worked tirelessly for the branch for many years, up until his death two years ago. Over the years, they became known for the many dinners that they cooked, including the popular polenta dinners. Miria and Giuseppe also served as officers of the branch in various capacities. Giuseppe was president and Miria was treasurer when the branch embarked on the road to increase its membership, a project that continues to this day. In their work for the ICF, Miria and Giuseppe were joined by their daughters and sons-

in-law who, in turn, also held offices. Miria and Giuseppe were winners of the Santa Rosa District President's Award and the entire family was the recipient of the very first Family of the Year Award from the Central Council.

At the dinner, President Nancy Seppi presented Miria with a free life-time pass to all of the branch's dinners, a beautiful orchid plant and a gift certificate. The branch is truly blessed to have Miria and her late husband as part of our ICF family.

Also, at this dinner, Central Council Life Member Emeritus Carmen Kilcullen initiated a dozen new members. They were enthusiastically welcomed to the branch by everyone present.

It's not too early to plan for our March 23, 2013 Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Santa Rosa.

Enjoy Randy Apel's superb roast pork and risotto sit down dinner, dance to the lilting strains of Rick Abruzzo's band all for \$20.00. Help us to celebrate 85 years of serving our Church and community. We work hard and enjoy the good company of friends and good food, truly the blessings of life. All cash raffle, all tickets pre-sold. Call Doreen, 707/525-0295 for reservations.

During this Lenten season, let us remember our sick members, Sally Darter and Jeanette Mitchell. Our sympathy and prayers of comfort to Butch Bondi on the passing of his cousin, Sandra Kawa, who was the daughter of long-time Branch 18 members, Nellie and Gene Filippini. Happy St. Patrick's and St. Josephs Day
Marie Canale

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Our Branch is mourning the passing of our 1st Vice President and former President, Sam Roybal, a person of great dignity and embodiment of the virtues of a true Christian. He never said "no" to anyone in need and served his church and the ICF without "blowing his own horn." He leaves behind a legacy of charity and caring for his family and the community.

The branch is well on the way to following their goal, with the installation of another new member in February. We hope for more members in March.

The March dinner will be salad, corned beef, cabbage, dessert, and select red or white wine. For reservations, call Lila, 9963448. Wasn't St. Patrick a little bit Italian?

*Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning*

Photo Caption: Sam Roybal, 1st Vice President and former President, Branch 103 Sonoma

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

Living in God's country it's so nice to see all the sunshine that we are having. I'm looking forward to Spring when all the leaves and blossoms come out and all the birds are taking to the birdbaths and sunning themselves on the fence. That is the beauty that God gives to us all. Enjoy!

Mar/Apr/May - Bakeless Bake Sale

April 8 - Regular Meeting

April 14 - We are hosting District Meeting - Rms. 6-7-9 - St. James - Reservations: Call Louise - 769-7389

May 6 - Reno Overnighter - Call Kathleen - 763-7354

Our last Branch meeting was well attended. Please try to attend the meetings and special events that we have. Our Branch is very spe-

cial as the members are friendly and have a fun time together.

Get well wishes to all who are ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating this month.

Be nice to someone you will get it back in return.

<http://ItalianCatholicFederation.com>

*Ciao,
Louise Vicino*

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

March 9 and 10th will be our St Joseph's Table at all Masses. Everyone should donate some nice baked goods or other food stuffs. If you wish to take something from the table, please do so. There will be a donation can there, but this is NOT a food sale; donations only. Financial donations will go to St. Vincent DePaul. Left over food will go to Arcata House. Corned Beref and Cabbage will be 3/17. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children from 5 to 12 yrs. ; We will host Meager Meal on 3/22. Our Spring Parish Breakfast has been moved to April 14. We will again be working with the Knights. We will serve Pancakes, egge, ham, and home made Corned beef. We are hosting the Anniversary Dinner at St. Mary's, on April 20. We have gained several new members lately, and am happy to report that they are great volunteers, and comming to help out on our projects. We welcome them and thank them soooo much.

Please pray for our ill: Josetta Matteri, Don Vanni, and Bill Evans.

Are we living up to our Lenten promises? Have we genuinely examined our failures and sins? Have we been open tto forgiving others? Are we worthy of the sacrifice that was made for us? I will (once again) be watching The Passion of the Christ with a great deal of awe and tears. The I will celebrate the Good News of His triumph over the evil one. Have a blessed Easter.

*Ciao
Linda*

Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our February 12 meeting was a delicious potluck. Thank you to all who prepared the food, set up and decorated the tables which reflected the expression of love, which is what Valentine's Day is all about. Thank you again to all.

Jerry Colivas' heritage talk this month was about the life of Father Joseph Cataldo. Much of his work was with young native Americans, resulting in their conversion to Christianity. During his lifetime, Fr. Cataldo founded many missions and universities, to promote the education of young gifted native American men. He continued his ministry until he was 91 years old.

Our February 9 installation dinner was enjoyed by all. everyone had a good time and the food was delicious. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and clean up.

Our next meeting will be a regular meeting, on March 12 at 7:00pm. If you can, bring someone who may be interested in joining our lodge and encourage them to attend. Our membership is at a critical low.

Please keep all our members and their families in your prayers; pray for the lonely, the homeless and those who do not have the blessings that we all have.

*Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli*

Cotati St. Joseph, Br. 150

Our February dinner meeting was full of surprises. Not only did Carol Martinez host a tasty Valentines dinner we got 4 new members. Two of the members found us at installation at St Elizabeth Seaton after mass. The other two members were friends of one and use to be in ICF locally and wanted to join us. How wonderful. We will be installing our new members at our next dinner meeting. That will be our corned beef dinner. Thank you to everyone who brought the February potluck food and dessert. Don't we all cook superbly .

Congratulations to Emily Daly who is being confirmed at Easter Virgil mass at St. James. Unfortunately our Bocce court idea got nixed.

We have been asked to make a donation to the Men's club who repaired and reupholstered the parish hall chairs. We will be talking about it at the next meeting or two.

Get well prayers and good thoughts to our very ill members Wendell McCrea, June Beebe, Madeline Poncia, and Jef McCrea who is under the weather too.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day,
Susan Daly*

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

Our February business meeting was preceded by a Pasta Dinner. Branch 209 provided the pasta and members contributed salads and desserts which resulted in a wonderfully varied array of dishes!

We were pleased to have Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator, Laurice Levine, and her sister as our guests this evening. Laurice gave an interesting and informative talk regarding Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia), which is ICF's national charity. She also provided a packet of information for each member present. Laurice made the presentation even more personal as she is also one who lives with this genetic blood disease. Thank you, Laurice.

Friday, March 22 is our Fish Fry. This is always a well-attended event, so be sure to get your tickets early. Cost: Adults - \$15; Children 6-12 - \$7.50; Under 6 - Free. Call Lona Bertoli for tickets (707-527-1021).

Upcoming:

March 5 -- Board Meeting

March 12 -- Regular Meeting - Corned Beef & Cabbage

March 22 -- Fish Fry

Happy Easter!!

Lona Bertoli

Stockton District Council

The Bishop's Burse will be held March 17, 2013 hosted by Br. 390 Tracy. Mass will be at 11:30am at St. Bernard's Church, 163 W. Eaton Ave. Tracy with Appetizers at 12:30 and Lunch at 1:15pm in Father Fleming Hall. On the menu will be Italian Baked Chicken, Pork Loin Roast, Pasta Pesto, Italian Green Beans, tossed salad, bread, wine and dessert. The cost is \$25.00 per person and children fourteen and under \$10.00. Invite your family and friends to attend.

Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes



Branch 395.



(209)736-2985 no later than March 9, 2013. Happy and Blessed Easter to all!
Cecelia McGhee

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

You are invited to our St. Joseph's Table Celebration which will be held March 24, 2013 at 2:00pm in the hall at 7th and k Street. It is a potluck so bring your favorite dish, family, friends and your appetite and join us for a fun afternoon. The raffle will follow lunch.

The Bishop's Burse will be March 17, 2013 at Tracy. Members are encouraged to attend and bring their family and friends.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church and Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30 at the J Street Church.

Refreshments for the March13, 2013 meeting will be furnished by Carla Wagner.

Coming up:

Mar 13 -- Meeting 7:00pm St. Stanislaus Hall 7th & K Streets

Mar 17 -- Bishop's Burse Hosted by Branch 390 Tracy

Mar 24 -- St. Joseph's Table Celebration 2:00pm Hall 7th & K Streets

April 10 -- Meeting 7:00pm St. Stanislaus Hall 7th & K Streets

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca N.S. del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

The newly elected officers are busy getting ready for our annual "All you can eat" Shrimp Dinner. It will be held on April 27, 2013 in the St. Anthony's School Gym. There will be a no-host cocktail 6:00pm and dinner served at 7:30pm. The menu will include lot of shrimp, pesto, salad, bread & beverage. We will also have the dessert auction and a raffle table with lots of prizes. Don Garibaldi will provide mood music on his accordion. The tickets are \$35. each. Please contact Anna 209 982 5458 or Marilyn 209 612 7770 for tickets. The revenue from our fundraisers allowed us to give \$1,500. to Central Council's Scholarship Fund, \$500. scholarship to an ICF student, and donate to St. Anthony's Church, Gift of Love, Cooley's



(Above) St. Patrick's Youth Group.

(Below) Members of Branch 413 at the ICF Valentine Dinner Dance on the dance floor.



Anemia and others. We recently lost our charter member, Franco Pera. He and his wife, Teresa, attended our meetings for over 50 years. He will be missed. Our condolences to Teresa and his family. We also lost another member, Bianca Jacklich. She recently passed away at the age of 103. She was a great lady. Our condolences to her family. Please try and make plans to attend the Bishop's Burse hosted by the ICF Br. 390 in Tracy. We wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter. Enjoy this very special season with your family and friends. See you at our next meeting March 26.

Ida Queirolo

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

Many members and guests enjoyed our Annual January Polenta Dinner. We are proud to announce that we have four new members. We have many exciting events coming up in March and April. March 17 we will be hosting the Bishop's Burse. Dinner will be \$25.00. Mass will be served at 11:30am and immediately followed with lunch at 12:30 noon. March 21 will be our monthly dinner meeting featuring corn beef and cabbage. Save the date for April 25 as we will be celebrating Heritage Night. Scholarship tickets are now on sale for prizes that will be given away on this night. Ticket price is \$20.00 a ticket and only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets will be sold that night if only there are some left. 1st prize will be \$1000.00. Second prize will be a spa basket and third prize will be \$100.00. You need not be present to win. Dinner will of course be served. Italian

chicken with all the trimmings.
Joanne Tynes

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

The Annual Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner was once again a huge success. A capacity crowd enjoyed a superb dinner prepared by Mike Bacchetti and Crew. The raffle prizes were terrific and the live auction items unveiled the generosity of our community. Many thanks to Chairman Rocco Fratteroli and Co- Chairmen Bob Zanoni and Roger Roman and all of the Branch members that contributed to the event. We also wish to thank the many students of Lincoln High School who volunteered to help at the event. Our next regular meeting is Quarterly Communion at the 8:45am mass on Sunday, March 3. After mass we will enjoy the Knights of Columbus World Famous Pancake Breakfast in Guadalupe Hall with our business meeting to follow in St. Francis Meeting Room where we will initiate our new members. Branch 395 will be hosting the Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross on March 15 with homemade soups in Guadalupe Hall. We will also be hosting the Stockton District Meeting on May 19 at 1:30pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Ciao and a Blessed Lent to all. Josephine Weber.

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

St. Valentine's Day has passed and our ICF Valentine Dinner Dance was a huge success. We had live music, prime rib with the fixings, tiramisu for dessert, and best of all, the St. Patrick's Youth Group to help set up, serve,



and clean up. They also got things started on the dance floor with their dancing. We are very grateful to the Youth Group as they did an excellent job helping out our ICF members and entertaining the guests. They were a big hit with everyone, young and old. We look forward to their continuing participation in our upcoming events.

The days ahead are filled with excitement and preparing for upcoming events. We are gearing up for the St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The Lenten soup suppers for the Friday Stations of the Cross are also in the works. All are welcome to come to our events and enjoy the foothills during spring.

We are keeping all of our ICF friends and families in our prayers, and we hope you will keep us in yours, too. Have a very happy and blessed St. Patrick's Day!

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger for
Amy Schmid, Correspondence Secretary



Next moth we will have our St. Joseph's day calibration and get things together for our pre-Easter cookie sale. Busy, as usual.

God Bless our member,
Joe Vivaldi

**Tucson
Fr. Eusebio Kino, Br. 433**

As I am writing this report, it is snowing here in southern Arizona!!!

On February 2, our Branch joined the other Tucson Branches for Bishop's Day and Installation of Officers held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and hosted by Branch 434.

During the Mass Branch donations were presented to our Bishop of Tucson, Rev. Gerald Kicanas, for vocations.

Dinner followed the Mass and we were honored to have Bishop Kicanas join us. Special acknowledgement was made to Fr. Lombardo and Al Bernardi of Br. 425, Green Valley, who were present, as being instrumental in getting the ICF started in Arizona.

ICF Grand 1st Vice President Bob Basuino did the honors of installing all Branch officers, aided by CC Members Jim Acitelli and Pat Mages and District Deputy Dick Silva.

Officers installed for Branch 433 were President Henry Fleischmann; 1st Vice President

Russ Andaloro; 2nd Vice President, Larry Masi; Secretary Bette Acitelli; Treasurer Melissa Rodriguez; Sentinel Debby Rasadore; Orator Diego Moreno; Trustees, Mary Andresano, Mary Pelligrino and



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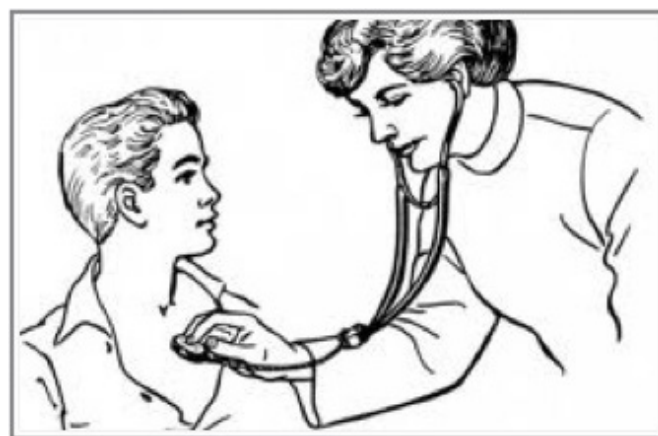
It is hard to believe, but Grand President Jane Dianda's two year term is almost over! Please put November 2, 2013 on your calendars as a day to celebrate -- and roast -- the grand presidency of Jane Dianda. More details on the Testimonial Dinner will be in the next issue of the Bollettino.



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