The Fresno Convention Committee is hard at work planning a fun and fulfilling weekend. In the Pedro tournament, play bocce and visit the Fresno District novelty table (featuring an embroidery station). Later, join us for an Italian sing-along, followed by the Opening Ceremonies. After the opening, you’ll have an opportunity to meet the Central Council Candidates at one large social in the atrium rather than going up to individual rooms. A no-host bar, that also serves appetizers, will be available in the atrium during this time. Saturday morning will begin with our annual Memorial Mass. The workshops will follow. Topics this year include: The Deputy Program, an update on the Strategic Plan, history of the ICF, FUNraising, convention planning, an open forum, and a spiritual based workshop on our call to be merciful. In the afternoon our General Session begins where proposals will be debated and voted on and Central Council Candidates will give their speeches. The recipients of the Young Adult and Family of the Year Awards will be presented during the General Session, then during the dinner banquet we will honor the recipient of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award.

On Sunday, we will continue our General Session. The recipient of the Grand President’s Award will be presented as well as the Mother Teresa Award recipient. It will be on this very day that Mother Teresa is canonized, making this award presentation unique. During the session, we will elect ten Central Council Members and one Hospitalization Committee Member. Our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, will receive its annual donations and members/branches/districts will have an opportunity to give donations for any of the ICF’s charitable programs. Later in the afternoon, we will gather for mass with many Bishops, Chaplains and other members of the clergy concelebrating. Sunday will conclude with the “ICF Prom.” Retro dresses and ruffled taxes are welcomed, but not required. No prom date, no problem! Come with a group of friends to this fun throwback night. The convention raffle will take place during the prom. Monday is the close of the convention with a prayer service and installation of Central Council Officers. Newly elected Central Council Members will be initiated and our Grand President will address the delegates and attendees with an annual message stating our goals for the coming term. The convention is always a rewarding experience. What makes the convention complete is having our branches present. If your branch has not yet selected delegates and alternates, please place the election on your next meeting agenda. Members - if interested in becoming a delegate, have someone nominate you, or nominate yourself. Non-delegates are welcome to attend the convention too! Please read the Bollettino, visit the Officer’s Portal on the ICF website and check the ICF Facebook page for convention updates. Let’s go to Fresno and have a fun, productive and spiritual weekend with our ICF Family and new friends.

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God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Grand President

Happy Mother’s Day!

Grand President’s Monthly Message
by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

April showers bring May flowers and with those May flowers in full bloom and beauty we think of our Mothers. Our Mothers gave us life, were there for our first steps, heard our first words, cared for us when we were young and into our teenage years. As we became young adults, even if they didn’t always agree with our decisions in life, they were always there for us. No prom date, no problem! Come with a group of friends to this fun throwback night. The convention raffle will take place during the prom. Monday is the close of the convention with a prayer service and installation of Central Council Officers. Newly elected Central Council Members will be initiated and our Grand President will address the delegates and attendees with an annual message stating our goals for the coming term.

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Roaring Winds and Tongues of Fire!

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
Spiritual Director ICF

After Christ’s resurrection, the Apostles and some disciples gathered in the Upper Room. They were still scared, even after He appeared to them the first time. They feared that they too would be arrested. As followers of Jesus, they were still suspect; so they huddled together to comfort each other. Even though Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to them, they didn’t fully grasp that He was divine. Yes, He was special. He had amazing powers to heal, to restore life, to feed thousands, to change water into wine. To believe that He was God Incarnate was beyond their ability to comprehend, especially so soon after their master and dear friend’s death. Then came the day of Pentecost! With roaring winds and blazing tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. Then they knew! Then they understood! They received the Holy Spirit who gave them special gifts. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The Apostles finally understood now that Jesus is divine Our Lord and Savior, the Son of God made man!

Amazingly, the Apostles no longer had fear! They went out into the community and began to preach and convert the masses. The grace of the Holy Spirit was upon them and within them. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the Holy Spirit also empowers us.
April Calendar Winners

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In honor of the 90th birthday of Bob Osorio
- Vic and Pat Arnaudo (In memory of Flo Budelli)
- Mr. and Mrs. Roland Codiga (In memory of Gloria Rizzi)

In memory of Frank Gardner
- The J. Devito Family Trust (In memory of the 90th birthday of Bob Osorio)

In memory of Nancy Lee Marsalli
- In memory of Flo Budelli
- Vic and Pat Arnaudo

In memory of the birthdays of Ron and Bill and Maria Greco
- Vic and Pat Arnaudo
- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Doyle

**In Loving Memory**

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**Scholarship Donations - 1st Year**

**Bill and Maria Greco**
- In honor of the birthdays of Ron and Juanza Zapawa

**Aldine Grisenti**
- Get well wishes for Amelia Moore
- Officers/Members of Branch 184

**Donna and Richard Pfaff**
- In memory of Matt Brodersen
- In memory of Frank Fanelli

**Amelia Corral**
- In memory of Frank Fanelli

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**Branch 250**
- View the full list of donations.

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**Cooley’s Anemia Donations**

**Donations received by April 10, 2016**

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**Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer**
Many people have common fears and misconceptions about donating blood and their ability to do so. Here are some answers to these common excuses.

"I Might Catch A Disease."

A new, sterile needle is used for each donor and then immediately disposed of properly. It is not possible to catch AIDS or any infectious diseases by donating blood.

"It Might Hurt When They Draw The Blood."

You might feel a slight pinch when the needle is inserted. But someone who has to have emergency surgery with no blood supply will surely feel way more pain!

"I’m On Medication."

Many medications, including allergy medicines, vitamins, aspirins, and blood pressure pills, do not affect your eligibility as a blood donor. Be sure to tell the medical interviewer what medications you are taking or have recently taken.

"I’m Anemic."

A trained technician will test a drop of your blood before you donate. If you are anemic you will not be permitted to donate that day. However, anemia is not usually a permanent condition. Just because you have been deferred or told that you were anemic you will not be permitted to donate your blood before you donate. If you are anemic you will not be permitted to donate that day. However, anemia is not usually a permanent condition. Just because you have been deferred or told that you were anemic does not necessarily mean that you cannot give blood later.

"They’ll Take Too Much Blood and I’ll Feel Weak."

If you weigh at least 110 lbs, you may safely donate blood. You have about two pints of blood for every 25 pounds of body weight, and your body makes new blood constantly. After giving blood most people can resume their normal activities.

"My Blood Type Is So Common, You Probably Need It."

Don’t Need It."

"Other People Must Be Giving Enough Blood."

Not true. Some blood types are more common than others, but the rarest type of blood is the type that is not available when needed. Since whole blood and blood components must be transfused within a few weeks, we rely on voluntary donations.

"I Give My Blood Voluntarily, But The Blood Center Turns Around And Sells It."

BCP and all other blood banks are nonprofit organizations. The blood center’s goal is to keep costs as low as possible while maintaining a high quality blood supply. BCP charges a processing fee to recover the costs incurred in collecting, processing, testing and distributing the blood. This processing does not include hospital charges for cross matching, transfusion administration, etc.

"I’m Too Busy."

Is your life worth an hour of someone else’s time? Think about it.

Is someone else’s life worth an hour of your time? Think about it.

"I’d Give It If There Was Time? Think about it."

"We need to collect about 450 pints of blood per day to meet the daily demand and the demand is rising! But, less than 5 percent of those who are eligible give blood. Consequently, the lives of many depend on the generosity of these few.

"I Give My Blood Voluntarily, But The Blood Center Turns Around And Sells It.”
If You Eat, You Never Die
Tony Romano

In If You Eat, You Never Die, Tony Romano, creates a collection of twenty-four interwoven short stories that focus on the Comingos, a first generation Italian-American family living in Chicago during the 1950s. Fabio and Lucia Comingo, recent immigrants to the United States, struggle to fit into the United States and to understand the social influences that are shaping their two sons. It is “a masterful evocation of a time and place” that illustrates the tensions and emotions often found in family life, especially immigrant family life.

Each story is told from the perspective of a different family member or other character, and Romano deftly expresses the various dreams, desires, concerns, and emotions of the different characters. For example, throughout the book, Romano provides the reader with stories from Lucia’s point of view, both as a young girl back in Italy and as a mother and wife in the United States. Her outlook on life changes as she grows older and the reader experiences her differing psychological and emotional perspectives. However, at the center of her life is always her relationships with other family members, whether it is her overweight father, her weary husband, Fabio, or her two Americanized sons.

In one three story span, from which the volume gets its title, the reader experiences a tug-of-war between Giacomo, the youngest son, his wrestling coach, and Lucia. Each story is told from a different character’s point-of-view. Giacomo is frustrated with his mother who does not understand why he must lose weight to be eligible for a wrestling match, the coach, using a a bit of blue language, doesn’t understand why the young boy cannot stand up to his mother, and Lucia is driven by a fear derived from her son’s infancy. Romano allows the reader to experience the varying and conflicting emotions and to understand the desires that drive each character.

Many stories are narrated from the point of view of Giacomo and his older brother Michelino. These stories share their experiences as children, young married men, and fathers. Several are told from the perspective of Giacomo Comingo (later changed to Jimmy Cummings) who often feels like a stranger in his own family and an outsider in society.

The stories range from humorous to bittersweet and their brevity gives them an almost poetic quality. They are full of insight about what it means to be human, expressing a wide range of emotions, from love to regret.

Tony Romano was born in Telesino, Italy, but immigrated to Chicago when he was eleven months old. He is a high school English and psychology teacher and the author of the award-winning When The World Was Young. A two-time winner of a PEN Syndicated Fiction Project Award, his work has been produced on National Public Radio’s Sound of Writing series and syndicated to newspapers nationwide. If You Eat, You Never Die is the winner of The Chicago Tribune Best Books of 2008 and a 2008 Midland Authors Finalist Prize.

I sifted the flour, baking powder and cocoa first. Combine all the ingredients except eggs, molasses, vanilla and water in a large bowl. Mix well, make a well and add the eggs, molasses, vanilla and water. Work in and blend well.

Do not grease cookie sheets, sprinkle with flour. Sprinkle flour on board or cookie sheet and roll out about one fifth of the dough to the width of a walnut and the length of the cookie sheet. Cut cookie dough diagonally about every inch. Place upright on floured (I used parchment) cookie sheet.

Bake 8 minutes at 350 degrees or until done (I baked 12-15 minutes). The cookie will be like a dense cake not hard like biscotti.

Cool and frost with icing made with powdered sugar, milk and flavoring. Jo uses chocolate. I used lemon juice instead of milk with powdered sugar, also tried with lemon juice instead of milk and unsweetened cocoa powder with the powdered sugar.

These cookies are delicious, makes the house smell wonderful and are full of intense flavor. The cookie itself is not really sweet, but the frosting gives a hint of sweetness. I am not a fan of sweets (although I love to bake) but I am having a hard time keeping my hand out of the cookie jar. I brought them to my Branch’s St. Joseph’s in March, and they were a big hit. I think I am going to try it with oranges instead of lemons and for a friend that can’t have nuts will see what happens without the almonds. Will let you know how that goes.

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

### Family Recipes
**By Deborah Rodondi**
**CC Grand Treasurer**

#### Pitsets (Cookies)
- 4 cups flour
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups roasted and coarsely ground almonds
- 3 lemons, grate all the peel
- ½ tsp. ground cloves
- ½ tsp. allspice
- 4 eggs
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup molasses
- ¼ cup warm water (I replaced some of the water with lemon juice from one of the above lemons.)

#### Things to Ponder

PB: ICF Is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, please send an email to news@icf.org to sign up. Please include your full name, branch number and email address.

#### ICF Is Going Green!

PB: Things to Ponder
Year of Mercy Pilgrimage
October 8 – 12, 2016 to Washington DC with ICF Br. 12, Napa and Knights of Columbus
Price of $1500 per person, based on double occupancy includes round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for 4 nights.

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

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

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Delegates, Members and Guests are invited to the annual Saturday Night Convention Banquet to recognize the recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation’s Saint Pope John XXIII Award.

Saturday, September 3, 2016
6:00pm Delegate’s Reception
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins

DoubleTree Hotel, Fresno
Semiformal Attire Suggested

Dinner Menu:
Bibb Salad, Petite Filet Mignon coupled with Encrusted Stuffed Chicken, Harvest Vegetable Medley, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Freshly Baked Breads, Chocolate Cake on a Raspberry Painted Plate, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Children’s Menu: Chicken Strips with French Fries (ages 12 and younger – Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet).

Reservations are non-refundable once headcount is given to the hotel.

Non-delegate Reservations

Convention Delegates – Admission is included with convention registration. A reply is not required.

Non-delegate Reservations:

Branch #: __________________________
City: __________________________

X $165 per adult = $ __________
X $20 per child = $ __________
(Ages 12 and younger)

Check #____________________ = $ __________

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 1st, 8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Delegate and non-delegate tickets will be distributed to your Branch President, or their representative, during convention registration.

Names of Non-delegate attendees:

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Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: __________________________
City: __________________________

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:
Well-as-Volume

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players:

X Entry Fee Per Player: $10
Total:

Check Number: ______________________

Prices: 1st - $50 2nd - $30 3rd - $20 4th - $10 5th - $5

Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write “Pedro” in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

CONVENTION PEDRO

Lessons – Come and learn how to play what some say is the “official” card game of the I.C.F. Lessons are complimentary and will take place on Friday, September 2 from 1pm-3pm.

Tournament – Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, September 2 from 3pm-6pm. The entry fee is $10 per player.

Seminariisti!
Saturday, June 25, 2016
St. Paschal Baylon
155 E. Jans Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA
5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails & Antipasti
6:00 pm - Dinner Served

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

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

Benevolent to our little piece of Italy. We will transform St. Paschal’s Hall to the Italian Catholic Federation’s Trattoria as we raise money for our Seminariisti’s fund! Great food, Great Friends, Great Herb Gardens and Fabulous Raffle Prizes. Please send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to the ICF Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 no later than June 17, 2016. For questions call, Pat Magri at (865) 486-452 or email pat.l.magri@gmail.com.

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

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: __________________________
City: __________________________

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:
Well-as-Volume

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players:

X Entry Fee Per Player: $10
Total:

Check Number: ______________________

Prices: 1st - $50 2nd - $30 3rd - $20 4th - $10 5th - $5

Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write “Pedro” in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.
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FRESNO DISTRICT
WELCOMES YOU TO

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

We will recreate a night at the track with thoroughbred racing on DVD.
Every device is employed to simulate an experience at the track and an evening full of excitement; the parade of horses, opening of the gate, photo finish close-ups, putting of the main events and $2 mutuel wagering.

BECOME AN OWNER.
Sponsor your own horse for a donation of $30 and you could win the $120 Purse to be given away with each race. There will be 6 races of $20 money each race. That's a 1 in 12 chance of winning the big money.
Contact Allen Watts, (661) 345 3803 for more info on the horse race and how to become an owner.

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

MENUS: PASTA & FAGGOLI SOUP, SPINACH SALAD, PIZZERIA PASTA WITH CHICKEN BREAST AND SHREWD, SOFT POLENTA AND GREEN BEANS WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE AND DESSERT.

Dinner Reservation Deadline: August 15, 2016

First Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________ Branch #: ___________________

Contact Phone #: ___ Email: ___________________

Number of Persons Attending Dinner: ___ $35.00 each Total Amount Enclosed: ___

If we are able to go to the “night time races” Thursday Night Dinner Yes ___ No ___

Make Checks payable to ITF Fresno District
And Mail to Roberta Parra
316 W. 3rd Street
Merced, CA 95340

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

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

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

Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch #

Name: ___________________ # of Bingo Packs: ___

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Please make your check payable to I.C.F. and write Bingo in the memo.
Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the entry fee with Bingo packs is $30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

Total Bingo Packs: ___ $25 each
Check Enclosed: ___
Check Number: ___

Friday, September 2
DoubleTree Hotel
Registration 10am

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

There will be no entry fee this year, but advanced signups are still required. Bocce is limited to 48 players of all skill levels. Please submit this form to the I.C.F. office before August 15th.

8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ___________________ Branch #: ___________________

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Convention Prom Night
Sunday, September 4, 2016 7:00pm

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

The committee would like to use your prom photos at the event. If you’d like to share, please mail a copy to the office or email to roselynmp@msn.com by August 1.


Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15th.
8793 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94611

Please place a star next to children’s names.

Please save-the-date to save-a-life.

5th Annual Convention Blood Drive
Friday, September 2nd, 2016
at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

Sponsored by:
The ICF Live to Give Committee

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

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on board the beautiful Grand Princess

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Visiting: San Francisco, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Maui, Ensenada

Cruise Fare: $3,199.00
Taxes and Fees: $230.00
Per Person: $3,429.00

Category: Main Suite: per person/double occupancy $2,559.00
Category: Balcony: per person/double occupancy $2,799.00
Category: Ocean View: per person/double occupancy $2,299.00

$200.00 deposit per person required upon booking
Final payment due August 1

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Chicago
Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195

With much fanfare, St. Victor Branch 195 in Calumet City, Illinois celebrated their 50th Anniversary at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. The celebration was hosted by Branch President Mike Sawadski. Special guest, Teresa Helfand from Chicago Central Council presented Mike Sawadski with the 50th Anniversary banner. After an excellent meal the special meeting was concluded with a cash drawing for a lucky member.

River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

In remembrance of Mother’s Day this month:

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral: a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature: God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God’s good earth is more glorious than something more magnificent than any cathedral: a mother?"

By John Cardinal Mintszenty

A great celebration was held on Sunday, March 13, 2016 in our parish gym - our yearly St. Joseph’s Day Mass and Table. A 50th wedding anniversary dinner. The March meeting was a combination YMI/ICF meeting in March for a meeting to discuss the upcoming YMI branch hosting a St. Paddy’s Day dinner.

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The March meeting was a combination YMI/ICF Branch 439 held its annual St. Joseph’s Day celebration and also celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario.

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439

On March 18, ICF Branch 439 held its annual St. Joseph Day Mass and Table at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The Italian mass concelebrated by Fr. Augusto Feccia and Fr. Andrea Bartosz was followed by a St. Joseph Table and dinner in the church hall. It was a very well attended and successful event. On March 14, a total of 55 members and friends of the Branch visited the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Notre Dame, Indiana. Participants attended mass, stations of the cross and also enjoyed a tour of the museum and grounds of the Basilica. After the general meeting in March, members celebrated with Mr. and Mrs. Rosario and Maria Ciria in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations, many blessings and best wishes to the couple from the officers and members of Branch 439!

Anna Tamburello
President, ICF Branch 439

Siamo nella bellissima stagione di primavera! And let’s continue to pray for spring rain. We extended our April meeting to include a social hour before our dinner, playing, or learning to play, the lively Italian card game of Pedro. We novices are not experts yet, but we thank Josie Fragnito-Lira, Nettie Dascalco-Del Nero, and Lillian Dal Porto for hosting a rousing fun time for all of us. Thanks go out also to chefs Maryellen Mazzei and Loretta Symes as they prepared a most delicious shepherd’s pie with mashed potatoes, green salad, bread, and dessert. With Arlene Gach and Nettie preparing the tables, Carol Salmeri and Rich Gipson as front door greeters, Anne Marie Bandoni as part of clean-up, and numerous other members chiming in their help.

Our biannual Biscotti and cookie sale on May 6-8, was a huge success thanks to our esteemed chairlady: Janet Pugliese. We deeply appreciate her hard work and also our members who baked, donated ingredients, sold and bought our homemade treats.

Join us early at our May 11, dinner meeting at the Italo Lodge at 5 PM for a social hour of fun and games. Dinner of homemade enchiladas with rice, beans and salad follows at 6 PM. We will vote on our convention delegates.

May 14 is the popular Fresno District Bocce Tournament in Fresno.

Remember: the committee working on the local Italian exhibit scheduled for spring 2017, wants your family stories, history, artifacts and photos. Please contact Sarah Lim at the Courthouse Museum (209) 723-2401, mercedmuseum@sbcglobal.net, or Stephanie Lucich (209) 658-1897 or Frank Muratore (209) 723-8575.

Cari Salute,
Stephanie Lucich

(Below) ICF members Mary Keitz and Carol Espinola at the Branch 27 St. Patrick’s Day dinner.

YMI and ICF Branch 27 members and friends enjoying St. Patrick’s Day. (Bottom)
South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

Members enjoyed playing Bocce at the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club field located in Pasadena Central Park on April 9th while Croquet Club Members played on the Croquet Field. All had fun playing in and around the weather.

The next Branch 108 BBQ Lunch and General meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 26th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club facilities in Pasadena Central Park. All ICF Branches, families and friends are invited to play Bocce with Branch 108 Members. Please RSVP by calling 626 403-6102 or 626 372-7812 before July 8th.

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

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

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Carmelina Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicoletta Marullo Vioni, Vince Veneziano, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!!

Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We would like to thank Fr. Francisco Sandoval, O.A.R., Pastor of St. Benedict Church for the wonderful Blessing of our St. Joseph Table, held on March 19 & 20, 2016, at the St. Benedict Church Parish Hall, and for his support for this annual event. We would also like to thank all who visited and volunteered their time and/or made donations to St. Joseph Table which helped to make it a very successful event.

The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, allow us to award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley’s Anemia, and other worthwhile ICF charities.

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

God Bless!!
Frank Salomone
Welcome back to all of our seafaring branch members who went on our California coastal cruise trip. They all came back refreshed and had a good time making new memories.

On April 17 our branch dedicated the new Madonna dell’Arco mosaic at our noon mass. Many of our members presented our Lady with beautiful home grown flowers. The celebration continued in the auditorium with a delicious lunch. We would like to thank all who helped with the celebration especially to our generous benefactor Joseph Scotti who made the mosaic possible.

Just a reminder that our Italian Sunday Mass is now at 4pm. It is a wonderful way to share our culture and keep our traditions alive.

San Pedro American Cancer Society Relay For Life will be held on May 14th to 15th. This fundraiser is held at San Pedro High School. For more information call Anita Trujillo 310 8327186.

Please plan on attending our potluck meeting on May 19th at 6pm. At this meeting we will meet our 2 scholarship recipients.

ICF is growing! Please join us on May 22 at 12:30pm mass at St John Fisher as the installation of the this newest branch . We will be putting together a car pool . If interested in attending and welcoming in this new branch please call Neal at 310 433-1044.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mothers. May God bless and keep our mothers healthy.

Next monthly meeting will be on June 16th at 7:30pm
June 23rd San Manuel Casino day trip Call Pauline for more information 310 832 0563

Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

Sadly, we will not be able to do the children’s bingo anymore as we have done in the past. Please join us Sunday May 15 for Friendship Sunday coffee and donuts after all masses and Bingo Luncheon at 12:30. Thank you and God Bless.

San Gabriel Valley Region

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

May 8 -- Happy Mothers Day and St. Denis I.C.F. Donut Day May 13 -- I.C.F. General Meeting and dinner. May 15 -- I.C.F. Ministry Fair Wish to extend our appreciation to Toni, Laura, and Barbara for their amazing contribution, time, energy, organization and hard work with respect to our Holy Cannolis fundraiser. They were our engine for the Branch. With outstanding dedication of our members we were successful and sold everyone. Grazie! Thank you Patti Lasko for chairing the City of Diamond Bar Birthday and her committee Julia, Pamela and Branch 317.

May 13 dinner and General meeting will be a Cinco de Mayo theme. We will serve Mexican food. Wear your sombrero and poncho and lets have a great time ole.

I.C.F. Convention raffle books will be distributed May 13. please participate. $20.00 a book and $10.00 to branch. Lets have 100% of all members. Thank You Pres. Roxanne Perry

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

May is the month to remember all of the special mother’s that have touched our lives and all of our veterans who fought and died for our country.

There will be a turnaround to San Manuel on Wednesday, May 18. The cost is $20.00 per person. Contact Eleanor Cuneo for more information.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 28, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. Our meetings are now held on the 4th Saturday of the month in the church library located in the rectory.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Josie Basile, Mary Lou Lemoine, Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Herminia Saez and Ann Primising. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.

It is with great sadness that Branch 326 shares the passing of one of its longtime members, Eva Arrighi. Eva was a remarkable woman and shared her many talents with her church and community. In 2005 she was named “Temple City’s Outstanding Senior Citizen,” and she was honored by Congressman Adam Schiff and named “Woman of the Year for 2012.” Every fundraiser that the ICF held, Eva always contributed either with a crocheted blanket that she made or cookies that she baked. Eva loved her family and especially her great grandchildren. God bless you, Eva.

Happy April Birthday to: Ann Baziak, Jack Baziak, Andy Bonura, Carmen Federico and Val Magro.
Happy Anniversary to: Sally & Tony Farinella (49 years), Happy May Birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josie Basile, Sally Farinella, Marie Hadaway, Herminia Saez, and Mae Rosenkranz.

Happy Anniversary to: John and Rose Perfetto (64 years)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney
The Italian Catholic Federation
Central Council & St. Paschal Baylon Br. 380
Presents:
Una Notte per i Seminaristi

Saturday, June 25, 2016
St. Paschal Baylon
155 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA
5:00 pm - No Host Cocktails & Antipasti
6:00 pm - Dinner Served

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

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

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

Send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to the ICF Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621
No later than June 17, 2016

Name
Address:
City/State/Zip Phone:
E-Mail:
I wish to be seated with:
Corresponding Secretary
Jean Fontana Bridges

Ciao,
meeting!
We hope to see all of our members at our next meeting. Including a bocce tournament, and we will have some fun events planned in the summer. Our next meeting will be on May 13. We also had a fun and successful St. Joseph’s Day at Branch 380. A successful St. Joseph’s Day Celebration. Music, food, cannoli and other wonderful Italian treats abound this year. Our bake sale went from early in the morning late into the evening. A wonderful dinner was prepared by Lindo and Remo and their kitchen crew. Every year the food just gets better and better!! Our raffle baskets and Silent auction were also a very big success! This great event is always thoroughly enjoyed by our parish and our community. Thanks to all our wonderful members who made this event possible: Our Food committee, decorating committee, entertainment committee, Bake Sale Committee and our raffle committee!! A very special THANKS to Tom Donely for being the Chairperson this year. Our April meeting was a fun night of pasta and business. It’s Spring and Branch 21 continues to move along with fun general meetings and upcoming events. And, to add to the crowd, we are continuing with our after mass ‘coffee klatch’ on the last Sunday of each month where we hope to encourage more Holy Cross members to join ICF. Come and visit and inspire…

We want to thank you all for coming out for the St. Joseph’s Day celebration in March. Your volunteering in helping and also in attending the luncheon enabled us to give a substantial amount to both the Holy Cross Food Pantry and also to St. Francis’ Kitchen. I think this is would be a good time to congratulate Regina Brett, 93 years old, wrote 45 lessons life taught her, here are four of them, wish I could use all 45, she’s a wise woman.
(1) Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don’t worry, God never blinks.
(2) God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn’t do.
(3) No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.
(4) If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else’s, we’d grab ours back.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all of the wonderful mothers, when you sign on to be a mother it is a 24-7 dedication, that is the only shift available. Mothers hold their children’s hands for awhile…
their hearts forever.

Our 85th Anniversary/Initiation of new members was beautiful. Benediction and then Michael Cannady, Dante Galeazzi, Marco Galeazzi, and Andy Pappani initiated 36 new members, plus we had 9 transfers. Again, a huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, P.I. Curatolo and his kitchen crew (they never work just one day, they are in the kitchen three days preparing and getting every thing ready), waitresses & waiters, Bella & Marie checking the people off the list that Josephine always makes before each dinner, Bar crew, and Co-Presidents Liz & Carrie are all over the place to be sure every thing is going well and greeting people.

We have lost two more members, Frank Mercurio and Grazia Vultaggio, our deepest sympathy goes out to their families. Frank will be so happy to be reunited with his Gloria, and Grazia will see her beloved Vincenzo, who only passed away five months ago. May they all rest in peace, and may their families find comfort in knowing their loved ones are exactly where they want to be.

Mark your calendar to save these dates:
May 5 - Contributions/Scholarships will be given at our dinner-meeting.
June 2 - Dinner meeting.
July 7 - Our annual 85 and over party for our paid up members that are 85 anytime during this year and older.

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Have a blessed Mother’s Day,
Bettye Sollecito
Castroviejo
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51
First, I would like to welcome all the new Cursillistas that made their weekend last fall. Welcome to your Cursillo family. I would also like to say thank you to the Cursillo community for your support through prayers, palanca, donations, etc. . . . it was greatly appreciated.
As you look through this newsletter you will see a lot of information for the upcoming year. There are also new website addresses and we even have added a Facebook page. We are trying very hard to keep everyone informed about upcoming events but if you should at any time have any questions please feel free to contact any member on the Secretariat, you can find their email addresses in this Rekindle and also on our website.
As I look back at 2015 I have to say it was a wonderful and busy year for the Cursillo Movement of the Monterey Diocese. During the year we held 3 fundraisers and raised over $2,000.00. We held the Bakedale Bakeale, we helped sell sausage sandwiches at the Artichoke Festival and we held a Family Bingo Night. Thank you all for your help and support. The fundraisers not only offset the cost of the Cursillo weekends but it also gives us a great opportunity for fellowship.
As you can see so much is happening in Cursillo not just at the Diocesan level but also the National and International level. What a perfect time during this “Year of Mercy” for making people more aware of this beautiful movement.
DeColores,  
Cindy Stefani  
Lay Director

Capitola
St. Joseph, Br. 227
Mark June 18 on your calendars. That’s the date of this year’s wine-tasting. In addition to several winemakers, Chairman Ron Castle has arranged for an extra virgin olive oil tasting. Tickets are $10 for members and $12.50 for non-members. The tasting will go from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the church hall and includes appetizers, a silent auction, and a raffle.
Initiation of new members was held at our April meeting. The menu was spaghetti and meatballs, prepared by our super cooks, Ron Castle, Mike and Liz Rios, Gary Podesio and Dan Casagrande. Also at the meeting we welcomed new members, Richard Marshall and Michael and Linda Hadreas-Battaglia.
Over eight members stepped up to make salads for the Anointing Mass luncheon on April 20, making it a great success. With their help, the Mass and luncheon continue to serve a need in our parish community.
We were very happy to learn of the passing of Gus Pozzi, who was a member for six years and occasionally helped in the kitchen. Condolences also to Miki Jenne on the loss of her husband, Jerry.
Best wishes to Jean Iverson on her amazing recovery from extensive foot surgery. Get well wishes go to Lena Mungai, who is at home recovering from a bout of pneumonia.
Vicky Howell has completed plans for a bus trip to the Italian Festival in Reno October 7-9. The price includes appetizers and a day trip to the Italian Festival in Reno October 7-9. The price will be $400.00, $500.00, and $600.00.
Sad news. Our very long time member Muffy Banks has left us. She was a great woman, always ready to volunteer her help with our various fundraisers. May she rest in peace. We send our sincere condolences to her family and friends.
Please continue with prayers for Tony Salvia so that he may receive treatment and help with his discomfort.
The David Zanini family, Mary Mazzo, Jina Cashmore, Joan Ryder, Lucy Olsen, and I enjoyed the last of the Lenten fish fry in Arroyo Grande. Congratulations Pete and Abby Gallagher and crew for a great job.
We offered Happy March birthday wishes to Tony Salvia, Yvonne Maddalena, and Natalie Olveda. Thank you Father Roberto for offering the closing prayers. God bless all of us and Happy Mothers’ Day to mothers, grandmas and great grandmothers.
Theresa Sollazzo, Correspondence Secretary.

Oakland
East Bay
District Council
The district is off and running with many upcoming social affairs and fund raisers.
Day at the Races will be held on June 9th and reservations need to be made by May 23rd. Since this is always a sell out, it is suggested that you make your plans early. Parking and the bountiful buffet are included in the ticket price.
We are pleased to report that our district picnic on Sept. 17th will be held at the DeNurra residence as it has been so many wonderful times there.
Our prayers have been answered and Fr. Rafal Duda has been appointed the new Chaplain for our district. He will replace Fr. Zak, who has retired due to health reasons. We will miss Fr. Zak, but welcome Fr. Duda whom we have gotten to know from his association with Fr. Zak over the years.
Roses are red and rubies too, so keep an eye on this space for upcoming plans as we, the district, continue to firm up plans to celebrate our Ruby Jubilee, 80 years strong.
With May fast approaching, Happy Mother’s Day, may Mary’s Blessings be on you this month and year.

Alameda
Nostra Signora Delle Gracie, Br. 10
Branch 10 is planning its “Event of the Decade,” our 90th Anniversary Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Our branch was founded in 1926, two years after the formation of the ICF and within a year after our original sponsoring parish, St. Philip Neri, was carved out of Saint Joseph Parish of Alameda.
Our dinner will be held in Monsignor O’Brien Hall, High and Van Buren Streets, Alameda. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and roast beef dinner prepared by member Ben Ratto will be served at 7. The festivities will also include live music and dancing. Prices will be $12.00 for youngsters under 12 and $45.00 for all others. For reservations and additional information, you can email Jeanette Zugnoni at jeanettez@zugnoni.net or on Monday, May 16 at 9 a.m. You can also call Jeanette at (510) 523-8005 by 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.
Our next social event following the 90th Anniversary Dinner will be barbecue and bocce on Thursday evening, July 7, in Lincoln Park, High Street at Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.
Ten officers and members of Branch 10 attended the District Bishop’s Day on a rainy Sunday, March 13, at Our Lady of Grace Church, Castro Valley. Our group included Father Robert Kenady Chinnapan, mf and Father Kuriakose Nadoparambil, mf, the two priests of our sponsoring parish.
When this article was submitted, we were praying for the return to good health of our president, Dave Rose.
John Zugnoni, Publicity  
(510) 523-8005; email: john@zugnoni.net

Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40
Happy Mothers Day. Wishing you all a beautiful day. Our polenta dinner was held Sunday, April 10, and we are happy to say it was a great success.
We all enjoyed a good dinner and each others company. Our raffle was a great success and thank you to those that contributed thoughtful gifts for our raffle as well. Thank you and to our members effort and working together to put on a wonderful evening. We thank you. Sacred Heart Church will be celebrating 140 years of service. A special liturgical celebration will be on Sunday June 5th at the 10AM mass. All are invited to attend.
Upcoming:
May 2: Meeting at 7pm
May 8: Mothers Day
June 6: Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Lorraine Albertti and Thomas Poggi. God Bless you both.
Please remember in your prayers the sick and theconvalescing of our branch. Especially Marisa and Thomas Poggi, Angie Rainero, June Ratto, David Rose, and Esemea Tabacco.
Thought: “I can’t do everything. But everything I do, I can do with Love”.
Ciao,  
M.A. Francis, L. Francis

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215
We sincerely hope all had a joyous Easter with family and friends.
Even though it was on the first day of Spring, our Bocce event at Our Lady of Guadalupe’s ball field was rained out at the last minute. We did manage, however, to meet a bit later for dinner at Outback and ended up having a great time in spite of our disappointment.
We play Bocce on the third Sunday of each month, weather permitting. Contact Jack Navarra, (510) 656-0258 for the next play date and to make reservations.
Our thanks to the staff at Outback in Fremont for graciously attending to our large impromptu groups. It is refreshing to visit a restaurant that treats their customers with courtesy and humor every time we ‘invade’ them after our Bocce games.
Join us Sunday, May 29 at Corpus Christi Church to kick off their Festival with a procession through downtown Niles beginning at 9:30 AM followed by Mass at 11 AM.
Get your reservations early for this year’s ‘ICF Day at the Races; Thursday, June 9 at Bay Meadows. Contact Fran La Torre for reservations by May 23rd. Tickets are $40 each.
On Sunday, June 26 there will be a going away luncheon following the 10:30 AM Mass at Corpus Christi Church for our branch chaplain Fr Sergio. More details to follow.
Happy Birthday to all branch members with birthdays this month and congratulations to all those celebrating wedding anniversaries.
We offer our prayers for those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military and their families.
Ken Chiatello

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285
Branch 285 wants to take this opportunity again to share experiences with other branches by inviting them to our events. By the time you read this, you will have missed member Dale Schauer’s presentation on Venice and the Fruilli area northeast of Venice with its rural towns and out of the way places. Dale’s presentations are always carefully orchestrated to inform and entertain. Thanks Dale.
Immerse yourself in an evening of food, fun, and dancing at our Primavera dinner-dance on Saturday, May 7th, St. Michael’s Hall, 372 Maple Street, Livermore, starting at 6 PM. Again, we are lucky to have our returning caterer, “A Tasteful Affair,” serving a savory Chicken Piccata and pasta dinner.

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Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354
On our drive to Pismo Beach for Easter brunch, we were surrounded by beautiful oaks, green mountains dotted with yellow mustard and bright California poppies. Oh, the wonders of God! Thank You for the rain.
The March meeting was busy. President David, still a little uncomfortable from his recent injury and therapy, reported on our successful pasta dinner. The kitchen crew served 600 dinners, probably one of our best attended. Thank you to the many generous friends and families who donated their work and time to make this a profitable event. Thank you also to the three local wineries for donating the complementary glass of wine served with the diners.
Scholarship donations were submitted to the Central Council Scholarship Committee. Candidates will be eligible to receive $400., $500., and $600. cash awards.

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and their scrumptious Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce dessert. Burn those calories off dancing to “real” music provided by the Melotones. The price is $35 per person and reservations are required. Please call Bobbie at 925-361-7088.

The second not to be missed event is a presentation by Signore Bertolucci, manager, Biordi Art Imports, San Francisco, at our May dinner meeting. Many know Biordi’s and their beautiful Italian ceramics from all over Italy. Come get a lesson from an expert in Italian ceramics. You can check out the documentary on making exquisite Italian ceramics at http://www.biordi.com and then meet the lucky one who gets to do the buying in Italy. The meeting is May 20th at 6 PM, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasanton. If you want to come, please call our president, Judy, at 925-462-2487.

Spero che vediamo! Ciao, a presto
Chuck (my wife’s Italian) Meier

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343
Thanks to our dessert bakers, our St. Joseph’s Table was a success and we were able to make a monetary donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society @ Transfiguration church. And thanks to Al Bronzini for his history of the St. Joseph’s Table, very informative.
Hope all who attended our 37th anniversary dinner dance had a good time. Thanks to all who helped with the raffle baskets, something for everyone, fun for all. And let’s not forget all the hard work so many people put into it to make it a success. A BIG THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to giving 8th grade scholarships to some deserving graduates of OLG who will continue with their Catholic education.

We have already donated our 1st year college scholarship and plan to continue with the next 3 years, so encourage your relatives and friends to apply ASAP. If they had one before they still have to apply for the next year.

We will begin our May meeting with a rosary, so plan to come early.
A blessed Mother’s Day to all and may our Blessed Mother continue to watch over you.

Contra Costa
District Council
The Contra Costa District members met at St. Isidore’s in Danville on Feb. 25 and began to make plans for the District Communion Breakfast, the Night of Recollection and the annual Oakland A’s Italian Night. Remember if you are interested in the latter event, please contact Rose Jarrett 925-381-4709, or Angels8199@aol.com

All Branches were encouraged to hold membership drives by June 30.
Our next District meeting is on Thursday, June 23 at St. Isidore’s in Danville at 7:30pm.

Here we are in the month of May. It makes me think of when we picked the cecil brewers, and made a crown for our Blessed Mother. We sang “Oh Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. Let us not forget that May is her special month.
In closing, its not what you say that really matters, its what you do.
Joann
A special thank you to our trustee/bus trip chairperson Joann Thilgen. She made a donation of 300.00 to our branch in memory of the late Alicia Smith. Please pray for our sick members Grace Scanapico and Anthony Alaimo. Let the branch know if anyone else is in need of our prayers. If notified we will gladly send a get well card.

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Sempre Avanti.

Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

The Polenta Dinner held on April 09, 2016, was a big success. This is a fundraiser held twice a year to fund our scholarship winners. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful event. We do not have a meeting in May. Our next meeting will be held in June. Watch for your newsletter with the date and time. It will be our membership appreciation potluck and raffle. We will also celebrate Mother and Fathers day.

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Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214

Includes: St. Agnes, Queen of All Saints, St. Bonaventure & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes

We continue to grow! We will install 7 new members this month. Our TEA was a great success, we had 106 guest present. We Thank member Sandra Debrichy for her beautiful music on the piano; we also had guest Carolyn Cugio attend, her late husband Mario was a Grand President of ICF for many years. Members Allison & Ed McGuirk created an essay contest for students of St. Agnes School; the title was “Your Heritage”, 3 students tied in winning $100 each. Wow! We are now getting ready for our next fundraiser; Our Annual Wine Event, it will be held June 12th; if interested please contact Chris Artale (925) 827-3713 or Joanne Doorack.

Prayer for our elderly and sick; we also as for blessing for our Military.

Ciao,
Christina, correspondence secty.

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Everyone loves St. Joseph’s Day in Sicily. The rich prepare a great feast; Traditional dishes are served, all of them good. And, who are the guests, the lucky ones? They are the same ones that St. Joseph would invite: The poor, the unfortunate, the halt and the blind. It is a day when all come together as one family.

Here at IHM St. Joseph’s Day was held on March 28 to a small but enthusiastic turnout. A traditional St. Joseph’s Table was laid out, re-splendid with all manner of food dishes, many of them having been in the families for years. Wine and other beverages were available to add to the festive occasion. The table settings and the food dishes were all co-ordinated by Claire Londos and Sandy Gamble. Highlighting who the celebrant was for the evening, Co-President Jack Bagar introduced John Buffo, a Pittsburg resident for some 50 years who is widely knowledgeable about the life and times of St. Joseph, the man. John spoke for 20 minutes, giving all a better feel for the Foster Father of Jesus.

Looking ahead, coming up in June, a really big month, we have the IHM golf tournament. The date is June 6. Plan to play and if you can’t play, go for dinner. There’s also a silent auction and some great raffle prizes to be won. This year’s dinner is honoring Father Jerry Brown, who is retiring.

And finally, don’t forget ICF night at the old Ballgame. The date is August 5, tickets are $30. Contact Co-Presidents Frank Stagnitto or Jack Bagar for more information and tickets.

la vita è buona

Orange
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Huntington Beach Branch 379 has had an eventful start to the year. In January, we hosted dinner for the Self Help Interfaith Program (S.H.I.P.)
Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

On a cool and rainy Sunday evening on Sunday, April 10 at St. Albert’s Hall, 21 members and guests enjoyed a dinner of baked chicken, with pasta and meat sauce and Strawberry shortcake prepared and served by Nancy and Nolan Cantrell, Charlyne Pacini, Vonnie Ramos, Joyce Kowatch and Eleanor Donati. Many thanks for the delicious food and dedicated service.

One member, Audrey Ferrari, was reported to be ill. We pray for God’s healing touch for her.

At the February meeting the Branch welcomed Don and Mary Meracci, who transferred from Branch #285 of Livermore. At a previous meeting it was voted to contribute to two Central Council Scholarships. The Branch also voted to give to each of the three Reno Area Catholic Elementary School a tuition assistance scholarship, and to give (8) eight tuition assistance scholarships for four current year students and 4 incoming students of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

Brother Matthew Cunningham has volunteered to be our new Chaplain.

Bob Ferrari said that now is a good time to touch which our delinquent members seemed to enjoy because they sent their dues payment in the envelope that Rose sent to them…Rose’s work experience as a book keeper assisted her and our branch.

Both ladies ably chaired many branch events.

Tante Grazie Pura and Rose…. God bless you !!!!

Vic Tallarida Br 261

San Francisco
San Francisco
Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:
May 22 -- Branch Mass, ICC, 10:30 am
June 1 -- Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, Host Anna Doyle
Happy Mother’s Day to all Branch 1 Mothers!

Ciao,
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our March meeting was very successful. We managed to get all our Old and New Business taken care of and we had plenty of time to enjoy our “Go Giants!” lunch. Actually, not only did we celebrate the opening of baseball season, we also celebrated Easter, Holy Week, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and according to our Dora Varrachi, Mardi Gras, too.

We had two special guests attend our March meeting. We welcome George Pagni, our newly appointed Deputy. Victor Arnaudo, Pres. SF ICF Br. 1, also came to our meeting. We thank and welcome you with “Open Arms.”

San Diego
San Diego
St. Theresa, Br. 261

Two of our long time members are retiring from active duties in our ICF Branch: Prudence Price & Rose Tallarida.

Prudence has been a member of our Executive Team for many years.. As President she provided remarkable leadership... She was the editor of the monthly newsletter. The newsletter provides our members an excellent communication link to not only branch & parish events but also ICF District programs...Prudence and Forrest Price have been the rudders of the ship ICF Br 261 that have admirably served our branch...

Rose Tallarida has served our Executive Board for many years. As our Financial Secretary she provided a vital communication link to all our members...She would follow up the dues request with phone calls.. These calls were a personal

San Diego
San Diego

SACRAMENTO
St. Mary, Br. 45

Welcome new members: Lisa Morrison, Kathy Pongratz, Barbara Savarino and Diana Orsolini Yarletz. Thanks for joining us.

Our next event will be Bingo Night with our Chicken and Polenta Dinner on Sunday, May 15 at Giovanni Hall. A branch meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. and Bingo at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. with Salad, Roll, ½ Chicken, Polenta, Dessert. Cost is $14 for members and $17 for non-members. Each person receives one complimentary Bingo Card. Additional cards available for purchase.

For reservations and information, contact me before May 6 at 916-508-1199.
For April we have good news and bad news! The “bad news” is we had to cancel April’s meeting… too many things going on with our members. In April, our own Norma Tealdi celebrated her “100” Birthday (WOW) and Mara & Cosmo celebrated “60” years of marriage. Congratulations to our dear Norma, we wish you continued good health, and all our love. Mara & Cosmo, Congratulations, too!

Now, for the “good news!” All members, as of today, have paid their 2016 ICF dues. This made me extremely happy. Thank you dear members… we love you all!

Our branch 38 is busy with our April “No Bake Sale” fundraiser. All the money we raise will be used for our Br. 38 ICF Scholarship Program.

In May we will be celebrating Mothers’ Day… to all our wonderful ICF Mothers, Grandmothers, and Aunts we wish you continued good health and much happiness.

*Next Monthly meeting: May 14 at 12:00 Noon, in the PC. (Tony’s Pizza: Cost: $10.00).
*Ci Vediamo! Ciao!
Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our President George Bacigalupi presided at our last Meeting-Dinner on April 6.

We heard the good news that our past President, Leana Figone, is now home and recovering with round the clock care. Being home will certainly help with her recovery, and we send our love and best wishes to her.

Diana reported that the Coffee and Donut reception after the 8 o’clock Sunday Mass was a success, and wanted to thank each and everyone of the members that participated. She also announced that Marcella Ramos will be happy to attend the upcoming ICF Convention this year. Thank you Marcella !

Our Scholarship Program was discussed. In the past, Branch 50 has always donated one scholarship to the well-deserving graduate planning to attend a Catholic High School. Our Pastor and School Principal make the selection. After some discussion, it was decided that this year, we would increase our donation and award two scholarships for two Eighth Grade Graduates !

Meeting was adjourned, and we all enjoyed a wonderful meal of Soup, Salad, Risotto, New York Strip Roast and Dessert. We have to extend our thanks to Louise Massante and Mimi Yustuzi Dougherty for all that they do in organizing our dinners. We were happy to have Father Kirk Ullery join us, and we must thank our Pastor Father Ken Westray who is always so very helpful in the kitchen.

We will not be meeting during the summer, and as this was our last meeting until this coming August, we what to wish everyone “una buona vacanza” !

Ciao,
Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Please join us on Thursday, May 19, for a pot luck lunch at noon, followed by our monthly meeting. Looking forward to our next Champagne-Bingo luncheon on Saturday, June 5. Doors open at 11:00 AM and lunch will be served at noon. The price of this event is $25. Please call Mary Rowe (415) 333-7939 or Joyce Nuti (415) 586-7879 for reservations.

Kindly continue to pray for our members who are not feeling well.

Happy Mothers Day to all our moms!

Ciao,
Jeanette

San Mateo

District Council

Greetings! Welcome to spring and warmer days and new life blooming everywhere. Didn’t realize that spring began on Palm Sunday. Many thanks to the San Francisco District for hosting our 55th Annual San Francisco Archbishop’s Day this past Sunday, April 3. In the absence of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone who had to attend another event, our dear friend, Bishop William Justice officiated at the spirit filled mass held at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, San Francisco. He delighted us with his beautiful homily touched with a bit of humor. Mass was followed by a delicious luncheon at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Mike Rossi, Past Grand President was Master of Ceremonies for the Program that followed with the presentations of Spiritual Bouquet, Seminary Burs and Special Presentation to the Archbishop, which were received by Bishop William Justice. Many thanks for the hospitality to Sts. Peter & Paul Church and San Francisco Athletic Club.

Thanks also to Barbara Firpo for coordinating the bus for this special day.

Reminder: May is the month to work on your calendar for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Happy Mother’s Day! God Bless you all!

Anne O’Brien

South San Francisco

Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

For our April 6 Dinner/Business meeting we were treated to, “Pastella Bonannus”. Our thanks to Chef Sam Bonanno and, of course, thanks to all our helpers too!

The May dinner meeting will be on the 4th and will be chaired by Gayle & Bill Mangini. Gayle will do a wonderful Mexican meal to celebrate “Cinco de Mayo”. The meal is always outstanding and we all appreciate the fact that she “steps up to the plate” every year to do this for us.

Don’t forget we take a break from our monthly dinner meetings during the months of June and July. The “Western BBQ Dinner-Dance” Fundraiser is scheduled for October and will be our 91st Anniversary. We will send out more information on this event as time draws near.

Our first meeting back from vacation will be August 3. Please plan to attend and support your ICF organization.

Looking through our membership records, we found that Aida Palomba has been a member since February 25, 1959 (57 years). This year Josephine Baldocchi, will be a member for 50 years in November, and Renato Achiro had his 50 year anniversary on March 3, 2016. Also, Eda Giachetti will have a “Happy Birthday” on April 28, 2016, and will reach the fabulous age of ninety-nine. We would also like to welcome back long time member Norma Steffen. Congratulations to all!

Have a great summer!

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Masesti

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

April was a very quiet month for our branch.

We had our monthly meeting and the Colonel (Kentucky Fried Chicken) bought box dinners for all who attended. And Ice Cream sandwiches! Yum!

Tom Malaspina would like to thank all the members of the branch as well as the Presidents of all the district branches for providing their email addresses. We have cut our monthly newsletter mailing of branches in San Francisco. We were lucky to ride the bus there so no parking problems. Our lunch was suburb also.

April 10 was our annual Mass and brunch with our neighboring Millbrae branch (403) and our regular meeting on the 14th will be at 6:30 with a Subway sandwich spread and meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Thank you Lucy and Jim Witherspoon for chairing our dinner.

Our Raffle tickets have arrived and will be distributed at our meeting. The cost per book is $20.00 and the Branch keeps $10.00 of each book sold. Let’s try to sell all of our books and bring in $750.00 to our treasury.

Special thanks to the Pedro Tournament committee as it was very’s because of your cooperation all of our parish angel members who helped make it that way. We will be holding another one later in the year.

We extend our sympathy to Mary Ann Camacho and family on the death of her son, Jeff Tucker. We know he is in a better place. Please keep up your prayers for Keith, Dorene and John’s son in law and for any of our sick members.

God Bless,
Rosaldin C. Emery
Members of Branch 28 enjoyed a very successful fundraiser dinner.

Please remember Father Frank Murray. Send a card to him at: Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Branch 19 – Holy Angels Hall, Colma - June 18, Champagne Bingo, lunch at 2:30pm, $16.00 includes chicken, pasta, champagne and 1 bingo card. Call Deborah Rodondi 650-583-0805.

May 8 - Happy Mother’s Day ladies!!!
Ciao,
Virginia Malaspina
Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403
It is with deep sadness that we announce that long-time ICF member/trustee Jack Gardner has passed away. He will truly be missed. Our condolences to his wife Ann and their family. May he rest in peace.

On April 10 we joined with our neighbor Branch #173, Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame for Branch following 10:00 AM Mass at St. Dunstan. This has been an annual affair for several years now and hopefully will continue for many more.

As suggested by the ICF District Council, we have initiated a Membership Drive thanks to volunteer Chairperson Paul Larson.

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Happy Mothers Day to all Moms and Grandmothers
Rose Marie Morando
Corresponding Secretary

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
Our dinner at Chalet Basque Restaurant was very well attended with 46 members and friends.

It was nice to see three of the Charter members attend the dinner, Dr. Arnold and Lois Pieri and Silvia Fredrick-Gardin as well as one of our Past Presidents John Matteucci.

The food was delicious and it was nice to get together and visit with friends. Thanks to everyone who donated money towards the basket raffle and especially to Guy Rossi for the secret recipe for this meal.

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San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council
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Fr. George told us to practice the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy – Feed the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.

Next Meeting: May 9 at Resurrection Church, Sunnyvale Branch 408.

Mike Nunziata
San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4
The Crowning of the Blessed Mother at our May meeting was beautiful. Thanks to everyone who brought flowers, and cookies for the reception.

June 1 is our Baby Back Rib Dinner. This is always a great dinner. Let’s really support this function to make it successful. As you know, our Fund Raisers keep the Branch going. Menu is: Ribs, Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Wine is included.

July 6 is the Picnic in the Park at 5:00 p.m. I’ll have more on this at a later date.

If you haven’t paid your dues, bring them to the next meeting or mail them to Bill Greco.

Also, you should have received your Raffle tickets for Convention. The Branch keeps $10.00 for each book sold. A great way for the Branch to get extra money!

To our sick members, we send our prayers.

“A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter. He who finds one, finds a Treasure.”

God’s Blessings to All.
Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5
Our sympathies go to Jerry Marsalli, Larry and Elisse Marsalli, and their families on the passing of Nancy Lee Marsalli. May she rest in peace.

Thanks for all members who helped in the recent fundraiser (Pancake Breakfast) on April 17, 2016. A report will be given at the Dinner/Meeting.

Thanks to Joe Martinez and his crew for their great preparation of food.

Please remember your volunteer assignments for the St. Clare Parish Festival on May 13, 14, and 15. ICF has the Italian Sausage Booth. Come by and have a great sandwich, or if needed, help us in any way.

Upcoming Dates:
May 13, 14, 15, 2016 – St. Clare Parish Festival and BBQ.
Br. 5 BBQ – Date to be announced.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers. Enjoy.
Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotoso

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28
We had a very successful fundraiser dinner last evening and thank you to the members who attended and brought friends and family. A special thank you to Chef Andy Pappani and his hard working crew for a very delicious dinner. And all those raffle prizes, wow we never saw so many before.

Thank you to those who donated. Our hard working servers who volunteered are to be thanked also.

Good job. Our decorating crew did a spectacular job as usual. Thanks to Louise and Peggy.

A member asked me to mention that this last Easter Sunday, Mother Angelica passed away. She was responsible for the largest radio and television network in the world. Eternal Word Television network broadcasts in all parts of the world, in the native language, with daily mass and all the events of our Pope Francis. Her life story is quite a testament to her faith in God. May she rest in peace.

Our May dinner meeting will be on May 16, 6 PM Cullen Hall.

Happy Mother’s day to all Moms and Grandmothers.
See you at the meeting.
Anna Barberi

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184
Seems like the Minestrone served at the last meeting was a hit! Thank you Denise for making it possible.

This year’s Convention, “Called to be Merciful,” will be held in Fresno from Saturday September 2 to Monday September 5, 2016. We will be choosing delegates soon, as well as sending you raffle tickets in the mail. Please buy your tickets and send back the stubs, this may be your lucky year!

Barbara White scheduled the Quarterly Mass and Breakfast for April 17. Breakfast followed at Sherwood’s Inn on Almaden Road in San Jose. It’s a great way to spend some quality time with fellow members.

It would be wonderful if each of you members could invite just one new person to join our Branch. We are holding a membership drive on June 26, which happens to be the 92nd Anniversary of the National ICF. Look for our table after Masses that day.

Save July 17 for our Branch BBQ and Bocce at the St. Francis Cabrini Courts. We will have an outdoor Mass at 4:30, followed by the activities.

More information to follow.

I send out Best Wishes to Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and Aunts, all who play a critical role in the lives of our children. Give them the love and strength it takes to raise a spiritual child.

God bless the children as well. May the Lord continue to hear our prayers and bless all members who need healing.

Happy Mother’s Day.
Lucy Amico

San Jose
St. Francis of Cabrini, Br. 191
Branch 191 hopes everyone in the Federation had a wonderful Blessed Easter. Easter is truly a magical time as well as miraculous; a time to experience the joy of Christ’s resurrection with family and friends.

On Palm Sunday, our branch held our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast. Thank you Joe Roulin and his crew for the fantastic breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee. (Makes me hungry just writing about it.)

Debbie Piro, thank you for your creative talent with the graham cracker houses and the Easter Egg tree.

Your branch has the Italian Sausage Booth. Come by and have a great sandwich, or if needed, help us in any way.

Under the direction of Angela Cosmosino, our branch held a mini St. Joseph’s day in our hall. St. Joseph’s beautiful Altar was a master piece, created by member Traci DiMeciel. It was filled with fruit, pastries, flowers, bread and of course Fava Beans for good luck. Father Pablo Goibo said Mass and blessed the Altar before we ate dinner. Thank you Father. Also, thanks to the cooks for the wonderful meal. The celebration of St. Joseph’s day is so important to our Sicilian Community.

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy this year, our Parish volunteered to care for 16 homeless women in our Diocese of San Jose for one month along with four other churches in the area, helping them during the four most difficult winter months. We housed them, fed them, cared for their individual needs of shelter, fed them, cared for their individual needs of health, clothes, shoes, hairdressers and other churches in the area, helping them during the four most difficult winter months. We housed them, fed them, cared for their individual needs of transport if needed. It was inspiring to see the number of volunteers that came forward to help.

God bless all of you and thank you.

Jim Jones

Branch 191’s St. Joseph’s Day Table.
San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

A hearty “Thank you” to John and Noreen Gillio for preparing the polenta, meat, and sauce for our April 13 meeting. Also our thanks go to Ed Lukas, Judy Janini, and Mary Mavroydis for hosting the meeting and decorating the tables. What a delightful experience for us!
Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridl, co-chairs for our pasta and meatball dinner, are looking for more help from our members for the May 13 event. President Michael Nunziata reminds members to turn in their raffle tickets, by-law proposals, and names of candidates for ICF Convention awards as soon as possible.
In our parish bulletins for April third and the tenth the parish thanked members of our branch for providing the money and workmanship “for the beautiful granite countertop and eye-catching glass tile backsplash in our new hall.” We especially thank talented Marcello Ridi, a branch #368 member, who donated his skill and time to the installation of the counter and backsplash.
Many members of our branch are volunteers at our parish Safe Park project, in which the homeless living in their cars are able to park in our parish parking lot overnight and receive meals. On Friday, April 8, the project was high-lighted in an article entitled “Safety in slumber” by Joe Rodriguez in The Mercury News, discussing the “safe park” lot at Santa Teresa Catholic Church in South San Jose.” Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that Santa Teresa is one of 16 Christian congregations who are providing safety and food in our city.

Happy Mother’s Day!
Blessings,
Judy

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

We celebrated April with an April food mixer. As member arrived they were assigned to number tables and able to meet other members. The members enjoyed a meat loaf dinner. Fr. Vincent a visiting priest at St. Martin said he know about the ICF when he was in Sacramento and he always enjoyed how members get together like one big family. 1st VP Marcie Rossi showed us the pamphlet she made for membership. She also introduced 5 new members. Louise Vento did a heritage report on Hector Boiard who changed his name to Chef Boy-Ar-Dee and made spaghetti famous. She even had a can of Chief Boy-Ar-Dee. Our Celebration of Life was a success we had mass, Lunch and entertainment for Home bound residents of care home. We provide transportation and food for the event. Our new event will be April 29 (Wine down with the ICF) We will sell only 100 tickets St Martin Fashion Show is May 12 in the Gym for tickets call Jessie Romero.
Please keep our III members in your prayers and our 5 members who were deceased in March. Congratulations to Bianca and Michael Amoto on the birth of their Daughter

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408

Our next event is the Upcoming Blood and Membership Drive which will be held on Sat April 30 at Filippi’s, 645 First Street, Napa. Our Branch was organized May, 1927 and is the oldest in our District. ICF members and guests are cordially invited to join us in the wonderful celebration. Family members with three entrees, salad, dessert and fellowship will begin at 3:00 pm. Make your reservation by April 25 sending $23 per person to Carole Gruss, 2085 North Third Avenue, Napa, CA 94558.
Ciao,
Juliane

Santa Rosa
Napa
St. John, Br. 12

Our 90th Anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, April 30 at Filippi’s, 645 First Street, Napa. Our Branch was organized May, 1927 and is the oldest in our District. ICF members and guests are cordially invited to join us in the wonderful celebration. Family members with three entrees, salad, dessert and fellowship will begin at 3:00 pm. Make your reservation by April 25 sending $23 per person to Carole Gruss, 2085 North Third Avenue, Napa, CA 94558.
Ciao,
Marie Canale

Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Hurray, Louise Vicino, our Branch Deputy , at our April 6 meeting thanked us for get-well prayers and cards. She gave her love to all.
Please pray for Martha Runke and Carmella Hanson.
Help celebrate Mothers Day , Saturday, May 7, Scottsdale Rite Center. Enjoy Randy Apel’s great baked ham and potatoes, dance to the alluring strains of “Show Case” @ $20.00. Call Doreen O’Rourke, tel. 707/525-0295.
Bring donated new baby items to our May meeting to be given to local infant centers.
Our heart-feel appreciation to our helpers, bartenders-Larry Kilcullen located a replacement bartender who was very helpful at our March event. Many thanks to all who buy tickets to our events and by doing so, help us to continue with our ongoing community service works.
We were blessed with a visit from Brother Paul, Chaplain of ICF Branch 12 who graciously served as substitute Orator and passed out flyers regarding the Year of Mercy tour to Washington D.C. October 8-12,2016. Call Marie Canale for more information. This venture is co-sponsored by the ICF and Knights of Columbus. Encouraged by our Bishop.

Members of Branch 435 serving a delicious Lenten Soup Night.

(Left) Branch 435 was treated to a recent Dinner visit by Ironman. Danny, Fran’s grandson, a High School Junior, made this costume himself and appears locally @ retirement & Senior Care centers.

(Over) Branch 435’s St. Joseph’s Day Table.

Claverdale
L’Anunciata, Br. 75

Our Branch has welcomed a new pastor, Father David Galeana, an excellent choice for our parish with its large Spanish speaking population. Youthful, and full of ideas, he is committed, as are we, to ICF membership growth which will include all parish members.
In our March meeting we enjoyed a St. Patrick’s Day celebration. There was “the wearing of the green”, a corn beef and cabbage dinner, and a whole bunch of blarney tossed in around the dinner table. It also featured special guest speaker, Sonja Kleusner, fresh out of LA, bouncing with teenage energy after having attended/chaperoned Catholic Youth Day. She asked for our support in sending a couple of promising youth from our parish to this dynamic event next year which she said united, invigorated and strengthened the faith of young people from all over the state. Thank you, Sonja, for making us aware of this event!
Sadly, long time, former member, Margaret Seghesio passed away this month. We provided the desserts for her memorial reception.
Our April meeting is one which we look forward to because we have a vineyard behind St. Peter’s Church. Beside this Vineyard are The Stations of the Cross. Branch members John and Dianne Heckenberg’s home is several yards off the Fourteenth Station. After we finish, they open their home to us and serve us dessert. Thank you John and Dianne for hosting this very spiritual and “sweet” event!
We welcome new members Father David Galeana, Don and Barbara Covello, Nancy Rivas, Jim and Phyllis Pedroncelli, and Nancy Demattei-McKean.

Happy Mother’s Day!

May 2016
Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Former president, Margo Kosta, hosted our first fundraiser of the year in April and it was a resounding success, with many of the guests winning wonderful prizes. Proceeds are scheduled for the scholarship fund. Photos coming next month. The March meeting and dinner gave members a chance to show off their culinary skills since it was our first pot luck in 2016. Maybe Branch 103 should open a restaurant?

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016. For dinner reservations, call Lila at (707) 996-3448. Menu will be a surprise!

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Sky is overcast, raining today. Thanking God for another day! My cast is off so I can drive again. Another good reason to thank God. Thanks to all of you who were so gracious and sent cards and phone calls after my fall.

I did not attend the St. Joseph’s Dinner, however, I heard that it was a successful dinner. Thanks to our Chairpeople, Cathy and Spence Burton for a job well done. Thank you to the cooks and all the members who helped in any way. Our next dinner to be held is our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner to be held on May 21. It will be held in St. James Church Hall and will start at 6:15 p.m. with o’erderves, Dinner: 7:00 p.m. - salad, chicken cacciatore, dessert and coffee. Cost is $18 for adults $10 for children under twelve. Make your reservations with Spence: 763-9082.

There will be four scholarship recipients invited to attend the Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. May 9 is our Pizza Dinner, with our regular meeting to follow. It will be held in St. James Hall at 6:00 p.m. sharp, so please be on time. Cost is $5. Make your reservations with Lucy: 769-1245.

Get well wishes to Lily Ward, Dorleen Camozzi, Spence Burton. Thinking of you Frank Cresci and hoping you are doing well.

Happy Mother’s Day to everyone. If you still have your Mother, don’t forget to call or send her flowers or better yet visit her and give her a hug and kisses. Some of us who have lost our mothers still have them in our hearts where they will always be. Remember them fondly, for a Mother’s love is never forgotten.

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

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Stockton
Manteca

Our parish will receive a new pastor, Father Chad Wahl, on June 1. As one of the most active of our parish’s groups, Branch 139 will be sending a letter of welcome to Father Wahl.

After another successful “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner a few weeks ago, our planners are turning their attention to our Italian sandwich booth at Lodl’s Festa Italiana on May 22. Chair Anna Mello reported that our booth will be part of a display of local Italian food, wine and even beer from Italy. The music will include accordion players, Italian dancers and entertainment featuring Neopolitan tenor Pasquale Esposito.

The annual branch picnic on June 5 will again be held at the home of Dino and Sharon Conial. The members and guests will enjoy a full picnic with barbecued steaks by Tony Queirolo, pot luck appetizers, salads and desserts. A bocce tournament will be also held.

Our monthly meeting concluded with prayer by Lillian Pauletto and the singing of the Federation anthem.

Ciao,
Mariano

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Larry De Peel

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

April was a very busy month. Our April 4 meeting included dessert and a presentation from John Guariglia, a volunteer from the police dept., on senior scams and identity theft. At the meeting we presented Rector Epperson our annual donation for the church development. On April 10, we hosted the Santa Rosa District Council meeting including a luncheon for 32 ICF brothers and sisters. On April 16 we put on our annual fundraising prime rib and pasta dinner for 330 guests with the help of ticket master Claire Giampaoli, chef Randy Apel, many members, and servers from St. Eugene school.

On May 2 we will award eight scholarships and honor our mothers with a dinner to be prepared by Randy Apel. On June 6, we are looking forward to our meeting including a Father’s Day potluck.

Happy Easter Season,
Gene Zingarelli
President

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209

Following our Anniversary Ravioli Dinner in December, February’s Chicken & Polenta Dinner, and our March Fish Fry, we are enjoying a bit of a rest before getting busy again. Our April meeting was an “April Showers Potluck”. As usual, we enjoyed the delicious contributions from our members.

We are now planning our December 2nd 50th Anniversary event and will make this information available when plans are completed. We are looking forward to this celebration – 50 years is quite an accomplishment and we are fortunate to have some of our “Charter Members” still with us.

Our May meeting will celebrate “Mother’s Day” and we will also be joined by this year’s scholarship winners and their families.

Our Bocce Tournament will be held on May 22 at the St. Sebastian’s Bocce Courts. It will be a Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Cost: $10/person. Time: 10 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian’s Church. Bocce Tournament following Mass. For information and sign-up, please call Tia Polley (707-823-4971) or Candy Peters (707-824-9467). Please RSVP by May 15, 2016.

Upcoming:
May 3 – Board Meeting
May 10 -- Regular Meeting – Mother’s Day/ Scholarship Winners Dinner
May 22 -- Bocce Tournament
Ciao,
Lona Bertoli
We have begun our annual scholarship fund raiser. Tickets are $20 - first prize is $1,000, second prize is a Luxury Spa Basket, and third prize is $100. The spa basket is always a big hit - although not as awesome as winning 1,000 $1.00 bills. The basket has many soap items, luxurious bathrobe and towels, a CD to enjoy while relaxing, a manicure and pedicure gift certificate, and a large assortment that can only make your day one of total relaxation! Only a total of 100 tickets are sold and the drawing is always exciting!

Members of our branch will be volunteering to help set up the 4th annual Festa Italiana this year which is to be held on Sunday, May 22. For tickets and more information call Patricia Raggio at 209-471-2190 or email her at patriciaraggio1234@gmail.com. You may also purchase tickets on the website www.festa-italiana.com.

Our past dinner meetings have been successful financially so we do take the time to thank our dinner members and their guests for supporting our cause. Speaking of food, our next meeting on May 19 will feature tri-tip, Italian roasted potatoes, Italian flat green beans and all the salad, bread and desserts you can eat. Hold on to your hats folks...the June 23 dinner meeting will be lasagne - always a crowd-pleaser! Plan to join us if you love our food and companionship - but that goes without saying - we are a fun bunch!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

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**Fresno District to Hold Annual Bocce Ball Tournament**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Tucson**

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

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, Branch 433 welcomed new members Richard and MaryAnn Foran! Thank you, Richard and MaryAnn for joining us. We also welcomed much needed RAIN!! It was a great meeting and a great day!

In the absence of President Melissa Rodriguez, 1st Vice President Jim Acitelli conducted the meeting. Fund raising tickets for the Jim Click car give-away were recapped by our Branch Deputy Stephany Brown. Sales of the tickets are going well with proceeds enriching the treasury! October, 2016 will see the 10th Anniversary of Branch 433 and Wayne and Marie Corso have offered to host an anniversary/membership drive at their “Fred Astaire Dance Studio”. They will take care of arrangements, etc.

Thanks to Julie Horton for stepping in as Recording Secretary last month so that we had great Minutes to present at the meeting.

The Branch is looking forward to possibly selling sausage and pepper sandwiches this coming Fall when the Knights of Columbus at SS. Peter and Paul have their annual garage/ rummage sale. It should be fun for all of us!

As Mother’s Day falls on our regular meeting date, it was voted to change the date to the 3rd Sunday of May, May 15, at the regular time and place.

Branch 433 wishes a Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, grandmothers and those who fill the role of “mother”!!

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Acitelli
Recording Secretary

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Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure
David Botta
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, 2016. 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 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 (except 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 is 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.