



# BOLLETTINO

## Let's Go to Fresno



The Fresno Convention Committee is hard at work planning a fun and fulfilling weekend.

### Roselynn Jarrett Convention Director

The 2016 ICF Convention is approaching and will be held at The DoubleTree Hotel. Let's go to Fresno and enjoy a festive weekend with our ICF family. A variety of activities are being planned that you won't want to miss.

On Thursday, September 1, the Fresno District will welcome us at their "Night at the Races." Bet on the ponies and watch them race in a simulated experience. Dinner will be served as we cheer on the horses. Bus service from the hotel will be available to those who require transportation. If you have a derby hat to wear, this will add to the atmosphere.

Friday will be the official start of the convention. During the day, make time to visit the Central Council committee exhibit, attend mass, pray the Divine Mercy Rosary, donate blood, play Bingo, take one of the Fresno District tours, learn how to play Pedro, compete

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 tuxes 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.

### 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 love and support. I have been blessed to have three mothers in my life, my mother Marian, my mother-in-law Shirliann and my wife B.G., the mother of my children. Watching them show the love for their children,



each in a unique way, has been a true blessing. To all the Mothers throughout the Federation, I would like to wish you a blessed Mother's Day. And to all of our Mothers who are no longer with us, may they be looking down on us from Heaven with the joy of knowing that our love for them is never ending.

On June 25, 2016 the Central Council will be hosting "A Night for Seminarians" at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks, California. The ICF has always been a great supporter of our church and has seen the need to assist in the support and education of our future priests. The Night for Seminarians came about as a way of coming together as a group in support for the seminarians and raising some much needed funds. Please consider supporting this event to help make it a success and, if possible, bring along a friend to let them see all the good that our organization does for the church. For more information, please see the *Bollettino*, the ICF website at ICF.ORG or contact the ICF office.

Over the past several months, I have been talking about membership in my monthly articles. The reason for continuing to address membership is that we need to instill a culture of continuing to bring in new members within our branches. Membership has to be an ongoing effort for the survival of the Federation. We love our Federation and all that we do at our local parishes, and it is up to us to keep the fire burning by inviting others to become members to keep going strong with the next generation. If you need assistance with membership, please contact the ICF office and they will put you in touch with a Central Council Member in your area for assistance.

God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand President

### Late Nite Catechism Postponed

Due to low ticket sales this event has been postponed until a future date. More info coming soon. Please watch for future notice.

### Save The Date

Hi everyone! Please Save the Date for the Night for the Seminarians. Please get your reservations in early so we can plan a wonderful evening. As an added bonus, plan on visiting the Vatican exhibition at the Reagan Library. Why not make it fun weekend in Ventura County. Hope to see you there!!

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Happy Mother's  
Day!



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2016 Bishops’ Days:

- Jul. 31 Monterey (Central Coast)
- Oct. 16 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 16 Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 23 Fresno
- Nov. 6 Las Vegas
- Nov. 6 Los Angeles
- Nov. 6 San Diego
- Nov. 9 San Bernardino

# 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

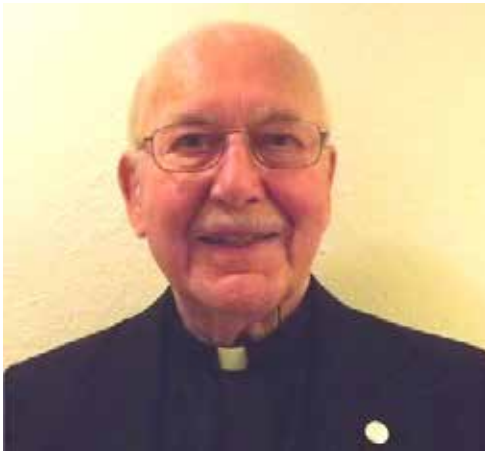


after their master and dear friend’s death.

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.



He gives us special gifts to keep us strong in our Faith and to spread the gospel through the way we live. As the Holy Spirit showed the Apostles, “actions speak louder than words.” Go forth and glorify the Lord by your life!

# Membership and Belonging

## Robert Huffer 2nd Vice President Branch 36, Monterey

Trying to maintain a steady number of members in an ICF branch can be a bit of a challenge; increasing that number can be even more so. Following this, membership of some branches seem to waffle about with the same number for decades, while others say that their membership level sort of trickles away as the years go by. Still, there is a general impression that somehow Branch 36 is fairly successful at recruitment and doesn’t have a particularly hard time filling its ranks.

Just the same, Branch 36 doesn’t really do much different from any other branch. One

might say that perhaps luck plays a part because of its location. Well, having a large Italian community in its midst can’t hurt but having relatives-of-relatives or friends-of-friends who are members can only go so far. Even with an interest, actually joining the branch is an awfully big step into that old pond of commitment. Nevertheless, getting people to stay once a member may be even harder to accomplish. Branch 36, as well as other branches, tries to promote the feeling of belonging and of being in the right place, for current and prospective members.

Certainly this sense of belonging is a key factor to increasing any membership and being able to maintain it. For it is that ‘something’ many people want from a group or an organization when joining; to feel wanted and welcomed. Therefore, spreading the word to the community that people are welcome may be all well and good, but what counts in this world is being able to show it. So to accomplish this, Branch 36 chooses to promote its existence by service. It reaches out to the community with a welcoming offer to join the branch at an event or for one or many of the Lenten Dinners. In that way, it will be a place to meet and enjoy; where the community of Italians and non-Italians can be exposed to the Italian Catholic Federation, and each other, and can experience a way of thinking, behaving, and working that exists as an organization, of Branch 36 and of the ICF.

One thing for sure, it can be said that one of the most enduring qualities attributed to the Italian culture is found in its sense of family. This quality alone identifies its culture; for this characteristic pulls on the strings of loyalty and obligation and tends to draw-in its family members; as if it were strings of a purse that pull tight to secure its precious possessions: a sense of comfort and nurturance. On the other hand, personal achievement, wealth, or even public stature pale by comparison. As in the same way as with this sense of family, of togetherness and companionship, it also holds the same meaning as found in its reference to food; in that, food for an Italian is more than just a meal: it expresses the heart and soul of its heritage, family, and culture. This can occur

### Membership Stats as of

March 31, 2016: 9,724

### Members as of July 1, 2015:

10,074 = overall loss of 350 members

New:	685
Reinstated:	16
Transfer in/out:	45
Deceased:	-189
Cancelled:	-608
Non-payment	254

### High Five!

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

Santa Barbara	+83
Tucson	+07
Blessed Sacrament	+05
Stockton	+02
Reno	+02

any time by a single bite and the taste of Italian cooking, for it can stir up a remembrance of comfort, home, and the people who are important.

Therefore, this combination of these attributes of family and food/comfort and nurturance form a particular style shown by Branch 36. In that, these characteristics are closely related to that held in the true Italian character: an open invitation to join the family for a gathering, or in this case, as an invitation for membership. And that is what draws people in and helps maintain a connection.

# Heritage

## The Italian Way

### Denise Antonowicz Heritage Committee Chair

We are Italian, French, Polish, German, Vietnamese, Irish, Slavic, but the one element that binds us together as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, is embracing the Italian “la vita bella” (the beautiful life), love of family, our Catholic faith and of course, our wonderful appreciation of good food. Traditionally, Italians have an easy-going and positive outlook on how to go about daily life. Italians enjoy one of the best lifestyles and quality of life of any European country, or indeed, any country in the world. The foundation of its society is the family (particularly the mother) and community; Italians are noted for their close family ties, their love of children and care for the elderly. In Italy, work fits around social and family life, not vice versa. The real glory of Italy lies in the outsized heart and soul of its people, who are among the most convivial, generous and

hospitable in the world. Italy is celebrated for its simple, relaxed way of life, warm personal relationships and time for others, good manners and spontaneity - Italians are never slow to break into song or dance when the mood strikes them. For sheer vitality and passion for life, Italians have few equals, and Italy is never plain or boring. Few other countries offer such a wealth of intoxicating experiences for the mind, body and spirit.

We all, no matter where our families originated from, seem to be drawn to the Italian Catholic Federation. First, we are all Catholic and secondly we are a group of diverse nationalities that love to embrace “la vita bella”. Each of us brings to the ICF that special something that enhances our branches. We share recipes, food, history and stories that don’t detract from the ICF but rather enriches the basis of our branches. By knowing more about each other, we become more of an extended family and that is the Italian way!

# Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2016 Convention

## Application Process

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

## Other Pre-Convention Deadlines

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

## Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during “Meet the Candidates.” Food and beverage items may not be distributed during “Meet the Candidates.”
3. As voted upon at the February 2016 Central Council Meeting, there will be no candidate

hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the hotel’s quiet time policy. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.

4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

## Other Information

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

# ICF HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

## Father Floyd Lotito, OFM - The Tenderloin Priest

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen  
Past Grand Presidents

We continue this month with the ICF Awards Program. In 1999, The Italian Catholic Federation instituted the Mother Teresa Award. This award is given to a member of a religious order or deacon for exemplary humanitarian work. The first person to be honored with this award was Father Floyd Lotito of the Franciscan Order. The award was presented by then Grand President Nettie Descalso-DelNero at the Sunday morning session of the annual convention.

Father Lotito grew up in Los Angeles and attended the Theological Seminary in Santa Barbara.

He was ordained a priest in 1960. He would later receive a master’s degree from Marquette University which would honor him as a distinguished alumnus. In 1961, Father was assigned to St. Mary’s Parish in Stockton, CA where he became chaplain to ICF Branch 9. Father served in many other parishes before coming to San Francisco in 1968 where he was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Boniface Church in the Tenderloin District of the city.

In 1981, the Franciscans started the St. Anthony’s Foundation in the Tenderloin to feed the homeless, seniors and the disabled. Father found his home here, working among the people of the area, an area of San Francisco that is home to the sick, the poor and a growing immigrant population.

Father Lotito served in many capacities at St. Anthony’s, eventually becoming the Director of the Dining Room. The Dining Room serves about 2,700 meals a day. Volunteers from

civic, social and charitable organizations are encouraged to help serve the meals.

Father Lotito’s efforts to combat poverty and homelessness received local, national and international recognition. He addressed numerous audiences on the subject, developed a number of charity and volunteer organizations and served as a spiritual advisor to many community groups. In 2000, Father was invited to bless AT&T Baseball Park at its opening. In 2003, Father was recognized as the “San Franciscan of the Year”

In his later years, Father struggled with Parkinson’s disease. He died on July 14, 2009 at the age of 74. The funeral service for him was held at St. Boniface Church in San Francisco.

## Convention - 2015

At this Convention, The Mother Teresa Award was presented to Father Dave Heney of Thousand Oaks, CA. by Past Grand President Bob Basuino. Father has written a number of books on modern moral issues and continues to write on various religious subjects. In his ten years as pastor of St. Paschal in Thousand Oaks, he guided the parish to be an instrument of good in the community by developing outreach programs. Presently, Father works with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in developing two projects: establish guidelines and procedures in continuation of his “Lenten University Series” and write a procedures manual for new priests and pastors.

The Mother Teresa Award was certainly well deserved by the two priests featured in this article.

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Sante Cerri	14	Martinez, CA	\$30
4/2	Steve & Carrie Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/3	Rose & John Moore	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
4/4	Martin Watkins	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
4/5	Don Becchetti	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
4/6	Eva Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/7	Steve Crisafi	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
4/8	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/9	Mark & Robyn Garibaldi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/10	Mary Sapien		Merced, CA	\$30
4/11	Fred Ganssle		Clovis, CA	\$30
4/12	James Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$30
4/13	Shirley Robasciotti		Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/14	Barbara Murphy	290	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/15	Frank L. Angelino	28	Gilroy, CA	\$40
4/16	Marilyn Lombardi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
4/17	Georgann Chiozza		Colfax, CA	\$30
4/18	Patricia Faria	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
4/19	Deanne Verduzco		Merced, CA	\$30
4/20	Mario McGhee		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/21	Sally Farinella	326	El Monte, CA	\$30
4/22	Sylvia Reali		Novato, CA	\$30
4/23	James Jones	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/24	Sabrina Jensen		Solvang, CA	\$30
4/25	Domenica Yonke	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
4/26	Russ Stephens	413	San Andreas, CA	\$30
4/27	Barbara Gabriel	213	SS Francisco, CA	\$30
4/28	Debbie Piro	191	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
4/29	John and Carolyn Cardinalli	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
4/30	Ralph Cristofano	25	Salinas, CA	\$30

Called To Be  
Merciful

2016 Convention of the  
Italian Catholic Federation

Friday, September 2 –  
Monday, September 5, 2016

Fresno, California

## Hotel and Travel Highlights

Convention Site: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
2233 Ventura Street • Fresno, CA • 93721

### Hotel Accommodations

- Call: (559) 268-1000
- Book online @ [www.doubletreefresno.com](http://www.doubletreefresno.com)
- Group Code: ICF
- Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
- Room Rate: \$112 plus 14.35% tax (tax rate subject to change)
- Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 9
- Note: Reservations are available until sold out or until August 9, whichever occurs first. After August 9, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate, based on availability. To reserve your room, you must call the hotel or visit their website.

### Transportation

- Complimentary hotel self-parking
- Fresno Yosemite National Airport– 6.5 miles Visit <http://www.flyfresno.com>  
Airlines Include: Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta and United
- Amtrak– 0.7 miles ICF Code: X66A-945 For travel between 08/29 – 09/08, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245
- Limited complimentary hotel shuttle service to/from Amtrak and Fresno Airport is on a space available basis. Call the hotel front desk when ready for pickup.

Please notify your branch  
of your attendance.

To ensure we have a name  
badge prepared, please inform  
your branch that you are  
attending the convention, even  
if you are not staying at the hotel.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY  
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For assistance, please contact the ICF Office at (888) 423-1924.



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\*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2016

Branch 250  
Branch 423  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Jack Robasciotti

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2016

Scholarship Donations - 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Bill and Maria Greco  
In honor of the birthdays of Ron and Juana Zaplawa  
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In Loving Memory

Report Date: 04/12/2016

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Donations Received By April 10, 2016

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In memory of Joy Emard  
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Get well wishes for Albert Oneto  
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In memory of Nancy Lee Marsalli  
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In memory of Flo Budelli  
Vic and Pat Arnaudo  
In memory of Dennis Doyle  
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Codiga  
In memory of Gloria Rizzi

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2015 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2015 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

\*\*\*THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED\*\*\*

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2016. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries’ packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

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

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

Thank You,  
Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

# Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

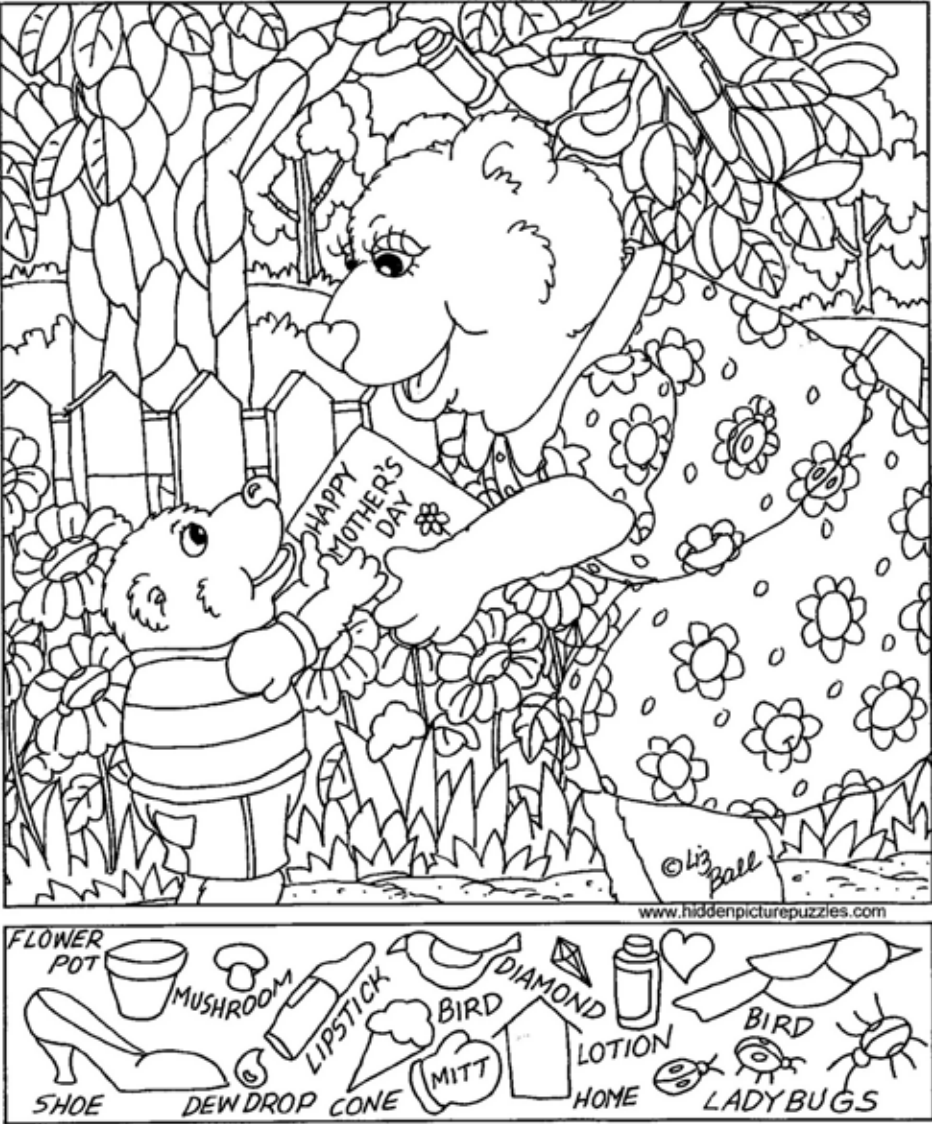
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# La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett  
Central Council Life Member

Find the hidden objects in this Mother’s Day picture.



# Live to Give

## Myths Dispelled About Donating Blood

By The Live to Give Committee

Information taken from the Blood Centers of the Pacific (BCP) [www.bloodcenters.org](http://www.bloodcenters.org)

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 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 Don’t Need It.”

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 regular donations of all blood types throughout the year.

“Other People Must Be Giving Enough Blood.”

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.”

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 fee does not include hospital charges for cross matching, transfusion administration, etc.

“I’m Too Busy.”

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



Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

CC Grand Treasurer

Hard to believe that May is already here. Time to celebrate our Mothers and Graduates. I am very pleased that last month I got to answer a request. This month is even better, as I am sharing a recipe I received from an ICF member Jo Miniello Potter from Clovis in the Fresno District (hosts of our 2016 convention). Jo’s mother brought this recipe from Italy. In 1921 at the age of 9 Jo’s mother came to America with her mother, father, sister and brother. They came from the town of Maschito, which is in the Province of Potenza in the Basilicata Region of Southern Italy. This town was founded in 1467 by King Ferdinand of Naples. In the late 1400’s many Albanians settled in the area. The economy of Maschito is based on agriculture, especially grapes and olives.

- 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.)

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 2nd Vice President

If You Eat, You Never Die

Tony Romano

HarperCollins, 2008, 274 pp.

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 overbearing father, her weary husband, Fabio, or



her two Americanized sons.

In one three story span, from which the 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 bork 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.

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 [newsonline@icf.org](mailto:newsonline@icf.org) to sign up. Please include your full name, branch number and email address.

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 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 Table 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.

Jo states that originally the recipe called for vincoot, made when they crushed the grapes for wine. She substituted this with molasses.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at [drodondi@comcast.net](mailto: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.



Italian Catholic Federation Sixteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016

DATE:

COURSE:

FORMAT:

START:

2:00 –

3:00 –

RAFFLE:

PRICE:

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2016

\*\*\*If an individual brings in 3 fourseams, that individual golfs for free\*\*\*

SIGN UP:

Name

Handicap

Name

Handicap


Name

Handicap


Name

Handicap

Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 15th deadline.  
Remember: \$180 per player after July 15th.  
The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



ICF, 1303 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 - 888-423-1824 - FAX: (510) 633-9759 - Web Site: [icf.org](http://icf.org) - E-mail: [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org)

Things to Ponder





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

Benevenuto to our little piece of Italy. We will transform St. Paschal's Hall to the Italian Catholic Federation's Trattoria as we raise money for our Seminarian's fund! Great food, Great Friends, Great Herb Gardens and Fabulous Raffle Prizes. Please send reservation form and check made to ICF CC to the ICF Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA. 94621 no later than June 17, 2016. For questions call, Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623 or email: [pat.lou.mages@gmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

**Saturday  
Night  
Convention  
Banquet**

**Non-delegate Reservations**

Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Non-delegate Reservations:**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$65 per adult = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 per child = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ages 12 and younger)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Delegate and non-delegate tickets will  
be distribute 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:**

Walk-ins welcome!

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**Pedro Tournament Players:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Tournament Players:**

X Entry Fee Per Player: \$10

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Year of Mercy Pilgrimage**

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

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

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

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

## 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.

Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> - \$50

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$30

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20

4<sup>th</sup> - \$10

5<sup>th</sup> - \$5



THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION  
FRESNO DISTRICT  
WELCOMES YOU TO

# a nite at the races

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

WE WILL RECREATE A NIGHT AT THE TRACK WITH THOROUGHBRED RACING ON DVD.  
Every device is 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, posting of the final results and \$2 mutual wagering.

### BECOME AN OWNER.

Sponsor your own horse for a donation of \$20 and you could win the \$120 Purse to be given away with each race. There will be 6 races of 12 horses each race. That's a 1 in 12 chance of winning the big money!

CONTACT ALLEN WATTS (661) 363 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-HOST COCKTAILS  
7:00 PM DINNER  
RAFFLE PRIZES



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

Dinner Reservation Deadline – August 11, 2016

Please Print Clearly:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Attending Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 each Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make Checks payable to: ICF Fresno District  
And Mail to: Robyn Piro  
336 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340



# CONVENTION BINGO

DoubleTree Hotel, Fresno  
Friday, September 2, 2016 3pm – 5pm

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

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

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

## Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____

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 price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the  
door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

Total Bingo Packs: \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.  
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

Reservations for Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ages 12 and younger)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please place a star next to children's names.

Seating arrangements are made in the order that reservation checks are received. If you wish to sit with your branch or other group, please send in your reservation together. Tickets will be distributed to your Branch President, or their representative, during convention registration. Reservations are non-refundable once headcount is given to the hotel.

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 [roselynnejarrett@gmail.com](mailto:roselynnejarrett@gmail.com) by August 1.*

Dinner Buffet Menu: Downtown Green Salad, Basil Pesto Bowtie Pasta Salad, Sliced London Broil with Herbed Balsamic Demi Glaze, Stuffed Pork Loin with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze, Italian Oven Roasted Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes with Hot Bacon Dressing, Freshly Baked Breads, Assorted Desserts, Iced Tea and Coffee

Please mail your check to the I.C.F. office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

## Italian Catholic Federation Cruise 2016

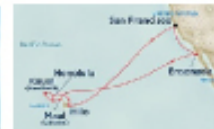


on board the beautiful Grand Princess

Departing San Francisco on Saturday, October 29th 2016

15-night trip going to Hawaiian Islands (Hawaii and South Pacific)

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



	Cruise Fare	Taxes and Fees	Per Person
Category: Mini-suite per person/double occupancy	\$3,199.00	\$230.00	\$3,429.00
Category: Balcony per person/double occupancy	\$2,599.00	\$230.00	\$2,829.00
Category: Ocean View per person/double occupancy	\$2,299.00	\$230.00	\$2,529.00

inside cabins also available

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

Grand Princess continues to offer the signature service for which Princess Cruises is renowned. With our innovative features like Movies Under the Stars, our Italian-inspired Piazza and The Sanctuary, there are plenty of ways to help you escape completely. Sip on a variety of soothing teas at Leaves Tea Lounge & Library, or enjoy hand-tossed pizza in Alfredo's, our full-service pizzeria. Plus, our new nightclub, The One5 provides a vibrant ambience to dance the night away.

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St. Victor Branch 195 in Calumet City, Illinois celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Central Council Member Teresa Helfand presented President Mike Sawadski with the 50th Anniversary banner.

# 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 a beautiful banner commemorating their 50 years, to be proudly displayed with the branch 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 this: to be 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 table. ICF President, Dr. James Izzo, and our members worked very hard presenting this marvelous reception.

We thank our member, Linda Calabrese, owner of A-Theme Events, for the delicious food that was served and our ICF members for the delicious outstanding sweet table. Our grateful thanks to all



Branch 358 celebrated St. Joseph’s Day.



Branch 439 held a beautiful St. Joseph’s Day celebration and also celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario.



who participated. Ft. Tom McDermott, our Pastor, offered prayers and blessings to the tables of food. A big thank you to all of our donors.

A blessed and happy birthday to Ida DiSalvo and Cathy Neri.  
Please keep our sick members and their families in your daily prayers, especially Frank Cairo, who is convalescing. Keep Dr. Santina Litturi, Pauline Nicoletti and John Corcoran also in your thoughts and prayers.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
*Ciao,*  
*Caterina Renzi-Comisky*

## Chicago

### 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. Andrzej 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 Cirà in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> 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*



# Fresno

## Madera

### Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The March meeting was a combination YMI/ICF St. Patrick’s Day celebration held on March 17th. It was also the 50th anniversary of the Madera YMI branch hosting a St. Paddy’s Day dinner. Congratulations Madera YMI! It was a delicious dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls and green cupcakes for dessert. Thanks to the chairman Jim Barsotti and the committee: Don Cappelluti; Gloria Massetti; Cecilia Massetti; Jim Massetti; and Fred and Diane Massetti. The board met in March for a meeting to discuss the upcoming bake sale/raffle. Our member Marge Avellar made a beautiful sea green afghan to be raffled on the same day as our bake sale. Proceeds will be given to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. On a sad note, we lost longtime member, Dorothy Farinelli, in March. Please continue to pray for our



ill and injured members, especially Rick Farinelli and his family.  
*Ciao,*  
*Kerin Cavallero*

## Merced

### St. Cecilia, Br. 39

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 Descalso- 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](mailto:mercedmuseum@sbcglobal.net), or Stephanie Lucich (209) 658-1897 or Frank Muratore (209) 723-8575.

*Cari Salute,*  
*Stephanie Lucich*



(Above) 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)





Some of the Branch 39 dining hall set up crew; Amelia Pira, Janet Pugliese, and Thelma Silva.



Michael Belluomini, Adriane Lopes, Ezio Sansoni, Sandra Del Real working the back door for takeout dinners.

**Clovis**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help,**  
**Br. 250**

May 13 is the date of our Take-Out Dinner and the 14<sup>th</sup> is our District Picnic/Bocce Ball Tournament. The Dinner is an all-day affair and by the end of the day, we're all very tired. However, never fear all you other District Bocce Ball teams, we'll be in top shape and ready for you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our youngest member, Vincent Rodriguez, is enjoying his Jiu Jitsu classes and looking forward to participating in his elementary school talent show. We're hoping Vincent will perform for us at the next meeting.

Member Shirley Mitchell is a very proud grandmother. Her grandson, Jake Pizzo, pitched a no-hitter game against Clovis West. He had several strike-outs. The score was 8 – 0. Jake is a senior at Bullard High school.

Some of our members recently visited the Ronald Reagan Library in Los Angeles which included the Vatican relics, Ronald and Nancy's grave site, the Airforce One Presidential aircraft and a portion of the Berlin Wall. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Happy Birthday to all our May celebrants; Jeannette Couch (5/5), Al Daddino (5/30), Jacqui Ramirez (5/9) and Linda Stockwell (5/19).

"I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?" (Edward Giobbi)

*Ciao!*

*LeAnne Lavagnino*



Gigi Kamish from Branch 39 getting the apples ready for takeout.



Lori Sutton and Josey Fragnito-Lara.

**Los Angeles**  
**Archdiocese District**  
**Los Angeles**  
**St. Peter, Br. 67**

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

On March 11, 12th and 13th Saint Joseph Table was celebrated in Casa Italiana. Thank you Saint Peter's Church and the Italian Societies that helped make this table a success again this year.

On March 14, Branch President Carmelo Sabatella and LAADC Regional VP/LA AI Restivo met with the President of COMITES and the Representative of the Consul General of Italy to initiate discussions on Italians in Italian American Organizations.

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

Save The Dates:

- August 28, 2016 - ICF LAADC Communion Sunday Mass 11:00 (Church) and Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Casa Italiana Basement (host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region).

*Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*

*President Branch 67*

*T. 626 372-7812; E. cas1810@aol.com*



The members of Branch 67 celebrated a beautiful St. Joseph's Day.

**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 "œper cento anni!"

*Carmelo Sabatella, Past President*

*ICF Branch 108 Email: cas1810@aol.com*

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

- June 5 - Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by San Gabriel Region

- June 5 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- July TBD

- August TBD

- September 11 – Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

- September 11 – ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- October TBD

- November 13- Open House, 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Burbank.

- November 13 - ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Committee Meeting at 1 pm.

- December 4 - Mother Cabrini Mass (12:30pm) followed by Pilgrimage to Chapel and Lunch in the Parish Hall.

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

The final three winners of the Monthly Money Madness Raffle are: Phyllis Dovalago (Br 102 -

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

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

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





Branch 108 Bocce winners.

San Pedro American Cancer Society Relay For Life will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



Members of Branch 111 celebrating St. Joseph’s Day.



Birthday celebration at Branch 111.



St. Joseph Day bartenders at Branch 111.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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*



Branch 115 dedicated the new mosaic of the Madonna dell’Arco on April 17, 2016 at the noon mass followed by a luncheon . It’s located in the Shrine of St. John Joseph of the Cross at Mary Star of the Sea Church in San Pedro.





**The Italian Catholic Federation  
Central Council & St. Paschal Baylon Br. 380  
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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**

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

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A successful St. Joseph's Day at Branch 380.



## Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

### Thousand Oaks

#### St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch had a very 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 bingo! Everyone had a blast playing!

Our next meeting will be on May 13. We also have some fun events planned in the summer including a bocce tournament, and we will host ICF Seminarians Night on Saturday, June 25.

We hope to see all of our members at our next meeting!

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

## Monterey

### Santa Cruz

#### N.S. Del Socorso, Br. 21

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 participation 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 ICF member, Lena Silva, who has just passed her 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Branch 21 member. God Bless you, Lena. We are so fortunate to have you amongst us.

We would like to send out get-well wishes to Gloria Giovannoni, Bobbie Wilson, Fran Slebir, Nara Caiocca, Rosalie Campisi, and Bob Zoccoli. We miss you and pray for your quick recovery and return.

Finally, it is with sadness that I report the passing of Attilio Cantoni. He was a real gentleman and a well-loved, long time member of Branch 21. We send our condolences to his family. There is a comforting quote that says: Seashells remind us that every passing life leaves something beautiful



(Above) Iniation of new members at Br. 36.

(Bottom left and right) Branch 36 Lent Dinner kitchen help.

behind. We have beautiful memories to remind us of Attilio.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

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 56 new members, plus we had 9 transfers.

Again, a huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, P.J. 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.

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.

Have a blessed Mother's Day,

Bettye Sollecito

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## Castroville

### 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 Bakeless Bakesale, 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 help offset the cost of the Cursillo weekends but it also gives us a great opportunity for fellowship.

So 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 wineries, 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 superb cooks, Ron Castle, Mike and Liz Rios, Gary Podesto 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 sorry 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 is \$300 per person and includes two nights lodging and two breakfasts. She also put together a day trip to Chukchansi casino on June 15. Call Vicky at 831 345-6374 to sign up.

*Happy Mother’s Day to all moms.*

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## 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 dinners.

Scholarship donations were submitted to the Central Council Scholarship Committee. Candidates will be eligible to receive \$400., \$500., and \$600. cash awards.

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 in the past.

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, Saint Philip Neri, was carved out of Saint Joseph Parish of Alameda.

The 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 [jeanette@zugnoni.net](mailto:jeanette@zugnoni.net) before 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 Kuiriasoke Nadooparambil, 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](mailto: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 Lorainne Alberti and Thomas Poggi. God Bless you both.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing 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 latest 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



Branch 285 St. Joseph’s table celebration, Seen here are Kathy Elm and Anna Yocham.

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/pp.

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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Members from Branch 14 Crockett with Father Leo at the Bishop's Day hosted by Oakland District. It was a great evening!



Member from Branch 14 Crockett strict it rich at Thunder Valley Casino Fun trip. Congrats to all.

and their scrumptious Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce desert. 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 Bertoluci, 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 li!*

*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 Districtmembers 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 Saint 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*



(Above) Members from Branch 14 Crockett preparing for a successful Corned Beef Dinner.

(Left) Welcome Linda Doran and Gina Pena to Branch 14 Crockett. We are glad to have you both!



### Crockett

#### San Carlo, Br. 14

In April, we welcomed Gina Pena and Linda Dorn to our Branch 14 family. So happy to have you both! And it was good to see Louie Fabrizi and Andrea Delsid, neither of whom has been able to attend for a long time. Welcome back!

"Happy Trails" to Joe Macaluso, Nancy Botta, Janice Burnett, Vonda Egan and Donna Hoffmann (alternates are Helen Petersen and Tara Kajola) as they represent Branch 14 at the 2016 Convention. Attending a convention is the best way to understand and appreciate the true character of ICF.

Our thoughts and all good wishes to Addie Bepler, Inez Chapdelain and Mary Jo Townsend. Our most sincere sympathy to Veronica Jiminez and her

wonderful family on the sudden passing of Roni's husband, Sam. He will be missed by many.

Don't forget "Pat Botta's Bingo and Hot Dog Night." Join in the fun on Friday, May 6, beginning with hot dogs and all the trimmings at 6:00.

It's the time of year when we celebrate Mother's and Father's Days at ICF. Whether our parents are with us here on earth or not, these are days that are rightfully set aside to honor those who chose to give us life. Honor and pray for your parents when you attend mass at 5:30 on Tuesday, May 3. (Important...Note date change!) An authentic Mexican Enchilada dinner, served at 6:30, is free to all members. The meeting begins at 7:30. Come and celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tres de Mayo!

Happy Mother's Day to all women whose kindness, love and devotion brighten the lives of others. May this special day be filled with many blessings to you and those you love.

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

### Pittsburg

#### San Domenico, Br. 72

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(Above) Branch 214 Vice President Ron Artale, President Roberta Healy, Irene Moore & Helene Billeci; (Below) Mike Fillari from Branch 214. (Below Right) Mia Basarich from Branch 214.



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.

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.

On April 28 our branch delegates represented us at the District meeting. The next District meeting will take place on June 23 at the main conference room at St. Isidore in Danville at 7: 30 PM.

The district is hosting a Family night out at the Oakland A's baseball game and Italian night on August 5. Check out the district report for the date and details. You will not want to miss this event.

Save Labor day weekend for the ICF Convention in Fresno. You can take Amtrak from Martinez or Antioch. The hotel is less than a mile from the Fresno train station.

Happy birthday to our May babies and Happy Mothers day.

*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 also used this event to try and solicit new members. Brochures were left on each table and membership applications were readily made available.

It is not too early to start thinking about the next Polenta dinner which will be October 15, 2016. More information to follow later.

The April 13 meeting was honoring past presidents of the St. Raymond's branch. Risotto and Salad was prepared by Toni Reeder and Walter Costa. Thank you to all past presidents. You all have contributed to the success of St. Raymond Branch 154.

Thank you to Joe Meneghelli for another fun trip to Cache Creek. Over fifty happy gamblers had a rousing good time. Any profits from the trip are donated to Children's Hospital, benefiting Cooley's anemia.

The next meeting is May 09th, celebrating Mother and Father's day, Mass will be followed with an Enchilada Dinner. Get your reservations in at the next meeting.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Helen Holloway. She was a long time member of the ICF. She considered all of us her family, she will be missed.

Delegates to the upcoming convention were elected. They are Alicia Trevino and Lorraine Acuña. Fresno, here we come!

*Lorraine Acuña*

## 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.



(Above and bottom left) The members from Br. 442, Christ the King in Pleasant Hill were donating and serving dinner to the homeless at the parish winter nights.



(Above) Life Member of the Central Council and Past Grand President, David Botta, installing new members of Br. 442, Christ the King in Pleasant Hill.

## Pleasant Hill

### Christ the King, Br. 442

Isaiah 58:7 - Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

It was a cool evening in late March as members of Branch 442 gathered at Christ the King Parish to share a meal with the guest of the Winter Nights Shelter program. There were around 30 guests of the Winter Night's program who enjoyed the meal provided by Branch 442. Carol and Leonard were preparing the buffet, when Leonard remarked, "What wonderful smelling food our members prepared!"

Carol responded, "It has been a lot of fun to plan and prepare this tasty chicken dinner for our friends and be a part of this wonderful ministry to our community!"

Judy piped in as she brought a hot serving plate of mashed potatoes to the table, "I look forward to our Branch supporting this great program for many years to come."

It was a great evening of fellowship and fun.

Friends and Members, mark your calendar for our next Branch meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> - The bocce ball meeting at the park. For more information email ICFPleasantHill@aol.com.

*Scenes of ICF brought to you by:*

*Paul M. Nuti*

*Past President Branch 442, 2013-15*

# 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.)

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 Clairce 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*





Branch 379 Huntington Beach, St. Bonaventure, with Bishop Vann at the Bishop’s Banquet.

participants. These men and women are trying to leave homelessness behind and stayed in St. Bonaventure’s Hall for several weeks of transition. We also helped with the parish Sunday Donut Ministry and participated in Officer Installation. In January, as is our custom, we celebrated the holidays with an annual dinner and gift exchange at Don Ramon’s Mexican Restaurant, which was a lot of fun for both adults and children. In February we hosted the Orange District Bishop’s Banquet with The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin W. Vann, and our guest speaker Father Moneypenny, Director of Vocations. In March we held our highly successful St. Joseph’s Table on Palm Sunday, serving meatball and sausage sandwiches and homemade cannoli which sold out! It was a delightful event sharing our welcoming Italian spirit with our fellow parishioners, and introducing them to the Italian Catholic Federation.

Ciao,  
Karen Paz

**Irvine**  
**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

We had a large attendance at our March meeting. Eleven of those in attendance were brand new Members.

During lent, we co-hosted a soup dinner at St. Thomas More Parish. 40 people attended the dinner.

This year, we are supporting the Ronald McDonald House for our service project. Bev Leinbach is the chairperson for the service project. Members are encouraged to save the aluminum tabs from soup and drink cans. These tabs help the Ronald McDonald House care for the sick children at no cost to the parents.

For the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage, we will be going to the Mission Basilica in San Juan Capistrano. Our own Father Bill Krekelberg will lead the pilgrimage. We plan on taking the Amtrak train, go to mass, then go to Sarducci’s for dinner.

Our St. Joseph’s Table was held on the weekend of March 12 & 13. We sold sausage and meatball sandwiches, fresh made cannolis, Meal In A Bag, and assorted baked goods made by members of our branch and the parish. Jerry and Wendy Cennamo were the chairpersons for the event. The Cennamos created a St. Joseph shrine with numerous statues and pictures of St. Joseph where people could leave their prayer intentions.

Ciao,  
Miranda Gibson

**Reno**  
**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, Vonnice 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 Merucci, 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 start planning the Polenta Dinner to be held on November 5, 2016.

Our next meeting will be May 15. President Charlyne Pacini wished all Mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.

Ciao,  
Charlyne Pacini

**Sacramento**  
**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<sup>th</sup> in 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.



Birthday wishes to members for May: Lois Bencken, Ottavio Luchini, Jackie Bush, Kathy Pongratz, Lilli Schilling, and Tina Tallman,

Ciao,  
Janine

**Roseville**  
**St. Clare, Br. 438**

What a beautiful way to start the spring season then celebrating a blessed tradition the St. Joseph table. This year we did our presentation in the Narthex at St. Clare Church. So many members brought various assortments of baked goods. All of you worked so hard. I thank you so much for all your contributions and for making this a huge success. We made a profit of \$800.00. This will be going to Father Tim for the baby bottle project. This project is for the unwed mothers and fathers. Thank you to the Fuentes family for bringing their old tools for representing St. Joseph as a carpenter.

In March we served a pork loin dinner for 75 homeless people. This project is called the Gathering Inn. Al Smith was the head chef. Thank you Al and all your crew for doing a great job. Our branch never stops doing projects. This is what makes us such a successful branch. We have a new project coming up in May. We will be selling our cook books. Many members submitted so many delicious recipes. We will be selling our books on Apr.30th., May 1st., May 7th & 8th. for all masses. Angela DiGrande you and your committee members have done such a tremendous job arranging this cook book.

Watch for upcoming events printed in your Bollettino. There will be so many interesting activities. Come join us and have fun.

Please pray for all our sick members. Renato get better. We miss you.

Your Reporter  
Yvonne Perry

**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



Members of Branch 438 setting up their St. Joseph’s Day table and celebration.

touch which our delinquent members seemed to enjoy because they sent their dues payment in the envelop 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 Pru 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.”



Prudence and Forrest Price.



Rose and Vic Tallarida.









Members of Branch 28 enjoying a very succesfull 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 Brunch 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.

At our next meeting, May 3, we will be served a Mexican Dinner preceding the meeting. Our Italian Past President Carla del Carlo will go “south of the border” to obtain a secret recipe for this meal.

Our annual fundraiser Meatball & Spaghetti dinner will take place on May 22, 2016 in the Parish Center. No-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. Dinner includes salad, antipasto, spaghetti & meatballs, bread, wine, and dessert for \$25 per person. For reservations send check payable to ICF#403, to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose, Millbrae, CA 94030 by May 18, 2016.

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 Francoz for setting this up.

After 5 years our Chaplain, Fr. Lawrence Vadakkan, has been transferred to Belmont. We wish him well and we will miss him.

Our next event will be May 17 with Mass at 6:30pm and Spuntino afterwards to honor our scholarship recipients.

Upcoming events: In July we will have a Mass

with Brunch at a local restaurant. More details to come later.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Doris Mulligan who passed away on Easter Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was a wonderful lady always willing to help out.

Our get well wishes to everyone who isn’t feeling well.

We wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day.

See you at the May 17 Mass and Spuntino.

*Ciao,*

*Anna Biggio*

# San Jose Santa Clara Valley

## District Council

One of the main points made by SCV District President Denise Antonowicz was that each branch has membership drives as suggested by recent Central Council memo. District Deputy Jerry Delfino also stressed this in his remarks. Emily Corral said Scholarship awards will be announced late April. Jerry Delfino pointed out the high cost of scholarships and that branches should consider increasing their donation over the \$400. Denise asked for contact information of Membership and Heritage Chairpersons from each branch.

Joan Delfino reported that four applicants for “Gifts of Love” were awarded in this district. She also shared a very poignant story of twin two-year-old sisters receiving grants enabling the mother to have them at home. Noreen Gillio compared “Pinocchio” versions between Walt Disney and creator Carlo Collodi.

How about Anna Gonzalez’s Branch 4 “Drive Thru Dinner Take-outs”. Bravo Branch 4!

Yes, the District mass will be held prior to our District BBQ. Larry Marsalli reminded us of recently deceased Guy Masciotra and his dedication for the ICF. His work included founding many ICF branches throughout California. Mike Rossi’s effort, with assist from Denise, of forming a branch at Transfiguration Church progressing well. 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 Elsie 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.

May 26, 2016 – ICF Dinner/Meeting-Menu: Sirloin Tip with Noodles. Call Bea Cunha for reservations.

Br. 5 BBQ – Date to be announced.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers. Enjoy.

*Ciao,*

*Marlene J. Rotolo*

## Gilroy

### Santa Maria Ausiatic, 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 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 Friday 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. Its 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. Frances 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 roll 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 Hunt. It was an exciting time for all.

Under the direction of Angela Cosentino, 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 DiMiceli. It was filled with fruit, pastries, flowers, bread and of course Fava Beans for good luck. Father Paolo Gobbo 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 transportation 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 Lukaus, Judy Janini, and Mary Mavroudis for hosting the meeting and decorating the tables. What a delightful experience for us!

Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridi, 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 fool 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 Boiardi 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 Ill 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 14 May 2016 in the Farana Center. Doors will open at 8AM and we will man our Membership Drive Booth until 1 PM. Please pray for Donors.

Increasing our Membership has been established as Major Goal of the Federation in order to renew our Organization. We should all think of one person that we can invite to join and participate in our spiritual and community work. Perhaps we could all ask the Blessed Virgin in our prayers in this her special month to support our Branch membership drive.

We look forward to our next quarterly Communion Breakfast.

We thank the Lord for our recent rains and pray for

his continued support in this Papal Year of Mercy.

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

*Happy Mother’s Day!*

*Ric*

## Morgan Hill

### Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

At our last dinner meeting we celebrated St. Patrick’s day with a delicious meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage. It was prepared by Alex Larson and his crew. Thank you Alex for a wonderful dinner.

Our branch along with St.Catherine’s Middle school Ministry celebrated St. Joseph Table. Sal Campagna gave us a talk about the history of the St. Joseph Table. Some of our lady members made many delicious Lenten soups. They were all different and all were a big hit. The lovely St. Joseph Table was put together and decorated by Denise Campagna, Johanna Tacci, Mary Tacci, Josie Talamo and Giulia Gallego. If I omitted anyone I’m sorry.

Please keep Alvin McManus in your prayers. He is improving every day.

Wishing all Mother’s a happy, healthy and blessed Mother’s day.

*Donna Basilin*

# Santa Rosa

## Napa

### St. John, Br. 12

Our 89<sup>th</sup> 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 style dinner 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,*

*Juliann*

## 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 Rusake and Carmella Hanson.

Help celebrate Mothers Day , Saturday, May 7, Scottish 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-felt 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.



(Above) Branch 435's St. Joseph's Day Table.

(Right) 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.



## Cloverdale

### 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 Galena, Don and Barbara Covello, Nancy Rivas, Jim and Phyllis Pedroncelli, and Nancy Demattei-McKean.

*Patsy Buchignani*

## Healdsburg

### St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Aspiring Van Goghs and Monets enjoyed a fun evening at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Painting Party. We enjoyed wine, appetizers and each other’s company while painting a wine themed “masterpiece”. It was agreed that the wine definitely helped the painting process!

At the March 9 Soup Supper, we collected \$270 in donations, which will be given to the Healdsburg Museum for their restoration of Oak Mound Cemetery. The donation will be in memory of the deceased ICF members buried at the Cemetery.

Upcoming Events:

May 10: Mother’s Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall. 6:30 PM. We will honor our Mom’s and our High School and College Scholarship Recipients at this dinner.

June 14: Father’s Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall: 6:30 PM. More details next month.

Looking farther ahead, mark your calendars for our Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 9 and our first ever Reno Trip on October 23 – 24.

Marie Butler will be taking over writing this article, while I am in Juneau for the summer. Thank you, Marie, for agreeing to do this!

*Happy Mother’s Day!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*





Br. 52’s painters show off their creations at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Painting Party. A fun evening with wine, appetizers and friendship!

**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 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!

*Saluti,*  
*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’rdererves, 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*

*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 Guaraglia, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> 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). Plese 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*

**Stockton**  
**Manteca**

**Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139**

Our parish will be receiving 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 Lodi’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 wll include accordin 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 Cunial. The members and guests will enjoy a full picnic with barbecued steaks by Tony Queirollo, pot-luck appetizers, salads and desserts. A bocce tournament will be also held.

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

*Ciao,*  
*Mariano*

**Tracy**

**St. Bernard, Br. 390**





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](mailto:patriciaraggio1234@gmail.com). You may also purchase tickets on the website [www.festa-italiana.com](http://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*

# Tucson

**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 joiningus. We also welcomed much needed RAIN!! It was a great meeting and a great day!!

In the absence of President Melissa Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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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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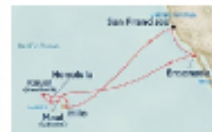


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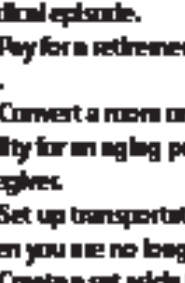
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