Strategic Plan: “Moving the ICF into the Future”
First Meeting With Planner a Success
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Task Force Committee Chair
Grand 1st Vice President

The Strategic Plan is well underway. The first meeting with the planner that was hired, to help us through the process, did a great job at our planning session in February. We have had an online webinar (a web version of a seminar) where several members from different areas were able to listen to the planner outline some of what was covered at our first meeting and the members were able to ask questions and participate while viewing the presentation online. Even some of our clergy are taking time out of their busy schedules to be part of the process.

If you haven’t completed the survey, please go to www.icf.org and go to the survey link. We are looking forward to a great meeting in May. The two-day planning session will be held May 17-18.

As always, please keep the members working on this plan in your prayers - for with God all things are possible.

Celebrate, 90th Anniversary Gala
My First Trip to Peru
Donna Leishman
Central Council Life Member

Our co-founders of the Federation, Father Albert R. Bandini and Sir Luigi Providenza would be extremely proud that the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary. The highlight of the day will be a Mass in the 21st Century with the new Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone from the San Francisco Archdiocese.

Please join us for ICF’s 90th Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles. The celebration will be held in three locations: Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The following information is for the Los Angeles Gala on June 29, 2014. We know you can’t attend all the celebrations (although you’re welcome to do so if you wish) but hope you can attend the one most convenient for you. I’ll be the ‘resource’ person for the Los Angeles Gala. I will have information

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Jesus Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

Did you ever stop to think what the resurrection of Jesus really means? Who was he and why did he come to us? Jesus told his apostles that he was destined to die and would come back in three days. They didn’t understand what he meant. They didn’t know that Jesus was the second person of the Blessed Trinity who came into this world as a human being and at the same time God. It was too much for the apostles to handle.

At the time, the apostles looked towards Jesus as the one who would lead the chosen people to freedom from Roman oppression. They knew he was special, a prophet, who had special powers. He healed people from sickness, blindness, and many other diseases. If they knew he was God, it would blow their minds! Can you imagine living daily with God, traveling with him, working with him and knowing he was God?

Even though he spoke of the Father and equated himself with the Father—“The Father and I are one”—the apostles had no clue who Jesus really was. They didn’t know he was really God until after the resurrection. His resurrection from the dead validated all that he said, all that he did, and all that he was. He died on the cross and rose again from the dead to save us and give us the gift of himself. He made it possible for us too to live with him today, to work with him, to traverse the rocky road of life with him every day—not only in our hearts and souls but especially in the Holy Eucharist.

It is difficult to understand how bread and wine can be changed into Jesus’ body and divinity. It is difficult to understand how Jesus can be man and God at the same time. We believe it. Why? Because he said so and he proved it when he rose from the dead. It should blow your mind!

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Nina Malone
Life Member of the Central Council
Membership Committee Chairperson

These are exciting times for our organization. We look forward to working with the strategic planner, as described by our Task Force Committee, with optimism and hope for the future of the Italian Catholic Federation. The purpose of hiring a strategic planner is to gain an objective insight as to how to move forward into the next 90 years; this can only be accomplished with input from our members. What is working? What can we do to improve? Meetings will soon be convened with District Presidents and Central Council Members to discuss these matters. But each and every member has an opportunity to express their opinion. Below is an example of our Member Questionnaire...this and other surveys are available on the ICF website. This is the time for everyone’s voice to be heard. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Member Questionnaire

Please mail, fax or scan this survey to the ICF Membership Committee, ATTN: Nina Malone
Mail: 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland CA 94621 Fax: (510) 633-9758
Email: membership@icf.org

How long have you been an ICF Member?

How did you learn about the ICF?

Is your spouse an ICF Member? Yes No NA

Are your children/grandchildren ICF members? Yes No NA

Do you have other family members or friends that belong to the ICF?

Do you belong to the Hospitalization Plan? Yes No

As a member, please check all of the following activities and offices that you participate in:

- Branch Meetings
- Branch Masses
- Branch/District Outings
- Branch Fundraisers
- Branch Officer
- Branch Committee Chair
- District Meetings
- District Masses
- District Committee Chair
- District Fundraisers
- District Officer
- Annual ICF Convention
- Installation of Officers
- Bishop’s Day
- Spiritual Events
- Charitable Activities
- Heritage Activities
- Family/Activities
- Other... Please share:

What do you enjoy most about being an ICF Member?

Would you recommend membership to the ICF to family and friends? Yes No

Why or why not?

What recommendations do you have to help improve the organization?

How do you stay up-to-date on ICF programs?

- Attend Meetings
- ICF Website
- Branch Website
- ICF Facebook Page
- Phone Tree
- Branch Calendar
- Church Bulletin
- Other... Please share:

Comments/Suggestions:

Optional: Name Branch # City

Thank you for your participation!

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UPCOMING:
2014 Bishops’ Days:

Apr. 27 San Francisco (San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin)
May 4 Chicago
Oct. 5 Las Vegas
Oct. 12 Fresno
Oct. 19 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Santa Rosa
Oct. 26 Blessed Sacrament
Monterey (Central Coast)

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

Contra Costa +109
Santa Rosa +53
Tucson +11
Fresno +9
Santa Clara Valley +1
Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselyne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,
When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley’s Anemia, etc.), please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

When there is a need, the ICF always rises to the occasion and the pasta drive and duct tape drives were no different. In December, I sent 234 bags (239 pounds of pasta) to Chef Bruno Serato. In January, I sent 252 rolls of duct tape to the Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). Thank you to all of the members and branches who donated and supported these amazing causes.

Sincerely,
Laurice Levine

East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults
Attention 21-35 year olds. There is a new group within the Oakland Diocese called the East Bay Area Catholic Young Adults. The group holds various spiritual and social activities at churches and venues around the diocese. Activities enjoyed so far: Dinner and movie night, Eucharistic Adoration, Bowling, Walk for Life and listening to guest speakers at various churches. ICF members who are between 21-35 are welcome to take part in these activities. For more information, please contact Rose Jarrett (925) 957-0269.

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The Ways and Means Committee Announces the Theme for the 2015 Calendar as:
“Italian Recipes Through the Year. Celebrating Holidays and Traditions.”

The Ways and Means Committee will be planning and designing the 2015 Calendar. Included in the calendar will be pictures, recipes and Italian traditions for holidays and other special occasions through the year.

We invite you to participate in several ways: First, share special traditions and recipes you or your family keep throughout the year. Pick a special time of year including, but not limited to, Christmas and Easter traditions. Include New Year’s, Valentine’s Day, St. Joseph’s Day, Carnevale, picnics, weddings, First Communions and other special religious celebrations or feast days.

We also invite you to participate in the listing of not only birthdays (yourself, your children, grandchildren, parish priests and chaplains, or even friends) but also Anniversaries (weddings, branch, priests’ ordinations, etc.).

You may include your Branch or District events as well.

The price schedule will be as follows:
$10.00 for 1 name/event; $15.00 for 2 names/events; and $20.00 for 4 names/events. Other numbers will be a combination of prices - for example 5 names/events will be $30.00 ($20.00 + $10.00)

The deadline for the names and payments will be May 1, 2014.

Please mail your information with a check payable to the ICF to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

The calendars are a wonderful fundraiser for the Federation, and we encourage all members and friends to participate and purchase one.

For questions, please call the ICF office at (510) 633-9085 or Lisa Crudo (510) 861-9835

Children’s Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2013 and ends in August 2014. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children’s Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients whom they treat. ICF donations, make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Picnics and outings.
- Family conferences
- Patient retreat

Last year, the ICF donated $1,800 and this year the ICF wants to continue the program whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation in whatever amount you are able to give towards this very worthwhile program.

A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

The deadline for contributions is June 30th.

Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo it “Children’s Hospital Activities Donation” and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2014.

Thank you.
James Actelli
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.’s Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund as of February 26, 2014. Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to Catholic Relief Services for the total amount donated.

**Districts:**
- San Gabriel Valley
- Santa Clara Valley

**Individuals:**
- Dorline Camozzi
- Jerry and Joan Delfino

Robert and Theresa Dianda
Tom and Marisa Poggi

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HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

| Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tomassel | Steve and Donna Barnes |

*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.

** Gifts of Love Donations **

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Keeping Up the Good Work

Jim Actelli
Apostolate Chairman

Recently, this committee was criticized because it was felt that we were not promoting spirituality and charity. That we should inspire, motivate and encourage the branches and districts to embrace that part of our organization as our Mission Statement directs us.

Our articles in the past have been a collaborative effort, in the most part, by the committee. We were submitting articles which we felt inspired the members to think about our relationship with God and with each other. We have focused on the “spiritual” aspect of this organization by writing about topics that were meant to inspire and encourage. We’ve written about our new Pope and Saints and their feast days and about acting in a charitable manner. How can we hope to promote spirituality and charity when we do not care for, and love, one another. Being charitable and encouraging to one another is the inspiration for our wanting to give and support our programs.

We know that all, or most, of the branches are aware of what we do as an organization. We support many wonderful charities both nationally and locally. We also know that many of the branches have wonderful chaplains, and spiritual programs in place; like District quarterly communications, Days and Nights of Recollection and many celebrate St. Joseph’s day by having a St. Joseph’s table and sharing the goods or donations, as well as other events that promote our spirituality.

We encourage you to keep up those good works, and we ask that you include all of these events on your Apostolate and Charity Report that you turn in prior to convention. We are hopeful that many branches have appointed an Apostolic and Charity chairperson that will institute these traditions and other wonderful ideas in their branches and districts. Thank you all for your continued support in all of our Spiritual and Apostolic endeavors.

Blood Drive at Children’s Hospital Oakland to Celebrate World Thalassemia Day

Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland is the home to one of the seven Centers of Specialty for Thalassemia and we have hundreds of patients who depend on blood to survive. A person with thalassemia requires approximately 35-50 units of blood, every year, to survive. Along with replenishing the blood supply, blood drives are also a means to raise awareness of thalassemia in the community. Please join us for our Annual Blood Drive in honor of International Thalassemia Day. Details are as follows:

When: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – 9am-2pm

Where: Children’s Hospital Oakland. Blood Mobile will be parked in front of the Outpatient Center Atrium

1745 Fiddy Second St.
Oakland, CA. 94609

Who: To check if you are eligible to donate blood, please refer to www.bloodcenters.org:

To schedule an appointment and for more information. Please contact:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
LLevine@mail kao.org
510-428-3885, ext. 5427

Blood Centers of the Pacific
www.bloodcenters.org

In Loving Memory

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Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)

Thalassemia Trait

- Italian
- Greek
- Transcaucasian (Georgian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani)
- Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai, Singaporean, Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Burmese, and Malaysian)
- Chinese
- East Indian
- Middle Eastern

Thalassemia is common in parts of the world where malaria is prevalent because thalassemia trait (also known as thalassemia minor) has protective mechanisms against malaria. There are two main types of thalassemia trait: beta-thalassemia trait (more common among Italians) and alpha thalassemia trait. Individuals who have beta-thalassemia trait have one normal beta globin gene and one that is altered such that it makes little or no beta globin. There is not much scientific evidence that a person who has beta-thalassemia trait has any symptoms, although women with the trait may be more likely to develop anemia during pregnancy. Thalassemia trait causes red blood cells to be a slightly smaller size, a condition caused microcytosis. Since iron deficiency is the most common cause of microcytosis, doctors often mistakenly misdiagnose thalassemia trait as iron deficiency anemia and prescribe iron supplements. However, thalassemia trait and iron deficiency are different problems, therefore before prescribing iron supplements, doctors should rule out thalassemia trait and perform lab tests to evaluate iron levels. A person with thalassemia trait can also be iron deficient, but if he or she is not iron deficient, iron supplements may result in excess body iron, which can deposit in many areas of the body and over time cause organ damage.

Testing for Thalassemia Trait

Testing for thalassemia trait is easy! It involves having a blood sample drawn which looks at the following:
- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Iron studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin and ferritin)

Occasionally, status cannot be determined by these screening tests alone. If iron deficiency is detected then an individual must be restated after completing a course of iron supplement therapy. With iron supplements, iron deficiency should improve. If it does not, it may be that the individual has thalassemia trait. Occasionally, DNA testing that directly examines the Alpha and/or Beta globin genes is necessary.

It is important for individuals and their partners to be aware of their thalassemia trait status, especially if you are of Italian descent (or another ancestry where Thalassemia is common). Again, since there are no symptoms, an individual may not know they have the trait until they have a child born with thalassemia major, a severe form of the disease. If both parents have the thalassemia trait there is a 25% chance that their child could be born with thalassemia major.

If you find out you have thalassemia trait and would like more information, please contact Laurice Levine at LLevine@mail.cho.org or 510-428-3885, ext. 5427.

Live to Give

Donating Blood: What to Expect

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Live to Give Committee

When you donate blood you will help save the life of up to three people! It is one of the easiest ways to contribute to your community and it is free. If you have never donated blood before you may be feeling a bit nervous. However, giving blood is safe and simple. This article will help you understand the process and hopefully allay any fears you may have.

You can donate at a community blood drive in your area; often churches hold blood drives, or sign up to donate at a local blood collection center in your area. It is important to eat iron rich food in the days or weeks before donating blood; this is especially important for women who tend to have lower iron counts. It is also important to have a meal before donating blood and be very well hydrated – drink plenty of water the day before, day of, and after donating.

When you arrive at the blood drive or blood bank you will do the following:

Step 1 Registration
- Present your photo ID Card.
- Read information sheet about donating blood.

Step 2 Donor Health History and Mini Physical
- Provide basic demographic and health information.
- Answer questions about past and present health history (information is kept private).
- Undergo mini exam to determine if you are able to donate (temperature, blood pressure, heart rate). Give a blood sample (usually from the finger) to determine hemoglobin level.

Step 3 Drink Fluids
- Drink water or other beverage prior to your donation. The more hydrated you are, the faster your donation will be and the better you’ll feel afterwards.

Step 4 Donation
- Sit in a comfortable donor chair. Once the needle is in place, it usually takes less than 10 minutes to draw a unit (about a pint) of blood. You’ll squeeze a ball to keep the blood flowing while you relax and let the blood flow.
- Finish your donation, after which the needle will be removed and a bandage applied – a badge of courage!

Step 5 Visit the Canteen
- Sit, relax and have a snack and drink at the donor canteen for a few minutes (California law states you’ll need to stay for at least 15 minutes).
- All Done! Enjoy your day. You’re now a lifesaver!

Step 6 After Donation
- Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for a few hours. If you feel light-headed, lie down until feeling better. Have everyone cater to you for the day and do something special for yourself – you deserve it!

The entire process usually takes less than one hour.

Perks of donating blood...along with the fact that you save three lives:
- You’ll receive free wellness screenings, including blood pressures, cholesterol and iron level every time you donate,
- You’ll learn your blood type.
- You can donate in honor of someone through the ICF – get a postcard from the office or from your branch president.

Resource:
www.bloodcenters.org
For more information contact:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
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Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received by March. 10, 2014.
Branch 250
Barbara Firpo
In memory of Rose Romano
The Armando Family

In memory of Dina Flora
Angelo Benassi
In memory of Dorothy Nelson
Lea Murphy
Thank you to Karin Faizi

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

If your Branch or District would like members of the Cooley’s Anemia Team at Children’s Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:
Laurice Levine,
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or
email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Don’t miss the blood drive at this year’s Convention.
More details to come.
BOOK REVIEW
Vince Piro
Central Council Member

Saving Italy: The Race to Save A Nation’s Treasures from the Nazis

With the release of The Monuments Men movie, we are reprinting this book review of Saving Italy, the book on which the movie is largely based.

In 1943, Hitler’s Nazi army began its occupation of Italy and began seizing the country’s rich and valued art work. With control of Italy, the Nazis could now steal the masterpieces and antiques of Italy’s great cities and even the Vatican. However, General Dwight Eisenhower commissioned a group of soldiers, later to be known as the Monuments Men, to protect these treasures. In Saving Italy, Robert M. Edsel tells the intriguing story of these soldiers and their mission to save some of the world’s greatest art works for all of humanity.

In the book, we meet Captain Deane Keller of the United States 5th Army, Portrait painter and Professor of Art at Yale University, Keller believed his knowledge of Italy could be of use to his country during the war and volunteered to join the Army. He left behind his wife and young son at great personal sacrifice, but with his hard work and determination, he managed to rescue some of the most important European treasures from the Nazis.

The reader will also meet Lieutenant Fred Hartt. The Lieutenant had also worked at Yale, as an assistant and catalogue at the university’s art museum, before joining the U. S. Army. He was a noted young art historian building a reputation in the field.

In the army, he approached his mission with passionate “go-getter” zeal, acting impulsively at times.

The reader will learn of General Karl Friedreich Otto Wolff, Supreme Leader of SS Troops and Police in Italy. He negotiated a secret Nazi surrender of Italy while holding the Italian art work as hostage.

As an author, Edsel is able to capture the passion and inner conflicts of these men and others as well as the complexity of the evolving situation in Italy. He is able to clearly explain the various perspectives on the invasion of Italy, the different desires surrounding the art work, and the intrigue and secret plans of both the Allied and Axis forces. Not only will readers learn about the Monument Men’s project, but they will also learn a lot about WWII in this fascinating historical book. As noted, “Brilliantly researched and vividly written, Saving Italy brings readers from Milan and the near destruction of The Last Supper to the inner sanctum of the Vatican and behind closed doors with the preeminent Allied and Axis leaders . . .”

One will also read about Giovanni Poggi, Superintendent of Galleries at Florence, Arezzo, and Pistoia, who masterminded and oversaw a mass evacuation of some of Italy’s greatest art works from Italian museums to the Tuscan countryside where they were cleverly hidden from the invading army. His experiences in WWI served him well during his mission.

The reader also learns about the different Monuments Men, both from the United States and England, who acted as spies and negotiators during the Nazi occupation of Italy. Having worked in various occupations in the field of art, these men had the knowledge, expertise, and passion to accomplish their mission.

Edsel’s book is a page turner that absorbs the attention of the reader. He creates vivid characters and settings, tense scenes, and interesting dilemmas that engross the reader in each page. Both entertaining and educational, Saving Italy will be of interest to a wide variety of readers.

Robert M. Edsel is the best-selling author of The Monuments Men and Rescuing da Vinci and co-producer of the award-winning documentary film The Rape of Europa. Edsel is also the founder and president of the Monuments Men Foundation, a recipient of the National Humanities Medal, and a trustee at the National WWII Museum. After living in Florence for five years, he now resides in Dallas, Texas.

Midwest Tornadoes Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.’s Midwest Tornadoes Relief Fund. February 7, 2014. Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief for the total amount donated.

Districts:
San Gabriel Valley
Santa Clara Valley

Branches:
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198 214
218 223
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327 343
362 368
391 417

Individuals:
Jerry and Joan Delfino
Tom and Marisa Poggi
Bruce and Lonnie Swarrignin

Total Donations: $5,135.00

La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Easter Symbols

The egg has long been a symbol of birth. We decorate eggs at Easter to remind us of Jesus’ rebirth. The egg is like the tomb, cold and hard, but containing life within its shell. We color the outside of the shell as a sign that we believe in the life that is inside the shell.

The rabbit fittingly serves as a sign of the abundant new life of spring. In German tradition the rabbit delivered colored eggs at Easter to only the good children, a reminder that the just person will rise with the Lord who has the power of giving life to all.

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2014.

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Cecilia Tommeci and Family
In memory of Franco Franchini
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane Get well wishes for Dave Rose
Convention ByLaw Submission Procedure

David Botta  
Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and/or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the branches of the ICF. According to the Branch bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2014. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from the Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and amendment proposals are brought to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified or changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present the proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention. 

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 03/12/2014

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BEN RATTI Branch 010
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LINDA RATTI Branch 010
WILLIAM (MIKE) RADCLIFFE Branch 014
FAY CARRASCO Branch 021
DIANE COLLOPY Branch 021
AMANDA A DANNER Branch 021
CATHERINE A GIORI Branch 021
CHRIS J LUFFMAN Branch 021
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PETE PAPPAS Branch 021
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WILLIAM J WAMOSHI Branch 442
to encourage and promote faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, ......... in our communities. In the last 10 years approximately 160 Branches, Districts and the Central Council in four states within the Federation Family have donated over $1,000,000 to provide Seminary Scholarship Funds which are greatly needed to show our devotion to the Seminarians.

Invitations are being mailed to your attendance to the 90th Anniversary celebration to be held in early May. The Gala committee has done an excellent job in planning this event. We hope you can join us in this important event. 

The Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli 

Jim Acitelli shared words of wisdom with us.

We are often so busy with the demands of our daily life that we fail to listen to and follow the plan that God has for us. 

Listen and allow God to be your guide, your teacher of truth, your counselor, your helper. The wise person does not have it all figured out today, for God is always for our benefit. Follow it and you will enjoy an exciting journey with Him every day of your life. Say yes to His ways and His plan will give you hope and a future.

The Chief Deputy can’t do everything alone-help is needed. With CC being in many areas they can help out with issues in their area. Possibly create a committee to support the Chief Deputy.
Golf Tournament
Friday, July 25, 2014

Course: Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Format: Four Person Scramble
Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

Banquet
2:00 - San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 - Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

Raffle:

Price:

** reservation deadline: July 18, 2014

** Each individual brings in 3 tournament, that individual golf for free**

** Sign up:

Name
Handicap

Name
Handicap

Name
Handicap

Banquet only

Make check for total amount ($135 per player plus $35 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 18th deadline.

Remember: $150 per player after July 18th.
The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!

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Wording on Sign:

Please make your check payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
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will receive a 1099 tax form.

Gifts of Love – Pat Mages
• Met Nov 24th, awarded about $12,000. Will meet again in March in the L.A. area.
• Gifts of Love is going on the road, this will allow more members of the Federation to become involved with the program. Most of the applications received are coming from East of the Mississippi; this tells us that we are not making people local to our branches aware of our program.
• Average size of a gift is $1,000; an individual can apply and receive help up to three times; no qualified applicant has been denied an award. Many that put in applications are actually for scholarships/tutions, which is not part of Gift of Love program.

Hospitalization – Andy Pappani
• 420 members as of January 31, 2014
• In 2013 this paid in $111,110.42, claims paid $9,015.00.
• In UBS fund as of December 31, 2013 $851,081.52.
• Discussing possible changes in program.

Live to Give – Jane Dianda
• A list of Blood Bank locations and additional donor cards were sent in the last mailing.
• Laurice Levine working on a few blood drives, including one for this year’s convention.
• Each month there will be an article in the Bollettino.

Membership – Nina Malone
• Looking to set up a mandatory meeting/workshop for all officers at the District level to teach them ICF in the hopes of helping to retain members.
• Article going into the next Bollettino on how to put together a membership drive.
• Revisiting the membership questionnaire.
• Suggested to put ICF brochure in parishes close to our branches might drum up new members from neighboring parishes.

Public Relations – Vince Piro
• Corrupt article file was received and it dumped half the Bollettino twice, so it delayed the sending of February Bollettino.
• Cut off for Bollettino articles is the 10th not the 11th.
• A printing company to be recommended and possible resizing of paper to lower cost of publication and at the same time produce better quality. Will present proposal to the Executive Committee.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi
• April 16 will be awarding 1st year scholarships.
• Found an article from the second year of the scholarship program where 500 students applied for the 10 scholarships given out (2%). Last year we had 446 applicants and awarded 182 scholarships (40%).
• Inquiry made regarding the possibility of setting up a fifth year scholarship, some venues take 5 years as opposed to 4 to complete. Committee to discuss.

Task Force – Leonard Zasoski
• Next Saturday will be our 1st full day meeting for the Task Force meeting and the beginning of the implementation of the strategic plan. Monthly articles will be in the Bollettino giving info on the plan and what we want from the members. For a strong and viable plan input must come from the membership. Within a few weeks packet will go out to the presidents.
• Will have Strategic Plan workshop at convention.

Ways and Means – Lisa Crudu
• 90th anniversary galas will be in 3 areas:
  1. Chicago June 8 Mass 3pm at St Francis Borgia, will extend invitations to other organizations, about $45, chaired by Teresa Helfand; 2. LA June 29th St. Peters Italian Church Mass at 11 am, restaurant (holds about 400) buffet includes wine $40, to include other organizations, chaired by Pat Mages; 3) SF June 22 Italian Mass at Immaculate Conception in San Francisco 10:30, meal at Basques Center in South San Francisco, church holds 250 Basque about $50, chaired by Dante Galeazzi. Galas profits will go into Providence Fund.
• Golf tournament to be chaired by Leonard Rossi at Laguna Seca. Luncheon at San Carlos Hall, Monterey.
• In September for 4 days. In 2015 looking to do an Alaska cruise.
• Planning to order 90th anniversary ornaments, charms, and pins if received in time will sell at galas and then convention. Would like to set up an online store for ICF goods. Motion by Committee to advance $4,000 to the committee so they can purchase goods. PASSED

Workshop-Dante Galeazzi
• Committee is depending on the help of CC members to promote workshops in their area.

Unfinished Business
• CC branch visits-reminding everyone to schedule their meetings.

New Business
• David Botta made motion to change deadline to August 1st for nomination forms to run for central council to be turned into office, this allows the office to get everything done and everyone to have an article in the Bollettino seconded by Roselyne Jarrett. PASSED

Good of the Order
• Bob Ackerstape asked to include in closing prayer Br 145 Eureka Father Eric Freed who was murdered and Bob’s sister had back surgery. Also include in prayers Nancy Corsi mom, Toni Sunseri, mom and Maria Polizza.
• Roselyne Jarrett reported a member collapsed (heart attack) outside of Contra Costa Installation everyone came together to help in the situation. With prayer and CPR he is recovering. If you aren’t CPR certified consider doing it.
• David Botta congratulated Roselyne Jarrett on being awarded associate of the year with her company.
• Dante Galeazzi-thank you for rotation the CC meeting locations.
• Bob Basuino-meeting in June will be at Branch 19 in Colma along with lunch and dinner.
• Franklin Lopes made a motion to donate $150 to the parish for the use of the hall today second by Jane Dianda.

PASSED.
• Vince Picciola said any banners that need cleaning send to him.
• Next meeting on June 19th will be electing a new life member, Vince Picciola will become a life member emeritus.
• Leonard Zasoski shared a statement made by the priest at Tucson “I came to the US for the freedom but stayed for the spirituality.” Great statement.
• Closing Prayer: led by James Acetelli.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm by Grand President Bob Basuino, to meet again June 21, Holy Angels Hall, Colma
Respectfully submitted, Deborah Rodondi Grand Secretary

By Laws
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Annual Convention. The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote of the delegates at the Annual Convention the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

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Itasca
St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418
Branch 418 would like to congratulate previous I.C.F. college scholarship winner, Rachel E. Bayles, for being awarded Virginia Technology Institute’s Academic’s List, for outstanding achievement in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Our branch is proud to have sponsored her and we hope, in some small way, the I.C.F. has helped you to achieve your goals.

Congratulations, Rachel, and the best of luck to you in your future endeavors.

Chicago
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Br. 439
On March 2nd, the ICF Branch #439 celebrated Mardi Gras by hosting a “Carnivale” dinner party. Eighty members and non-members alike enjoyed an evening of good food, camaraderie and dancing. Many children and adults arrived dressed in costumes and participated in a best costume contest. In addition, a special member of the ICF received both the “L’Angelo della Salute” and the “Apostolate” awards. Silvana Izzi-Neri was honored with these awards in recognition for

Branch 439 awards honoree, Silvana Izzi-Neri.

Chicago
River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358
Over 50 members welcomed Grand President, Robert Basuino, to Chi-beria for our officers’ installation and despite the wintry weather, it was a very enjoyable evening. Branch 439, Our Lady, Mother of the Church and Branch 441, St. Zachary, received their beautiful banners. We are now looking forward to getting back to ICF business, beginning with the Bishop Day Dinner Dance on Sunday, May 4th at The Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Then, on Sunday, June 8th, we celebrate the 90th Birthday of the founding of the ICF - there will be a Mass in the afternoon and then a dinner at Pescatore Palace in Franklin Park. To round out the first half of the year, the Chicago district is having their Golf Outing Fund Raiser on Sunday, July 20th. We encourage a large participation and the proceeds benefit the seminarians. You can come for dinner only if you do not golf. We have no birthdays this month but sincere congratulations to Teresa & Frank Cairo as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lent is just about over and we can feel the warmth of God’s love and provision for us. At Easter, the entire christian faith culminates in a celebration of Christ’s victory over sin and death and reminds us of His eternal position beside the Father in heaven. Happy Easter! 
Leonora

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392
Greetings from “Chi-beria,” where the snowfall has continued into March!

On February 15th, 2014 our monthly St. Padre Pio mass was followed by a small reception to celebrate Valentine’s Day with family and friends. During the reception we honored an amazing young man, Anthony Mustari, who after a long recovery has embarked on his college education. Anthony’s parents, Sal and Lisa Mustari and grandmother, Teresa Romeo, were present to receive the monetary gift on his behalf. Branch 392 officers and members extend Anthony “best wishes for success!”

The Chicago Installation of Officers took place on February 27th, 2014 at St. Bernadine Church. It was a joyous celebration with all the Chicago Area ICF branches well represented. The ceremony was most memorable with the pleasure of having the Grand President – Robert Basuino with us. The evening began with a beautiful mass celebrated by our Spiritual Leader – Fr. Charles Fanelli. At the conclusion of the mass the Grand President assisted by District President, Gene Gillette, and Central Council Member, Teresa Helfand, presided over the swearing in ceremonies. To top the evening everyone gathered in the church hall for good food, tasty desserts, and pleasant conversations. Our heart-felt thanks goes to Bob Basuino for making such a long journey to be with us for the occasion. His inspiring message and fine words made the celebration exceptional.

Please remember that the Chicago Bishop’s Day Dinner Dance will take place on Sunday, May 4th, 2014 at the Abbington Banquets, Route 53 and Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn.

A presto!
Aurora Pensa
her commitment and dedication to the ICF, many acts of charity, and her strong faith and values despite the many challenging circumstances in her life. Upcoming events for ICF Branch #439 include a Saint Joseph mass and table and weekly Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27
Our regular dinner meeting was held on February 11th. We were treated to Marge Avellar’s homemade chicken soup, salad, bread and dessert. Thanks Marge. The soup was delicious, as always, and I saw several people go back for seconds or was it thirds? Thanks to committee chairmen Jerry and Angie Kelzer, members Marge Avellar, Rita Doloio and Bill and Elsie Bottorf. On February 23rd Madera hosted the Central Council Installation of Officers. One hundred twenty six people turned out for an inspirational mass at St. Joachim Church and a delicious meal, in addition to an outstanding installation. Thanks to our Mistress of Ceremonies Lisa Crudo, Grand Trustee Central Council Council, Branch 343, Castro Valley and Vince Piro, Fresno District President, Branch 39, Madera. Each club provided a basket for the raffle. There were many happy winners since all the baskets were beautiful. A very special thank you goes to Madera Community Hospital who provided the catering, table decorations, table setting and clean-up. They were very organized, professional and, above all, friendly. Members are getting ready for the annual YMI and ICF combined St. Patrick’s Day celebration on March 15th. It will be a fun time with Irish music and all the traditional Irish fare: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and bread. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members. We said good-bye to another long-time member, Pearl Franchi, who passed away in March.

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32
Officers and members of #32 enjoyed the hospitality by Madera at the Fresno District Installation of Officers. Our new members and first time officers, Claire Pisching and Maria Guglielmino, were awed by the festivities. Thank you, Madera for a very successful event.

Branch #32 is having their major fundraiser on April 26, 2014. The Italian Dinner features antipasto, salad, spaghetti, green beans, chicken a la cacciatore, bread and butter, and dessert. For those dining in, wine and coffee are available. The chairperson, Patricia Vivenzi, is looking for workers and dinners. Please call Patricia (233 8150) to offer your help and/or to purchase tickets to this dinner. Adult donation is $25, while children 5 – 10 years of age is $5. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now. This dinner will be held at the Verdi Club on Marks near Clinton.

We are so saddened by the loss of OLV pastor and our chaplain, Msgr. John Moreton. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace. Our condolences are extended to Kathy Vitali and Carol Gentile on the passing of their mother and aunt.

June is our Hospitality month. Br. #32 is in charge of fellowship in the hall after all masses. Donuts, pastries, and coffee are a Sunday staple. A bake sale is planned as well as a spaghetti dinner. Evelyn Nieto is the chairperson of this endeavor. She needs help so please volunteer your time.

Merced
St. Cecelia, Br. 39
Time marches on. We began our Triduum on Wednesday, March 12th with Mass and dinner. Delicious Corn Beef and Cabbage and all the trimmings. We had 2 UC Merced as our guests.

Friday night of the Triduum, we served soup to parishioners and led the Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, we celebrated St. Joseph’s Day. The UC Merced Newman club members joined us for the potluck lunch. What a treat to see so many young faces. Thanks to Millicent for all her hard work. Our Biscotti/bake sale will be held on May 3rd and 4th after all the masses at St. Patricks. Please bake your favorite cookies and bring them to the parish hall kitchen on Friday, the 2nd of May so we can package them to sell. Thank you for helping us out. We lost 2 long time members, Dorothy Muratone and Adriana Martignoni. Keep them in your prayers as well as our sick members.

“When you get to your wit’s end, you’ll find God lives there”

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281
We are proud to announce our Forty First Anniversary was recently celebrated with a delicious NY Steak Dinner. Thank you to Leonard and Betty Zosas for chairing the event. It was a lovely evening to visit and remember our history and events of the past.

Gary Moles and his crew finished up the Pancake Breakfast season until September 7th. We hosted twenty five ladies from The OLPH Women’s Guild for their Corporate Communion. Many thanks from the ladies.

We will be hosting our annual Palm Sunday Pasta and Meatball Dinner on April 13. This is a great fund raiser and the parish family looks forward to the great food and fellowship. We will offer to go dinners.

Allen Watts is starting to plan for our annual Bocce Tournament to be held May 24th. Start getting your teams together. It is always a day filled with fun, competition (friendly) and a BBQ lunch. More information to come.

Thank-you to Deborah and Gary Leary, Crystal and Allen Watts, Rebecca and Craig Collins, Betty and Leonard Zosas for representing Branch 281 at the Fresno District Installation.

Fresno
St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 308
Our Branch #308 had a very successful turn-out for our first Lenten Dinner on Fri, March 7th, from 5- 7:30 p.m. For the next Friday, we will be serving Fish & Chips which also includes a salad, dinner rolls, ice tea, punch, coffee, water, wine, and dessert. We hope to see those of you who couldn’t attend at some the following Lenten Dinners, after or before the Stations of the Cross.

The March 12th Dinner Meeting consisted of corn beef with many tasty side dishes and scrumptious desserts. There certainly are many wonderful cooks in our branch. Many thanks to all our great cooks, because they help make our general dinner meetings a very nice event.

Hopefully, those cooks among others, also sent in to Pat Faragia their favorite recipes for the Branch 308 Cookbook. Pat has been busy categorizing the recipes, which will be part of our Spring Fundraiser. If you would like to reserve a copy let Pat know or one of the Board Officers.

Please pray for all of our ill members and their caretakers, especially for Mike Pusk and Barbara Hisco who had surgery last week. Please say an extra pray for Barbara H. for good results on her brain surgery.

Birthday wishes go out to Pio Fortunato (Mar. 4th), Samuel Pardun (Mar. 4th), Cheyanne Pardun (Mar. 10th), and Cathy Christiansen (Mar. 15th).

May you have a Happy Easter,
Maria E. Juarez-Garcia
her hard work. She is a great addition to our branch. 

Br. 417 will be finalizing plans for the Easter egg hunt and anyone wishing to help can contact Gerry. It takes place after the 10 AM mass Easter Sunday. It has proven to be a favorite event for our parish families. Our Members who have not yet paid their 2014 dues should mail their checks to Rose Ann Allen or bring them to the next ICF event. If you have any questions, please contact Fred or Gerry.

Ciao,
Pat Duncan

Los Angeles
Los Angeles District Council

The LAADC wishes all members a very Happy and Healthy Easter Season!

Branches are reminded to include in their 2014 schedules and fundraising plans, the District Communion Sunday, the Bishop Banquet and Seminary Burse, Cooley’s Ane- mia along with their other charitable causes and to identify their Branch Delegates for this year’s ICF Convention.

Thank you President Tony Faramara and Branch 326 staff for hosting the first LAA District Council Lunch and General Meeting on March 29th in the Parish Hall of Holy Angeles Catholic Church in Arcadia. More information to come in the June Bullotin.

The Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini Open House is scheduled for April 13th from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM and will be hosted by the ICF LAADC (San Fernando Valley Region). The ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Board meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Members welcome. For more in-

Branch 111 February Birthdays Florence Terramani, Christina Winans, and Eileen Viera

formation call 626 372-7812.
The District Board encourages all Branches to support each other’s events wherever and whenever possible. Board members also wish to express how proud they are of all branches for their efforts in keeping the ideals and aims of the ICF alive.

Grazie to our members for your support of the ICF and its related events and your prayers for our sick and deceased mem-

bers, friends and Parishioners who recently passed on to their eternal reward; they will be missed.

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

Carmelo A. Sabatella, AIA, President South Pasadena, CA 91030

Burbank
St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Ann Centoni’s 100th Birthday was wond-erful. She and her dear sister Lorraine are very precious to us all. Many more to you my dear.

April 13-Quarterly communion Mass at St. Francis Church, at 8:30am. Breakfast to fol-

low at Hill Street Café.

April 20-Easter Sunday-Blessings to all

April 30-Shakey’s Pizza Party-6:30-8:30pm Ciao, Joy

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

Branch 108 wishes all members a very Happy and Healthy Easter Season!

On March 8th and 9th, ICF Branch 108 worked with members of many Holy Family Church ministries to bring the Saint Joseph Table to Holy Family once again. Thank you members, parishioners, donors and visitors for making this year’s Saint Joseph Table a great success. The Saint Joseph Table honored Tite Faille and her family for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Holy Family Community. Proceeds will again benefit the St Vincent De Paul Society, the Holy Fam-

ily Giving Bank and Carmelites Sisters of Alhambra.

On February 22nd, the ICF Branch 108 “11th annual Wine Tasting Event” was held in the Parish Hall. This was the first time lo-
cal amateur & professional wine growers, wine makers, wine club members, importers and suppliers from the San Gabriel Valley were invited to joint this event where they presented their areas of expertise to members and parishioners.

On February 8th, ICF Members also enjoyed the “Get on the Bus Dinner” fundraiser with members and parishioners. SAVE THE DATES:

- April 6, 2014 - Bocce (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm) followed by Lunch Social and General Meet-

ing (3:00 pm to 5:00 pm). Mass at 5:30 pm.

- April 13, 2014 - Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Open House hosted by the LAADC San Fernando Region. Come visit and learn about the Patroness of the Italian Catholic Federation and America’s first American Saint. Call 626 372-7812 for more informa-

- Thank you members and parishioners for supporting this event with a special thank you and congratulations to Co-Chairs Chris-

ty Shaw and Gina Sabatella for organizing and managing this culturally significant, or-

ganic and successful fundraiser.

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

ry.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108 Email: ciao1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a tutti,
Happy Easter everyone in ICF-Land. Can believe 3 months have already passed this year. There is still much to do for the year! Congratulations to Tony DeLorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, and Alexxa Vasquez who celebrated their birthdays in March. We wish everyone a Happy Birthday! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

Welcome our new members who joined our branch this year - Tony and Alba DeLorenzo, Frank Gosme, Sal Franco, and Henry Herrera. On the weekend of March 15-16 Branch 111 Montebello held its Annual St. Joseph’s Table. There were many food and collectible items that were donated and purchased. Lots of yummy canolis and Italian sausage were eaten and lots of free pasta to go around for ev-

erone. We all had a blast and there was a great turn out. Thank you to all who participated and joined us for such a successful event!

This month’s I leave you with a quote from Bruce Lee – “Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind.” Thank you and God Bless,

Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Dear Members,

Hope all of you had a wonderful time on March 1, at our annual Crab Dinner Dance. Over 400 guest were served a delicious meal. Dancing and numerous raffles took place. The nite was a huge success. Special thanks to all the members who made this evening possible.
Without your help this evening couldn’t have been possible.

On March 7th our branch was the 1st society to host the Lenten meal. The dinner was enjoyed by many. Once again thank you to our amazing chef’s and volunteers.

With all this hard work behind us, members relaxed with outings to Palm Springs on March 11 to see the Follies and on March 25th to Pechanga Casino.

Happy Easter to all! Rejoice in the Risen Lord!

Our members are looking forward to a 3 night 4 day stay in Laughlin, Nevada. We will be leaving on April 27 and staying at the Aquarius Casino. $135.00 double occupancy. $185.00 Single. There is still room available. Please call Pauline Iacono if interested in joining us. 310 8320563

San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of Saint John Joseph of the Cross with the usual Crab Dinner Dance on March 1, 2014. About 400 people were served. The kitchen crew did an outstanding job. President Neal Di Leva thanks all of the many volunteers that made this dinner a great success. A Mass was also celebrated on March 4.

May 17-18th American Cancer Society Relay for Life held at San Pedro High School

May 22 Potluck dinner Please call Carmela Gioiello for more info 310 8320953

God Bless you all and keep all of our sick and deceased members in our prayers.

Anita Gioiello Tinijillo
Treasurer

Arcadia
Holy Angeles, Br. 218

Holy Angels Branch 218 celebrated 46 years as a part of the ICF on March 12. We celebrated with a pizza party and a cake. Thanks to everyone past and present that have made Branch 218 such a success.

We would also like to welcome Father Blaze who has agreed to be our Chaplin.

We are very excited to have him part of the ICF. See you all in April at our next General Meeting.

God Bless
Kerri DiMichina
Heritage Chair

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

3/5 - 4/13 –40 Days for Life
3/31 – St. Denis – 40 Day for Life in West Covina

03/14 – ICF Lenten soup Dinner/ General Meeting
03/22 – 12th annual Pastor’s Leadership Awards Banquet

In January & February Branch 317 honored, consecutively its wonderful ICF members Clarisa Campos and Elizabeth Fan for their dedication to their ICF goals, Christian spirit and generosity.

03/16 – 3/30 – Holy Cannoli’s Presale
04/02 – City of Diamond Bar Fundraiser
04/11 – ICF Dinner/General Meeting
04/20 – Easter Sunday
04/27 – Arts & Craft Faire

In January & February we honored, consecutively our wonderful ICF members Clarisa Campos and Elizabeth Fan for their dedication to their ICF goals, Christian spirit and generosity. God Bless them and their families. Please note their pictures.

Thank you for the delicious homemade soups at our March meeting prepared by Julia, Roxanne and Joselina and Eliseo. Thank you to Bev for the bread and cookies she donated to complete the meal.

March 16th to March 30th we will start our presale for Holy Cannoli’s. With distribution on April 6th. Thank you to our chairpersons, Tony, Laura, Liz and Bev. Thank you for your support at St. Denis for the Pastoral Awards Banquet for Leadership on March 22nd.

Thank you to Patty Lasko for chairing City of Diamond Bar. Thank you to Bev Yar for chairing Arts & Crafts Fair. Easter Blessings to all our dear members & loved ones.

God Bless,
Roxanne Perry

Gardena
St. Anthony Of Padua, Br. 237

On March 23rd we had our first Mass and Pot Luck of the Year. We celebrated both St. Patrick and St. Joseph with good food and games!

May 4, 5 & 6 we will travel to Laughlin,NV for our annual trip to the desert. These trips help fund our many charitable endeavors. Thanks to all who participate and assist us with our main focus of giving to others.

We celebrated another Baptism this month, Mikahly Franson, granddaughter of Marie and Don Franson. Congrats to all!

A very warm welcome to new members Steve Marioreni, Carlo and Lauretta Sca-glione....

Birthdays for March John Moore and Gloria Castanada March 31
Birthdays for April Francisco Ramirez April 4th Marsetta Passaro April 12th

Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter to all
Michelle Roa
**Temple City**

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Easter to all of our members!

There will be no April meeting due to St. Luke’s Fiesta.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The menu has not yet been decided.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Rose Costa, Anna Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Andy Bonura, and Ann Primising. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members. Please continue to pray for our deceased sisters, please remember Hugo Cprini, Lila Donofrio’s brother who passed away.

Happy April Birthday to: Ann Baziak, Jack Baziak, Andrew Bonura, Carmen Federico, Val Magro and Vera Montemayor

Happy Anniversary to: Sally and Tony Farinella (47 years)

“Friendship is a golden thread that binds our hearts with love, a bond that reaches to the stars that twinkle high above. Friends see the pain behind the smile and come before we call to walk that ‘extra mile’ and lift us when we fall. …Friends are the glue God gives us to mend a broken heart, the mouthpiece that sustains us when our world falls apart. Friendship is a precious thing that lives beyond our years, a looking glass that lets us see the laughter through the tears.” (Clay Harrison)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

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**Pacific Grove**

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

Our Branch will not have a meeting on March 14 because of a conflict with the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner in the Church Hall. We hope to see everyone at our next meeting on April 11 at 5:30 PM. Some of the Members will be volunteering for the Youth Group’s Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on March 29.

There will be Masses for Living and Deceased Members at 8:00 AM on April 11 and May 9. Blessings to all during Lent.

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

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**Chula Vista**

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

The St. Joseph’s Day Table on March 19 was a great success! The Branch served traditional dishes, and the table was beautiful!! The group, The Men of St. Joseph, carried a lovely statue of St. Joseph on a platform from the church to the Parish Hall after the ten o’clock mass. Our Pastor, Fr. John Dolan, blessed the table. Thank you to all of the members who gave a great deal of their time and talents to make this event quite special. (I don’t want to leave anyone out by mentioning names but you all know who you are and your efforts and hard work are very much appreciated!!)

Branch 229 is planning an Italian cooking class for sometime in May.

The Board is asking the general membership to bring in new members. A big welcome to the new members who have joined us so far in 2014! We are very happy you have come onboard!

I wish all of you a very blessed Easter! The Lord has risen! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, and for those in need. When you see a man or woman in uniform,

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**Monterey**

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Spring…wonderful, colorful spring! Robin Williams once said: “Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!” Though we do party at Branch 21 we also raise money for good purpose and our next fund raising event is the Mother’s Day Dinner Dance on May 9th. Perhaps you’d like to invite your children to come and share a wonderful evening with us. You call us and maybe even a dance or two! Please contact Roseann Costabile or Norma Wilson for reservations.

We have had a number of new members join our branch this year. Most recently initiated members include Allen and Maria Reames, Fay Caruso, Mary Stagnaro, Kay Ohio, Dee and Arthur Weybright, Gary Moro, and Diane Massola. Welcome, new members! We would like to thank Andy Pappani, 2nd Vice President of Central Council, for helping with the initiation ceremony. And, as a caveat, there are several more waiting in the wings to be initiated so stay tuned everyone!

As a reminder, we do have ICF scholarship applications available for those who may have children or grandchildren graduating from High School this year. The 1st Year Scholarship amount is $400.00. If you are interested, please contact Rosa Radici for an application.

We want to thank those branch members who each month have faithfully prepared dinner for the homeless. They are Richard Paccinelli, Rosa Radici, Mary DeBelli, and Diane Collop. There are usually about 25 very grateful attendees who come to the Holy Cross School ground floor for the well planned and delicious dinner. If anyone would like to volunteer for this rewarding work, please contact Rosa Radici.

In closing, think of this verse as we pray for springtime rain. “Let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is as sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” Hosea 6:12

Patty Morelli
Recording Secretary
Branch 21 – Santa Cruz

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**Castrovile**

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

First of all, …thank you God for the refreshing and much needed rain, (more please).

Since our fundraiser was a month earlier this year our members were very busy during the month of March. With all the hard work everyone has put forth it definitely was successful. Many thanks to our local church, Dave, D.L. and Jeff, (you should open up a restaurant...only kidding). I hope also to say thank you to Cindy, Pat, Carrie, Vera, Kathy, Gino and new member Kevin for your help with the potluck. I hope I didn’t forget anyone. I also would like to thank Sara Jane from the Pacific Grove Branch for her help.

While I’m giving out thank you’s, a very big thank you to Charlene and her staff at the I.C.F. office. They have always been very kind when answering my many questions and so helpful in guiding me through I.C.F. procedures.

Cindy has been very busy again in her recruiting new members. Her efforts now are on the young people, (college, high school and grade school). She is looking at the future for Branch #51. Keep up the great work.

Our annual St. Patrick’s Day Potluck was another fun filled evening. The food is always great but I think being together is what makes it special!

May we be people of joy and prayer in our lives, guide us to become all that you call us to be.

Ciao,
Leonora Barlow

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**Salinas**

Nostra Signora del Sasso, Br. 25

The Lenten dinners sponsored by Madonna del Sasso and Sacred Heart Churches were off to a very good start March 7th. It was one of the best opening nights since the start of this event. The profit is split between both churches, and it has been a wonderful community event through the years.

Raffle tickets are available for sale from any ICF officer. First prize is $250; tickets are $2.00 apiece, or a book for $20.00. Drawing is August 31, 2014 at the convention.

We now have a P.O. Box for mail. You can reach us by mail at ICF Branch #25, P.O. Box 2797, 93902-2797, Salinas CA

The polenta luncheon fundraiser cleared $4225, a new record for us. This included all the food and bar income. The bake sale in particular was a money maker, so thanks to all who provided so many goodies. We are already once again to get a November date for this year’s luncheon.

Our membership keeps growing. Welcome to Frank and Kathryn Ditto who recently transferred into our branch. We encourage all members to join us at our monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall 270 Renda Circle, Salinas. If you know anyone interested in joining, bring them along, or please call one of our officers so that we may contact them.

Dates to remember:

July 25th: ICF Golf Tournament Monterey
August 3rd: District Picnic Salinas
October 25th: Bishop’s Day Capitola

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**Capitola**

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Frys are off to a good start with 236 dinners served at the first one. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook, serve, and clean up. We were honored to have the Stow Family in attendance. You may recall that Bryan Stow was critically injured in an assault at Dodger Stadium in 2011. His great spirits and warm personality lit up the entire room. We were saddened to learn of the death of George Airoldi, just one month after his wife, Barbara, passed away. George, who was a member of our branch for 14 years, served on the Scholarship Committee and helped in the kitchen. The George and Barbara Airoldi Memorial Scholarship is being set up in their honor.

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Happy Easter,
Betty Solicito

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Past President Bob Candau passed away at his home. Bob joined ICF in 1979 and served as President in 1990 and 1991. Sincere condolences to his wife, Rosemarie, and all his family. His presence at our meetings will be missed.

Get well wishes go out to Ron Gibson, who is at home recuperating after a stay at the VA Hospital.

The day trip to Graton Casino in Rohnert Park has been re-scheduled to May 7. Cost is $35 with a return of $10 at the casino. The bus will leave St. Joseph’s at 8:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. This trip is open to everyone, not just ICF members. Contact Vicki Howell at 831-374-6374 to make a reservation. Deadline for payment is April 19.

Biou Pasqua,
Deanna Mastor, Secretary
At our February General Meeting we initiated coffee and pastries in the morning, a delicious and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”.

During Lent, let us remember the words of Mother Teresa, “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”.

Theresa Sollazzo
Correspondence Secretary

Barbara Musalo, Dianne Clees, Suzanne Kress and Sonia Wagner keep the dessert table fully-stocked during Branch 291’s Fish Fries!

Joanna Van Blaricom and Father “Mario” from Branch 291 are dedicated Fish Fry workers!

please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military!
Ciao!
Karen Judson
Recording & Corresponding Secretary

The ICF has offered 7000 scholarships nationally since 1964, totaling more than two million dollars! Quite an achievement.

Our semi-annual pasta dinner on March 1st, a huge success, enables us to fund these scholarships. Members, friends and volunteers all pitched in. “Chef” David Zanini, together with kitchen crew served up the best spaghetti & meatball dinner ever.

On March 30th, our branch together with Arroyo Grande Branch 291, will be hosting a district meeting. In my January Bollettino letter, I inadvertently indicated that Deputy Pete Gallagher and his wife Abby were from Atascadero, instead of Arroyo Grande; I apologize for the senior moment. His branch will again be serving Fish & Chips every Friday during Lent. They do the tastiest job, and we look forward to supporting them.

Easter tray favors for the Vineyard Nursing home will be made by Lupe Olvedo, Alice Mastagni & Gladys Saucedo.

Some of you may begin to think that I am nagging you and I may be doing just that, but...we do need the help of ALL the branches to make our Convention successful. That means that we need representatives from all the branches at our upcoming district meetings. Our next meeting is at the Marriott Hotel in Oakland on Monday, March 24 at 7 P.M., where the Convention will be held. Hope to see some new faces as well as all the regulars. Also it is time to begin selling the raffle tickets for the Convention.

The district has voted to sponsor a $400.00 first year scholarship.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Kelsey Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Because of our meeting schedule, we are submitting information on February’s events and activities, which will become old news for the next edition of the Bollettino.

Our February meeting with President Irma Zanini presiding centered on planned events. Discussions were regarding applicants from our branch who requested high school scholarships. They are Aminsa Brandonisios, granddaughter of Tony & Santa Salvia and Genaro Olveda, son of Jorge & Lupe Olveda.

Alameda
Nostra Signora Della Grazia, Br. 10

We are hosting our 2014 Polenta Dinner on Saturday, April 26 in Monsignor O’Brien Hall at Saint Philip Neri Church, High and Van Buren Street in Alameda. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00. Polenta and chicken will be cooked by one of our new chefs and new member, Ken Ratto. The prices are $21.00 for adults and $10.00 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit seminary education, scholarships for college students, persons with developmental disabilities and our national charity, Cooley’s Anemia Research at Children’s Hospital-Oakland.

For reservations, please contact Branch 10 President Dave Rose, (510) 522-6004, or First Vice-President Gina Foster, gfoster@cdso.org. Reservations are due on Monday, April 21.

During the season of Lent we have been sponsoring Friday Fish Fry’s. The meal is served following 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church and consists of salad, fish fillet, pests, bread and cookies. Prices are $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.

A large crowd attended the Irish Social on Saturday, March 15, our observance of Saint Patrick’s Day. The traditional menu included corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings. The annual event also featured Irish dancing and a raffle of overflowing gift baskets.

Branch 10 also hosted Saint Joseph’s Table on Wednesday evening, March 19. The Table was preceded by a special evening Mass in Saint Philip Neri Church. Chef Maria Croft prepared a dinner of salad, pesto, chicken and vegetables. Members of Branch 10 contributed a variety of desserts for the enjoyment of all.

Are you hungry yet? If so, we will welcome you at the April 26 Polenta Dinner.

Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Easter to you and your families.
Upcoming:
April 3rd- Monthly meeting at 7:00PM
April 20th-Easter
May 1st- Monthly meeting at 7:00PM
August 10th- Branch 40’s 82nd anniversary dinner at Fratellanica Club. More info to come.

Happy Birthday to Rita Avery, Vanna Cesarello, Irene Crosetti, Rita Marie Dykes, and Ada Franco. God Bless you.

Please remember in your prayers the sick
Member from Branch 14, Crockett who help set up for a successful Corned beef dinner. Great Job.

Carl Heller, Father Fred, Pauline Cardza, and Cliff Parr from branch 14, Crockett celebrating St. Joseph's Table and conva suites of our branch, especially: Aldo Innocenti, Clemence Zanta, Leroy and Elma Casale and Bruna Gasparo.

Thought: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ciao,
M.A. Francis

St. Theresa, Br. 223
Oakland

Come to our Br. #223 Spring Bake Sale on May 3rd and 4th. We will be in front of St. Theresa's Church, 30 Mandalay Rd, Oakland. Our bakers will have baked wonderful homemade goods such as cakes pies, breads, cookies, biscotti, cupcakes, etc. for sale at reasonable prices. Everyone is welcome. Hours of Bake Sale are May 3rd after the 9:30AM Mass, on May 4th after the 9AM and 11AM Masses. We look forward to seeing you.

We will miss you... two of our recently new members, George Husson and Michael Barrick, are leaving California. Their new location, after Easter, will be Buffalo. We wish them a good life and good health.

Easter... to our member Angelena (Dolly) Fiammengo, who passed away March 6th. Her funeral was held at St. Theresa Church on March 12th. Dolly's husband, Eugene Fiammengo, preceded her in 2003. Our sincere condolences are extended to her son, Gary Fiammengo and daughter Kristine Costa and their families. May she rest in peace.

Br #223 members... If you have a son or daughter who will be graduating from High School or College this year and you would like to congratulate them in our Bollettino article in May please give the info to Yoli Moglia (510) 547-3800 before April 8th.

St. Filomena, Br. 285
Livermore

Now that our successful Bingo Bash is behind us, we switch gears to the planning of our up-coming fundraising Primavera Dinner/Dance on May 3, 2014. The committee has been selected and plans are underway for a great evening of food, dancing, entertainment and prizes.

The dinner/dance will be held at St. Michael's Church Hall in Livermore, CA. For reservations, please call: Anna Yocham at 925-484-1523.

Our March 21st, potluck will display a special table to honor St. Joseph. Our members will bring their favorite meatless dish to share.

Several members of our branch plan to attend Bishop's Day on March 16th and look forward to the opportunity of meeting Bishop Barber.

Pauline Kirk, one of our members, has arranged a field trip on April 11th to Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, CA. Lunch, wine tasting and viewing miles of daffodils in bloom will highlight the day.

Members enjoying April birthdays are as follows: Carl Bates, Lola Bobba, Bobbie Farrington, Cindy Tujague, Helen Wirtenson and Michael Yocham.

As we celebrate Ash Wednesday, we ask God to walk with us on our Lenten journey.

Ciao!
Judy Bates

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

Special thanks to Jim and Kathleen Thomas and our hard working, generous members for yet another successful Corned Beef Dinner. This is the Branch's 38th salute to our Irish members, and all agree our cooks have it perfected.

Our April 8th meeting includes a free dinner; albeit sandwiches, the price is right, and they promise to be delicious, and with all the trimmings. It is also time to elect delegates to the Convention, which will be held in Oakland this year. If you have never attended a Convention, you should consider doing so, as you will experience ICF at its finest... Food (lots of food), laughter (lots of laughter), and great camaraderie.

Especially during Lent, please try to attend Mass at 5:30, prior to the April meeting. Father Fred gives a short, inspirational sermon, and attending a weekday Mass offers yet another opportunity to give thanks and to ask for continued blessings.

Sincere get well wishes to Karen Hart, and our condolences to Medoro and Mary Pagni on the death of Mary’s brother. Special thanks to Lena McCrossen for being so diligent with sending cards. Her assistance is most appreciated.

Good luck to all who attend the April 11th Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip. If you need help carrying home all those winnings, I believe I speak for everyone when I say we all would be willing to help... and to share.

May spring showers bring happiness, peace, and joyous Easter Blessings to all.

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

We started out March with our celebration in honor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Members were treated to a delicious lunch. President Patty led us in a novena to St. Joseph, Orator Roselynne shared information about the history of St. Joseph. We thank all members who bought non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent De Paul. After the meeting we had a free convention raffle drawing followed by our St. Patrick’s Day party.

Bus trip chairman Joann shared details of upcoming fall bus trips. On the recent bus trip to Graton casino we profited $400.00. President Patty told members some of the
Reno, Nev. — April 13th

St. Albert, Br. 135

On Sunday March 9th, 29 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful corned beef & cabbage dinner prepared by Bobb/Andrea Ferreri and their son and daughter-in-law Bobbie/Rachael Ferrari. Many thanks for such dedication, service and terrific food.

We lift up continued prayer to our Lord for His great healing power for Father Mike Mahone (who is recovering and functioning but may need a future heart valve repair); and for Eugenia Hovland’s grandson. We pray to our Lord Of All to deliver these folks.

At the business meeting, the following items were covered: a) convention raffle tickets are available to be purchased from Joyce Kovatch and from Ellie Snellgrove for the donation of $20.00 for a book of twelve tickets and, b) Vonnie Ramos gave a Heritage report on Saint Joseph, who has two feast days - On March 19th He is celebrated as husband of Mary and step-father of Jesus; and, on May 1st, as St. Joseph the Worker. The report also mentioned St. Patrick, who was born in Britain of Roman parents. After becoming a priest, he went to Ireland where he spent 30 years working at converting the pagans and druids to Christianity.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 13th. We ask the Lord’s blessing on all our members and their families. And, Happy Easter – Buona Pasqua.

Submitted by,
Tony DiGuglielmone

Buona Complessano to members Frank Perri, Annji Ebert, Marvin Bernardi, Ralph Isola, and M Kay Pesci, our April celebrants.

Buona Pasqua
Ciao
Mary Jo

Reno

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

April greetings from St. Mary’s Branch 45.

May events on the horizon are our ICE CREAM SOCIAL on May 1st and our CHICKEN and POLENTA DINNER in Giovanni Hall on May 4th.

The Ice Cream Social fundraiser will be on May 1st at Burr’s Fountain at 4920 Folsom Blvd (in East Sacramento). Burr’s will donate 20% of their sales on that day from 3:00PM until closing. Menu items include sandwiches, soups, salads and of course delicious ice cream treats featuring Vic’s Ice Cream. Make May 1st and Burr’s a dinner destination for the family; a great way to help raise funds for ICF charities.

The next chicken and polenta dinner will be on May 4th, cost is $12.00 for members and $16.00 for non-members and guests. Make your reservation by calling Bruna, 916-515-9380 or email, jwilson6987@gmail.com, please call by April 28th. Meeting time is 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. All members are invited to attend the meeting. A highlight of our meetings is the heritage report by Sheryl Carriechetti. She always has something interesting and informative about our Italian heritage to share with us.

ICF Branch 342 wishes you and your loved ones a very Happy and Blessed Easter. Our branch continues to work hard to plan our meetings and events for 2014. We ask any members that have ideas for activities or
Branch 438 displayed their new Banner for the first time at their February meeting!

Barbie & John Morrill and Janet & Al Smith – Mardi Gras cooks!

San Bernardino

Sacred Heart, Br. 217

We had a wonderful installation dinner in mid-January and welcomed our guests including our Central Council Grand President, Robert Basuino and Grand Treasurer, Roselynn Jarrett. A scrumptious dinner of lasagna, zucchini, salad and bread was topped off with tiramisu and home-roasted coffee by Paul Emerick of Branch 217. Boy, do we know how to eat!

March 19, 2014, St. Joseph’s Day marks

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Cari Amici,

Branch 230 had it’s annual Fish Fry fundraiser on the first Friday of Lent, March 7, 2014. The event was very successful, all proceeds will go to Our Lady of the Rosary. Thank you to all that worked the night of the event especially our kitchen Captain Domenic Carini and 1st Mate Pietro Vella. Thanks also to the many hours of preparation by Mary Lou Terramagra and Theresa Cutri. Thank you to Tom and Kathy Zolezzi for loaning us their extensive Heritage Display. A very special thanks to our benefactor Giuseppe Principato, his generosity makes the Fish Fry a success year after year, may he be blessed many times over. We were very fortunate and grateful to have a great crew of diners from our parish

(Above) A Super salad room crew at the Br. 230 Fish Fry.

(Lef) At the Br. 230 Fish Fry, The Cassidy’s go fish.
and the surrounding communities.

In addition to fasting, praying and almsgiving during this Lenten season, Branch 230 will also hold it’s annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for scholarships on Sunday April 6th, 2014, from 8am to 12 noon.

Our next General Meeting will be Friday May 16th, 2014 starting with a dinner social at 6:30 pm.

Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and for our servicemen and women.

Pace di Cristo
Richard Barker

San Francisco
San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our February Valentine’s meeting was a lot of fun. Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, told us an “Italian War Bride Love Story” between Francesca, a beautiful girl born in Naples, and Stefano, an American Army Officer. The story took place in war torn Napoli in 1943 during World War II. It told about their romantic courtship and how eventually the couple got married and migrated to America. This love story was typical of those times, and brought back memories that a lot of us remember.

Actually, some years ago, at one of our branch meetings, we saw a movie called “Prisoners in Paradise” set in SF with two War Brides present. This love story was a reminder of the Italian prisoners in the Presidio during World War II who were quite anxious to find a bride. Thanks Maria for making our meeting memorable and romantic, too!

We had our March 8 meeting and we celebrated St. Joseph’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, and Marti Gras. What a “mescolanza” of holidays! Again, our Heritage Chairlady, Marta Gloria, told us stories about the two saints. Did you know that St. Patrick is really Italian? It seems both of his parents were Romans. As you know St. Joseph was a carpenter. When Jesus was a boy, his stepfather St. Joseph was his first teacher and the hard working spouse to our Blessed Mother Mary. We will pray to them to watch over us and give us strength and know how to accomplish what we need to accomplish in life.

Thank you Virginia Aguilar for donating 2 raffle prizes for our meeting, Maria Gloria for always bringing goodies, and thank you Cosmo for picking up our whipped cream cake...even though you dropped it in the store.

Luckily, it was in a sealed box! It looked pretty messed up, but tasted great!

In April our Branch #38 we’ll be having a “No Bake Sale.” This money will be used 100% for the Scholarship donation. The amount we need to raise is $400.00. Please be as generous as you can. Last year we sponsored 2 lovely & very deserving recipients: Madeline Lopez and Kimberly Anne Verzano. We enjoyed meeting them both and wish them much success in their future studies. Hopefully, they’ll be able to visit us again.

Our next meeting on April 12 we will be celebrating “Easter”, “3 very Special Birthdays (Norma Tedall’s 90th),” and “Go Giants.” Our lunch will be: “Going to the Ball Game.”

Buona Pasqua a tutti ICF members!
Ci Vediamo il 12 di aprile!

Mara Amato

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Congratulations to our friends, Erma and Vince Brogan who celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. They were featured in articles in both the February 14th and February 28 editions of Catholic San Francisco. Vince and Erma are true examples of lives well lived and well loved. God bless them always.

The date of our April meeting has not yet been determined due to a conflict with Holy Thursday evening services. Jo Wallace will inform everyone of the April date by phone. Please remember that a polenta and sausage dinner will be served before the April meeting.

Please continue to pray for Mary Rose, John Consiglieri and other members who are not feeling well.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!
Ciao,
Jeanette

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 395

Archbishop’s Day will be on the 27th of April. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi at 11:00. Lunch will follow at the Italian American Athletic Club. For more information, call George, 566-8333 or Joe, 364-724. Our first garage sale was so successful that we are going to have another one. Vince Russo has offered to have it in his garage, 2058 – 17th Ave. He has plenty of room and is waiting for our donations. We will do the preparation on Friday the 2nd. The sale will be held on May 3rd and 4th.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please check your 2014. We will have finger food provided by the branch.

This is in celebration of Mothers’ and Fathers’ days.

God Bless,
Ann Bassino

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Many thanks to Branch 403, St. Dunstan’s Millbrae for hosting the first District Communion and to Father Joe Glynn for presiding over the spirit filled Mass.

Mark your Calendars:

Sunday, April 20 Easter
Thursday, April 24 next District meeting at 7:30p.m. Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Hosted by Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos.

Sunday, April 27, Bishop’s Day. Hosted by the San Francisco District. Mass 11:00a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel in San Francisco. Luncheon to follow and the Luncheon is $40 which will be at the Italian American Athletic Club. San Mateo District will be arranging for a bus to take members to the event. Charge for the bus will be $8.00. Pick up at St. Mark’s, Belmont (take last drive-way on right and park in back) and pickup at Duggan’s in Daly City (park away from the mortaruy on the street side of the parking lot). Contact Barbara Firpo for bus reservations and send check payable to San Mateo District to 1518 Bay Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Luncheon Price: $40. Send luncheon reservations to your Branch President.

The District voted to give a 1 year scholarship in honor of Father Frank Murray. Remember him in your Prayers.

Our 50th Anniversary will be in October this year. How time flies! More information later.

Happy and Joyous Easter!
Anne O’Brien

Redwood City
Regina Coeli, Br. 6

Our Polenta dinner on March 1 was a huge success thanks to our cooks, and all of our helpers. Thank you too to all of the members, families and friends that participated in enjoying our delicious food and winning the beautiful raffle gifts. Everyone had a great time!

Our meetings now start at 7:00p.m. so I hope you will be able to join us and stay active.

We miss those that have not been coming.

Our Branch voted to give a 1st year scholarship in Memory of Nancy Van Tricht.

Bishop’s Day will be April 27 and the District will get a bus to take us to San Francisco. The cost for the bus is $8.00 per person and the Luncheon is $40 which will be at the Italian Athletic Club. Please come for a spiritual and fun filled day!

Please contact Catherine Boyle (650) 364-6165 with the names of any sick members so she can send them a card.

Ciao,
BF

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South San Francisco
Sacramento, Br. 7

Being our March dinner meeting fell on Ash Wednesday, we all enjoyed wonderful vegetable lasagna. A big thank you to the cooks and helpers. Your efforts are always appreciated.

On March 15th, we had our Comed Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser. Thank you to all that participate and all the outstanding workers. April 2nd we will have a ham dinner for our monthly dinner meeting. Please plan to attend and stay connected to your organization. Remember, “United we stand and divided we fall”

May 7th will be our last business/dinner meeting (Enchilada) as we take a break for the months of June and July. Our first meeting after the break will be August 6th.

So, until next time, a little thought to ponder … “Being happy can be hard work sometimes. It is like maintaining your home – you’ve got to hang on to your treasures and throw out the garbage.”

Sempre Avanti

Laurie Mostello

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We are planning a St. Joseph feast day celebration Potluck Dinner and blessing at our meeting on the 13th. This event is chaired by Dorene Campanile. We can’t forget St. Patrick this month either or Father Michael won’t forgive us.

The 6 week Renew Program started this month and if interested, call Sandra or Norm Bennett O.L.A. 650-697-4279 St. Francis Room Special thanks for our February Pizza dinner and Bingo chaired by Sandra Bennett and all of the cooperative earth angels who helped make it successful.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
April 6 Mass & Brunch with Br. 403 Millbrae, St. Dunstan 10:00 AM Terrace Café - El Rancho
April 10 Branch Sandwich Supper and meeting 6:30 p.m. Contact: Lucy Witherspoon 650-697-0597 by 4-8-14.
April 26 Spring Fling Fundraiser OLA Hall 6 p.m. Cocktails/Dinner 7 p.m. Contact: Sandra Bennett 650-697-4279 $22 Under 17 $5 Donations needed for raffle prizes
April 27 Bishop Day/Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel S.F. Lunch to follow at Italian Athletic Club. Bus available but only so many seats available.

We are glad to hear that both Dorene Campanile and Mary Ann Camacho are back on their feet after stays in the hospital. (more garlic ladies) Please keep Larry Cavagnaro in your prayers.

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

Our March 11 meeting was hosted by Loraine D’Elia and her “crew.” We all enjoyed our Stuffed Pork Dinner by Rosner’s Market. Our thanks to Loraine and her crew.

Dues for 2014 are almost one hundred percent, except for a couple. Good job. You make my job a lot easier!

Congratulations to our Pastor Father Rene Ramoso who celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood on March 22. Good luck and God Bless You, Father Rene!

We have a new member, Joyce James. Joyce transferred to us from Brunch 327 since her cousin belongs to Branch 213. Welcome Joyce; we are so happy to have you!

Remember our Anniversary Luncheon at the Terrace Café on April 27. Deadline for reservations is April 20. We hope to have a good turnout.

Sunshine: Please keep in your prayers Reuben Barrera and John Cannon. Give them a call or send a card. They would love to hear from you! Also, our long-time member, Mary Favuzzi, does not get to our meeting much anymore, so I’m sure she would be glad to hear from some of you. Jackie Smith is our new Sunshine Lady; so, if you know of someone who is ill, let her know @ 992-3505.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 8 and hope to see you all there.

Happy Easter!

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

Our meeting hall was filled to capacity for our 27th Anniversary Dinner Social last month which featured our usual Comed Beef and cabbage dinner. The servers, which included several teenagers, did a magnificent job of getting the meal out to the diners while it was still hot on the plate. The in-charge Giamuano family handled all the heavy lifting and meat cutting and they were ably assisted by the helping hands of Karstyn McCoy and branch member Lou Boris. Lou lent his expertise because this anniversary dinner was his responsibility for many years in the past. As part of the evening’s program, fourteen heavily-loaded baskets of food and sundries were raffled off which was an exciting moment for each of the winners.

Our Branch will be donating funds to help the St. Charles Men’s Club in its building project which will have out-door Stations of the Cross and a Grotto for the Blessed Virgin Mary being a big part of the renovation of the patio area of the church’s social hall. This project has thought about for many months and it is wonderful to see the Men’s Club take the lead in accomplishing what promises to be a welcome addition to the church grounds.

Our Branch dinner meeting in April will feature a pasta meal which is always a favorite on the calendar for the year of an organization with Italian in its title.

Gayan De Rosa, Corres.

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We celebrated our 24th. Anniversary on March 9 with a dinner in our Parish Center. We especially wish to thank the following branches for joining us: Branches #6 Redwood City, #351-Menlo Park, #19-Colma, #163-San Mateo and #173-Burlingame. The delicious dinner of stuffed roast pork was shared by our President/Chef Lorrie Kalos-Gunn.

Our annual St. Joseph’s Table was another outstanding event this year. The Table was beautifully decorated with flowers surrounding the statue of St. Joseph. This was a potluck dinner and members brought an abundance of dishes to share; all remaining food was given to the San Bruno Catholic Hospitality House for the homeless.

We are looking forward to Bishops Day on April 27 with Mass at St. Francis Assisi Chapel in San Francisco with lunch to follow at the San Francisco Club.

Happy Easter St. Dunstan Branch #403

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161

On March 18 Gloria Ghirarduzzi was very gracious in lending her house for our monthly meeting and celebration of the St. Joseph’s Table. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. Thank you Gloria and everyone who helped out.

At our last meeting Terry Rosser reported that we generously donated 640 handmade items to Oakland Children’s Hospital, Clipped Wings Special Olympics, Mother Lily’s home in Mexico, St. Patrick’s School, Warm Wishes, Fiji Island and St. Vincent. Rosary beads and sundries were distributed to Fisher House, St. Patrick, St. Vincent and Special Olympics. Thank you Terry for being the funnel and also for making rosaries, as well as Imma, Diane and her friends and Anna. If you would like to get involved we would love to have your call. Thank you for more information.

On Tuesday, April 15 will be our next meeting in the meeting room at St. Patrick’s, at 7:30pm.

On April 27 will be Bishop’s Day in San Francisco. Mass at St. Francis Shrine and lunch at the Athletic club.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

Our next meeting will be April 15. Buona Pasqua a tutti.

Ciao,
Anna Biggio

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council

Don’t forget, the Santa Clara Valley April District meeting is being held at Br. 28 in Gilroy. This is not the usual order, so put it on your calendar. As always, anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

The following are district and branch dates to mark your calendars and make plans to attend:
4/5/14 Br. 47 Mtn. View, Spaghett and Meatballs - $12.00 Joanne MacDonald (650) 917-0422
5/9/14 Br. 368 Santa Teresa, Pasta and Meatballs - $15.00 John Gillio (408) 225-6372
5/18/14 Br. 391 International Heritage Day is back! ravioli dinner – details to follow.

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we are in the Lenten Season, a time to re-think of others and do something to help them to our next meeting, or send them to your help each month.

Details. Thanks to the Phone committee for $g36$g81$g81$g68$g3$g32$g84$g72$g70$g74$g3$g41$g84$g72$g86$g76$g71$g72$g81$g87$g3$g76$g86$g3$g87$g82$g3$g87$g74$g72$g3$g50$g76$g87$g74$g3$g52$g82$g88$g3$g65$g84$g68$g81$g70$g74$g3$g83$g84$g72$g86$g76$g71$g72$g81$g87$g3

As I write this article we have just concluded our Polenta Dinner. I must say we had fantastic help in the morning and during the dinner. Thank you again to the kitchen crew, the servers, the set up crew, and Chris for the raffle. All members really stepped up to the task. And if you missed it, don’t miss it next year. The food was really tasty and it’s so nice to see all the people have such a good time.

Upcoming:
April dinner meeting -- April 21, Cullen Hall $g6$PM
May dinner meeting May 19 -- Cullen Hall $g6$PM
Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle Run May 31, Santos Residence
We still need cooks for our dinner meetings. If you would like to help or know of someone please let President Roger Santos know.

Also we are doing well on our membership, but if we could bring in a few more, it would be wonderful. Remember you don’t have to be Italian, just Catholic. Spread the word to your friends about what good deeds we do for charity. Louise Segreto is our membership chairman.

It was with much sadness that we said goodbye to longtime member and great ICF helper Dina Flora. We send Bill and the family our deep condolences.

The Polenta Dinner Dance, aka “The Mad Hatter’s Ball”, is around the corner. Denise and her committee are working hard for this event. Hope to see you all there. It should be a lot of fun!

A couple of dates to post on your calendar:
June 29, outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara, and October 25, our own 50th Anniversary Celebration; details to follow.

San Jose
Holy Cross, Br. 4

Our first fundraiser of the year, “Mardi Gras” was very successful. The Hall looked like New Orleans, and the food was excellent. A big Thank You to our cooks, Maria and Bill Greco, Anna Greco, James Ho, and Darlene Fitzgerald. Special thanks to Darlene, who with the help of Grand 2nd Vice President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid made the Beignets for everyone. To all who came to support us, Thank you.

Anna Greco, Brunch President is to be congratulated for her great effort!
April 2- Dinner meeting
May 7- Dinner meeting
The telephone committee will call with the details. Thanks to the Phone committee for your help each month.

Have you paid your dues? If not please bring them to our next meeting, or send them to Connie Barretta, our Financial Secretary.
We are in the Lenten Season, a time to reflect on our lives and our faith. A good time to think of others and do something to help another.

6/22/14 ICF 90th anniversary mass/luncheon/dance -- Check with your branch president for details
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San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391
The March meeting dinner was prepared by Diana and Al Vallorz, Jeff Prolo, Mary Lipari and John Rossi, and consisted of hearty corned beef, cabbage, carrots, nys bread and alcohol free hurricanes to celebrate Fat Tues-day and St. Patrick’s Day.
Prior to the meeting, Branch #391 had a photo-graph of taken of all the members present at the March meeting, which will appear in a booklet commemorating St. Martin of Tours centennial celebration.
At the meeting, Donna Rossi gave the her-tage report, which was about the history of music in her life. She also graced us with a beautiful song. It was a very nice treat. Our telephone committee chair, Linda Pfahln, will be introducing email as a way to contact members in place of telephone calls. If you have an email address, which you regularly check, please be sure to give it to Linda. If you don’t use email, don’t worry, we will still be calling members that don’t regularly use email. For Mike Rossi’s Central Counsel report, he introduced the branch to the ICF’s three-year strategic plan.
Reminders/Upcoming Events: Remember if you haven’t already paid your annual dues, they are late and should be paid asap.
May 18th will be our International Heritage Day fundraiser dinner.
Have a great spring.

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408
Our Branch lead the Parish’s first Devotional Stations of the Cross of the Lenten Season followed by hosting the Simple Soup Supper. This kickoff was a great success and we raised $150 for the support of our Seminarians. Stations continue at 6:15 PM on Fridays in the church during Lent followed by soup in the Barana Center @ 6:45.
Our PASTA Fundraising Dinner for the 5th Grade Science Camp Fund was held on Sat 15th March and thanks to all our generous donors and especially to our Chef’s Mike Kunz, Brenda Robbins, John Parker and Fred Petralia. Good food and Fellowship were had by all who attended.
Our next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday April 6th from 8-1 PM in the Barana Center. Please pray for Donors of this gift of Life.
Remember to include our sick members in your prayers - especially for Larry Quaglia and Aldo Lucaratti and please say a special prayer for Mary-Clare Affonso as she deals with the death of her beloved brother Fr. Alex. God bless us on our Lenten journeys!

San Jose
Santa Teresa, Br. 368
Thank you to Pat Cordich, Bobbie Gallegos, and Joyce Robba for hosting our dinner meeting. Everyone enjoyed the baked potato bar with all the fixings. The decorations were a St. Valentines Day theme.
Our evening guests were Bernice Sgroi, Ann Palsgrove, and Mike Ingoglia.
We welcomed our newest members, Anne and Mike Cerdoni.
Alice and John Czernice were presented with a framed picture that was signed my our membership. We wish them the best in their new home.
Ed wenderl gave a spiritual talk “hope is all you need”. The message was that things change and you should never give up.
Judy Zahn gave an interesting heritage presentation on the life of St. Anthony.
Mark your calendars:
May 9 – Pasta and meatball dinner
May 12 – Host district dinner
June 22 -- ICF 90th Anniversary Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco
Reminder: Meetings will be on Wednesdays until further notice.
Ciao,
Cheryl Sanchez

(Above) Frank and Bob Basuinio had big smiles as they danced the Tarantella.

(Top Right) Members and guests had a great time at the polenta dinner/dance, even Father Hendrickson joined in the Hokey Pokey.

(Right) Br 191 member Jennifer Bertac-cini was initiated into Branch 191 by Jim Jones and Mike Nuniata at the Febru-ary meeting.

for so many years. Without them we would not have been able to put on our Cioppino and Polenta Dinners. We can never thank them enough.
The board will be deciding in the near fu-ture on distribution of the Charity Budget. Let the board know if there is a charity you want considered. The Branch recently donat-ed $500.00 to St. Nicholas School for App’s for Student I Pods. The teachers and students were delighted.
Happy Birthday to Josephine Del Carlo, Vi D’Oliva and Richard Bowers.
Rita Fragulija is now at Sunnyvale Health Center on Bernardo and Fremont. She would love to hear from you. Prayers are still needed for Chuck Tapella, Lena Fontana Joan Freitas, and Babe Fragulija.
May 1, 2014 - Regular Meeting. It will be en-chilada night. Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM St. Nicholas School Center. Bring dishes and utensils.
May 14, 2014 Deceased Remembrance Mass 8 AM St. Nicholas Church.

“Some spend their lives complaining and grumbling every day, instead of counting blessings God daily sends their way.”
Happy Easter
Elaine

San Jose,
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191
Branch 191 welcomed another new member. Jennifer Bertaccini, daughter-in-law of Jo Bertaccini, was initiated into the branch by Jim Jones and Mike Nuniata at the February meeting. Welcome Jennifer!
March 8 was our annual polenta dinner/ dance. Over 250 members and guests at-tended. Debbie Piro, Jim Jones and Liz Donaldson were chairpersons for the event. The theme was “A Duneey Cruise”. Jim pro-vided posters with cruise ships and Mickey and Minnie. As part of the theme Debbie cleverly used napkins to make swans and elephants to decorate the tables. Liz, as al-
ways, made sure everything ran smoothly. The children who attended the dance had a great time participating in the games Debbie organized. Dinner was excellent; Chef Steve Piro and his crew did a wonderful job. It was a fantastic evening.
March 22 is the Day of Recollection at St. Clare’s Church in Santa Clara. Many of our members will attend. We are looking for-ward to hearing Fr. George Aranha’s inspira-tional words for us to reflect on during Lent.
March 26 our branch will be preparing Min-estrone soup for the parish’s weekly Lenten soup night. After dinner member will meet for the monthly meeting. Denise Antonowicz suggested we have a St. Joseph’s dessert altar. Members are asked to bring a dessert to place on the altar. Father Michael will bless the altar before members share in the good-ness.
Our Palm Sunday breakfast will be after the 8am Mass on April 13. Members their fam-il and friends are invited to attend.
Happy Easter,
Rosemary Janis

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina Alessandria, Br. 435
Spring is finally here and we are all so happy that the rain has finally decided to help our draught situation.
At our last dinner meeting in Feb. we all en-joyed a chicken ciaicatore and polenta pre-pared by the Friedel family.
We also had a guest speaker Laurice Levin MA LCS of the Oncology Children’s Hospi-tal in Oakland. She was a wonderful speaker and a survivor herself. We learned so much about Cooley’s anemia. It was an eye opener to hear about this illness and how it is now being advanced in so many ways. I, myself and many others learned how important it is to donate to such a worthy and needy cause.
We will be having our Quarterly Mass on Sun. March 26th, at the 10:30 Mass and hospitality following after Mass.
On March 20th we will be celebrating St. Patrick’s day by feasting on corned beef and cabbage plus a St. Joseph program.
Keep April 26 on your calendar for our fund raiser dinner.
Please keep in your prayers Joseph Tacci (son of Johanna Tacci) who is suffering from complications of diabetes. We also need to pray for Pat Caravelli (wife of Jerry) who is undergoing tests for her illness.
Ending on a happy note we’re happy that Josie Talamo is on a cruise in Mexico with a friend. I’m sure she’ll comeback nice and rested.
Peace and God bless us all.
Donna Baslin

Santa Rosa
City
Name, Br. 18
We continue to support and encourage our youth by our annual donation to the ICF Scholarship program. This year we donated $400.00 for a first year scholarship in memory of Branch 18’s deceased members. We support our Church and community by our annual donation of $75.00 to Catholic Charities. We earn the funds to support these worthwhile causes by our dinner dances. We celebrated our 86th anniversary at our March 15th dinner dance. Many thanks to all ticket buyers, chef, set-up and clean-up crews and waiters. It is always a joy to gather with those of good heart for good food and good dancing. April 2nd is our regular meeting, 1:00 P.M., Resurrection parish hall. The attendance prize is now at $20.00. Winners of the attendance prize must be present to win. Be there or be square. If you have news of anyone in need of prayers, call Marie, 431-0563.
Sta in gamba!
Marie Canale

Healdsburg
St. Francis di Sales, Br. 52
March has been a relatively quiet month for Br. 52. We get busy, again, in April.
Upcoming Events:
April 2 – General Meeting at Mary and John Del Monte’s house. 7:00pm. Please note the change of date.
April 5 – Polenta Dinner. Bar: 5:45pm. Dinner: 6:30pm. Price: $15.00 adults. Childcare will be available. This is the last polenta dinner of the season.
April 13 – ICF Breakfast after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. Come join parishioners for a delicious breakfast.
April 27 – We host the Santa Rosa District Council meeting. 2:00pm. All members who are interested in learning more about the District Council are invited to attend.
In the future:
June 22 – Parish Potluck. More details in the coming months.
Oct. 12 – Golf Tournament
Thank you to all members who have renewed their memberships for 2014. We are one of the largest branches in the ICF and we keep growing.

Happy Easter!
Lauren Kilculen

Clovebald L’Annunziata, Br. 75
On March 20, our first Heritage evening event will be. The event will be announced by Lou Giuglielmino. There will be tasting along with refreshments. We look forward to future Heritage events and get to know more about our members and their origins.
Our May 15 meeting will be a Mother’s Day potluck prepared by men only. On June 29, our Branch will hold a District meeting. Officers will meet at 1:30 pm, open meeting at 2:00 pm (one hour) followed by a light meal and raffle.

Ciao!

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103
April is the month of The Resurrection and a great feast day around the world. Get ready to color eggs and eat lots of chocolate. It is the holiest of all the feast days of our faith. At our April meeting we will unveil our new bulletin board and hope it will attract many new members. The Branch will also initiate a new member at our next meeting.
The Chefs informed that the entree has not been decided, but assure it will be delicious. Of course, there will be salad, home made dessert and select red and white wine. For reservations, call Lila, 996-3448.

Buona Pasqua,
Marie-Therese Denning

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144
We had lots of discussion about Polenta. The committee for discussing possible improve-ments is Joan Dal Porto, Rosemary, Toni, and Doris. If you have any ideas, let one of them know. We had a huge turnout this time...fed 391 guests, plus crew. We had a beautiful St. Joseph’s Table, thanks to Larry. We took in $402.32 for St. Vincent’s McKin-levylie branch. Thanks for all the beautiful food. We gave $50 to the Pregnancy Care Center’s Baby Bottle project.

We will be having our Mass for the Deceased followed by a dinner meeting on May 7th, starting at 6pm. We have a Biscotti sale on May 17/18. Please pray for our ill: Lucille Fraga and Fr. Ron.

Tis Spring...the awakening of new life after a long winter. I wish for all of you a Blessed Holy Week, in preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. I am looking forward to the beginning of this new Church Year, with a zest for new life, love, service and prayer. I hope for an even deeper relationship with my Church, my Lord, and you all.

Ciao.......Linda.

Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145
Our February 11th meeting was a parish pot-luck open to all guests. The idea of the event was to show others what our lodge is about, encouraging others to join. The food was wonderful; thank you to all who brought food to share. Thank you Marian and your committee for chairing the event, also to all who set up, decorated, and who helped clean up.

Afterwards we held a short business meeting to discuss future events. Our first biscotti sale for the year was on March 19. Thank you to all of you bakers! You are very much appreciated.

Also our recent request for peanut butter and jelly for Betty Chinn was overwhelming! She will be able to feed many of the home- less with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Also thank you to the St. Bernard students who volunteered to make sandwiches for Betty. It was greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on April 8th. Please plan to attend.

Remember to pray for our members and their families and for all those who have lost a loved one.

Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli

Cotati St. Joseph, Br. 150
This will be the last Bollentine entry for our Branch as it has been dissolved. Many mem-
bers have decided to join other branches.
Tom and Carol Sasko with the BBQ’ing skills of Rich Casella and Beverly’s help put on a wonderful steak dinner. Thank you Dorothy Aggic for the delicious cake for our dessert. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up for this last dinner.

David Botta, a ICF Parliamentarian, who was 16yo when our branch was started Nov 1, 1959 was there and was here for our clos-
ing as he resigned our flag and regalia. Let’s let go of that era of our past to meet the members to let them know where they can join another branch. If you want to join another branch go to a meeting and they will have the papers for you to fill out. Louise and Lou Vicino who were our deputies in the past years were sad to see us close and thanked us for all the wonderful friendships they have made with all of us. Bob and Kathy Acciopatape thank us for all the wonderful times they had with us and reminding us what a wonderful branch we were.

We want to thank everyone who always was there to help for the fundraisers, the guys who stirred the Polenta, who chopped all the ingredients for the sauces, the people who set up tables, the members to let them know where their special dishes to share, the guys and gals who held down the bar, who made the signs, who sold raffle tickets, salad makers, pie makers, suppliers... from A to Z we thank each and everyone of you who held us together for always being there for our branch.

We were saddened with the tragic loss of David Aggio son of Dorothy Aggio. Our prayers go out to Dorothy and her family.

One last thank you to Beverly for all the wonderful prayers.
Please pray for all our members to be healthy and strong.

God Bless each and everyone of you, for this is my last issue to write for. I will miss doing it.

Love and Blessings
Susan Daly

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127
Greetings from Petaluma!

Notice: “Due to the resignation of a Branch Trustee, it is necessary to hold a Special Election (as per our National By-laws) to fill the position. Written notice must be given to all members because the normal date of elections is not the date that we will use for filling the vacancy. Any member, in good standing, who wishes to be nominated and serve as Trustee of Branch 127 for the re-
maining of the current 2014 term, should either attend the May 12th Regular Meeting at St. James at 7PM and have a member (or themselves) nominate them for the office OR the interested may also submit a written and signed statement (to the Branch) before nominations conclude, signifying that they would like to be nominated and would serve as Trustee if elected by the members in at-
tendance at that meeting. If more than one candidate is nominated, a “secret ballot” will be conducted of all eligible members in at-
tendance at the May meeting”.

The Officers and Members of Branch 127 were saddened to hear that there will no longer be a Cotati Branch. Our Branch and their Branch celebrated many happy and wonder-
derful dinners together through the years. We hope that many of their members will join our Branch.

Thanks go to Chairman Giacono Mamm, his cooking crew and all who helped and attend-
ced our recent crab feed. There was a great deal of friendship shared along with all the delicious food.

The Branch was held honoring Past President Spencer Burton. Many members were on hand to wish him well and to thank him for his hard work and great leadership these past three years. Much happiness and a future success are wished for Cathy and Spence.

April 14th - Regular Meeting
May 12th - Pizza Nite/Bingo Cost $5 Bingo $3 per card - 6:00 p.m. sharp in St. James Church Hall - Reservations 769-7389
May 24th - Chicken Cacciatore Dinner - St. James Church Hall - 6:00 p.m. Cost $16 Adults $5 children under 12. - Reservations 763-9082

Get well wishes to all sick members and Happy Anniversary to members celebrating an Anniversary!

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

Ciao
Louie Vicino

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198
Dear Brothers and Sisters
As we reach the end of our Lenten season we anxiously await the celebration of Resurrec-
tion on Easter Sunday.
Our Federation focuses on the Catholic part of the Italian Catholic Federation with many special events from now until April 20th. May everyone make this a truly holy time in their life.
As we get into Spring, we remind all mem-
ers to ask their friends and family to join our branch and celebrate fun and faith with us.
Our upcoming events include:
April 7- meeting , dessert and bingo at 7:00 pm in the Parish Life Ctr.
May 5th- Mother’s Day/ Scholarship dinner in the Brinker Rm. at 6:30 pm Men $10 Ladi-
dies free with baby clothes
May 6- Mass for ICF at 8:00 am
Please pray for all our members, but espe-
cially Rose/Anne Sikes, Vic Torchio Sr. and Frank Castelli.

We mourn the loss of our friend and member Pat Costaglio on Mar. 4th.
We ask everyone to pray for the repose of her soul. She will be missed by all our members and friends.
May all of you have a happy and Blessed Easter.

Buona Pasqua
Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209
Our St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner was scheduled for our regular second Tuesday meeting night. Thanks in advance to President Barbara Bida and Don Becchetti and all who worked on our chefs. Thanks to both of you. You never let us down!!
March 30th will be our Quarterly Communion which will be followed by breakfast at “Zazu” a local restaurant which has recently relocated in Sebastopol’s new “Barlow Center.” We are all looking forward to visiting this beautiful addition to our city and visiting Zazu’s new restaurant.
Our annual Fish Fry is scheduled for April 19. Please call Lona Bertolli (707) 527-1021 for tickets.

Our guests at our February meeting were Bob & Cathy Acciopatape. Bob is currently the president of St. Eugene’s branch #198. Cathy is Santa Rosa District Branch Deputy. Cathy commented that she is working on getting a new Branch Deputy for Branch #209. Bob spoke on the Federation’s effort to modernize efforts to increase membership.

Upcoming:
April 1 Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
11 Fish Fry
Happy Easter to all!!
Lona Bertolli

Stockton Stockton District
Love was still in the air at St. Bernard’s Parish for the Feb. 16 District meeting. Chocolate resonated at the raffle and dessert table. The baked Italian chicken, stuffed pasta shells, baked asparagus, salad and bread made a valentine dinner not to be forgotten! Honored guests included Past President Jim Jones and his wife Janice, our National Third Vice Grand of the Southern California Encampments Dante Galeazzi and Marco Galeazzi and Marco’s wife Diane. Roger Elissary was present following his recent illness looking fantastic. Thank you Tracy branch for a wonderful Sunday afternoon gathering.
Don’t miss our next event!!! The Bishop’s Burese Day is being hosted by St. Anthony’s in Manteca on Saturday, March 29. Mass begins at 11 a.m. followed by appetizers and an authentic Italian dinner prepared by Tony and Ida Queirolo. In addition to the presentation of the Spiritual Bouquet and the Bishop’s Burese, we will be treated to a presentation by Dr. Wanda Billione, Vocations Director for the Stockton Diocese, who will “put the faces with the names” of the Stockton Diocesan seminarians. Time with our seminarians is rare due to their busy school schedules. Bishop Queirolo on one a year event supporting Bishop Blaire with gifts of prayer and treasure.
May 4 - District meeting at Church of the Presentation.
June 22 – 90th Anniversary Gala Celebration in San Francisco. Details next month.
We wish to express our deepest sympathy and extend our prayers to Pastor Russ Stephens’ family on their recent loss.

Karen Rossen

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48
I will have to tell you all about our busy of March in the next bollettino since most of the events take place after the tenth of the month.

In April we will have our meeting and be getting ready for busy month of May. It will start with the District Meeting in Presentation in Stockton. At our meeting we will have a Mother’s Day potluck and encourage you to bring your family and friends. We will also be making plans for our bake sale.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday April 6, 2014 8:00 am and Sunday May 4, 2014 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:
Apr 9 7:00 pm Meeting - St. Stanislaus Hall 7th and K Streets
May 4 1:30 pm District Meeting Br. 395 Stockton
May 14 6:00 pm Mother’s Day potluck and meeting
May 17 / 18 Bake Sale
Happy Easter!
Cecelia McGhee

Manteca
N.S. Buon Viaggio, Br. 139
Remember to get your tickets for our “All you can eat” Shrimp Dinner on April 26, 2014. This event will be held in St. Anthony’s Gym. We will start with no-host cocktails at 6:00 pm. Don Garibaldi will provide Italian music on his accordion. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The meal will consist of lots of shrimp, pasta with pesto sauce, bread, salad, and dessert. We will have wine available on a wine cart. There will be a dessert auction, and a table full of raffle prizes. Hope you can come. The tickets are $35 each and available by calling Idia, 209 982-5710 or Marilyn at 209 612-7770.

Our next meeting is April 22nd at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served in the school cafeteria. We hope you can come.
We wish everyone a Happy & Blessed Easter.
Ida Queirolo

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390
Cecelia Cascio Our monthly dinner meeting was well-attended - everyone liked the dinner of tri-tip, a deliciously seasoned roasted potatoes, Italian green beans with bacon, salad and a various array of desserts prepared by the members. Since the month was Valentine’s month, we honored those who celebrated anniversaries and when a group photo was taken of all those who have been blessed to have been married a very long time, there were so many lovely couples they almost didn’t all fit in the photo!

March dinner meeting: a very traditional Italian spaghetti and homemade meatballs with garlic bread, salad and again an array of desserts. It was announced at the meeting that our branch will be accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who qualify - they need only to fill out the application, obtain reference letters and write a letter about themselves. The board of directors will then review the applications and decide on the recipient.

Plans are in the works for April’s monthly dinner meeting. This year, on April 24, we will be celebrating “Italian Heritage Night” and board trustee Rita Baretta is planning this very emotional event with various board members, which should prove to be a memorable night.

Coming up:
April 24 - Dinner Meeting - “Italian Heritage Night”
May 17 - St. Bernard’s Annual Gala - this year’s theme: “The Vatican”.
The Gala is our major fund-raiser for the New Church Site Building and all are invited to attend.

Stockton
Church of the Presentation, Br. 395
Branch #395 has had a very busy month. We just had our annual Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore Dinner on February 13. It was a tremendous success with the most attendees ever. As we prepare for Lent, our branch will be facilitating at the Stations of the Cross on March 14 and hosting the Lenten Soup Supper afterwards. Our branch has great cooks and we make the most delicious homemade soups! We are sad to report that one of our longtime members, Lena Pinasco passed away in February. A Mass was said in her honor at the 7:00 a.m. Mass on February 26, 2014 at the Presentation Church. May she rest in peace.

Upcoming events:
Bishop’s Burs at St. Anthony’s in Manteca, March 29
Branch meeting/pot luck on April 10 and initiation of two new members
District Meeting hosted by Branch #395 at the Presentation Church on May 4
Have a blessed Lenten season, Josephine Weber, President

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413
Our February Valentine Dinner Dance was well attended. The much-needed rain gave our event a cozy feeling. Our next event is the St. Patrick’s Day celebration. We are going to provide corn beef sandwiches for the St. Patrick’s Day celebration at St. Patrick’s Church in Angels Camp.
The soup suppers after the Stations of the Cross are going well. These are provided for free by our Branch for the entire parish. We are looking forward to the Stockton District Bishop’s Bursé on the 29th of March.

Easter is in April this year, so we will see Bunny Bob at St. Patrick’s Church in Angels Camp. You could take a drive through the green covered hills and enjoy the splendor of the flowers on your way to join us. Bob and Sharon Dunn put together packets for the children with candies and a religious card. The children hunt for empty eggs and take them to trade for the packets. The parents watch and enjoy one another’s company. Last year, Bunny Bob sat for pictures with our parishioners! Maybe he might be available again this year.
Hope everyone is enjoying the spring-like weather. We will keep you all in our prayers.
God bless.
Felix Paschalt
Robert Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary

Members of Branch 425 at its lasagne dinner.

Tucson
Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425
We are trying to catch our collective breath... February was chock-full with activities. Bishops Day and installation of officers, shared with Branch 433; at Saints Peter & Paul in Tucson, Our annual Lasagna Dinner fundraiser on February 15th was very successful. We served 210 sit-down dinners and handed out 241 carry-out dinners at the drive-up station. We had a corporate communion on Feb. 23 followed by a group breakfast. The current effort is focused on increasing participation in our St. Joseph’s Table meatless dinner on March 15th. All contributions for this “all you can eat” dinner go to the local food bank. We will venture south on the 20th to Lake Patagonia State Park for a late afternoon picnic and boating. On March 30th we will carpool to the Holy Trinity Monastery in St. David, AZ to attend the 10 AM mass, patronize the gift shop, socialize and/or meditate and then have dinner with the Abbott before returning home.

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