Welcome to Reno, Nevada and the 82nd Annual National Convention “In Giving We Receive”

The Convention agenda provides many opportunities for non-business fun things. The Convention is being held in Reno, Nevada this year. All jokes aside, the Federation will be presenting several special awards honoring noble individuals who possess the desire of giving of themselves to those in need, rather than receiving. Mrs. Laurice Levine is the recipient of the Pope John XXIII Award. Mrs. Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz is the recipient of the Grand President’s Award, Sr. Maureen Delaney, SNJM, and Fr. Robert Moran are both recipients of the Mother Teresa Award, and Rosemary Cook is the recipient of the Young Adult Leadership Award. Please share the remarkable stories of these individuals with your delegates and let’s all try to live our lives according to their examples. Our Central Council members will be conducting several workshops this weekend. Topics include “Finance-Figuring Out Our Finances”, “District and Deputies-Branching Out in Your District” (all delegates should attend this workshop, not just deputies), “Heritage-Past, Present and Future” and “Spiritual-Renewing Our Call”. Please take full advantage of these workshops as well as the general sessions. Participate, ask questions and bring the knowledge you have gained back to your branches.

Most importantly, let us join together, as one family, by attending our Concelebrated Mass on Sunday. Share peace and friendship with your fellow members, greet our clergy and thank them for all their continued spiritual support and guidance.

Once again, thank you to Convention Director, Steven Fuentes, his Committee Members and the Officers and Members of Reno Branch 135 for their hard work to ensure a successful convention.

Looking forward to seeing you in Reno! Fraternally yours, Jane Dianda Grand President

Pope Names Oakland Bishop Cordileone as San Francisco’s 9th Archbishop

Pope Benedict XVI on July 27 appointed Salvatore J. Cordileone, presently serving as bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, as the ninth archbishop of San Francisco.

The 56-year-old archbishop-designate, ordained a priest 30 years ago on July 9, 1982, was appointed bishop of Oakland on March 23, 2009, and was installed on May 6, 2009, in Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland.

His installation in San Francisco will be Oct. 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron and namesake of the archdiocese and the city, at St. Mary’s Cathedral. He succeeds Archbishop George Niederauer, who on his 75 birthday in 2011 dutifully submitted his request for resignation to the pope after serving here since his appointment on Dec. 15, 2005.

“In behalf of the bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious and one-half million lay people of the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco I am pleased to welcome Archbishop-designate Cordileone and to assure him of our prayers, our loyalty, support and cooperation, as well as our friendship and affection,” said Archbishop Niederauer.

Archbishop-designate Cordileone, who is fluent in Spanish, made remarks in English and Spanish at a news conference at the cathedral just hours after his appointment was announced by the Vatican. He said he regrets that his time in Oakland was so brief, but said he looks forward to “assuming my new pastoral responsibilities with and for the priests and people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.”

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Saturday, June 9, 2012
St. Lawrence O’Toole Hall, Oakland, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Opening Prayer: was led by Monsignor Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Jane Dianda

If You Have Not Yet Made Plans For The ICF Convention, Take Action Now To Attend The Convention And Have A Great Time In Reno

Tony DiGuiseppi Branch 135, Reno

The ICF Reno Branch 135 invites you all to come and have fun in our world-class convention city, Reno, Nevada. Along with the serious Convention business, which you already know is the main purpose for the annual ICF Convention, our host branch membership wants to encourage you all with the idea that you can have a lot of fun in Reno. Consider the following suggestions, which promise fun, fun, fun, for all convention attendees:

1. The Grand Sierra Hotel/Casino is a world-class family destination facility.
2. Reno provides a sparkling, high-desert outdoors backdrop to a world-class destination city, which salutes the world of tourism.
3. The Convention agenda provides many opportunities for non-business fun things to do, including:

- A Thursday night event will be hosted by Branch 135, highlighted as a “Polenta Banquet” featuring select wines at each table, antipasto, polenta, chicken cacciatore, salad, spumoni ice cream, cookies, and coffee. Also, live accordion music during cocktails, and other fun entertainment.
- On Sunday (around 3:30pm), a Mass will be celebrated at the Grand Sierra for the delegates.
- On Sunday evening, there will be a Western Dance at the Grand Sierra for the delegates, family members and friends.
- During free-time for anyone visiting Reno, the downtown offers many exciting tourist attractions, including the National Auto Museum. Of course, one can always visit exquisite Lake Tahoe, which is only one hour away.

So, please come to the 2012 ICF Convention and have a great time in Reno.

Grand President’s Monthly Message: A Time to Gather, Laugh and Learn

Welcome delegates, members, and friends to the 82nd Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. The theme of the convention, “In Giving We Receive”, is very appropriate, as the Convention is being held in Reno, Nevada this year.

Roll Call of Officers: CC Member excused: Leonard Zanoski, David Botta
CC Life Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Nettie Descalzo-Del Nero, Bob Dianda, Jim Jones, Carmen Kilcullen, Nello Rossi
1 Member Emeritus, Jerry Delfino, Botlettino Editor Michelle Feldman; Field Director Lou Mage

Introductions: GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests.

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In Giving We Receive
Convention Theme for 2012

Monsignor Daniel Carollli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritualDirector.com

The Crucifixion exemplifies the essence of true love. Jesus gave his life without expecting anything in return. He did not die on the cross provided we love him back. No, he gave of himself on the cross even though he knew we would not love him back. That is the essence of love: to give without expecting anything in return. In fact, his death gave us life, here and hereafter: here by his body and blood in the Eucharist and hereafter by eternal life with him in heaven.

For us also, to love is to give. We show our love when we help someone, when we give a gift, when we fill a need. We show our love when we expect nothing in return. However, in fact, we do receive when we give without recompense. God blesses us in a special way when we give unconditionally. Jesus spoke of this in a parable when he said, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers you do also to me.”

During this Convention, the ICF renews its commitment to giving. It supports seminars, people in need through the Gifts of Love, college scholarships, research for Cooley’s Anemia, and many more unspoken acts of giving among the members, to each other, to their parishes and dioceses. Yes, the ICF knows that IN GIVING WE RECEIVE.

2011-2012 Membership Drive Results Are In

Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 – 2012 membership campaign. During the Sunday session at convention, each of the winners below will receive their award.

The new membership year began on July 1. Start making plans on how your branch will increase membership this year. To bring in new members, have a membership drive after masses, publicize your branch to the parish and community, hand out the new membership brochures and invite family and friends to join. Also, develop a plan for retention. To retain members, remember to create a respectful and positive atmosphere, create a calendar that attracts participation from all age groups and follow-up with members not current with their dues.

The committee and I look forward to assisting the branches in the coming year.

Branches and Districts with the Highest Overall Increase

(Deceased members are not included in the judging statistics)

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He added, “The church of San Francisco has a tremendous legacy of Catholic ministries and participation in the local community for serving the common good. While assuming the pastoral care of a local church as its bishop is always a daunting challenge, I am encouraged by the history we have to build upon and take confidence that, with much prayer and hard work, and with the grace of God, we will, together, be able to further the new evangelization in this corner of the world we call home.”

At the Convention don't miss the concelebrated Mass on Sunday afternoon.
Always a highlight of the Convention weekend!

Membership as of 07/01/11: 11,698
New Members - 1,248
Reinstated - 21
Transfer In/Out - 108
Non-payment - 188
Deceased - 262
Cancellations - 1,305
Membership as of 06/30/12: 11,212
52 Branches and 5 Districts/Areas ended the year with increased membership.

2012 Bishops’ Days:
- Oct. 3: San Bernardino
- Oct. 6: San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 20: Santa Rosa
- Oct. 21: Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 27: Monterey (Central Coast)
- Oct. 28: Fresno
- Las Vegas
- Nov. 18: Los Angeles
- San Diego
- Dec. 2: Reno
Did you know Reno has a large Italian population? In 1910 many Italians settled in Reno in the Italian District around Lake Street. It soon became an ethnic area and was known as “Little Italy.” The editor of the local Italian Language newspaper, “Bollettino del Nevada” in 1927 wrote the following article to remind Italians that they were Italian and he felt the Italian Heritage was on the verge of extinction.

“We want the Italians of Reno to be the best in Nevada. The Italian community of Reno is weak because it lacks cohesion and harmony. We want to see our community strong and compact; together. Consider the harmony. We want to stress that the thoughts and minds of Italians are developed along a special line that cannot be changed. The majority of Italians cannot think like Anglo-Saxons [Those who try do not realize the consequences]. Our ideal should not be the dollar; one does not live by bread alone. Do not forget Italy. Therefore, read Italian books, Italian magazines, and play Italian sports. Always hold high the name of Italy.”

The book “The Land Beyond” will be for sale at the Convention. Come visit the Heritage workshop at the Convention in Reno.
James Acitelli  
Br. 425, Green Valley, Arizona

Thank you for giving me the honor of serv-
ing on the ICF Central Council for the past two years and the support you have given me. I ask that you continue that support as I seek re-election.

During the past two years I have served on the Apostolate/Charity Committee, first as a member and now as chairman. It has been our goal to strengthen the role of the ICF members in both our church participation and in our giving as we have empha-
sized in articles in The Bollettino. I have learned a great deal about the internal struc-
ture of the ICF by working with experienced members, listening to their suggestions and to those of our members. I hope you will give me an opportunity to further use this knowledge for the good of our organization and its members.

As a member of Branch 425 in Green Valley, I have served three times as president as well as serving as 2nd vice president, ora-
or and now as trustee. In the past, I have been a delegate several times to the ICF Convention. Currently, I serve as deputy to Branch 433 in Tucson. I have traveled to the other three branches in Arizona to at-
tend their meetings and functions to keep them aware that they have a voice on Cen-
tral Council.

Among my parish activities I have served two years as Grand Knight in our Knights of Columbus as well serving as Faithful Navigator and in the Honor Guard. I am an usher at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Green Valley.

It is my hope that you will support me with your vote, and I can continue my work on Central Council and to strengthen our Italian Catholic Federation as we move forward - "I come to light a Fire!"

Nancy Corsi  
Br. 91, Oakland, California  
Br. 103, Sonoma, California

As we meet in Reno, I want to thank you for the support you have given me this past year and I ask that you con-
tinue to support me as a Cen-
tral Council Member.

What a wonderful theme for this year’s convention “In Giving We Receive”. I have been given so much and re-
cieved so many blessings as I have grown up in the Federation as a mem-
er for the past 39 years. So many lifetime friendships have flourished in my Federa-
tion Family that I truly cannot imagine life without it.

Let me share a bit about myself with those of you I have not had the pleasure of meet-
ing. I am married to my wonderful husband, Giovanni. We have 5 children and 5 1/2 grandbabies. I am a member of Br. 91, Oak-
land currently serving as First VP. I am also a member of Branch 103 in Sonoma, Deputy to Br. 12 in Napa, a member of the CC Mem-
bership Committee and I will be on the panel for the “District and Deputies Workshop” at the Convention were I look forward to meeting so many more members.

This past year as a member of the Central Council has been a wonderful opportunity to meet so many members and attend so many Branch and District functions as well as learn the inner workings of our organiza-
tion. I value the conversations with mem-
ers that identify opportunities and sug-
gestions to improve the Federation. I be-
lieve we must be respectful and faithful for all of the efforts of those before us who worked so hard and carry on in their honor, the work and mission of our founders.

Thank you for your continued support and know that a vote for me is a vote to maintain our heritage and move forward with progress.

Lisa Crudo  
Br. 343, Castro Valley, California

I was introduced to the Italian Catholic Fed-
eration 33 years ago when my parents joined Branch 343 in Castro Valley as charter mem-
ers. I joined the following year in 1980 and have been active in the Branch and the East Bay District ever since. Over the past 30 years I have served as branch treasurer and president (the office which I currently hold) here in Castro Valley. I am also a very active member of our parish, Our Lady of Grace.

I have served as 2nd vice president, 1st vice president and president of the East Bay Dis-
trict. At this time, I am pleased to be a mem-
ber-at-large on the “Life to Give” Committee.

I am working very hard with Nina Malone and Laurice Levine, to promote the impor-
tance of blood donation and awareness of the need to further the research for a cure for Cooley’s Anemia.

It is my sincere wish to be a help to the members of the Federation as a “direct line” to the Central Council, as well as a listening ear. It is also my desire to further the goals of the ICF in branch and the East Bay District.

I will work tirelessly for the Federation that gives so much to help others.

Marco Galeazzi  
Br. 139, Monteca, California  
Br. 36, Monterey, California  
Br. 326, Temple City, California

I am here to ask for your vote to re-elect, Marco Galeazzi, to our Cen-
tral Council of our Italian Catholic Federation. Throughout my travels to other branches and districts across the U.S., I listen to the an-
coems and triumphs of their work. I keep learning day by day the different ways of how our members keep helping others. We can-
cannot imagine what we are doing or give up be-
cause something did not work. We must con-
tinue to show others the good we do for the church, community, and everyone’s life.

We, the members of the Italian Catholic Fed-
eration, do not just help Catholics or just Italians. We try to help all people, with the love of our faith. One of our main concerns is the retention of our members. We must keep our branches vital and strong. Our branches must have members throughout the year, to keep the members busy, but more importantly, to keep the ex-
posure of the ICF in the public’s eye and mind. The function does not have to be a big deal. Try to have coffee meets after church, help at a retirement home, preg-
nancy help center, public television’s pledge drive, boy’s and girl’s club telethon or any other community event. Be sure to wear your branch’s shirt, hat or name badge. This is why I am trying to make a “Year of the ICF in Pictures” for our great organization. Hopefully, this will help as a tool to bring in more members. We can show the prospec-
tive member our works, besides just talking about it.

Thank you for your time, and please vote for my re-election, Grazie.

Teresa Helfand  
Br. 392, Chicago, Illinois

As many of you know I have been a part of the ICF family for many years, having joined ICF of St. Francis Borgia – Branch 392 about 20 years ago. Over the years I have held many offices at Branch 392 and the Chicago District Council, and have been a member of the Cen-
tral Council for three con-
secutive years.

This past year has been re-
warding. I have concentrated on apostolate and charitable works and vigorously cam-
paigned with ICF Field Director, Lou Mages, within many of our local churches with one goal in mind, —new branch openings and boost membership. Our joint efforts paid off. We opened two branches in the Chicago area during the year and are currently work-
ing on opening three more next year.

I backed the ICF charities (e.g. Cooley Ane-
mia, Gifts of Love, and Scholarship Pro-
gram). I encouraged support of our host parish –St. Francis Borgia– with fundraising initiatives, and remained committed to RadioMaria, reaching our elderly, sick, and shut-ins with religious programming in the Italian language.

In order to make the ICF causes better known within our region, I have taken a more active role in community affairs. I now serve on the European American Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago, represent-
ing the Italian Community, and as Assistant Chair to the St. Francis Borgia Apostolic Council.

My platform is simple. If re-elected I prom-
ise to continue my apostolate work and pur-
sue a rigorous campaign for new branch openings and new membership with our field director.

With perseverance and prayers, we can suc-
cessfully grow. Help me to keep the vision of our founding fathers alive! Please give me your vote.

Che il Signore Vi benedica sempre!

Roselyne Jarrett  
Br. 14, Martinez, California  
Br. 72, Pittsburg, California

This year marks the twentieth anniversary from when my family was first introduced to the Italian Catholic Federation. Through the years my family, friends, learned more about our heritage, and grew closer to the church.

From a young age I was in-
spired by my ICF “ances-
sor” Brother Fred. At Fed,
events, planned masses and con-
ducted meetings. It was evident that I was easier to serve along side them and eventually I was elected to an office. Since then I've continued to be active and have held the majority of positions, including president of Branch 72 Pittsburg and Con-
tra Costa District president.

During my tenure, I was committed to make the ICF more appealing to families. Since my election to Central Council six years ago and serving as membership chairperson, I have been able to build on my mission and work with branches and districts, provid-
ing ideas to welcome families and keep them active.

While promoting family participation, I have found myself learning the operational side to our organization. From dissecting our fi-
nances as a grand trustee, to completing special projects with the Task Force, to help-
ing plan our annual convention, I now have a greater knowledge of how the ICF func-
tions. As a member of the Apostolate and Gifts of Love Committee, I see the differ-
ence we make in our parishes and commu-
nities. And, as former member of the Field Opera-
ations Committee, I have assisted with ex-
pansion opportunities to ensure the ICF continues to grow.

I look forward to the opportunity to con-
tinuing service as a Central Council Mem-
ber. Just as I was inspired during my child-
hood, I hope to be an inspiration to the next generation of members. I appreciate your consideration as you elect your represent-
atives for the coming year.

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Br. 227, Capitola, California

As we meet in Reno I want to thank you for the support you have given me this past year. And I ask that you continue to sup-
port me as a Central Coun-
cil Member.

Born and raised in Santa Cruz, California, I am of Italian-
Portuguese heritage. I currently serve as, Ser-
geant-at-Arms, chairman of our Workshop Commit-
tee, and member of the Conven-
tion and Membership Committees. Deputy of Branch 21, Santa Cruz, and past presi-
dent of Branch 227, Capitola, Califor-
ia and the Central Coast District. I have been a volunteer with the Dominican Hos-
pital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz for the past 10 years, served as president of the Guild in 2008, and serve as usher at St. Joseph’s Church in Capitola. I have owned a travel agency in Santa Cruz for the last 13 years, and I especially enjoy flower arranging and gardening.

It is my hope of being re-elected to the Cen-
tral Council so I can continue what our
Andrew Pappani  
**Br. 28, Gilroy, California**

I am running for re-election to the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Let me give you a brief history of my life in the ICF for those that may not know me.

I was born in Healdsburg, Calif., in December 1955 to Harry and Katherine Pappani. I am the youngest of six children.

I married my very lovely wife Sira (known to most as Sid) in 1978 and we have two sons: Andrew Joseph Pappani Jr., living in Aspen, Colorado; and Anthony Louis Pappani and his lovely wife Dominique, living in Diana Point, Calif.

I joined Gilroy Branch 28 in 1980 and served several offices including president for three years then moved up to district level and held several offices including district president for a three year term and branch deputy to several branches in the Santa Clara Valley District.

In 2006, I ran for Central Council and was elected. I held the office of Sergeant-at-Arms for a two year term and I am currently holding my second year term office as Grand Trustee.

I have served on many committees including, Public Relations, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Ways and Means and Finance. I am currently the chairperson for The Gifts of Love Program.

This year at our National Convention I have been appointed to serve on the “District & Deputy” workshop panel with Bob Basuino on Saturday, so please stop by and say hello. I also have been given the honor of being Master of Ceremonies at the Saturday night banquet.

As a member of the Central Council, I am here for you to help keep the fire burning.

I thank everybody for the past and present support and let us all stand together for the future of our Italian Catholic Federation.

Vince Pito  
**Br. 39, Merced, California**


I am an optimist. I do not have a crystal ball. I do not have a time machine. However, I see a bright future for the ICF. I see a future full of strong local branches, active and engaged districts, and a visionary Central Council.

However, that future won’t just come to us, and as Christians, we know that our future is based on the actions we take today.

It would be easy to look at the Federation’s decline in membership and see a bleak future. Yes, membership is down in almost all of our districts. However, it is my belief that if we prepare today, we can have a bright and vibrant future.

I am running for Central Council again to accomplish one thing: the creation of a strategic plan. As our organization moves into the future, we need a map to guide us, and a strategic plan can act as that map. Without such a plan, we will wander without a focus and eventually risk becoming irrelevant.

A strategic plan today prepares us for the future. It asks all of us from the local branch level to the Central Council to envision who we are and where we want to be in future years.

This year I plan to use the knowledge and experience I have gained as a Central Council member to forward the idea of a strategic plan that will prepare us for the future. You see I do not really need a crystal ball to see the future of the ICF; I have faith in each and every one of you to work together to ensure a bright tomorrow. We will create a vision for the future . . . together.

Deborah Rodondi  
**Br. 19, Colma, California**

I want to thank all of you who have helped and guided me through my journey as a Central Council Member; it has been an honor to serve, and seeing adventure meeting members at the branches/districts, the friendships bonded are priceless; and enriching as I have become more actively involved with the many layers of ICF. As a member of Central Council I hold the office of Grand Secretary, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, member of the Finance and Convention Directors Committee and Convention Registration. For the past five years I have been secretary of the San Mateo District and treasurer of Branch 19 for 10 years.

For the past 14 years I have been the primary care-giver to members of my family: my Grandparents, Dad and finally Mom; not always an easy job but rewarding in so many ways. Mom (June) is the reason I became a member of the ICF, her love and devotion for the organization fueled me on to become a very active member and be here I am today.

Mom taught me that we are an amazing group of individuals that work together for common goals: spirituality, apostolate, heritage and friendship. We come together in prayer, special masses and nights of recollection. We work hard, yet have fun. We go out into the community, promote our heritage and educate ourselves on what it is to be Italian.

By sharing our successes we can continue to make the Federation strong, active and move forward into the future. With the support of Branch 19, the San Mateo District, my many ICF friends and you I hope to continue seeing all that the ICF has to offer to the parish communities throughout the different districts.

Our annual Convention is a time for the members from all areas within the Federation to come together to reconfirm our dedication to this great organization.

For the Federation to be viable in the future we will need to work together to keep the new and existing members active.

You, the members, are the core of our organization, and we as Central Council members must implement a plan this next year that will guide the organization, keeping the core as was inspired by our founders, but that will guide the organization, keeping the core as was inspired by our founders, but making the necessary changes to attract new members and keep them active and motivated for years to come.

We are one of the only family inclusive organizations within most parishes. Getting families involved is one of my personal experiences. To include more social type events may help. I don’t think any of us joined our branch thinking, “Great let’s go to a meeting tonight.”

This is just one example of what could be part of the plan for the future. We need to look at why our members joined the organization, what is keeping the members, why are members leaving, and where do our members want to see the organization head to in the future. Change will have to happen; change has happened to all of us in one way or another, and if we look back most would say it has been for the better.

It would be a privilege to continue serving you as a Central Council member; I feel that there is still so much more that I can do for you.

Voting for Central Council Members will take place on the Sunday of the Convention.

Best of luck to all CC Candidates!
Best Wishes to our 2012
First Year Scholarship Winners!

Central Coast District

- Michaela Scanlon
  Br. 21, Santa Cruz
  In memory of Joe Spinelli

- Jacqueline Locatelli
  Br. 227, Capitola

Chicago District

- Pauli Anna Pappas
  Br. 21, Santa Cruz

- Maria Isabella Piedimonte
  Br. 25, Salinas

- Elise Allioti
  Br. 26, Hollister

- Carmela Flores
  Br. 36, Monterey

- Ashley Doris
  Br. 51, Castroville

- Girolama Mirella Camastra
  Chicago District
  In memory of Rev. Leonard Mattei

- Salvatore Anthony Leone
  Chicago District Branches
  In memory of Revs. Angelo Garbin

- Eugene Crededio
  Br. 418, Itasca

- Samantha Viano
  Br. 13, Martinez

- Gabriella Addiego
  Br. 14, Crockett

- Giuseppe Marie Avina
  Br. 14, Crockett

- Royce Raffanelli
  Br. 14, Crockett

- Sofia DeMeo-Jackson
  Br. 72, Pittsburg

- Matthew R. Capella
  Br. 154, Richmond

- Janette Danielson
  Br. 154, Richmond

- Nicholas Maltagliati
  Br. 154, Richmond
  In memory of Steve Arnaudo

- Laura Minorsky
  Br. 154, Richmond

- Francesca Parella
  Br. 154, Richmond
  In memory of George & Mary DeMattei

- Ashley Robertson
  Br. 154, Richmond

- Ashley Ann Waite
  Br. 154, Richmond

- Jaclyn Kavanaugh
  Br. 214, Concord

- Shannon Hennessy
  Br. 352, Danville

- Jeremy Shaver
  Br. 432, Brentwood
Central Coast District: Br. 200; East Bay District: Louis and Mari Ann Dianda (Br. 91) - In Honor of the 60th Birthday of Robert Basuino, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane - Get Well Wishes for Rosalind Crudo, Mr. and Mrs. John Delucchi (Br. 91) - In Memory of Robert Delucchi, Rose M. Stack (Br. 285) - In Memory of Robert Delucchi, John S. Delucchi - In Memory of Albert H. Risi, The Dianda Family - In Memory of Violet Silva, Mrs. Darlene Marich-Delucchi and Mrs. Mary Ann Marinak - In Memory of Harold L. Smith and Giovanni and Nancy Corsi (Br. 91/Br. 103) - In Memory of Jim Spinetti; Orange District: Br. 387; San Fernando Valley District: Br. 382 and Susan G. Ferro - In Memory of Anthony Ross Galante; San Francisco District: Janet L. Farren - Merry Christmas Wishes for Mrs. Dina Puccinelli, Jan Farren - Happy Mother’s Day Wishes for Mrs. Dina Puccinelli, Anita Ferroggiaro (Br. 258) - In Memory of Lillian Valli and Officers/Members of Br. 258 - In Memory of Richard Valfi; San Gabriel Valley District: Br. 218; San Mateo District: Deborah Rodondi (Br. 19) - In Memory of Luigina Picciola, Debrah Rodondi - In Memory of Blanche Price, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Edward Swertfager, Deborah Rodondi - Get Well Wishes for Leonard Zasoski, Jr., June and Deborah Rodondi - Get Well Wishes for Steve Barnes, June and Deborah Rodondi - Get Well Wishes for Tom Polliccita, June and Deborah Rodondi - Get Well Wishes for Frances Teglia, June and Deborah Rodondi - Thinking of You Wishes for Lillian Valli and June and Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Olga Viti, Santa Clara Valley District: Mr. Charles P. Guilo, Jr. (Br. 4) - In Memory of A.R. Blase, Evelyn Taravella (Br. 368) - In Memory of Ann Cozzolino, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of John Dalcin, Emily Corral (Br. 191) - In Memory of Mrs. Norma Ditto, Richard and Donna Pfaff (Br. 184) - In Memory of Roger Hoy, Trevis and Diana Berry (Br. 28) - Merry Christmas Wishes for Jeanette Hudson, Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Honor of Loritta Johnson, Joan and Jerry Delfino (Br. 368) - In Memory of Dan Petrolino, Donna Pfaff - In Honor of the Birthday of Richard Pfaff, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Memory of Maria Ponzo and Officers/Members of Br. 191 - In Memory of Robert Wells; Santa Rosa District: Br. 75, Br. 145, Br. 150 and Br. 209; Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413; Tucson: Officers/Members of Br. 434 - In Memory of Kelly Raffaniti.
Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:  DONATED BY:
Carole Benjamin  Officers/Members of Br. 215
June Rodondi  Jean and Donald Tomatis
Adalgisa Ottino  Andree Casetta
Jerri Lynn Pera  Officers/Members of Br. 7
Louis Persico  Lou and Pat Mages
Leonard Sanders  Officers/Members of Br. 380
Louis Persico  Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
June Rodondi  Officers/Members of Br. 392
Nella Gilardoni  Officers/Members of Br. 7
June Rodondi  Nina Malone
June Rodondi  Officers/Members of East Bay District
June Rodondi  Forrest and Prudence Price
Louis J. Persico  Beatrice Bianco
Louis Persico  John Etchebarne
Emily Machado  Officers/Members of Br. 144
Manny Carrasco  Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Dan Coughlin  Larry and Carmen Kilcullen
Dan Coughlin  Lauren Kilcullen
June Rodondi  David and Pat Botta
June Rodondi  Jim and Janice Jones
June Rodondi  Cecilia Tommei and Cory Roberts
Mario Delucchi  Luciana Tuccori
Ysidro (Sid) Gurrola  Rose Haupt
Angelo Scimone  Officers/Members of Br. 416
Angelo Scimone  Mary Alesi/Phyllis Benbrook
(13-Pres. Br. 416)
Ida Del Grosso  Joe and Jackie Donato
John Gaddini  Officers/Members of Br. 290
GET WELL WISHES:
Fr. Frank Murray  Officers/Members of Central Council
Fr. Frank Murray  Joan and Jerry Delfino
Forrest Price  Officers/Members of Central Council
David Botta  Nina Malone
Forrest Price  Leroy and Stella Taddei
Fr. Frank Murray  Mike and Marcie Rossi
Forrest Price  Mike and Marcie Rossi
Ida Del Grosso  Officers/Members of Br. 367
Annette Del Grosso  Officers/Members of Br. 367
Forrest Price  Larry and Elise Marsalli
Ed Bertaccini  Jim and Janice Jones
Forrest Price  Jim and Janice Jones
Anna Fribel  Jim and Janice Jones
David Botta  Jim and Janice Jones
Rena Fazzini  Officers/Members of Br. 290
Ilia Ponte  Officers/Members of Br. 290
HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY:
Rosella Ferlazzo  The Ferlazzo Family
HAPPY 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Art and Lorraine Fricker  Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda and Jane

CORRECTION:
July's Bollettino incorrectly listed the following donations. Here is the correct heading:
GET WELL WISHES:
Father Helmut Richter  Officers/Members of Br. 72
David Botta  Roselyne Jarrett
Madeline Torre  Millie Fanzon

*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/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.

BLOOD DONATION ON THE FAST TRACK
Donors have told us they would like to get through the donation process faster. We are committed to respecting your time while ensuring a safe blood supply for the patients in your community. We’re working on new systems and processes to help speed things up; here’s how you can help:
1. Bring personal identification. We prefer ID that has your picture and full name. Some acceptable forms of ID include: Driver’s License, Work or School ID (with picture and full name) or Passport. Bringing along your Blood Donor Card will help get you through the registration process quickly. If you don’t have one, please ask our staff to order one for you.
2. Bring a list of all countries (and citizenships) you have visited (with dates) in the past 12 months and do the same for all European countries you’ve visited since 1980. To help, we have included a form (on page 2) for you to complete before your next donation. Please be sure to update this list every time you travel and every time you donate.
3. Wear a top with loose-fitting sleeves (preferably short sleeves) so that we can appropriately check your blood pressure and check for the best vein to use to collect your blood.
4. Make an appointment. We make every attempt to take donors with appointments before “walk-ins.” To schedule your appointment, visit our website (it’s below our logo at the bottom of this page).

Blood Donor Qualifications

Basic Qualifications
Age 18 or older for whole blood or platelet donations; parental permission required for all donors 16-17 years of age; donors who are 18-59 years old and in good health; donors who are 60 years old and older must be in excellent health.

Weight: At least 110 pounds (50 kg)

There are some weight and height restrictions for donors younger than 23. See chart below.

Waiting Period between donations:
Whole blood donations: 56 days
Platelet donations: 7 days
Double red cell donations: 112 days
Plasma donations: 28 days

Height/Weight Restrictions for Donors Age 16-22

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Please see page 2 for additional qualifications, our medications list, and other important information.

Thanks for finding the hero in you!
Together we can make your donation safe, fast and as quick as possible!
As you try to recruit blood donors from your workplace, you’d probably encounter many common fears and misconceptions that people may have about donating blood. So, to help you answer some of these common excuses, and hopefully convince them to think otherwise, we’ve put together some responses to help!

Don’t Accept These Excuses

“I’m too old!”
There is no maximum age limit when donating blood.

“I Might Catch A Disease.”
It is not possible to catch AIDS or any infectious diseases by donating blood.

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

“I’m Anemic.”
A trained technician will test a drop of your blood before you donate. If you are anemic, or have recently taken a medication that affects your blood, please defer donating blood to ensure your safety and the safety of others. If you are anemic, don’t accept these excuses!

Answers to Common Excuses for Not Donating Blood

To help train service dogs for veterans and disabled individuals, $2,500 has been awarded to Freedom Paws and the law firm of Kroll, Frei, and Kroll. Due to her condition she is sensitive to the sun. The money will purchase a wheelchair. Due to her condition she is sensitive to the sun. The money will purchase a wheelchair.

In honor of the 75th branch anniversary of Br. 48, $2,000 has been awarded to the Daly City Public Library to purchase large print books for use by visually impaired individuals.

The Gifts of Love Committee met in July to review applications and award money. Many applications were received, but at this time the committee has decided to help the following people:

- $2,000 has been awarded towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van for a family with a 4-year-old child who has spastic and dystonic quadriplegic cerebral palsy.
- $2,000 has been awarded to help offset the living expenses of a family in Sunnyvale with a 12-year-old daughter who has ADHD, and a father with Stage 4 terminal cancer.
- $2,000 has been awarded for the purchase of an iPad for a high school student in Gilroy who will use the electronic device to communicate with his teachers. He is unable to verbally communicate due to being Autistic.
- $500 has been awarded to a family with a daughter who has a rare structural brain abnormality called “neuronal migration anomaly with polymicrogyria”. She suffers from severe seizure disorder, mental retardation, and cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. Due to her condition she is sensitive to the sun. The money will purchase a wheelchair.
- $2,500 has been awarded to Freedom Paws to help train service dogs for veterans and people with disabilities.

$900 has been awarded to an adult with necrotizing fasciitis – flesh eating bacteria – for the purchase of metal braces and shoes.

Get well wishes for Forrest Price

In memory of Manny Carrasco
In memory of Bill Kruse
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Vincent Catania
Mara Barsotti Millis
In memory of Peter Mario Barsotti
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine
In the honor of the 90th birthday of Lucille Bonta
Dave and Valerie Yuniti
In memory of Amina Benassi
Frank and Teresa Borge
In memory of Amina Benassi
David and Pat Botta
Get well wishes for Frances Foglia-Teglia
David and Pat Botta
Get well wishes for Forrest Price
David and Pat Botta
Get well wishes for Fr. Frank Murray
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Sal Serio
Joanna Van Blaricom
In remembrance of the birthday of Earl Van Blaricom
Al and Fran Teglia
In memory of Elinor Crump
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
Teleevangelist Cause Advances

The Vatican’s June 28 decree that U.S. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen lived a life of heroic virtue, moved his petition yet another rung on the sainthood ladder. What follows is a thumbnail sketch of the popular prelate.

Fulton J. Sheen was born in El Paso, Illinois, in 1895. He was the oldest of four sons of Newton and Delia Fulton Sheen. Just after his baptism, his mother dedicated him to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dedication he renewed at his First Holy Communion. The family lived, for a while, on a farm just outside of Peoria, Illinois, but in 1900, his family moved to Peoria so that Fulton could enroll in a parochial school.

Subsequently, he attended high school at an institution staffed by the Brothers of Mary. After graduating high school he attended St. Viator’s College in Bourbonnais, Illinois, and later St. Paul’s seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On September 20, 1919, Fulton Sheen was ordained a “Priest Forever” for the Diocese of Peoria. At that time, he made a promise to make a “Eucharistic Holy Hour” which he kept faithfully for the rest of his life. After ordination, he completed two years of postgraduate studies in Theology at Catholic University in Washington D.C. and an additional year at the University of Louvain in Belgium. This stint was followed by further theological studies at the Sorbonne in Paris and at the Angelicum in Rome.

A year later, he began teaching Theology, then Philosophy and then Religion at Catholic University in Washington D.C., where he remained until 1950. In 1926, he began local radio broadcasting in the New York area. One of his first radio programs included a Jewish rabbi, a Protestant minister and Sheen and they good-naturedly batted around religious and philosophical matters. His programs were meant to be low-budget fillers for the Milton Berle Show. However, within a few weeks, Sheen emerged as the star of his show, which eclipsed the ratings of the Berle Show. Sheen’s show was entitled “The Catholic Hour” and it continued for 22 years and reached an estimated four million listeners each week.

In 1950, he was chosen to be the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In that assignment, he superintended 129 diocesan directors throughout the country. He held the position until 1966.

In 1951, Sheen was consecrated a Bishop in Rome in the Church of Saints John and Paul. In the same year, he launched his famous television series entitled, “Life is Worth Living.” The program, on which he presented his views on religious topics, every day life and politics, drew an estimated 30 million viewers each week. Sheen was awarded an Emmy Award after being voted “The Most Outstanding Television Personality in 1952.” His series ran with great success until 1957.

In 1956, he was named Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, New York. He resigned the position three years later. When questioned about his resignation he stated, “I am not retiring, only retreading.” When another reporter asked him to reveal the names of his script writers, the Archbishop replied, “Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.” Subsequently, Pope Paul VI named him Archbishop of the Titular See of Newport (Wales). The Archbishop remained relatively active, spending last years of his life chiefly in writing and preaching.

On October 3, 1979, the Archbishop experienced one of the greatest moments of his life when visiting Pope John Paul II embraced him in St. Patrick’s Cathedral and said to him, “You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!” That compliment came none too soon; on December 9 the Archbishop died.

While never really becoming a major figure in the hierarchy of the Church, Sheen was one of its most visible members and an excellent ambassador for the Church to the secular world.

A few months ago, friends, family and admirers of Archbishop Sheen gathered for a Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. The Mass marked the 25th anniversary of the Archbishop’s death. The homilist was Monsignor John Kozar, who is the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a post once held by Sheen. There were 60 priests and many other members of the Catholic hierarchy in attendance.

The celebrant, while standing at an altar over the crypt where the Archbishop’s body is interred, celebrated the Mass using a chalice Archbishop Sheen owned and left in his will to St. Patrick’s Cathedral. During his homily, Monsignor Kozar said that his youthful reaction to hearing Archbishop Sheen was not understanding what he said but by becoming very impressed by “those eyes.” (Someone else encroaching on my mother’s criterion for good evangelists?)

In September of 2002, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints officially opened the Cause of Archbishop Sheen and conferred on him the title “Servant of God.” His supporters must now make a case for the Archbishop’s sainthood: a process which is rigorous and requires a detailed report about his life, teachings and writings. Additionally, there must be solid documentation of at least two miracles attributed to him. So for now, all we can do is wait and pray.

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“Reno’s Italian Americans”
Online Nevada Encyclopedia
Andrew Gerthoffer (contributor)

“The American Dream, Reno’s Little Italy in Powning Addition”
Historic Reno Preservation Society
Felvia Belaustegui

Oral History Program
University of Nevada

As I prepared to visit Reno for our annual Convention, I wondered about the history of Italian Americans in the city. I found some very interesting resources about the Italian immigrants and their families that helped develop the city and surrounding areas. The Italian American were and are hard working, industrious, and entrepreneurial, contributing much to Northwest Nevada.

Andrew Gerthoffer gives a very thorough overview of Italian immigrants and their descendants in his article for the Online Nevada Encyclopedia. Italian Americans have had a presence in the Reno area for more than 150 years. Attracted to a climate similar to that of northern Italy, plentiful jobs and land, Italians originally immigrated to the area and worked developing the Transcontinental Railroad; however, they quickly began working in shops, on ranches, and at lumber yards. Most were single men living in boarding houses. However, over time, chain migration created a more vibrant Italian American community with families and friends living “in distinctive ethnic neighborhoods.” Basically, “Three major Italian areas started in the Truckee Meadows starting in the late nineteenth and continuing throughout the twentieth century.”

These neighborhoods were distinguished by class and social differences, representing different levels of achievement. One interesting fact is that Italian Americans became noted for building Craftsman style homes. Italian Americans in the area preferred this style of home “because of its efficient use of lot space, its simple design and construction, and the inexpensive nature of the required building materials.” Often, neighbors would share house plans, saving on the cost of having to purchase their own plans. As Italian Americans prospered they began to own some of the more popular businesses in town, including “The Eldorado Hotel and Casino.” However, they quickly began working in shops, on ranches, and at lumber yards. Most were single men living in boarding houses. However, over time, chain migration created a more vibrant Italian American community with families and friends living “in distinctive ethnic neighborhoods.” Basically, “Three major Italian areas developed in the Truckee Meadows starting in the late nineteenth and continuing throughout the twentieth century.”

The American Dream, Reno’s Little Italy in Powning Addition appears online and features different Italian Americans from this district in Reno. In this article, she profiles several Italian American families, such as the Pizorno family. Among the accomplishments of the family, she notes that “Virginia Pizorno and another sister, Mary Romano, were two of the first Italian immigrant women to have a successful business in the downtown area of Reno, the Dainty Cake Bakery.” She also writes about Andrew Ginocchio and his family, founders and owners of Reno Ironworks, and Devincenzi, the first Italian to work as police officer for the city. “He eventually purchased Eddie Floral Shop, ... buying special seeds from Holland and other European countries to sell to Italian farmers in the area. An interesting character is “Antonio Minetto, who came to Reno in 1902 and resided on Winter Street, became a marriage broker.” His marriage brokering started because he had several poor nieces in Urbe, Italy who needed husbands. He would look over prospective partners and take his pick of one of his nieces.” Belaustegui notes that these and other Italian Americans worked hard and represent the achievement of the American dream. You can find Belaustegui’s article at http://www.historynevada.org/index.php/footprints/footprints/articles/85-the-american-dream-renos-little-italy-in-pownings-addition.

The Oral History Program of the University of Nevada features interviews with many Italian Americans, including some prominent ICF members. These Italian Americans, including Robert Capurro, recount their experiences during World War II and other times. Robert was born in Reno into an Italian-American family and was a young boy during World War II. During a 2005 interview, he remembers, “In Reno I don’t think the restrictions on Italian-Americans during the war were very stringent... We were non-strategic here. I mean, there was nothing we could do to either help or hinder the war effort, and we lived our own lives, so there were no restrictions that I know of.” Other Italian Americans recount different experiences and events during the early part of the 20th Century. This is a wonderful site to read about and listen to Italian Americans from the Reno area. You can search the University of Nevada, Reno oral history site at http://oralhistory.unr.edu.

These online articles and interviews are good places to start learning about the Italian Americans of Reno. Italian Americans contributed much to the settlement and development of the Reno area.

Additional Resources: You can further explore Italian Americans in Reno with the following resources.


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were approved as corrected.

Communications
• ICF acknowledgements for contributions to the Providence Fund for get well wishes to David Botta, Frances Teglia and Diana Poliselli; and in memory of Lola Chalvo
• Thank you from Most Reverend Niederauer for SF Bishop Day Donation.
• Thank you from David Botta for get well wishes.

Reports
Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
• Always impressed with ICF’s dedication to work and their outreach into the community.

Grand President – Jane Dianda
• Thank you: Rose Jarrett for attending Las Vegas Installation; Leonard Zasoski for attending Orange District Installation; Andy Pappani for attending Santa Barbara Installation; Bob Basuino for attending San Francisco Bishop’s Day.

• Institutions attended: Fresno District (Feb 26); Chicago District (April 26)
• Bishop’s Days attended: Stockton District (March 25); Chicago (April 29)

• Other events: pancake breakfast/membership drive Br. 91 Oakland (March 3); Br. 154 Richmond 50th Anniversary (April 9); Seminarian Night (April 14); Br. 19 Colma, Baccalaureate Mass Jefferson High (May 22); Meeting attended: Executive Committee (March 9, April 12, June 8); Finance (April 12); Field Operations (May 19)
• February 29 participated in the final training for the new ICF database with office staff.
• April 25 to May 2 in Chicago, visit included: meeting with Fr. Fanneli (April 26); toured/met with Fr. Feccia at Casa D’Italia with Lou Mages and Teresa Helfand. Discussed possibility of new branch and hosting a Seminarian Night for the Chicago District at this facility (April 27); toured Mother Cabrini Shrine and St. Joseph’s Hospital with Lou Mages. Met Teresa Helfand, reviewed/discussed locations of current ICF branches in Chicago Diocese. Also reviewed locations of closed branches, discussed the possibilities of re-opening some of these branches (April 28); attended Br. 392 meeting/presented Gifts of Love check for the Chicago Diocese Deaf Program (April 30); met with Chicago District Deputy Ruben Rodriguez (May 1).
• June 7 met with Apostolate Chair, Jim Acitelli for Apostolate Report training.
• Future events: Br. 161, Larkspur 50th Anniversary (June 9); Br. 91 Costa District Bishop’s Day (June 16); Br. 91 Anniversary Dinner (June 24); Orange District Bishop’s Day (June 30); Br. 48 Modesto 75th Anniversary Dinner (July 21); Br. 67 Los Angeles 75th Anniversary (July 29)

Grand Treasurer – George Bacigalupi
• Reviewed Budget/Finances for 2012 ending May 31, 2012
• October CC meeting to review Providence Fund Disbursements/allocation of apostolate funds.
• Silva Trust fund to disburse $30k this year, 15k each to Gifts of Love and Cooley’s.

Expense voucher for convention discussed and accepted.
• Bob Acquistapace complimented George Bacigalupi and David Rose on the financial report.

Deputy Chairperson – Bob Basuino
Ray Rendina has resigned as deputy of Branch 416 Spring Valley. Clarence Anthony has been appointed as new District Deputy.

• Formally closed 3 branches: #137 Santa Barbara, #56 Los Angeles, #411 San Bernardino.
• Project for July is updating the Deputy Report Forms.
• David Botta to meet with Branch 11 regarding the fund disbursement on closing the books.
• Vince Picciola stated that the term Deputy has a negative impact-sounds like policing. Suggested a more friendly title like Branch Advisor. Bob Basuino to take into consideration.

Field Director-Lou Mages
• Thanks all ICF members that have been a great help in recruitment and follow up. Thank you Nina Malone on help with continued on page 16
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Roseville; Teresa Helfand in the Chicago area; Pat Mages on the branch in Long Beach; Roselyne Jarrett on the Antioch Branch has been postponed for now; Jim and Betty Acietti in Tuscon.

- New Branches: #441, St Zachary; National Shrine of Cabrini hoping to open in October; St. John Berchmans to be having pulpit announcements, will be setting up a table at the annual festival. Before convention hoping to open Branch in Carson City.
- Potential branches: Our Lady of Ran- son, Illinois; St Frances of Assisi, San Jose; Mesa, AZ.
- Contacted by mail and will do again by email all the parishes in Las Vegas.

Committee Reports
Apostolate/Charity – James Acietti
- Promoting awareness; involvement in Mass participation; promoting communion Sundays; giving of oneself, not just monetarily; supporting our seminarians and the joy of attending an ordination; supporting Catholic Charities, especially for disaster relief.
- Voted to make Cooley’s Anemia our National Charity for the coming year.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi
- Discussion on proposed changes to Chap V Art 2-B of the CC statutes.
- Reviewed and discussed proposed Branch by-law change to Chap XI, Article 2-B of the CC statutes. After Branch levels the importance of our 4 programs set up to receive donations: Scholarship, Cooleys, Providenza and Gifts of Love. 100 percent of the money given goes directly into the chosen charity.

Task Force –
- Mike Rossi has resigned as committee chair due to work load. Pat Mages appointed to oversee Standard Operating Procedures.
- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero spoke on the future of the ICF we need to look at why cancellations are happening. Do we need to recreate ourselves? “We honor our past and look to the future”. Jim Jones reiterated importance of the strategic plan.

Ways and Means – James Friebel
- 2012 calendar: 1,971 sold. 2013 calendar: 1,179 sold. 2014 calendar: 1,340 sold. Looking into placing more branch/discounted at convention a little higher. Thinking of selling the unsold calendars discounted at convention $15 each or 2 for $20.

Gifts of Love – Andy Pappani
- Met March 9 to review 19 applications for a total of 17k granted.
- Bishop Blair interested in the deaf program for the Stockton Diocese, Dante Galeazzi is contact person.

Unfinished Business
- Convention – Franklyn Lopes
  Had a workshop in Santa Rosa area in April. San Mateo District will be hosting one June 28.

New Business
- ICF Awards:
  Pope John XXIII: Laurence Levine
  Grand President: Marie Stalteri-Antonowicz
  Mother Teresa: Sr. Maureen Delaney and Father Robert Moran
  Young Adult Leadership: Rosemary Cook

Good of the Order
Linda Sherman Santa Rosa District Sept 9 1:30pm Day of Recollection in Life and times of St Paul, 4:15pm chicken BBQ
Congratulations Stockton on 50th for Diocese, Oakland also celebrating 50th
Deborah Rodondi Thank you for prayers, cards and condolences, strongly reinforced how we really are a family.
Dante Galeazzi’s nephew back from Iraq Dianda’s have a new Great Grandson/ Nephew Mike Cannady thank you for cards, prayers, donations, still have to have knee surgery
Closing Prayer: led by Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
The meeting adjourned at 4:26pm by Grand President Jane Dianda
Respectfully submitted, Deborah Rodondi, Grand Secretary

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 08/01/2012
MARION A BONACORSO
Branch 004
NELLA GILARDONI Branch 007
JERRI LYNN PERA Branch 007
GLADYS GRASSINI Branch 019
MARY JO PIERCE Branch 026
LEROY K BROOKS Branch 027
DOMINIC (DICK) DAL CERRO Branch 027
WILLIAM OGLE Branch 027
ADRIANA VOLPE Branch 027
FRANK PETER GARNERO Branch 027
LINA ANTOLA Branch 036
CAROLINE MURATORE Branch 039
LOLA CHALVO Branch 040
MARIAN CODONELL Branch 050
MARY DADDARIO Branch 065
LOUISE J CONNOLLY Branch 073
LUCILLE S SINK Branch 075

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received as of August 1, 2012
Branch 416
Branch 432
Branch 4
Branch 14
Branch 39
Branch 54
Branch 108
Branch 111
Branch 118
Branch 150
Branch 161
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Steve and Charlene Drobeck
Charles P Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Joe Kuzminich
Angelo Benassi
In memory of Anna Benassi
Rose Meister
In memory of Neil Biggs
Steve and Charlene Drobeck
In memory of Antonio Alosi
Consider Joining

the ICF Hospital Plan

$25 / Year

provides benefits for hospitalization and surgeries

(in-patient and out patient)

Contact the ICF Office for more details.

888-ICF-1924

Top 6 Reasons to Donate Blood at the ICF Live to Give Blood Drive

1. A person with Cooley’s Anemia needs approximately 36-44 units of blood each year to survive.

2. 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life-saving blood transfusions.

3. Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States.

4. Every three seconds someone needs blood.

5. Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as three people’s lives.

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Reno, Nevada

August 31, 2012 – September 3, 2012

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

5:15pm          Buses Depart for Dinner         South Lobby-Bus Terminal
7:00pm          Dinner                        Boys & Girls Club of Reno

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2012

8:00am - 9:00am  Convention Registration     Convention Reg 1-2
                 Depart for Tour                      South Lobby-Bus Terminal
9:00am          Mass                           Tahoe
10:00am - 12:00pm Convention Registration   Convention Reg 1-2
               Bocce                           Nevada
3:00pm - 6:00pm  Convention Registration    Convention Reg 1-2
                 Orientation for New Delegates     Carson 1
7:00pm - 7:45pm  OFFICIAL OPENING           Reno Ballroom
8:00pm          Call to Order                 Reno Ballroom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

9:00am          GENERAL SESSION                Reno Ballroom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

6:00pm - 7:00pm  Delegates’ Reception       Grand Salon
7:30pm          BANQUET                         Reno Ballroom

Welcome: Carolyn Smith -- President of Branch 135, Reno

Master of Ceremonies: Andrew Pappani -- Grand Trustee

Member of the Central Council

National Anthem: Nina Malone -- CC Life Member

Invocation: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli -- ICF Spiritual Director

Remarks: Lourdes Levine

Presentation of Pope John XXIII Award

Jane Dianda - Grand President, CC Life Member

Closing Prayer: Rev. Michael Mahone -- Chaplain, Branch 135, Reno

“God Bless America”: Nina Malone -- CC Life Member

CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION

Opening Prayer
Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee

Young Adult Leadership Award Presentation to Rosemary Cook

Adoption of Rules and Regulations

Credentials Committee Report

Welcome New Branches and Delegates

Approval of Officers’ Reports

Presentation of Proposals/Motions

Nomination of Hospitalization Committee

Speeches of Central Council Candidates

Convention Site Report

Attendance Drawing

Adjournment