Central Council Candidates Needed for Upcoming Election

That time of the year has come again to consider running for Central Council. This is a good chance to expand your commitment and activity level in the Italian Catholic Federation by serving your fellow members. If you are interested in being a candidate, here are the guidelines:

(1) Central Council candidates must be delegates to the Convention.
(2) Candidates for election to the Central Council must declare their candidacy by the start time.
(3) Candidates for election to the Central Council must be present at the Convention as delegates-at-large.
(4) The deadline for candidate photo and statement of purpose to appear in the Bollettino is Thursday, August 1, 2013.

This year is starting to pick up speed, and before you know it, the ICF’s biggest events of the year will be here.

T is just a reminder that ‘The Night for the Seminarians’ is one month away, so if you haven’t sent in your reservations, there’s still time. The deadline for the dinner and dance celebration is May 17. We also want to share that the menu for the evening will feature a Surf (shrimp) & Turf (steak) entree with appetizers and a dessert buffet. What better way to show your support for our seminarians and enjoy a fun evening of dining and dancing.

If for some reason you cannot show your support in person, a donation will be appreciated. We understand that there is never a perfect date for a celebration and fundraiser, but know you all want to participate either in person or donation. Let’s as a family show our support for this very worthwhile event. The students and seminaries depend on our support.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the seminarians and their education.

The event will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley, June 1, 2013, 6pm to 11pm. The price is $50.

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

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

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

It is also time to make your arrangements to attend the Annual ICF Golf Tournament. This year it will be held on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey. Breakfast will be served at 7am, and shotgun tee off is at 8:45am. If you can’t golf but would like to join the festivities, then join the golfers at the banquet which starts at 2pm in San Carlos Church Hall in Monterey. There will be no-host cocktails and a sumptuous four course dinner starting at 3pm. Price for golfers is $135 and includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet. After July 12, the price per golfer is $150. If you would like to only attend the banquet the price is only $35. Reservation deadline is July 12, 2013 so don’t delay!

Lastly, reservations can now be made for the annual ICF Convention during Labor Day weekend. The dates for the Convention are Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013.

Reservation can be made at the La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, CA (Phone: (760) 564-7111 / Reservations: (800) 598-3828). Visit the link to hotel reservations on our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention. The room rate is $105.00 Single Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & $5 - Resort Fee; $110.00 Double Occupancy plus 13.2% (subject to change) tax & $5 - Resort Fee.

The resort also charges $3.00 per room, per day Housekeeping gratuity to your guestroom folio and recommends a gratuity of $12.00 per person Porterage Charge (includes both check-in and check-out). When booking your reservation use the Convention Code “ZIC” to make your reservation.

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If it were not for women like Lady Augusta Providenza, supporting Sir Luigi, the ICF would not be where it is today. The women of the ICF were diligent in their commitment to the organization and all the while still kept their families running at home.

As we look around our organization this month, we should take a chance to thank all of the Moms for their love, service and devotion to not only their families, but to their extended family -- the ICF.

Jane Dianda
Grand President

Congratulations to San Mateo District Chaplain Father Frank Murray who celebrated his anniversary in February.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Easter Helps Us Live the Year of Faith

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! New Life came into the world on Easter Sunday. Lucky for us, Jesus is now ever-present to us. What a great gift of love He gave us! We celebrate the Risen Christ in a special way during the Easter Season, which goes on for 50 days and will end on Pentecost Sunday.

Easter validates our Faith. Without Easter, without the Risen Christ, we would be lost, groping around without purpose, without Hope. Jesus is with us, around us and in us. He gives us life, a reason to live in Faith. He gives us reason to Love.

During this Year of Faith, we renew our commitment to God by the love we show for our fellow human beings. This love is a relationship between Jesus and us. Ask yourself, “What is the most important thing in my life?” Shouldn’t it be your PERSONAL relationship with Christ and your fellow human beings? Simply said but not too easy to put into practice. We have so many conditions and hangups. We have too many “yes buts,” too many defenses and apologies that block us from truly living the Year of Faith. We need to “get over our bad selves” and open our hearts to God’s Grace. We need to work with God and let God work in our daily lives. This is, indeed, living the Year of Faith.

The theme of our next convention is, “Living the Year of Faith.” May God’s love for us help us as members of the ICF grow in the love of Jesus and each other and live the Year of Faith as He taught us. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!

Preparing and Executing a Membership Drive

Roselyne Jarrett
CC Grand Trustee
Membership Chairperson

“How do you setup a membership drive?”
This is a commonly asked question by our Members. Here are some tips:

Begin by asking your church if they have any restrictions. Find out if it is okay to distribute flyers, setup a table with information, place an insert in the weekly bulletin and make an announcement after the masses using our short two minute script. Once you know what is and is not allowed, then let the coordinating begin.

• Create an ICF membership board using the kit provided to your branch at our last convention.

• Develop a handout that can be placed in church bulletins the week prior and/or the week of your membership drive. Many parishes will allow branches to use bulletin inserts. Ask your parish secretary how many bulletins are printed and when your Branch members can stuff the bulletins. If you need help preparing an insert, please email the membership committee.

• If your membership drive will be held after mass, ask your pastor if he can make an announcement and/or introduce one of your members to read the short script we have that explains the ICF. The script is just a guide and can be changed if need be. The person who is reading should have a loud, clear voice and be comfortable with public speaking. The script is available at icf.org.

• For membership drives taking place during one of your Branch dinners or events, a person can still speak briefly about the ICF. Tailor the script or create your presentation to fit your type of event.

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Proud of Our Hard Work

Jim Acitelli
Apostolic Committee Chair

O ur Grand President Jane Dianda, has stated how proud she is of all of us. Together we shine! By offering so much of our time, services and prayers as well as the enormous amount of money that has been donated to all of our causes, we have proven that our apostolic and charitable works are the core driving force of the Federation. And yes, we should be proud! We all know that the Italian Catholic Federation is first, and foremost, an apostolic and charitable organization.

During this month of May, when we begin the preparation of our Apostolic/Charity Reports, let us truly reflect on the good things that we have done and those things we intended to do. As we fill out this report, let’s consider each question in Part I (for information only) of the report and see how your branch measures up – Do you have an Apostolate chairman and is a report given at each meeting and then submitted annually? Does the branch chaplain attend most of the monthly meetings? Does your branch attend Mass together during the year, recite the rosary or pray special intentions, offer Mass for deceased members? Did you attend Bishop’s Day? Sponsor a special religious event, a retreat, pilgrimage or Day or Night of Reflection? How many times did you answer “No”? Now is the time to think about changing the “No” to a “Yes.” Our giving of money is always very generous but could we do better?

Remember: No matter how well we do things we can always do better. The Apostolic/Charity Committee: Jim Acitelli, Chairman; Lisa Crudo, Marco Galeazzi, Teresa Helfand

Scholarship Focus

Mariah Serrato

Name: Mariah Serrato
School: Sonoma State University
Mascot: Seawolves

A 2012 ICF Scholarship recipient, Mariah Serrato chose to attend Sonoma State because she liked the smaller campus, smaller student population and location. She is majoring in Biology. A and foremost, an apostolic and charitable organization.

Education is a top priority in the Serrato family. Mariah has three older siblings that have graduated or will graduate in the near future. Mariah feels that she has many excellent role models.

Her parents, Louie & Anna Serrato, are members of ICF Branch 390 in Tracy, CA.

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

Attention: Branch and District Presidents
Branch and District Financial Secretaries

IRS FORM 990-N & FORM 990 EZ or 990 STATE FORM 199-N & FORM 199

As you are now aware, the IRS and the State of California are requiring annual tax returns to be filed by our Branches and Districts.

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

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

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

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

All Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2013. Failure to do so for 3 consecutive years will result in the loss of tax-exempt status.

We sent the Branch and District Financial Secretaries a packet of materials to try and help with this process in January. Please work together to make sure that the appropriate form is filed if you have not already done so.

Please make sure all Branch or District finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2012. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,
George Bacigalupi, Grand Treasurer

A Moment In Time

“A Mother’s Prayer”

Lord give me patience for little ones.
A gentle heart and words so kind,
so when each child is grown and thinks of home,
a loving place will come to mind.
Gifts of Love Donations

**Branch 4**
John and Judy Janini
In memory of Jerry Fogel
Bruce and Lorraine Swaingang
In memory of Mary Vierra
Bruce and Lorraine Swaingang
In memory of Isobel Gregory
Bea Cunha
In memory of Anthony Guiffrida

**Branch 343**
OFFICERS/MEMBERS OF BR. 343
In memory of Steven J. Britton
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In memory of Loritta Bonfante Johnson
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Rita Bowling
Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
In memory of Luigi Silvestri
Pamela G. Mita
In memory of Gaeton E. Milia
Katherine and Roland Codiga
In memory of Bette Settrini

Scholarship Donations

**Scholarship Donations - 1st Year**
Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Ken Donnelly
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Joseph Favazza

**Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year**
Tom and Carole Jobe
In memory of Lorraine Fruguglietti

In Loving Memory

Deceased Members
Report Date: 04/15/2013

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Mary Santaferraro
Mary Santaferraro
Joe Favazza
Reno Picchi
Betty Lomanto
Benny Laviano, III
Anne Elizabeth Girian

**DONATED BY:**
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Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Faustina Picchi
Aurelia Bozzo
Rosalie Campisi
Marc and Kelly Teglia

**GET WELL WISHES:**
Pat Botta
Lorraine Adams
Lorraine Adams
Jim Moore
Nina Malone
Nina Malone
Julie Tomasin
Nina Malone
Theresa Dianda

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dianda and Jane
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OFFICERS/MEMBERS OF BR. 91
OFFICERS/MEMBERS OF BR. 343
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*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

**In Memory of Love Donations**

**Scholarship Donations**
In memory of Lorraine Fruguglietti
Interview With Olivia Stahl
My Experience at the Painted Turtle Camp

For the first time ever, I finally got to meet people with similar blood disorders who know and understand what it’s like to get poked all the time, or to get lots of blood transfusions, or to take a ton of medications—to not feel judged or get bombarded with questions is just the best feeling in the world. To know you’re not alone and that there are other people going through the same thing is truly amazing. I feel somewhat blessed to have a blood disorder and to have met people who understand what it’s like and who can share a common bond. Another cool highlight was the day our cabin went boating/fishing. It was not only my first time, but also the other girls, who had never been/changed in the past. It was the only girl from my cabin who went fishing, and I got stuck with all the guys. But I also happened to catch more fish than any of the guys, which was pretty exciting. I caught four fish with a little help from my wonderful counselor, Kailyn, who I dragged along with me. There weren’t really any challenges or hard times at camp. I mean, I had to pinpoint one thing. I think for me it would have to be not having contact with any of the guys, which was pretty exciting. I went swimming, horseback riding, and fishing; made various arts and crafts; and bonded with my cabin friends.

Q: How did you feel about going to camp (or a parent was not sure about sending their child), what advice would you give them?
A: Go! Go! Go! Seriously, you won’t regret going. It definitely is nerve-wracking going to a new place, not knowing anyone, but when you get there, you get to catch up with the other girls, which happened to be one of the older girls. I wanted to go fishing, yet all the other ladies wanted to go boating. So I was the only girl from my cabin who went fishing, and I got stuck with all the guys. But I also happened to catch more fish than any of the guys, which was pretty exciting. I caught four fish with a little help from my wonderful counselor, Kailyn, who I dragged along with me. There weren’t really any challenges or hard times at camp. I mean, I had to pinpoint one thing. I think for me it would have to be not having contact with any of the guys, which was pretty exciting. I went swimming, horseback riding, and fishing; made various arts and crafts; and bonded with my cabin friends.

Q: How was the food?
A: The food was really good. I don’t think there was a meal I didn’t like there. My favorite dish was probably spaghetti, because we tried to eat it with no hands. It was amazing.

Q: How many girls were in your cabin?
A: There were seven girls in my cabin, plus the six counselors.

Q: What were your counselors like?
A: Oh, man, our counselors were super sweet and caring, and they really took the time to get to know each one of us. I got pretty close to a couple of the counselors, who made it super hard to say goodbye. In all honesty, by the last day and a half, the counselors and the campers were sort of bunting heads a bit. Let’s just say everyone in the cabin was a bit “sassy.” But at the end of the day, we all loved them to death. I thought of some of the counselors like the older sisters I never had.

Q: What was the highlight of camp? Were there any challenges or hard times at camp?
A: The highlight of camp was getting to know everyone from the green cabins.

Q: How did you feel about going to summer camp?
A: Honestly, I was scared to death. I was not sure I would meet anyone, or that no one would like me. It was like the first day of freshman year all over again... gahh! But at the same time, I was excited to meet new people, try new things, and take risks.

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The Song of Francis
Tomie dePaola
G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2009. 32 pages

Now that we have a Pope named Francis, I thought it would be a good time to reintroduce our children and grandchildren to the famous saint. Here is one of my favorite books on St. Francis and a reprint of a review of it I did a few years ago.

In The Song of Francis, Tomie dePaola, award winning author and illustrator, introduces young children to the story of St. Francis de Assisi. These simple words and lively illustrations will delight preschool children and teach them valuable lessons about their relationship with God.

St. Francis is so full of love for God that he wants to sing, but he is alone and there is no one to listen. This discourages Francis until a small angel, who follows Francis everywhere, tells him to sing anyway since God will hear him. So Francis begins to sing. His voice reaches the sky and the sun and moon come to listen to his beautiful song. Then the sky fills with birds – red ones, orange ones, yellow ones, green ones, blue ones and more – who want to listen to Francis’ verses. Then, the birds join Francis in his song and “a more glorious sound – a more glorious sight was never seen on earth before.” Finally, angels came to listen to this glorious song of love. As evening descends, Francis ends his song and is once again alone, except for the moon and angel. However, now Francis vows, “Tomorrow I shall sing again.”

The illustrations in this slim volume are vibrant, pulsating with motion and color. The page is awash in various intermixed hues. The page bursts with bright colors: yellow, orange, blue, purple, green, and white in various intermixed hues. The page is awash in motion with flying birds and sprouting plants and the pulsating rays of the sun and moon.

Children will also experience the power of love. DePaola writes simply yet forcefully: ‘Love, love, love,’ went the song.” And the page explodes with life and color. Francis appears with his arms outstretched, accepting and loving all things. And the sky fills with both the sun and moon. Birds of all colors – orange, blue, green – fly about, chirping as they accompany Francis as he sings. Brightly colored plants and flowers sprout from the ground and delight the eye.

While one cannot see God, he is present in our lives. As the angel reminds Francis when he feels alone and doesn’t want to sing, “The loving God will hear you.” What’s interesting is that God never appears in the book as a character, but his angel appears to inspire Francis and once he begins his song of love to God, Francis’ world fills with life. While one cannot see God, he is present everywhere in the life around us.

For older children, DePaola has written Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi (Holiday House, February 1990), which retells the story of this adored saint’s extraordinary life in a series of vignettes. It was an American Library Association Notable Book. It also includes an introduction, historical notes, and a list of dates that would serve useful for a research paper.

DePaola has been publishing for more than 40 years. He has written and/or illustrated over 200 books. He has written books involving the stories and characters of numerous cultures as well as his Italian heritage, including several books on Strega Nona. For his work, dePaola has received the Caldecott Honor Award and the Newbery Honor Award. To learn more about dePaola visit www.tomie.com.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu --
The Celebration of Youth
Celebrating Mother’s Day

Create as many words as you can from the phrase:

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Examples: to, pay, dear, those, poem
10 Interesting Facts About Pope Francis To Impress Your Friends

When the white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel, signalling the election of the new Pope, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was the chosen to lead the Catholic Church, and was officially sworn in with the name of Francis. But everyone knows that by now: If you want to be the one to impress your friends this weekend, take a look at this list. In no particular order, we present 10 interesting facts about Pope Francis.

1) Pope Francis only has one lung. This is a result of an infection he had as a teenager. He has been living with one lung for over 50 years. Shen.

2) Frank will be driving an M-class Merc. The Popemobile is a custom M-class Mercedes, made with a bullet-proof glass, and is even considered to have swag.

3) Pope Francis is big on Facebook. Very big. He has over 40,000 Facebook followers. Which is less than the number of Catholic followers who watched him step out as the new Pope in St Peter’s Square.

4) Pope Francis is the first non-European Pontiff. He’s from Argentina, South America.

5) Frank is just like Hans Landa from Inglourious Basterds. But only in the sense that he’s fluent in Italian, Spanish and German. No news on the French, yet.

6) Pope Francis is an author. Well, co-author. “Sobre el Cielo y la Tierra (On Heaven and Earth)” can be purchased on kindle.

7) He’s against child discipline. In the sense that he believes that homosexual couples adopting children is a form of discrimination against children.

8) He’s not against contraception. He’s down with domes, as long as you’re using them to “prevent infection”.

9) He’s not so keen on visits from his home country. Frank told Argentinians that if he was elected, they should not travel to Rome to celebrate, but instead donate that money to the poor.

10) He could make crystal meth if he wanted to. Heisenberg Frank trained as a chemist, lived in a small apartment and loved to travel by bus.

Source: Business Insider, Business Insider, Mashable, Guardian

Cooley’s Anemia

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In memory of Geri Filice Johansen

Franca Filice

In memory of Bette Settrini

Save the Date!

Italian Catholic Federation Thirteenth Annual
Golf Tournament
Friday, July 19, 2013
Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Four Person Scramble

Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shot gun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940

No-host Cocktails

Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

Golfers: $135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 12th, the price per golfer is $150. Banquet only: $35

**If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs 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 12th deadline.

Remember: $150 per player after July 12th. 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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SAVE THE DATE!

Festa Italiana!
Sunday, June 30th, 2013
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Save the date for Grand President Jane Dian-
da’s testimonial dinner on November 2, 2013.
Happy mothers day to all our icf members. Our bishop dinner dance was well attended at the All Saints. Important dates:
July 21 - Golf outing at Arlington heights g.c.
Aug. 22 - district ice cream social
Aug. 30 - Cal. Palm Springs convention
Contact us at Army And Rose Desantis on that 62h anniversary and belated to Gene and Chris melone on that 57th.
Our condolences are given to the Sam Occhipinti family on the passing away of Virginia. Please pray for her and to all our sick members.
Pray for world peace
Barbara Miller

Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195
President, Mary Alice opened our April Meeting and asked our Orator, George, to lead us in a ICF Farewell to our sister, Mary Koller, who succumbed on April 6, 2013 (we were not able to pray our ICF Farewell as a body prior to our Meeting). Mary’s grace, spirituality, and love is a fond and uplift- ing memory we will always treasure and for which we are grateful. Mary, forever enshrined in the sky, voted a gift to St.Victor of $1,000; a gift of $300 to the Bishop’s Day Seminary Bursae. Although we will not be attending the Din- ner Dance, we do wish to participate in the donation to the Cardinal for Seminarians. We also voted $300 to Calumet City Res- ources and $100 to Alzheimer’s Research Association. After a brief business session, we enjoyed our Pizza Appreciation Party to thank everyone who worked so hard for our St. Joseph. We brought fruits from the members attended Our Lady of Knock Annual Night at the Races at Balmoral Park, where we had an opportunity to visit with our beloved Sister Alban Hermes, (recipient of the 2004 ICF Annual Mother Teresa Award and who drove from Simsinawa, Wisconsin, to participate in this annual event. We can attest that George French was a big winner (Money goes to Money) and, of course, Sister Alban still “Lights up the Room”, with her pres- ence. We are grateful to the members of the banquet committee and our beloved Sister Alban Hermes for her hard work. Please pray for Leonard Longawa, Martha Lencioni’s wife who is ill in your prayers.

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27
March 14th was the annual YMI and ICF combined St. Patrick’s Day celebration complete with all the traditional Irish fare: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and bread. I want to thank Ric Contreras (YMI Chair) and all of our other friends at YMI who did the cooking. ICF provided the des- serts; most of them were green to honor the day! Thanks, too, to Jim Barsotti, Chairman, Jim Barsotti and committee members: Don Cappelluti, Gloria Massetti, Fred Massetti and Jim Massetti. An extra big thank you goes to the Sean and Erica Massetti, Cecilia Mas- setti and Diane Massetti for the FANTAS- TIC decorations. You gals did a great job! It was a lively time with friends, good food, and laughter. The April meeting was a real treat as Richard Donati made his signature sau- sage and peppers. Thanks Richard they were yummy. Great big thanks are in order for the rest of the April Committee: Jan Petrucci, Mary Sue Ferretti, Nina Bottino, Ellen Shea, James & Renee Brooks and Phyllis Lock- hart. Plans are underway for a chicken take- out dinner May. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members, especially those with cancer.
Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33
Members enjoyed a Mexican Dinner at our last meeting. There were many of you miss- ing and we all missed you.
Welcome to our newest members: Antone Chicca (Josephine Colombani’s Grandson), Christina Fanucchi, (Barbara Fanucchi’s Granddaughter), and Maurice Landry.
Michael Cerri will be our representative to the convention in La Quinta, CA. Raffle tickets were passed out to members. Those not present will be receiving them in the mail. A booklet is $20.00 with two free tickets. Keep in mind that by selling these tickets we are able to keep membership dues lower.
On May 19, there will be a Ministry Fair at St. Francis. Michael Cerri, Mary Marchetti and Gertie O’Neil will represent the ICF. Our pancake brunch will be selling you tickets at the St. Francis BBQ. Please thank Martin Zaninovich for the wine donation.
Our branch has donated $100 towards “Get the Bus”. This bus will be transporting the children of women who are imprisoned in Choechwilla Prison for a visit with their mothers.
Congratulations go out to Tom and Barbara Caperoni on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Katie. A wedding permit will be issued.
Sarah and Scott’s wedding will be residing in London, England.
May Meeting – Mother’s Day Dinner.
Happy Mother’s Day Mom!
Barbara Ekerstaff

Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39
We had a great April dinner meeting. Our head chef, Marylenna Mazzeli and her helpers prepared a pork tenderloin meal with homemade applesauce, baked potatoes, salad and strawberries for dessert. We voted to donate to Hinds Hospice for their Angel Baby program. Money from banquet and a small ticket were donated to Catholic Charities. Betty Passadori Barber gave a short talk on the travels of her ancestors to America which was very interesting. So many stories could be given on the sacrifices made so long ago. The 50/50 raffle of $203.00 was not won so it will be more at our next meeting. Our May meeting will a Mexican prepared by Robyn Piro and Estella Rota. We will also honor our mothers and fathers and elect our delegates to the convention. We have 3 teams going to the district Bocce tournament in Fresno. We could use another team. June will be a month full for us. Mark July 10 for our annual Wiener Roast at Lake. A flyer will be sent out.
“We have all learned that just one person making a difference was enjoyed by all it was nice to visit with old and new friends.
Sincerely
Dora Isola

Fresno
Sacred Heart, Br. 185
Spring is here, praying we are all in good health, and enjoying this beautiful weather.
Our April bake sale, brought members to- gether to greet our fellow parishioner’s, to offer delightful treats, and to increase the Italian Catholic Federations presence for future members. Thanks to all who baked, and donated baked goods for this very successful day!
At this writing we look forward to the Par- ish festival, we will offer Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches, Emanuel Lesedma, and Dolores Bielle, will oversee this fundraiser for the school and church.
The success of the district picnic and bocce tournament, will depend on membership in- volvement, encourage members and friends to show sup- port whenever possible.
On the tenth anniversary to Demanual and Guadalupe Lesedma, Michael Lesedma, will celebrate his sixth birthday May eleventh, what a big wish!!! Please keep Jaye Boren, Pete DePasquale, and all members who need our constant Prayers, for comfort.
JUST PRAY

Fresno
_name, Br. 308
Our monthly dinner/meeting on Wed., April 10th was well-attended and everyone en- joyed the potluck dinner. The last couple of months have been very busy but not so much the latter part of April.
On Saturday, April 20th there will be the Fresno District Meeting at Our Lady of Vic- tory Church Hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend this very informative meeting.
Our Branch #308 will be having the Home- made Italian Sausage Sale after all the masses on Saturday/Sunday, April 27/28. These are great to have while watching a sport event.
On Wednesday, May 8th will be our monthly Dinner/Meeting. For this Tri-tip Dinner, members will need to let us know a week in advance, if you are planning to attend, so as to know how much meat to buy. Call Antoin-nette or let Bernie Squeo, Ed Girardo, Carolyn R., Susan, Alex G., Angelo, Larry, Tim, Russell or Maria Juarez-Garcia know.
Teams are quickly forming for the Bocce Tournament, and Luncheon to be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School starting at 9:30 a.m. If you don’t wish to play Bocce come out to support the branch’s teams and join us for lunch ($10.00) and celebrate the four F’s – faith, fellowship, food, and fun.
Saturday/Sunday, May 25-26, we will again have our Homemade Sausage Sandwich Sale after all of the masses.
Our prayers for a successful and quick re-
Las Vegas

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 367

Branch 367 celebrated our 30th anniversary by having 21 people go to Primm, NV. Seventeen people took a luxury coach and got a free buffet for $5.00. The rest of us drove down and got stuck in a traffic jam. It seems we were going at a maximum of 3 mph and often times came to a dead stop! Anyway, our official anniversary date was April 10, but this Primm trip came up and we said “Why not?” Unfortunately, the buffet wanted to charge us 18% of the total bill to seat us all together, but we still got to see everybody.

Joe has been discharged by his back surgeon and the physical therapist, and now will get ready for open heart surgery or by-pass surgery. He already started all the testing in preparation for the surgery. We don’t have an exact date for surgery yet, but it will be soon. We had so many of our members ill so far this year. Fr. Sam Falbo had stomach surgery, Lucio Zanin was being treated for two cancerous lumps, Gloria Gasparro had surgery, Liz Chaves was diagnosed with Parkinson’s, Dianne Vatalare was in the hospital with stomach problems. Goodness, the rest of us should be thankful, huh?

Happy Mother’s Day to all the ICF mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, Godmothers, and anybody else who plays the role of mom.

Ciao for now,

Jackie Donato

Los Angeles

District Council

On April 14, the Mother Cabrini Open House was hosted by the San Fernando Valley District. The Chapel and Library received several visitors by Chapel Committee Member Dottie La Macchia including Emily and Edward Alcantara who are on a quest to visit Mother Cabrini facilities throughout the region in reverence to their favorite Saint. Also on April 14, CC 2nd VP Leonard Zasoski, Jr. presented the Central Council Certificate to Branch 169 President Carol Eller in celebration of Branch 169’s “50th Anniversary”. Leonard congratulated Carol and Branch Members for maintaining the traditions of ICF throughout its 50 years and providing excellent service to the Church and Community. Also included in the celebration were Branch Charter Members Rita and Leo Vanoni, Lucy Vanoni and long-time Branch Member Leila Focareta. Joining in the celebration with Leonard Zasoski, Jr. were wife BG Zasoski, CC Board Member Ventura District President Pat Mages, District Deputy Lou Mages, and Los Angeles District President Carmelo Sabatella.

District President Carmelo Sabatella. Dinner was held at Milano’s Italian Restaurant in Ventura Harbor; the food and service were excellent! Congratulations to a wonderful group of ICF Members....

On April 23, Branch 374 held their General Meeting at St Bede the Venerable Church Pastoral Center. Guest Speaker Dr. Kwaku Oppong, M.D., Branch 374 President Al Restivo and Los Angeles District President Carmelo Sabatella.

On June 30th the Annual District Council Meeting in the Pastoral Center of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, CA. Light Dinner at 6:30 pm and General Meeting at 7:30 pm. Please call 626 403-6102 for more information and confirmation.

- May 23, 2013 - LA District General Meeting in the Pastoral Center of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, CA. Light Dinner at 6:30 pm and General Meeting at 7:30 pm. Please call 626 403-6102 for more information and confirmation.
- June 9, 2013 - Open House at Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank from 9 am to 1 pm hosted by the ICF San Gabriel District. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.
- June 30, 2013 - LA District Convention at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Canada hosted by Branch 115. Mass at 11:00 am followed by Lunch immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. Call 626 372-7812 to make reservations and for more information.
Bringing your families and friends together for Mass and socializing in the Parish Hall gives us all a chance to get acquainted or reacquainted with our ICF Family and HF Church Members. Congratulations to parishioner Winter Horton winner of the ICF Raffle (shown with ICF Branch 108 Past President Carmelo Sabatella). Thank you Theresa Shaw and Sandy Fielding for coordinating another successful event. Thank you Father Nile for showing us that there is such a thing as a “Holy Canoli!” and where it comes from!

The ICF semi annual dinner on May 6 at Jakes Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia was fun. Members, families and friends enjoyed great BBQ in a relaxed environment. Thank you Joan and Jerry Brascia for coordinating this event.

Save The Dates:
- May 5, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Bocce (1 to 2:30 pm), lunch social and general meeting (3 to 5:00 pm). Mass at 5:30 pm.
- May 6, 2013 - Biannual Fundraising Dinner at Jakes Roadhouse Diner in Oldtown Monrovia from 4 pm to 9 pm. Great BBQ with friends and family. Bring them all; you won’t be disappointed. Call 626 403- 6102 for more information.
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- June 23, 2013 - ICF Br 108 Annual Bocce BBQ Luncheon and General Meeting on the Holy Family Church Children’s Field from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm. Bring family, friends and neighbors to this beginning of Summer event. Parishioner’s welcome! s and keep you healthy “per cento anni!”

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

Montecito
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti,
April was a month for all to enjoy family time and relaxation. Congratulations to our new members Mario Castello, Sandra Navares and Wendy Navares for joining ICF Branch 111. Welcome to our family. We look forward to many gatherings and events with each other. Also, a big welcome to our newest and youngest members, Chiara and Massimo Sorce. Let’s get ready for some fun!

Congratulations to our April birthdays: Luisa Sorce, Mario Castello, Dante Terramani, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, and Nancy Dolci who celebrated their birthdays in the month of April. Buon compleanno a tutti! We wish everyone a happy birthday!

The St. Benedict Festival is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 17 – 19. We will need volunteers for the Pizza booth. All are welcomed to attend. This month I leave you with a quote from the late Steve Jobs – “Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of other’s opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

Thank you and God Bless,
Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br.115
Hello dear members. I hope all is well.
We just had a successful Crab Dinner-Dance on March 3. We served 450 people. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped in any way to make this event a great success. From the proceeds a $3,000 donation to Mary Star of the Sea Church and a $500 each to the Mary Star Elementary and High School. A total of $4,000. A check was presented to Fr. Brian

San Pedro Branch 115 President Neal Di Leva presented a check of $3,000 to Fr. Brian Nunes, Mary Star of the Sea Church, Administrator Pro Tem and alongside is Fr. Manuel Bravo, Branch Chaplain. This donation was from the proceeds of the recent Crab Dinner-Dance which was a great success serving 450 people. An additional $500 each was also donated to the Mary Star Elementary and High School. A total of $4,000. Thank you to all that supported this annual event.
Branch 374 has fun filled meetings —

“The goal is to encourage people to attend our ICF branch meetings by making them events where people have fun”, says Al Restivo, Branch President of Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable in La Canada Flintridge, California. At a recent branch Pot-Luck Supper, the branch president invited members to come to the meeting with a silly, crazy of funny hat. They responded enthusiastically and as seen in these photos were very creative and funny. A contest selected Jack Kojimoto for the funniest hat. Judges were Rick and Diana Dykes, new members.

The meetings also included a program where Professor Nancy Ammirato, a branch member and professor of romance languages at Cal Poly University led the members in a fun exercise where they were challenged to identify Italian hand symbols. Restivo has promised members that meetings of the branch will be lively, educational and fun and while maintaining some of the ICF rituals, will be social meetings and free from tedious business discussions. The branch now conducts all of its business at monthly board of director meetings and brings financial, election and policy change decisions to general membership meetings only when required. This leaves meetings open to programs, prayer and fun-filled activities.

Photo captions

(Above) Shown left to right in the group photo are: Paula Clinnon, Nancy Ammirato, Vince Ammirato, Jack Kojimoto, Flora Murphy, Mark Mannarelli, President Al Restivo, Diana Dykes, Mark Mannarelli, Sandra Richardson, Edna Ulasewicz, Christine Wheeler, Maria De Salguero, and Vern Richardson.

(Right) Shown wearing his special award winning crazy hat creation is Jack Kojimoto.

Nunes, Administrator Pro Tem. The Laughlin Trip went well with 44 people attending. The next turnaround trip will be to Pechanga Indian Casino on Thursday, May 30. Call Pauline Jacout at (310) 832-963 to sign up. Price $20 for members, $23 for non-members. Trip went well with 44 people attending.

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

May is a month to remember all of the special mother’s that have touched our lives and all we are thankful for. Our Pancake Breakfast will take place on May 19. This is a fundraising event and we need everyone’s help. Come and show your support.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 22, 2013 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served. The menu for dinner will be: Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, and dessert. There will be a trip to Pala Casino on June 2, 2013. It is a fundraiser and we are asking for your support. It’s a fun trip and a great way to catch up with old friends on the bus and possibly win a little extra cash. Call Eleanor Cuneo to sign up.

Our quarterly mass will be held on June 9 at 8:00am mass. Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa, Mary Girillo, and Frank Buccola. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy May Birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josephine Basile, Sally Farinella, Mary Hadaway, and Hermenia Saez.

Happy Anniversary to: John and Rose Marie Perfetto (62 years)!

“It’s God that keeps me going when my world just falls apart; it’s He who lifts my spirit when I grow faint in my heart. His love always sustains me in my trials and distress; I don’t think I could make it without God, I must confess that just showers of blessings teeming riches does He give; It’s God that keeps me going every moment that I live. (Mother Pateren Patten) God Bless, Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley

St. Maria Goretti

Burbank - L.F.C. P.102

A fine birthday celebration for Phyllis Davalio’s birthday ,she is our very special member.

The pizza party was well attended, thank you all. Our celebration is enjoying each others company.

May 11, 2013 our regular meeting ,at noon, in Cabrillo Hall.

May 26,2013 to 12 to 4:00 pm Shet-Guy Mas- ciotra will prepare his famous polenta dinner at Holy Cross Hall in St. Francis Church.Tickets or $20.00 send checks to Kris Kaiser 721 Nao-

mi Street-Burbank, Ca. 91506.

Deadline is May 23, 2013.

Ciao, Joy

San Gabriel Valley

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

May 03 – St. Denis Women’s Council Cinco de Mayo celebration
May 10 – St. Denis ICF 317 Mother’s Day Dinner celebration/Meeting
May 12 – Happy Mother’s Day
May 19 – San Gabriel Valley District Communion Sunday at St. Denis
On behalf of the members and guests we express our appreciation to Romina, our 2nd Vice President, for the delicious El Pollo Loco dinner and to the members; Terry, Carmela, Lisa, Ann,铢 Zur, Anna and Tony Rosso for their warm welcome.

Around” at local restaurants to raise money for branches and grants.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 17, to assemble and stuff the shells. It was a grand effort and we appreciate the time and dedication. Grazie!!

We are having our 3rd Annual Arts & Craft Faire on April 20 at St. Denis and plan to provide meatball sandwiches, water and soda to purchase. We will also have present, an Italian Life vendor who will provide the branch with 20% of the sales. It was very successful last year for all.

Happy Mother’s Day on May 12 and many blessings to all Mother’s on their special day. God Bless.

Roxanne Perry

Ciao, Eleanor Rose

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The new “ Distinguished Student Service Award program is enthusiastically endorsed by St. Bede School principal Raoul Valente and formalized. Applications are now being distributed at the school for students in “7th and 8th grades. The awards will be given for outstanding service to the school, church, and community and will be presented once each year in November. Mark Mannarelli will be leading the committee for the award and will be managing the annual scholarship program. The focus of our branch this year is to evangelize young people with emphasis on the words of St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at All Times: Use words if necessary.” The Distinguished Service Award is designed to emphasize these words to students in our school.

Saturday, May 18 will launch the branch’s first Karaoke and Baked Potato event. Maria De Salguero is leading a committee to make this fund raising event a huge parish wide success. She is also working as Fund Raising Chairperson to introduce “ICF Dine Around” at local restaurants to raise money for the Distinguished Students Service Awards Program.

Joe Layton, one of our younger members has joined our board of directors and will also serve as Membership Chair. Joe has been charged by the board with the evangelization of young members of the parish as the branch continues its drive to evangelize and recruit young men and women to ICF.

Our Branch will hold an “ICF Sunday” on June 2nd. ICF will be introduced to the parish by the branch president and a recruitment effort will be made after all Masses that day. Mark your calendars, as June 30th is the day for our Los Angeles District Communion Mass to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Bede, LA LA District Chaplain, Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, who is also chaplain for branch 374, will celebrate the Mass. A lasagna lunch celebration of ICF’s 50th anniversary will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

Che Dio vi benedica

Al Restivo
Branch President & First Vice President of the LA District

San Gabriel Valley

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SOME RECAPS:

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Ciao!
Marisa Interrante
http://www.icfbranch380.org
Branch 291 welcomed the Orr family as new members at a recent meeting. Pictured here are Mike, Owen, Andria and Andrew Orr with president, Pete Gallagher.

The Carroll family recently became new members of Branch 291. In this photo, Gigi is pictured with her son Justin Sampolo. We will honor our recipients of the Order of St. Elizabeth at a upcoming dinner.

with your friends. As ICF members we all strive to have Jesus in our daily lives so we can show others a glimpse of Jesus presence. Happy Mother’s Day! Jennifer Frusetta Corresponding Secretary

Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36
A few of our members were not being called, well, guess what, after investigating the reason the members were not being called is they had either charged their telephone number or were using only their cell phone, and our telephone ladies had no way of knowing this. If you change the telephone number you have given us, please notify Ann Ferrante, 375-1407 or Josephine Favazza, 375-4263, so you will not miss any more calls. Scholarship recipients this year are - Jessica Adam, Carlo Alhotte, Stephen Bruno, Sarah Holmann, Natalie Mika, Robin Olson, and Justin Sampolo. We will honor our recipients at the May 2nd dinner meeting, and have pictures of them in the Bollettino’s June issue.

The beauty of a mother is reflected in her soul, it can be seen in her eyes, her eyes are the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides, and this beauty grows with each passing year. Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, expectant mothers, God mothers and foster mothers, you are all so special and deserving.

Calendar Events:
May 2 - 82nd Anniversary Dinner, free to our members.
May 12 - Mother’s Day
June 6 - Monthly dinner meeting
July 11 - 85 and over birthday party, more on this in June article.
July 19 - Central Council Golf Tournament, hosted by Br. #36 Pete Gallagher.

Castroville
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51
April was a busy month for our branch, with meetings, church ministry, district meetings and putting final touches on our fundraiser. With all the hard work by our members I am sure the fundraiser on April 21 will be a success, more information next month.

Congratulations to Cindy and Greg Stefani on their 25th wedding anniversary. They still look like newlyweds. Buon Viaggio to Carlo Cortopassi and granddaughter Ashley Stefani, they will be traveling to Italy this month. Have fun.

Welcome back Michele and Dave Pecchi from their relaxing cruise on the Rhine River. A special hello to our members Bruna Del Chiaro, Thelma Sbarra and Gina Candiloro who may be far away but never forgotten. Members Marie and Egidio Tonus went to visit Gina in the state of Washington and found her and her family well.

Please keep in your prayers members Denice Amerison, Hugo Tottino, Carl Armento and Eva Barcellos. And on a special note we would like to thank Carl Armento for his service as deputy for our branch.

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Ciao, Leonora Barlow

Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291
On Sunday, April 14, Branch 291 co-hosted the Central Coast District Meeting with the Paso Robles Branch at St. Rose’s Church. After the business meeting guests enjoyed a delicious pulled pork lunch with all the trimmings, a raffle for some wonderful gift baskets and wine, a 50-50 drawing and fun fellowship for all!

It’s not too early to start thinking about our fall Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers! The dinners will be held on September 14, October 19 and November 16. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinners go towards our Student Registration Assistance Program.

Reminder: We will not have a May General meeting, so please enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with your family and friends! Please keep the following ICF members and their families in your prayers: Marge Caruso, Trish Jimenez, Joe Slavin and Jennifer Frusetta.

and Sonia Wagner. Also, continue to pray for all members of our ICF family who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Happy Mother’s Day! Keely Sanchez Recording Secretary

Paso Robles
St. Rose, Br. 354
The April 12 meeting was packed with coming events and current projects, all of which will keep our members busy. We welcomed new members: Lucille Olsen, Gladys Saucedo, Jorge & Lupe Alvedo. Evelyn Gandara has been reinstated.

Our President David Zanini, together with the group, is looking forward to our district meeting tomorrow, April 13, which will be co-sponsored with the Arroyo Grande branch. The occasion promises to be well attended with eight branches sending delegates. There will be a basket filled with Italian goodies to be raffled off and a 50-50 drawing.

The next meeting will be a sausage BBQ at my home with members offering salads and side dishes. The weather should be beautiful, and, as always, the event will be an enjoyable time together.

President David was able to work with Father Roberto for bids on the St. Rose Church’s replacement carpeting which will soon be a reality. Our next Pasta & Meatball Dinner is on November 9, with proceeds going towards charitable projects.

Your prayers are requested for our young member Laurie Kudija who is traveling to see a specialist in Cleveland, for our pastor Fr. Roberto, and long-time member Santa Salvia. Enjoy the springtime season.

Theresa Sollazzo

Oakland
East Bay District Council
Thank you to Dante Galeazzi and the Central Council Workshop Committee for leading such an informative and inspirational workshop on finance, scholarship and membership prior to the East Bay District’s monthly meeting on 4/22/2013. We will certainly make use of your words of wisdom.

Congratulations to Contra Costa District for hosting such a successful Bishop’s Day on 4/21/2013. I am sure that Archbishop Bennett now is very aware of the ICF as an organization and particularly our tremendous support of seminarians, not only with money but with our prayers, too. Remember that our Spiritual Bouquet this year promised our seminarians 297 Masses, 123 Rosaries, 38 Novenas and 37 Stations of the Cross would be offered on their behalf throughout the coming year.

May begins with Br. 285/Livermore’s Anniversary Dinner Dance on 5/04/2013 at St. Michael’s Church Hall, Livermore. Branch Presidents please contact Gail Rocca at (925) 373-4821 with your final count by 5/2/2013. Br. 10/Alameda follows with their Anniversary Dinner on 5/24/2013. Please call Gina Foster at (510) 995-8141 by
Alameda
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Happy Mothers Day. Wishing you all a beautiful day with your family. An invitation goes out to all our members to join us at our monthly meetings. They are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7PM in the cafeteria at Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

Upcoming:
May 2 - Monthly meeting 7pm
May 12 - Mothers Day June 6 - Monthly meeting 7pm
Happy Birthday to Tony Casale, Inez Innocenti and Thomas Pogg. God Bless you. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch; especially Elsie Giani, Leroy Casale, Aldo Innocenti, David Rose and Clemenzonat. Thought, “The deeds you do may be the only sermon some person hears today.” St. Francis of Assisi.

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Corpus Christi, Br. 215

April was a month full of the fruits of our beloved branch members undergoing surgeries or facing serious health issues. Please continue to keep in your prayers Genevieve Romano, Howard Lampo, Al Grasso, and Cathy Scheib.

By the time this article appears, our 4th Annual Anniversary Dinner on May 25/25/13 at 6pm will have come and gone. A lot of preparation took place before the actual date of this event, 5/15/13. Thank you, thank you to all those Br. 215 members who worked so hard to make this event a success. Our branch has quite a reputation in the Fremont area for hosting wonderful Bingo/Salad Luncheons. Now in this season of Spring it is in gratitude that we are reminded to say “O God, how precious are your thoughts about me! You see the reflections of Your beauty and hear the sounds of Your majesty wherever I turn, and I thank you.

Joanne

Crockett

Carl Br. 14

Five new members are happy to come to Ron Blair of Tracy, Andrea DeSdill Carrington (so glad to have you back in Crockett, Andrea), to Connie Kim of Richmond, Janice Parsons of Pinole and Joan Schober, also of Finole. Benvenuto!

Special thanks to Ray Leir for his personal and moving Heritage Report. You inspire us all, Ray.

Crockett

Announcements:

Social hour 6pm. Dinner 7pm. Deli-
biscotti, etc. Prices are very reasonable for
these homemade items.

Our Richmond Branch will be hosting Bishop’s Day Mass and luncheon for the Oakland diocese. We also thank Roselynne for taking care of reservations, table assignments and decorations and all others who helped. A savory biscuit and spiritual bouquet was presented to the acting Bishop. Uniforms are not needed.

No Branch meeting in May. Saturday, May 25 – Remembrance Mass at Good Shepherd 5:30pm followed by dinner. Sunday, June 9 – Potluck, member appreciation and meeting at 4pm. Note: we will not meet at the regular time. This month it will be at 4pm. Sunday, June 23-24- Reno over nighter bus trip. Call Joann for reservations and details at 925-625-0863.

Thursday, June 27 - District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.

Jane Russo will be our convention raffle ticket chairperson. For tickets call her at 925 619-8516.

Save the date for Sunday, Aug. 11. We will have a Potella luncheon and 50/50 raffle at 1pm. It will include salad, bread, Potella with sauce and cheese; Stuccino, dessert and soft drinks for only $12.00. Children under 12 half price. Flyers will be mailed.
In the fall we will have a branch picnic and 50/50 raffle at 1pm at Joann’s house. Date to be announced.

We ask the Blessed Mother to watch over all our potluck dinners and happy Mothers Day to all the Moms, Grandma’s, and Grandmothers.

Helen Pollocke

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

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Joanne
Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154
President Walter Costa wearing one of his many hats as our superb chef prepared a delicious risotto and salad dinner with help as usual from Toni Reeder. Champagne donated by Gino Martinucci and dessert of tiramisu donated by Carol and Tom Jobe were served after dinner.
Diane Botta, Deputy Donna Hoffman, and Louie Martinucci were welcomed guests.
May Barbara was thanked for assuming secretarial duties from Dee Rosier while she is recuperating.
Members voted to send Lori Frinosted as a delegate to Convention along with Walter. May Barbara and Lorraine Ramos were selected as alternates. A burse of $500 was voted for the Bishop’s Seminary Fund. Joe Meneghelli’s Cache Creek trip netted $108, but members voted $150 for Cooley’s Anemia.
The May 4 Polenta Dinner is always a sellout so make reservations with Gino Martinucci at 526-8749. Cost is $22 and $6.00 for children.
The May 13 meeting was called to order by Summon Martinucci and others with a potluck dinner featuring items prepared by members with their noted culinary talents. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon.
See you at Bishop’s Day activities at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Concord on May 18, 6:30 PM prior to the meeting.

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45
Our next dinner and meeting will be on Sunday, May 5th in Giovanni Hall. Chicken and polenta are on the menu. Meeting starts at 4:30 p.m and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call Bruna (915) 515-9380 or myself at (916) 714-6967 for reservations by Tues., Apr. 30th. Cost for members is $12 and Non-Members is $16. We will be presenting Father James with a check as part of our yearly contribution to the Parish Seminary Fund. On Sunday, June 2 we will be the Italian Benevolent Society’s Annual Picnic and Parade. The ICF will be represented with all our branches in the Blessed Sacrament District participating. We have won First Place every year in our category. Come out and enjoy the day in Sutter Creek and support our branches. If you can help with decorating the float or marching with our banner, please let me know.
On Sunday, June 9, we will host the Second Sunday Social and provide treats and beverages to all parishioners following each Mass. This is a great way to talk about the ICF and possibly get some new members. If you can help with the event, please give me a call at 714-6967.
Calendar at a Glance:
Sun., May 5 - Meeting and Dinner in Giovanni Hall
Sat., June 1 - Night for Seminarians - Castro Valley
Sun., June 2 - Sutter Creek Italian Parade
Sun., June 9 - Hosting Second Sunday Social after all Masses
Sun., July 14 - Meeting and Dinner in Giovanni Hall
Buon Compleanno to Members in May: Rose Cazares, Fern James, Ottavio Lucchi, Jackie Bush, Tina Tallman, and Johnnie Waldron.
Happy Mother’s Day on the 12th and Memorial Day on the 27th.
Ciao, Janine

Phoenix
Glenendale
St. Thomas More, Br. 436
Thank you Deacon Richard for guiding us through the Stations of the Cross at our March meeting. We are truly grateful for the support our Dear Deacon give to our parish. A big thanks to his wife who also spend much time dedicated to God’s work. We continue to bless our Deacon, Father Turner, everyone enjoyed the many dishes cooked by ICF members. All in attendance commented on the family-like feeling of the celebration. This is what we were hoping for a good Italian food with the spirit of family.
As spring begins, the temperature in the valley begins to heat up and many of our members start leaving for cooler climates. Our branch activities will slow down and focus on preparing for our fall events. Keep all members who have health issues in your prayers.
Brenda Cavaliere

Orange
Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423
For the Heritage Report, Cris Gianantonio shared her recent trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe means “City of Holy Faith.” Cris talked about visiting the Loretta Chapel, known for its spiral staircase with no supports or rails. The nuns of the Loretta Chapel were in need of a staircase. The nuns prayed a novena and shortly after, a man, carpenter by trade, knocked on their door. This carpenter, built the spiral staircase Legend says the carpenter was St. Joseph. We celebrated our last Lenten meeting with a dinner of delicious homemade broccoli, salmon, and winter bean soups, salads, crackers, and desserts.
Soup Night was held on March 22 at St. Thomas More Parish. The ICF participated by making minestrone soup. Soup Night’s mission was to bring the different ministries and parishioners of St. Thomas More together. Our St. Joseph’s Table was held on the weekend of March 16 and 17 after all the masses. We sold homemade baked goods, fresh flowers, cannoli’s, cordon bleu, sausage and meatball sandwiches, and much more. All proceeds from the St. Joseph’s Table funds our various charities and our branch activities.
We will be planting a tree in memory of Father John’s father on the church campus.
Past Presidents pins were presented to: Kellie De Leo, Maria Bopp, Chuck Muzza, and Don Gibson (in absentia).
Our next branch meeting will be on May 17, 2013 at St. Thomas More, 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!
Ciao, Miranda Gibson

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135
Over 24 members and guests attended our April 14 meeting that included members, visitors, and a variety of Italian food: meat sauce and Italian sausages dinner, that was wonderfully prepared and served by Bob and Suzanne Capurro, Frank & Lydia Brunelli, Mel Sullivan and Rome Frediani. Many thanks – it was delicious.
Fr. Mike Malone opened the meeting with “a prayer for vocations” recited by all attendees. Items discussed and acted upon at the meeting included: 1) correspondence from the President of Manogue High School thanking our branch for the $1,000 scholarship given to one student; 2) a message from Joyce Kovatch that by buying the convention raffle tickets that she is selling is a way of helping change; 3) the ICF supports; 3) an important item will be discussed at our next meeting – we will be electing delegates for this year’s upcoming convention (so make sure to be at the next meeting, particularly if you have any interest in going to the convention); 4) an update for our annual picnic – this year it will be on the 4th Sunday of September at Idlewild park; and, 5) a Heritage report – from our April 21 St. Joseph’s Day Festa della Liberazione, commemorating the end of World War II; it is also the feast day of Saint Mark, Partron Saint of Venice – so let’s all give them 90 minutes of viewing.
Some of the members can expect to hear from Vonnie Ramos in the coming months, as she was elected to the ICF board for life. She was our former Bolletino news writer and we wish them well, God be with them. Gordon Maggiora (in absentia).

Reno
St. Vincent, Br. 73
At the meeting of May 11 there were 17 members present voted to provide a $500.00 scholarship to a boy and girl graduate of St. Rose School who will attend a Catholic high school in the fall. The school will decide which students will receive the scholarships. As you will have been informed in a mailing last month, the meeting starts at a picnic at Woodbridge Park, Branch 73 will have a Mothers’/Fathers’ Day dinner at Visconti’s Restaurant in Folsom on Sunday, 9 June at 4:00 pm. The Branch will pay for the desserts of members and their families. The three students awarded scholarships and their parents will be invited to attend, with Branch 73 being responsible for the students’ meals.

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Ciao,
Madeline Cefalo

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432
Here we are, pushing towards summer, almost one half year behind us, someone, slow time down. Please! Branch 432 is definitely not slowing down, we are deep in planning our Annual IMC Golf Tournament which takes place on June 10; this fundraiser is co-sponsored by the KOC and the ICF of Immaculate Heart of Mary. There are still openings for more golfers and of course, sponsors. To play, sponsor, or to purchase dinner tickets, please contact Jay Rosic 925 5131104, or Gene Simonetti, at 925 634 5767 for more information.
Also, do not forget Br. 432 will host our 4th Annual Festa d’ Italia and Car Show on Sept 30th, this is a great fun event, lots of fabulous Italian foods, and good food too!! Also, if you have a car you would like to register, or know someone who does, contact Ed Campora at 666 6362.
For this year we have welcomed and installed the following new members: Frank and Rosalie Stagno, Jack and Judynn Bagar, John and Judy Soda. Also, we want to welcome new members Fran Adami Mary Gamba, Ann Russell Marie Madasseri and Father Jim Sullivan. We are happy to have you all as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 432.
Our prayers continue to go out to our 2nd VP Steve Martinucci, and Eugenia Traverso; Birthday at 925 6340462.

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352
We are very saddened at the passing of our dear friend Diana Revetria. Our most sincere condolences go out to her family.
Our May general meeting will be Monday the 20th at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM prior to the meeting. Thanks to all who turned out at our April meeting to be with Gordon and Diana Brasser on their farewell to a new home. We wish them well, God be with them, Gordon was our former Bolletino news writer and good friend.
On May 29th our branch will sponsor a Champagne/Bingo luncheon, opens at 12.00. For more information call Joseph Flores.
Happy Birthday to all our May birthday members.
Ciao,
Joyce Peterson

Concord
St. Agnes, Br. 214
Our Rummage sale was a Fun Success, we thank Ed & Allison McGuirk for Chairing this event. We are now preparing the May 17th Rummage Sale and our Tea in May 22nd which will be held at Cauchii Hal -St.Agnes Church. Our heritage person, Paul Schepis gives ex-

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North Highlands
St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236
On Saturday, April 6, our general meeting was held in Gabrielli Hall. Members were treated to a Chile Verde lunch prepared by the Aguilar girls. A big thank you to Tina Flanders, Virginia Becker and Margie Burke for preparing the Mexican themed lunch, which everyone seemed to enjoy! Congratulations to Bill Keller who won this month’s membership drawing and to Yvonne Perry (our new Deputy) who won this month’s 50/50 drawing.
Our branch welcomed our new Deputy, Yvonne Perry from Branch 206, to her first meeting with us. We look forward to many meetings with our new Deputy.
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Margie Burke

San Bernardino
Fontana
Name, Br. 210
We celebrated Easter this month with Ham and Lamb dinner provided by anonymous donors and the branch. Members provided the rest of the menu, which made an excellent dinner. The meeting followed. Mauro Romagnoli, our President discussed the planning of the Convention, after hearing the Committee reports and reading of last month’s minutes and treasurer’s report. We will have election of delegates next month, so try to be there to nominate and vote for a delegate. He also covered the Convention prices and the various contributions we can make for the souvenir book and next year’s calendar. See Pat Grisafe if you would like to enter your loved ones on the Memory Page or the sponsor’s page. Mauro read a letter, from the Scholarship committee thanking us for our support of $400.00 for a scholarship. John Guerin, our Branch Deputy was present and reminded us to recognize the April Birthdays. We sang happy Birthday to Mauro Romagnoli and Gerry Papenfus. Next meeting will be May 19th since Mother’s Day falls on our regular second Saturday. Happy Father’s Day to our Dads! May God bless them with many years of good health or if deceased, may their souls rest in peace.
Ciao,
Jack Grisafe

Branch 246 celebrates St. Joseph’s Day.

San Diego

Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229
St. Joseph Day Table was the highlight of March for Branch 229. We had much competition at St. Rose Parish. First of course was the fact that we shared St. Joseph with St. Patrick, and our St. Rose of Lima School was having open house on the same day. However it did not daunt the spirit of those of us who were in the kitchen making preparations Saturday and Sunday to honor St. Joseph. The table was gorgeous. The ladies did a great job decorating the tables giving a bow to St. Patrick with our green table cloths.
We look forward to May and the start of our second yearly membership drive. We will be preparing a gourmet Italian meal for our Priests. The dinner was auctioned off at our Mama Dee Gala held each year to help fund our Outreach program. Thanks to Rene and Mike Finch their bid won and they will be sharing the meal with the priests. The dinner will be prepared by members of our branch and served in the Priests home.
Our next meeting on April 21 will include Corporate Communion with breakfast at Mass.
Resurrection Day has come and gone, but the hope it brings is always with us. Thank you Lord for all You went through so that we might have abundant life here and eternal life on the other side. Amen
God Bless,
Toni Hildebrand

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
Cari Amici,
Happy Mother’s Day- We Love You Mom! Branch 230 has a General Meeting Friday May 17, 6:30pm. Our Branch hosts an ICF San Diego District Meeting Monday May 20, 6:30pm, a light repast is served, if you want to come let us know beforehand. Corporate Communion is Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 Mass, please attend, we need your help. Ticket Booklets for the ICF Convention in San Diego are here in sunny San Diego and will be having open house on the same day.
San Diego
St. Vincent de Paul, Br. 246
Preparations are progressing well for a successful Phil’s BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, May 25. All proceeds benefit the Monsignor Peter F. Mimmagh Scholarship Fund. A special thank you to our dear friend and member Phil Pace. We can still donate prizes for the raffle. Call Bella Virgilio (619) 299-0532 to order tickets or answer questions.
San Diego Table was very successful this year. We thank all who supported this event; our parish family and our members who worked so hard to make this event a very pleasant evening. We will distribute the proceeds to our favorite charities who work to make lives better in the community. Please continue to remember our military personnel and their families in your prayers.
Please remember our long time members Rick Albaneese and NanRay. May they Rest in Peace.
May, the beautiful month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Help us practice and learn from your example love and obedience to God’s Divine Will.
Ciao,
Patricia

San Diego
St. Therese, Br. 261
Branch 246 here in sunny San Diego has been very busy! We had another successful St. Joseph’s Table event on March 15. According to legend, a drought in Western Sicily during theMiddle Ages threatened to cause people to starve. The people prayed to St. Joseph and promised that each succeeding generation would honor St. Joseph perpetually on his feast day if rain would come to end the drought. God sent rain St. Joseph interceded!
Wherever Sicilians settle, the tradition of the St. Joseph’s Table happens. The main reason is to help the poor. After a meatless potluck
Gloria (our Heritage Chairlady) tied in her meeting all well. Our regular meeting on April 6 was somewhat Toni Morsello hospitalization. Please continue praying for Prayers and get-well wishes to Jeannie MacAnna Doyle.

May 26 - Branch ICC Mass 10:30am
Please note the following events:

Hope all had an enjoyable Easter!

Vic a small but mighty branch! Accomplishing friendly bocce tournament in August. We are to go head to head with local branches in a Diego. What a blessing this will be to many.

Phil Pace of Phil's BBQ here locally in San donated by one of our greatest benefactors, many poor both here and abroad.

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Our thanks to Linda Marcelli and Bob Es-ta. We served a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, and hot French bread and a delectable chocolate cake for dessert. Wonderful job! Our annual Champagne Bingo Luncheon is quickly approaching! So get those flyers out to your family, friends and enemies! This is our only fundraiser of the year so get everyone’s support. The date is Saturday, June 22 and begins at 12:00 noon with lun-cheon served at 1:00pm. Need additional fly-ers? Call Joe Crosetti at 650-589-8377 or Roberta at 650-355-0813. Everyone had an enjoyable time at our April 28 Anniversary Luncheon at the El Rancho Terrace Café. Thank you, Jackie Smith, for a great job arranging the luncheon and han-dling all the details. All members would have received conven-ience raffle tickets. Books are $20 each and our branch keeps $10. Call Judy Crosetti at 650-589-8377 if you have not received your tickets or need additional books. As always, please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members with health issues: John Canale and Helen Minotti, Dorcie Gracia, Franco Francini. Our May meeting will be hosted by Joe and Judy Crosetti. Happy Mothers’ Day! ruth C. Emery

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173
Our Bishop’s Day celebration was held on April 7 in conjunction with all branches in-included in the San Mateo District. We really enjoyed Auxiliary Bishop William Justice’s presence as he is a good speaker and gives meaningful messages. The Mass was special and the luncheon af-terwards was delicious. Barbara Firpo was chairperson and did a great job along with Dorene Campanile who helped organize the Mass. Special thanks to all of the volunteers from all branches who helped in the success-ful event. Our waiters were Michael and Jack Martini who did a great job! Upcoming Events: April 14 -- Branch Fundraiser/Starting Point Chairman: Norm Bennett 650-245-5439 April 24, 2013 -- Mass for those deceased and sick members. (held in Friary) April 28 -- Mass at O.L.A. 10:00am and brunch to follow at the El Rancho’s Terrace Café in conjunction with Branch 403 Mill-brae. It is with great sadness that we have lost one of our members, Anita Bacich. Please keep her husband and sons in your prayers. She will be greatly missed especially by me. God Bless, Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213
Our thanks to Jennifer Faracci and Bob Es-erini for hosting our April 9 dinner meeting. They served a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, and hot French bread and a delectable chocolate cake for dessert. Wonderful job! Our annual Champagne Bingo Luncheon is quickly approaching! So get those flyers out to your family, friends and enemies! This is our only fundraiser of the year so get everyone’s support. The date is Saturday, June 22 and begins at 12:00 noon with lun-cheon served at 1:00pm. Need additional fly-ers? Call Joe Crosetti at 650-589-8377 or Roberta at 650-355-0813. Everyone had an enjoyable time at our April 28 Anniversary Luncheon at the El Rancho Terrace Café. Thank you, Jackie Smith, for a great job arranging the luncheon and han-dling all the details. All members would have received conven-ience raffle tickets. Books are $20 each and our branch keeps $10. Call Judy Crosetti at 650-589-8377 if you have not received your tickets or need additional books. As always, please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members with health issues: John Canale and Helen Minotti, Dorcie Gracia, Franco Francini. Our May meeting will be hosted by Joe and Judy Crosetti. Happy Mothers’ Day! ruth C. Emery

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
Hi All,
Because we had our annual St. Patrick’s corned beef dinner in March, we cancelled it is each year.
Congratulations to Branch 173, Our Lady of Angles, Br. 161
Our next event will be on Tuesday, May 21. At 6:30pm we will start with Mass at which our first year scholarship recipient will be announced. The rest will be announced in August. New members will be initiated as well as special members will be honored. There will be a mini Spuntino to follow in Healy Hall.
There will be no meeting in May.
We wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day.
Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren’t feeling well. Until next month,
Ciao,
Anna Biggio

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
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May 11- Day at the Races. This is a District event. If you want to attend, call Maria Greco at 408-226-7821.
May 12 – Our Famous Baby Back Rib Dinner. This is a fundraiser. All are welcome. Donation $25 per person. Ribbs, beans, salad, desert and wine. Soda and Water $1.00. Call Ann at 408-266-2549 for tickets.
June 23- District Mass at Our Lady of Peace. More Info Later, but save the date.
To all our sick members, our prayers are with you. Happy Mother’s Day to all Moms. Remember a phone call or a card can make the day of a sick person.

Blessings to All.
Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara
N.S. Assuntta, Br. 5
Abig thank you goes to Tina Dutra for helping train the new officers for Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary in their jobs. May 23 Dinner Menu is: Yankee Pot Roast, Egg Noodle Pasta, vegetables, salad, bread, and dessert. Please call Bea Cunha at 408-296-6184 by Sunday, May 19. Costs: $10.00 members; $12.00 guests. Pray for all sick members who are ill and for all caregivers to members. Remember to sell the ICF Conventionaffle tickets and mail check and stubs to Mary Ann Ruiz, treasurer as soon as possible. Put on your calendar these dates: June BBQ Festival St Clare Parish – June 2, 3, 4 (ICF Italian Sausage Sandwich Booth) on Saturday. ICF Br. 5 BBQ – July 13 (setup), July 14 (BBQ & Cleanup) as you plan you vacation this summer, please remember to include the ICF activities and BBQs. We always need help at meetings, BBQ and new members to be added to ICF Br. 5. Please volunteer at each event and do your part in making our branch successful.

Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28
Coming up Dinner meeting May 20, Cullen Hall 6pm. Thank you very much to all those members for your help with our Spring scholarship breakfast. Now are next fund raiser will be the Mark Santos Memorial Motorcycle run and Car Show at the Santos residence on 1195 Buena Vista Ave, Gilray on May 18. Non riders are welcome. Join all in a delicious meal in a park like setting. Donation is $15.00 for the meal only. Non riders are welcome. Join all in a delicious meal in a park like setting. Donation is $15.00 for the meal only. Single riders $10.00; couples $13.00. Call Elaine for reservations and tickets and mail check and stubs to Mary Ann Ruiz.

Ciao for now,
Lucy Amico

Los Altos
St. Nicholas, Br. 186
Updates on what’s been happening at Branch 186. The April meeting was fun. Gene Canderle conducted some line dancing after the meeting and members who joined in, were great. At our May meeting all enjoyed the enchiladas and Bob’s margarita’s.

Mountain View
San Giorgio, Br. 47
Our branch is looking forward to finding out who will be our branch scholarship winners for 2013. We wish all the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Calling all students to graduate this spring.

Congratulations to Al Canata, son of John & Natalie, on his marriage to Camilla.
Congratulations to all of the students who graduate this spring.
Happy birthday to Alessandro & Christina-Baretta, Karen Brost, Jean Carpeneti, Stephanie Mirenda-Knight, Al Puccetti, Marcy Puccetti, Jon Riley, and Michelle Sapere. Please pray for our sick members.

Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph J. Teresi

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184
By the time you read this, our polenta dinner dance will be a memory. Here’s hoping all goes according to plan!

The next Quarterly Communion will be Sunday May 19, at the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will follow at Double D’s, located on the corner of Highway 9 and North Santa Cruz Avenue. Please plan to attend. It’s a casual way to get to know your fellow members. Our faithful Deputy, Maria Greco, belongs to Holy Cross Branch 4. Her branch is hosting their annual Baby Back Rib Dinner on June 4. They are famous for this dinner. Call Ann Fitzgerald at 408 - 266 - 2549 for your tickets.

Save June 23, 11am for the annual outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. More information to follow.

Prez. Denise Antonowicz’s nephew Justin Velez has recently been inducted into the Marine Corps. Please say a prayer for Justin’s safety.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, Nonna’s, Godmothers and aunts who love and care for our young, the hope for our future.

Ciao for now,
Lucy Amico

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191
At our March meeting we welcomed new member, Ed Smith. Ed was initiated into the Branch by Jim Jones and Bob Basuino. We look forward to seeing Ed at our future meetings and social events.

Our polenta dinner/dance was a huge success. Special thanks to Debi Piro and Jaime Portillo the event Chairs for all their hard work in preparing for the affair. Thanks also goes to Jim Jones for making all the large size posters that were hung around the hall. And to all those members who helped set up and prepare the meal and to the school children who helped serve. THANK YOU! And let us not forget our two members who put together the raffle baskets, Esther Ramonda and Aldine Grisenti. Their lovely creations generated well over $1000 for our charities.

Our Bocce court will be open by the middle of May for our Thursday night gatherings. Reservations for the use of the courts for birthdays, graduations, family reunions and other special events are filling up fast. If you would like to reserve the courts for an event, contact Bette Antuzi at 408-559-4268 or Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242.

Our next meeting is on May 22. Member will enjoy a dinner of Raviolis, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like to attend, contact Aldine Grisenti at 408-559-1242. Sadly, our branch lost member Catherine Sadler. Catherine’s warm smile and cheery greetings will surely be missed.

God Bless,
Rosemary Janis

San Jose
Santa Teresa, Br. 368
Thank you to our dinner hosts Rose Noack, Mary Ridi and Sue Gillio for organizing a wonderful meal.

Ed Wendler’s spiritual talk about everyday miracles and how these miracles can spread to others.

Judy Zahn shared her thoughts about a recent retreat she attended. Thank you for sharing all the wonderful ideas and benefits of this event. Aldine Grisenti spoke about the need to continue membership growth and commended our branch for doing a great job. She also reminded us about the upcoming Convention and the need to elect our delegates and their alternates.

A big thank you to John Janini for the continuous support to our Branch with the monthly bus trips. John also wanted to recognize the help of Phil Robba and John Gillio in making the last trip a huge success. Mike Nunziata encouraged everyone to complete the survey regarding membership. Mike also acknowledged how blessed we are to have Father Bennett as our pastor.
Congratulations to Father Bennett on his Ordination Anniversary for 23 years in service.

We look forward to the District Golf Tournament May 4 -- Golf Tournament May 17 -- Branch 368 Pasta Dinner August 16 -- Branch 368 Casino Night Ciaochella and for a former member Mary Virginia Mirrione, Marie Volp and Franco members in your prayers especially for our ongoing sick.

Remember to include our ongoing sick in your prayers especially for Caterina and all of their family.

Please pray for Caterina and all of their family. He will be dearly missed.

Our good friend and brother Francesco Staglia passed away. He will be dearly missed.

The winner of our March Madness fundraiser was Mike and Linda Rich. They won a dinner for two at the Applebees Restaurant. Congratulations!

There were five winners from our basket raffle. They are Alan Knapp, the St. Patricks Band; Frank Bisio the sports basket; Ken Griffin, the Easter basket; Tina and Brett the gardening basket; and Tina and Brett the gardening basket.

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Please consider helping with the sales. The dates for the sales are July 1st through July 4th. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year, so we need your help. You should contact Marian for the times that are needed.

Gene Sanmarco reported that we are receiving several applications for our two available scholarships.
Branch 150 Cotati celebrated long time member Eda Johnson’s 90th birthday with Champagne and cake. Happy Birthday to all your friends from Br. 150.

Branch 150 Cotati installed four new members, Belle Schlyer, Shelia Gardner, Steve and Maryann Vossbrink with Tom Saksa president. Welcome from all of us.

a pizza potluck. You are asked to bring one pizza of your choice. We will be presenting our two scholarship winners at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

Also thank you Betty and Gene Sestraaro for hosting the delicious refreshments this month.

Peace and good health to all

Nancy Pauli

St. Joseph’s Table Celebration.

Joining us were Central heating member Tobias Kuremi who will be having brain surgery (benign pituitary tumor) in May. God Bless them all.

Have a wonderful Spring

Susan Daly

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters

With a successful Prime Rib dinner behind us, our scholarship dinner on May 6 and the pot luck dinner on June 3, Branch 198 has been and will be very active.

We should all thank Marge Milano for dessert on April 1, Randy Apel and Kathy Accataspica for their work on our fundraiser and Bill Scinto for the chicken and risotto dinner on scholarship night.

We mourn the loss of our long time member and supporter Aldo Strambi. May he rest in peace.

As we head toward the mid point of 2013 it should be the goal of very member to ask a friend, neighbor or relative to join our branch of the I.C.F. When they see the good work we do and the fellowship we enjoy they will want to be a part of our great branch.

Dates to remember:

June 3 -- Father’s Day Potluck and meeting -- 6:30pm. Parish Life Center

June 8 -- Mass for ICF members- 4:30pm.

July 1 -- Deli Sandwich and Ice Cream Social plus meeting and bingo at 6:30pm. Parish Life Center

Happy Mothers Day

Lorraine Castelli

St. Michael, Br. 209

Rey & Leona Spadoni, Don Becchetti and helpers once again demonstrated their culinary abilities by grilling and serving juicy cheesburgers with all the trimmings, along with potato salad and chips. Dessert consisted of “make your own” sundaes. Thanks so much for a great dinner at our April meeting.

This month we are continuing our yearly support of the “Get on the Bus” program. The financial contribution provides a child an opportunity to spend Mother’s Day with his or her Mother who is currently incarcerated.

We are happy to report that Trustee Bud Polley is recovering nicely from recent heart surgery. On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Todd McAlvain & Family on the recent passing of his father.

Our Fish Fry proved to be another successful event. There were 238 dinners served. Thanks are extended to our steadfast workers who never fail us!

Our 2013 scholarship winners are: Analy student, Peyton Bogges, who won the Ag Scholarship. Peyton is our Sentinal Al Bogges’ granddaughter. El Molino scholarship winners are twin sisters, Julia and Elizabeth Ornell.

Upcoming:

May 7 -- Board Meeting

May 14 -- Regular Meeting – Mother’s Day/ Scholarship Dinner

May 19 -- Boccie Tournament – 11am – St. Sebastian’s, Sebastopol

Happy Mother’s Day!!

Lona Bertoti

Stockton

District Council

The 51st Annual Bishop’s Busre was a very enjoyable day. The day began with mass in the beautiful St. Bernard’s Church said by Bishop Stephen Blaire & Msgr. Ivo Rocha with Deacon Karl Welsbacher assisting. Joe Schimmern was the cantor accompanied by Pianist Gerard Stroh.

The hall was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent. The members of the committee made everyone feel welcome and it was great visiting with old friends. A beautiful vocal presentation by Ashley Willits was enjoyed by all.

Bishop Blaire was very pleased with the Spiritual Bouquet and the donation for the seminarians, Dante Galeazzi was the Master of Ceremonies. We had great support from Central Council. Members & friends attending were Gird. Pres. June Diandra, Sr Robert Diandra & Theresa, Robert Basuino & Father Frank Basuino, Deborah Rodondi, Nancy Corsi & Giovanni, Franklyn Lopez, Jr., Jim and Janice Jones, Lisa Crudo and Rosalind Crudo, Jim and Mary Ann Friebl, Dante Galeazzi, Marco & Diane Galeazzi, Andy and Siria Pappani, Leroy and Stella Taggdi. Seminarians – Cesar Martinez – Adrian Cisneros - Tom Orlando – Ronnie Manango, Clergy-Msgr. Ivo Rocha – Father Jose Gutierrez, Father Chad Wall – Deacon Jack Ryan-Deacon Ray Whitlock & Lois-Deacon Karl Welsbacher and Sisters of the Cross Mary, Moreen & Marlene.

There will be a district meeting May 19, 2013 hosted by Presentation Br. 395 in Stockton at 515 Benjamin Holt Dr. at 1:30 pm. Cost $8.00 per person.

Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 no later than May 13, 2013.

Cecilia McGhee

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very nice day for the St. Joseph’s Table Celebration. Joining us were Central Council members Dante Galeazzi and Marco Galeazzi as well as friends from Stockton and Angels Camp.

As always, we had some of the best food and a great variety. You have to make a couple of trips to the food just to get a little taste of everything. It is too good to pass up.

We had a lot of fun with the raffle. Most of the time, you do not know what you are going to get when you select a gift which can make it quite interesting to try to guess what is in the package. The proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Vincent De Paul.

The May 8, 2013 meeting is a potluck in honor of Mother’s Day beginning at 6:00pm. Bring your favorite dish, family, friends and appetite and join us for the evening.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday May 12, 2013 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. church and Thursday June 13, 2013 5:30 pm at the J Street church.

Bank Night winner was Tom Silvaggio.

Coming up:

May 4 & 5 – Bake sale at Maze Blvd. church after all the masses

May 8 – 6:00pm Meeting & Mother’s Day potluck St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

May 19 – District Meeting Br. 305 Stockton June 7-7:00 pm Meeting St. Stanislaus hall 7 & K Streets.

Cecilia McGhee

Manteca

N.S. Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Plan to attend the branch picnic to be held at Dino & Sharon Cumal’s home on May 5. The club will provide the steaks and the members will bring the sides, appetizers & desserts. It is a great time to relax and enjoy a game of bocce, swim or eat. Hope to see you all there. The next save this date is June 30, 2013. Join us for the first year of the Festa Italiana-Giorno della Famiglia. It will be held at the Waterlo Boat and Bocce Club on Ashley Road in Stockton. Starting at 10:00am until 7:00pm. Our club is planning to have a booth selling Italian related items. There is going to be lots for the whole family to enjoy. We would like to wish all our ladies a Happy Mother’s Day. Enjoy the day with family and friends.

St. Joseph, Br. 150 Cotati
Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413
Spring time is in full bloom in the foothills. The grass is a brilliant green. The hills are covered in gold from our poppies and clusters of blue larkspur, yellow and white daffodils. The days are warm and the nights are cool. Makes a person glad to wake up in the morning and see God’s beautiful masterpieces. Branch 413 surprised all our children at Easter Mass. Since we weren’t sure what the weather would be like, instead of having the traditional Easter Egg Hunt we had the Easter Bunny himself come to deliver the candy to the children. They also were able to have their picture taken with him. Even some of the adults got in on the fun and had their picture taken with him. Many thanks to Bob and Sharon Dunn for getting the costume and preparing the gifts for all the children. Now Branch 413 is planning their BBQ Western Dinner Dance. Our youth group will again be assisting us with set up, serving the dinners and then the big job of clean up. We are so proud of the enthusiasm our young people have shown to ICF and the parish. This will be my last article as I will be handing the job off to someone else. Due to some more medical issues I will be low key for awhile. God Bless each and every one of you.

Ciao,
Amy Schmid
Corresponding Secretary

Tucson
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425
April 15, 2013 – Happy Easter everyone! Our Tucson branch has been quiet the past couple of weeks following all the events the first part of the year brought us. Today’s news has been covering a bombing that took place today in Boston. We pray for peace. We look to God to wrap his arms around all of us. Anyone covering the bollittino with the Mano Ponderosa – the Prayer to the Powerful Hand: O Powerful Hand of God I place my Christian soul before you and in my despair and anguish beseech you to aid me with your almighty power. At your feet I place the devotion of my sorrowful heart that I might be delivered from my suffering. May the loving kindness of your power help me and give me strength and wisdom to live in peace and happiness. Lord, please grant this world peace and ease the hearts of those suffering. Please place peace in the hearts of those who caused this horrible act. Amen.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund Contributions
We received an additional donation, to our Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, since we published a list of donors in the March 2013 Bollittino.

We thank the following for their generous contribution:

Members of Branch
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Bruno Beneck, executive
Giancarlo Bianchi, scorekeeper
Prince Steno Borghese, executive
Luigi Cameroni, coach
Giorgio Castelli, catcher (record .421 lifetime average)
Alfio D’Aprile, umpire
Roberto Gandini, Player (first Italian Triple Crown winner)
Giulio Glorioso, pitcher (2,884 strikeouts)
Renato Gernonio, executive
Guido Graziani, executive
Franco Imbustaro, writer
Romano Lachi, pitcher
Alberto Manetti, writer
Antonio Marcucci, catcher
Horace McGarity, coach
Attilio Meda, umpire
Max Ott, executive
Carmelo Pettener, umpire

2006
Lou Campo, executive
Franco Faroone, umpire
Riccardo Faccari, umpire
Enzo Masi, player
Antonio Micheli, softball coach
Giorgio Nanni, scorekeeper
Aldo Notari, executive
Rita Ramieri, softball player
Giorgio Regazzi, writer
Giampaolo Reiter, scorekeeper
Alberto Rinaldi, player (first player raised in Italy to make it to the US minors)
Federico Soldi, softball player; played briefly in Serie A1
Tino Soldi, softball executive
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- In addition, we sponsor dinners, dances, trips and heritage festivities because we believe that social interaction is important.

- Members will be in front of the church after mass. We invite you to stop by and learn more about the federation at our table. If interested in being a member of our branch, please complete the post card in your bulletin and leave with us or drop in the mail. Additional postcards are available at the table.

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