2010 Convention a Success!

Labor Day weekend seems to come faster each year, and with this last long weekend of the summer comes the Italian Catholic Federation’s Annual Convention. Celebrating 86 years, the Los Angeles District hosted the Convention from September 2, 2010 through September 6, 2010 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles, California. As children ran through the Convention site and strollers were seen in the banquet rooms, it seems as if the theme, “Committed to Faith and Family,” was truly being played out at this year’s Convention.

In the hotel itself, friends and family gathered on Friday afternoon to register, play Pedro, and enjoy a rousing few rounds of Bingo.

As the sun set on the evening of the first night on the Convention, the members gathered in the conference center for the official Grand Opening. However, before the scheduled festivities were to start, Convention Director Steven Fuentes made an announcement for all Central Council candidates to meet at the stage for an important meeting. The hotel had decided to shut down all of the individual room hospitality suites and moved all the candidates to rooms on the second floor. Hotel staff Central Council members, and family and friends of the candidates hurriedly moved each candidate from their suite to the new room in a very short amount of time. The candidates and their helper’s flexibility were praised not only on Friday night, but throughout the Convention.

After a few minutes, Master of Ceremonies Central Council Grand Trustee James Friebel began the evening’s program. Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli gave a blessing to one and all to enjoy the weekend and celebrate the ICF.

The Italian and National Anthems were performed by Peter Vecchio of the Los Angeles District, accompanied by Pat Mueller of Branch 285.

Grand President James Jones and First Lady Janice Jones were warmely greeted as they entered the room. President of the Los Angeles District, Theresa Shaw welcomed everyone to her home district.

Grand President Jones continued by welcoming one and all to the Convention in the pursuit of new ideas to share with each member and delegate’s branches back home. During the Roll Call of the Districts, in keeping with the theme of the Convention, a family from each district processed down the center aisle and through a cardboard backdrop of a church and family that was designed and fabricated by Grand President Jones.

Those in attendance were treated to a most amazing surprise. Saint Frances Cabrini emerged from the back of the room and spoke of her work and how she got to the Los Angeles area.

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2010 Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to the following people who won the Convention raffle.

1st Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize - Leigh Ann Stiker, Br. 161, Larkspur
2nd Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize - Nancy Bonnet, Br. 395, Stockton
3rd Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize - Lido Giusti, Br. 173, Burlingame
4th Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize - Armando Vanni, Br. 395, Stockton
5th Prize, $500 Prize - Lisa Chiapetto, Napa, CA
6th Prize, $100 Seller’s Prize - George French, Br. 195, Calumet City, IL
7th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize - Frances B. Castro, Br. 26, Hollister

Special Drawing for Branches that sold more tickets than last year: 2 prizes of $250 each.

Branch 28, Gilroy — $250
Branch 367, Las Vegas, NV — $250

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Grand President’s Message

(Msgr. Cardelli, Officers and Members of the Central Council, brothers and sisters of the Italian Catholic Federation, my family and friends.

I am honored to be elected your Grand President for this coming year. I appreciate your confidence in me to lead the Federation for one more year.

It is written that once you know what your life purpose is, you can organize all of your activities around it. That pretty well describes my life. My life purpose is the Italian Catholic Federation.

But you know, I sincerely believe this organization is the very best organization of its kind anywhere!!

I want to thank some people here this morning that I appreciate more than I can say. First, I want to thank my wife Janice. Janice has been my greatest support for the 52 years we have been married. Honey, I shall love you for all my life.

I want to thank my children, their spouses and my grandchildren for understanding what the Italian Catholic Federation means to me.

Thank you Jane Dianda and Bob Basuino, for your support this last year, especially at the many meetings we attended together and your participation on the Field Operations Committee. Nina Malone, I can’t begin to tell you what you mean to the Federation and to me personally. I admire your positive attitude even during what had to be a difficult time this past year.

Thank you to my officers, Grand Treasurer George Bacigalupi, Parliamentary Leona Rossi, Grand Trustees Jim Friebel, Deborah Rodondi, and Leonard Zasoski, and Sgt. at Arms, Roselyne Jarrett. I want to also thank Executive Committee member Richard Valli. Mike Rossi, I want to thank you for your support and your counsel this year. Your being there as mentor was greatly appreciated.

Msgr. Cardelli, I would like to express my appreciation for your advice and support this year. All of us on the Central Council enjoyed your participation at our meetings and here at Convention. Thank you for your dedication to the ICF.

And to all the members of the Central Council, my committee chairs, the members of the

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Congratulations 2010-2011 CC Officers

(Top Row, left to right) Past Grand President Mike Rossi; Sergeant at Arms Roselyne Jarrett; Grand Trustee Andy Pappani, Grand Trustee Deborah Rodondi; Grand Trustee Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi.

(Bottom Row, left to right) Grand Secretary Nina Malone; Grand 1st Vice President Jane Dianda; Grand President Jim Jones; Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli; Grand 2nd Vice President Bob Basuino; Grand Treasurer George Bacigalupi.

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Wow! How can we love someone who hurt us and was mean, selfish, and angry? Loving someone like that means:
1. We accept an apology and forgive.
2. We avoid any kind of revenge.
3. We do not gloat at someone's misfortunes.
4. We protect that person's reputation by keeping silent.
5. We are polite and courteous at all times.
6. We show cooperation, consideration, communication, collaboration and care.

7. Most of all we pray for that person with all our hearts.

Yes, we can do this and still not like the person, but we will certainly LOVE Jesus says, “…Then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.”

“Be merciful, just as (also) your Father is merciful.”

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**BOOK REVIEW**

**Vince Piro**

**Frank Sinatra: History, Identity and Italian American Culture**
Edited by Stanislao Pugliese

Representing Sacco and Vanzetti
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Carlo Tersca: Portrait of a Rebel
By Nunzio Pernicone

**Oral History, Oral Culture, and Italian Americans**
By Luisa Del Giudice

This month, I would like to recommend a series devoted to exploring different issues in Italian and Italian-American society. Published by Palgrave Macmillan, the series Italian and Italian American Studies has numerous books dedicated to the study of Italian culture and history as well as Italian-American culture and history. In this month’s column, I will focus on the books about Italian-Americans. You’ll find a diversity of topics and approaches in these books, some meant for the more academic reader, others for the more mainstream reader. I have provided the publisher’s description of each book. More information on the books can be found at http://us.macmillan.com/series/ItalianItalianAmericanStudies.

**Frank Sinatra: History, Identity and Italian American Culture**
Edited by Stanislao Pugliese

No one represents the American Italian journey from undesirable outsiders to embraced citizens better than Frank Sinatra. From impoverished beginnings in an immigrant, single-parent household to world renown as “Chairman of the Board,” he beat the odds of a single-parent household to world renown and computerized the American dream was far-reaching. From teenage crooner to civil rights activist to Reagan Republican, his shifting identity resonated deeply in Italian American culture. Now, a gathering of distinguished historians, journalists and critics explore Sinatra’s impact on American culture, from questions of politics and civil rights to Italian mothering, morality, and ethnic stereotypes. These insights place Sinatra at the fulcrum of many controversial and timely issues that lend his influence a new depth and power, not only musically but in a broad historical context.

Stanislao G. Pugliese is Associate Professor of History at Hofstra University and author of Bitter Spring: A Life of Ignazio Silone (FSG, forthcoming) and Carlo Rosselli: Socialist Heretic and Antifascist Exile (Harvard, 1999).

Representing Sacco and Vanzetti
Edited by Jerome H. Delamater and Mary Anne Trasciatti

The contributors to this volume, from a range of academic disciplines and artistic traditions, illuminate previously unexplored aspects of the internationally renowned Sacco and Vanzetti case. Rather than take up the question of whether the two Italian immigrant anarchists were guilty, the essays in this book analyze literary-, artistic-, and mass-mediated representations of Sacco and Vanzetti, linking them to stereotypes of so-called “foreigners” and “others” that prevailed in the 1920s, and interrogating those images that prevail in our own age. Mary Anne Trasciatti is Assistant Professor in the School of Communication at Hofstra University. Jerome H. Delamater is a professor in the School of Communication at Hofstra University.

Carlo Tersca: Portrait of a Rebel
By Nunzio Pernicone

This biography reveals the life of one of the American left’s most controversial and charismatic figures in the early twentieth century: anarchist, activist, and revolutionary Carlo Tresca. Emigrating to America at age twenty-five from Italy, Tresca became a leader in the fight for workers’ rights, alongside activists like Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Emma Goldman. Tresca played many roles for his cause: newspaper editor, labor agitator and organizer, civil libertarian, anti-fascist, and an indomitable foe of Stalinism. He continued to fight for the rights of the oppressed until gunned down by Mafioso Carmine Galante, a crime which would never be prosecuted. This engaging book not only relates Tresca’s adventure-filled story, but brings to life the volatile world of radical politics in early twentieth century America. Nunzio Pernicone is Associate Professor of History, Drexel University. He is the author of Italian Anarchism, 1894-1982 and editor of The Autobiography of Carlo Tresca. He lives in Newtown, Pennsylvania.
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reflected each candidate’s interest in maintaining their current position on the Central Council, or gave ideas for what they hoped to accomplish in the future.

As has been the case in recent years, the hotly contested topic during the business session was ‘Branches Requesting to be Excused from the Convention’.

According to the handout in everyone’s packet there were 2 branches asking to be excused. After a shorter debate than in previous years, both branches were fined.

Grand President Jones presented the Family of the Year Award to The Leonard Family of Branch 56, Monterey, California. With many members of the family present and accounted for, Mr. Edward Leonard spoke on behalf of his family.

“If you are lucky enough to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, then you are lucky enough,” Mr. Leonard said.

Grand President Jones also presented Jean Bridges of Branch 380, Thousand Oaks, California, with the Young Adult Leadership Award. She too thanked the members of the ICF for this award.

As time was quickly ticking away, it was announced to the delegates that the presentation of proposals and motions would be tabled until the Saturday session due to lack of time.

As the business of the day drew to a close, presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, and Las Vegas was selected as the location for the 2015 Convention.

Grand Trustee Leonard Zasoski presented the Central Council’s proposal for a $5.00 yearly dues increase.

After a brief discussion by the delegates, the proposal resoundingly passed without the need for a ballot vote.

Other proposals presented by the Central Council included the following:

Chapter II: Membership – Article 2-E – The delegates passed the proposal to delete “pay initiation fees.”

Chapter XI, Elections, Article 2 – B. Note: (2) – The delegates voted to remove the last sentence of Note 2.

Duties of Officers – Chaplain: Chapter XII, Article 1 – The delegates vote to change “the mission of the Universal Church” to “the mission of the Roman Catholic Church”.

The Annual Convention: Chapter XVII, Article 3-G – The delegates voted to change the date from the 31st of May to the 30th of April.

With regards to the proposals submitted by Branch 4, Holy Cross, San Jose, California, the following was decided:

Elections: Chapter XI, Article 2 – H – The delegates voted to suspend an officer who has not paid dues in full by March 31st of the new year.

Elections: Chapter XI, Article 2 – I – The delegates voted to change it to, “shall forego his or her office,” instead of “with a good reason, forfeits his or her office.”

Duties of Officers – Financial Secretary: Chapter XII, Article 7-A – The delegates voted to pass the proposed change.

Duties of Officers – Treasurer: Chapter XII, Article 7-A – The delegates voted to accept the proposed change, minus the last line, “… with a copy to be given to each member in attendance.”

Duties of Officers – Trustee(s) 1-2: Chapter XII, Article 9 – The delegates voted to accept the proposed change.

Grand President Jones then presented the Mother Teresa Award to Father Louis Vitale, OFM, who jubilantly accepted the award.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the Apostolate/Charity Committee, Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee, Gifts of Love Committee, Heritage Committee, and Ways and Means Committee.

Grand President Jones also made the presentation to Dr. Elliott Vichinsky and Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator from Oakland Children’s Hospital. Grand President Jones presented a $500 check to Dr. Vichinsky and Laurice Levine. Dr. Vichinsky once again thanked the ICF for its dedication to the patients and program at Oakland’s Children’s Hospital. Laurice also expressed her gratitude to the ICF and gave an hourly summation of her course of treatment.

After a very busy morning, Grand President Jones concluded the morning business session, where the current and newly elected Central Council members voted to lunch to vote on the officers of the Central Council.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and The Most Reverend Joseph M. Sartoris, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, celebrated with Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton; Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director; Reverend Monsignor Antonio Cacciaquinto, Los Angeles ICF Archdiocesan chaplain of the clergy performed a beautiful ceremony.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured Vaughn Suponatime, a Frank Sinatra impersonator. Thanks to the great food, laughter, good music, and lots of dancing, those who attended had a great time.

The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.

After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual Convention to come to a close.

At the prayer service conducted by Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The new 2010-2011 face of the Central Council is:

Grand President Jim Jones
Grand 1st Vice President Jane Dianda
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Grand Trustees Andy Pappani, Deborah Rodondi, and Leonard Zasoski
Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi
Grand Sentinel Roselyne Jarrett

Grand President Jim Jones spoke of his desire for the ICF to look into the future and have a five-year plan to better outline its future. For more on his speech see the Grand President’s Address.

The Central Council then bid a fond farewell to one very active member as he reached the Life Members Emeritus status. CC Grand Trustee Deborah Rodondi presented a tribute to Life Member Ario Gregori as he joined the Life Member Emeritus status.

Although Ario could not attend the Convention, Deborah gave a chronological timeline to Ario’s decades of service for the ICF. Unfortunately, since the close of the Convention, Ario passed away. At his rosary service Deborah gave the same speech in honor of her Uncle Ario.

Lastly, Central Council member Mario DiPaolo, chose to step down from his position on the Central Council to focus on his family and her two grand-nephews who are now in her custody.

With one last recital of “Noi Vogliam Dio” the Convention came to a close.

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged. Thank you for the wonderful work you do for the Federation.

Lastly, I want to thank Steve Fuentes, and his Committee for the excellent job orchestrating this wonderful Convention this year. You handled the difficult moments beautifully.

Business Consultant Peter Drucker once said, “We greatly overestimate what we can do in one year.” (I certainly agree with that statement!) But he went on the say, “we greatly underestimate what is possible for us to achieve in five years.”

He also said, “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” I believe we have started to create the future. The only thing we know about the future is that it will be different. Our job is to figure out what will be different and adjust to the change.

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From good relationships with other people, in your family and your personal life.
I want to leave you with this one last thought. We are making a difference.
Things are changing dramatically all around us; changes on the technological, sociological, generational and spiritual front and many of these changes are good and some not so good. We all have a responsibility to expose our members and especially our youth to the goodness in our life. I feel that we can achieve this through the ICF by our example, our encouragement, good leadership, teaching family values and our spirituality.
These are the core values established by Sir Luigi Providenza and Rev. Albert Bandini 86 years ago. Work with me to teach and promote these values.
God Bless you and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Public Relations Committee has been looking for ways to streamline the effort required to format the Bollettino and keep expenses down. First, for efficiency, beginning with the January 2011 issue, only electronic submissions of branch articles and photographs will be accepted for publication. There is a lot of time and effort in converting any handwritten articles and printed photographs into the format required for printing the paper. During the Public Relations workshop at the 2008 convention it was mentioned that sending articles or photographs by email in the future would be the only acceptable method. Several of you have made the adjustment and we thank you.

For those of you that have not, you will need to have either someone within your branch, a family member or a neighbor help you send your article and associated photographs by email to the Bollettino Editor. The December 2010 issue will be the last time that any handwritten articles or printed photographs will be accepted for publication. If you have any questions with how to send an article or photograph, please contact Michelle Feldman, the Bollettino editor, and for any other concerns, please contact me, Leonard Zasoski, Public Relations Chairman.

Leonard Zasoski
Public Relations Chairman

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