We all know the term that April Showers bring the beauty of May Flowers. Well for the month of May, I gained a new member into my family. On May 6, at 1:30pm, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bakersfield, my son Joseph married Kristen Watts. They were surrounded by more than 150 family and friends who witnessed the joyous occasion and the beginning of their new life together as one.

Go back in time more than 23 years ago. We met the Watts family as they joined Branch 281 as members. Allen Watts had been around the ICF his whole life as his parents were long time members of Branch 33, also in Bakersfield. So, when Allen and Crystal became parish members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, they joined Branch 281. Over the years, Allen and Crystal; B.G. and I became good friends enjoying time together either at ICF or at family events. When the Watts family would come over to our house, they would bring their three daughters. The girls would say, “Yuck, we have to go over to those boys’ house again.”

All the kids eventually grew up and went off to college, and then Joey, one day, called Kristen and asked her to go out for dinner. They would say, “We have to go over to those boys’ house again.”

The way I see it is that God opens doors for us at times and we have to choose to go through them or not. For me, being a member of the ICF was a door that my wife and I decided to go through, and our life has been blessed because of our decision. And with that decision, I now have a beautiful daughter and a great extended family, the Watts.

Father’s Day is on Sunday, June 18. Even though my father has been gone for over 34 years, I still miss talking to him, his smile and his great sense of humor. He was a great role model of what I have tried to live up to as a father. This Father’s Day, if possible, go see dad; if not give him a call and tell him how much you love him. If your father is no longer here, take a moment, remember the good times that you had together and cherish those memories in your heart.

Happy Father’s Day!

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Grand President
The important idea here is that new members, to call before a meeting, an event, and introduce themselves and tell something about themselves. When a new person joins the branch, they should be given a list of the branch activities and where to find them. New members could be given a free dinner and receive a free dinner if they bring a family plan.

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFspiritDir@aol.com

My dear Children, I love you with all my heart. You are the treasure of my life. I wish nothing for you but happiness and the best possible life. It is my wish to help you prepare for a happy life. I pledge my help to you in whatever vocation you may choose. Your choice, be it marriage, would be wonderful. Marriage can be a wonderfully happy and fulfilling life. To have someone consider you the most important and significant person in their life is a joy so unique it is almost impossible to explain. Your mother and I have this exceptional love. We both thank God for this special gift. Even though at times you may not suspect it, especially when we see us involved in our quarrels, we are committed to each other. No matter what goes on in our lives, we instinctively know that our commitment is unbreakable. We have this not because we are “in love” with each other in the same way we were when we first met. Our love then was nothing in comparison to what it is now. Our love has grown because it has been tested by the troubles that have come our way over the years. We worked together, fought each other, cried together, laughed together and, yes, even were frightened together. No matter what happened to us, it was always together.

There were many times that we could have gone our separate ways, not backing each other up. What kept us together during the rough times? The only answer I can give you is commitment. Yes, commitment to what we know is right and what we know is true. You may ask, how did we know what is right and true? That my, dear children, is exactly what life is all about. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We are committed to what He stands for. What He gave us has lighted the path of our life. He made it possible for us to see the truth. His way makes it easy.

We were committed to what Jesus taught. Marriage is for life. Jesus is the central part of our marriage. He is a member of our family.

Follow Up on Membership

Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand President
Membership Committee Member

After a membership drive or some other type of membership activity, it is important to follow up on new members and potential new members. There are a number of things that a branch can do.

• When a new person joins the branch, the president should call that person and personally welcome him/her.
• New members should be given a list enumerating different ways in which they can help the branch. (See accompanying sheet). The branch can also develop its own list (preferably a check list) and have members indicate where they could best help. For example: help at the bar, help in the kitchen, possibly become an officer, sell raffle tickets, obtain raffle prizes, set up for dinners, be the branch photographer, serve on committees and many more. Impress new members with the good works of the ICF.
• New members could be given a free dinner and receive a free dinner if they bring in other members. Encourage members to enroll their children or grandchildren (family plan).
• See that new members are not sitting alone at branch events. Stop by, welcome them and engage in conversation.
• At a branch meeting, have new members introduce themselves and tell something about themselves.
• Assign a member (mentor) to new members, to call before a meeting, an event, and see that they are not left alone. Encourage them to sign up for some branch activity. The important idea here is that new members are welcomed and made to feel that they have joined an organization which is happy to have them and looks forward to working and socializing with them.
Prayer for a Deceased Member

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

We are taking a rest from our articles on ICF Trivia as we have some more research to do. We will be back in the July issue.

This month, we thought that we would tell you about something that can be done for a deceased member of the ICF. Some years ago, Central Council Member Nello Rossi of Oakland proposed that a special prayer be said for a deceased member of the ICF at either the rosary service or the Mass. The Central Council embraced the idea and an appropriate prayer was written. It is suggested that the branch, in wishing to say the prayer, make sure to contact the deceased’s family and the parish priest for their permission to recite the prayer. At no time should anyone take this upon themselves without approval. At services where we have heard the prayer recited, it seemed to us to be an appropriate tribute to the deceased.

The prayer can be found in the back of the ICF Ritual Book. It goes as follows:

We are gathered here (today/tonight) to pay our respects to our (Brother/Sister) __________ who has been a part of all of us. We have shared many things together, just by sharing life. For this, you will be remembered. Your presence is gone, but your spirit and memory will live in our hearts and in our prayers.

(Brother/Sister) __________, you have professed your faith under the banner of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch _______. For you, it is not the end, but the beginning of a new life. You now rest in the sleep of peace for all eternity.

We call upon our patron saints, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, to lead you by the hand to our creator for your eternal reward. May your soul and the soul of all of our departed members, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We hope that all ICF members will embrace this idea.

Hawaii Cruise: A Vacation for All

Aloha ICF family! A group of 10 of us were able to enjoy a fabulous 14-day cruise to and around the Hawaiian Islands. A great time was had by all of us as we shared fellowship and lots of food and drink on this awesome vacation. We actually even ran into other ICF members who happened to have booked the same trip. Our booking through a fellow ICF cruise planner helped net our organization some money back (not sure of the final amount, but whatever it is, it was a great way to make money for our charities without having to work for it!) Keep a look out for more travel opportunities in the future.

Aloha from the Ways and Means Committee!

Lisa Watkins
Ways & Means Chairperson
Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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HAPPY 90TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
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HAPPY 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
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HAPPY 50TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:
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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 Loving Memory

Report Date: 05/12/2017
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Scholarship Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2017

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Bruce and Lonnie Swarming
In memory of Connie Cannino

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Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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Italian Catholic Federation Facebook Page
Join us on our Facebook page. Like us and let us know what your branch is doing. This is a great way to let others know of events happening in their area.
Iron Rich Foods to Eat When Preparing to Donate Blood

Many people are deferred from donating blood due to low iron. To prevent this, it is important to maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet before donating blood. In the weeks (at least two) before donating, if possible, include iron-rich foods in your diet. If you donate blood frequently, taking a multi-vitamin is recommended.

If you donate blood frequently, take a multi-vitamin that includes iron.

Foods high in vitamin C — like tomatoes, citrus fruits and red, yellow and orange bell peppers — can also help with the absorption of non-heme iron.

Eating a well-rounded diet is important, however if you need to increase your iron levels, extra servings of the iron-rich foods below will help.

### Live to Give Committee
- Liver
- Eggs (any style)

### Seafood
- Shrimp
- Clams
- Scallops
- Oysters
- Tuna
- Sardines
- Haddock
- Mackerel

### Vegetables
- Spinach
- Potatoes
- Peas
- Broccoli
- String beans
- Beet greens
- Dandelion greens
- Collards
- Kale
- Chard

### Bread and Cereal
- White bread (enriched)
- Whole wheat bread
- Enriched pasta
- Bran cereals

### Fruits
- Strawberries
- Watermelon
- Raisins
- Dates
- Figs
- Prunes and prune juice
- Dried apricots and dried peaches

### Beans and other Foods
- Tofu
- Beans (kidney, garbanzo, or white)
- Tomato products (e.g., paste)
- Dried peas and dried beans
- Lentils
- Instant breakfast
- Corn syrup
- Maple syrup
- Molasses

### Campaign Rules
1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during “Meet the Candidates.” Food and beverage items may not be distributed during “Meet the Candidates.”
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.

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

### Other Information
1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!

### Fried Zucchini Flowers
12 Flower blossoms (whatever we harvested in 1-3 days), picked early in the morning, gently take out flower center and stem, lay flat in scot towel lined Ziploc until ready to use. Will usually keep in refrigerator several days, allowing you to collect enough for a meal. Do not wash before storing, as it will rot the flowers.

3 eggs
1/2 cup flour
1 Tbs. chopped parsley
1 Tbs. grated parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 clove garlic, minced

If you rinse blossoms cover in towels and let them dry there while mixing batter. I usually don’t wash my blossoms, as I grew them and don’t use pesticides.

Beat eggs, salt, flour and baking powder. Add parsley, garlic and cheese. Batter should form a fairly thick coating.

Heat oil (I use Crisco) (about 1/4 deep) in heavy pan (electric frying pan is great).

Dip one flower at a time in batter and fry to golden. Drain on paper towel. They will end up being about the size of your palm.

NOTE: We open the blossom and slide in a mixture inside. Be creative.

Some might put a sauce over the flower or have on the side for dipping; my family likes it just the way it is. These also freeze beautifully.

Now in case your grandfather did not tell you a zucchini, pumpkin plant has a female and a male flower. They are needed for cross-pollinating and for the fruit to mature.

The window of time for pollination of zucchini is short, as male and female squash blossoms are open for only one day, opening in the morning and closing by midafternoon. Pollination, either by bees or you, is most effective in early to midmorning. One male bloom (on a long stem) has enough pollen to fertilize several female blossoms (has a small bulbous area at the base of the flower, which when pollinated will produce the fruit).

Squash plants develop an overabundance of male flowers, which are delicious dipped in batter and fried, or eaten raw in salads. Be sure to leave a few male blossoms for pollination or cross-pollinate yourself.

Since westuff our zucchini flower we pick them in the morning when they are fully open, this makes it easier to open and stuff. If you pick in the afternoon you can still enjoy them, but stuffing will be difficult.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for. Buon Appetito!
Eureka! Italian Catholic Federation 2017 Convention
Hotel and Travel Highlights

“Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage”
September 1 – 4, 2017
Hosted by The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts
DoubleTree by Hilton – Sacramento
2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815 Direct phone: (916) 929-8855

Hotel Accommodations
• Call: (800) 686-3775 • Book online @ www.doubletreesacramento.com
• Group Code: ICF • Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
• Room Rate: $115 plus 15% tax (tax rate subject to change)
• Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 15

Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights.
Reservations are available until sold out or until August 14, whichever occurs first. After August 14, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Reservations can be made for Wednesday, August 30 – Tuesday, September 5. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation
• Complimentary self-parking • Sacramento International Airport– 12 miles • Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X26E-966 For travel between 08/29 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.
To ensure we have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) 423-1924. Please refer to the Bollettino, ICF website and Facebook page for additional convention details.

See you in “The Gold Country.”

“Take Me Out to the Convention Ballgame”
Italian Heritage Night
The San Francisco Giants Triple-A affiliate, the Sacramento River Cats, will be hosting the Las Vegas 51’s (New York Mets) at Raley Field. The team has made this game their annual Italian Heritage Night to welcome the ICF convention attendees to Sacramento. This event is an ICF convention first!

• Thursday, August 31, 2017
• 4pm Carpools depart hotel • 6pm Group Wine Tasting
• 8pm Gates Open • 7:05pm First Pitch • Admission includes an exclusive ICF baseball cap.
$29 Admission - First Deck Seats
To sit with your branch, district or specific group, please purchase your tickets on one reservation form. Tickets are first come, first honored. Carpools of 4 or more will receive a free parking coupon.

Saturday Night Convention Banquet
Delegates, Members and Guests are invited to the annual Saturday Night Convention Banquet to recognize the recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation’s Saint Pope John XXIII Award.
Saturday, September 2, 2017
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento
Semiformal Attire Suggested

Dinner menu to be announced.
Children’s pricing available.
Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet.
Each seat requires a paid attendee.

Reservation deadline is August 15.
Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted.

Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life
6th Annual Convention Blood Drive
Friday, September 1st, 2017, 10am-3pm at the Convention Hotel
Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle
Sponsored by:
The ICF Live to Give Committee
We NEED 40 ADVANCE SIGN-UPS
Sign up by July 1 and receive a $5 Starbucks Gift Card

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ARTWORK DEADLINE JULY 1ST!

This is YOUR ICF Convention Book! We’re making this book one you’ll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year’s story of the ICF. To do that it needs your participation!

What’s YOUR part of the story?

Did you know that each person who brings in a commercial ad gets a 20% commission check?

COLOR!
We are now offering COLOR ADS to bring some WOW to your images. Here’s an ad that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!

What a difference!

Advanced Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch #

Name: ___________________________________________ # of Bingo Packs: ______
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Total Bingo Packs: ____________________________

X $25 each
or $30 each

Check Enclosed = $__________

Please make your check payable to ICF and write Bingo in the memo. Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is $30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

BE SEEN!
Tell YOUR part of the story!

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Italian Catholic Federation Convention Souvenir Program

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Chaplain

‘God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” (Matthew 5:7)

Bocce Registration Form

BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ___________________________________________ Branch: ___________
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$5 Registration Fee
Advanced signups are required. Bocce is limited to 48 players of all skill levels. Please submit this form and a check to the ICF office before August 15th.
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

Keep in Mind the Convention Deadlines

June 30
- Delegate Registration $250 (after June 30, $275)

July 1
- Souvenir Book Ads (prices vary by size and color)
- Memory page listing ($5 per name of loved one)
- Sponsor name listing $1
- Blood Drive (40 donors needed by this date)

August 1
- Application deadline

CONVENTION
BINGO

DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento
Friday, September 1, 2017 3pm – 5pm

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

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

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

Friday, September 1
DoubleTree Hotel
Registration 10am

Take part in the 2017 convention bocce tournament. Teams will be created randomly, and announced at registration. Timed games will be played in the meeting space on carpet. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Full color 1/8th page sponsor ad for only $25!
EVERYONE should be doing this!

TROPHY

2016 CONVENTION ARTWORK DEADLINE JULY 1ST!
CONVENTION PEDRO

Lessons - Come and learn how to play what some say is the “official” card game of the ICF. Lessons are complimentary and will take place on Friday, September 1 from 1pm-3pm.

Tournament — Beginners and Pros are invited to compete in the annual convention Pedro tournament on Friday, September 1 from 3pm-6pm. The entry fee is $10 per player.

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Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: __________________
City: __________________________

Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:
Walk-ins welcome!

Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: ___________
X Entry Fee Per Player: $10
Total: ___________

Check Number: ___________

Please make your check payable to ICF and write “Pedro” in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F. Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

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ICF Convention Tour

Sacramento City Treasures
Friday, September 1, 2017
10:15 am – Bus Loading 10:30 am – Departure from Hotel 4:00 pm – Return to Hotel

Cost: $45 per person
(Includes Box Lunch)

Golden 1 Center Tour
- 90 minute behind-the-scenes tour of this new arena, which pushes the boundaries of modern architecture, implements the most progressive sustainability practices available and offers cutting-edge technology.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- Considered both a religious and civic landmark, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the largest cathedrals west of the Mississippi River.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Museum
- Behind Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and National Shrine in Sacramento is a museum found in only two other cities in the world: Rome and Jerusalem. Sacramento is home to a replica of the Shroud of Turin displayed at the Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center in Jerusalem; including 22 panels of scientific and historical information and a replica of the Shroud of Turin given by Cardinal Severino Poletto of Turin in northern Italy, a holographic display and a life-sized sculpture of Jesus Christ.

For more information, call Mary Ann Piana Chapman (209) 938-8942

Strike it Rich!
Backyard BBQ Buffet Dinner Dance
Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton - Sacramento
No Host Cocktails: 6:00 pm – Dinner: 7:00 pm

$60 Adults - $30 Children 12 & Under

Buffet Menu Includes:
BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Italian Sausage, Salads, Breads, Peach Cobbler and all the Fixin’s!

Kick off your boots, let your hair down and help us celebrate the wild and crazy Gold Rush Days with fantastic food, invigorating music provided by DJ Keith Gibson, awesome drawings and prizes; wholesome fun & entertainment for the entire family!

For more info, call Nina Malone (916) 759-3607 or Paula Scarpelli (916) 740-3256
I just finished reading a book called “A Call to Mercy: Hearts to Love, Hands to serve,” by Mother Teresa. No doubt most of you have heard of Mother Teresa and her wonderful works of mercy, compassion and love she demonstrated to the world. I’m not a “Book Reader” I prefer short stories that come to the point rather than a large book that slowly comes to the point. In today’s world everything has to be “Fast.” This book is not an overnight read, it literally took me a year to read, start to finish.

The greater impact for me were the words of Mother Teresa. The book is a collection of letters, speeches and interviews she gave. I loved her take on life and the testimonies of others about her, and finally there is a reflection and prayer. If you get a chance to read the book, you will find it fascinating and come to realize many interesting things about Mother Teresa that probably reflect on your own personal beliefs. Let’s try and practice to be kind, loving, forgiving reflecting on your own personal beliefs. Let’s try and practice to be kind, loving, forgiving reflecting on your own personal beliefs. Let’s try and practice to be kind, loving, forgiving reflecting on your own personal beliefs.

Our branch is eagerly awaiting the dedication of our new St. Peter the Apostle church on June 25th, 2017, 524 N. Rush Street, Itasca. Mass at 2:00 pm with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon in attendance. Refreshments and entertainment to follow. Chicago district Board and member branches are welcome to attend.

See you soon,
Rita

Ciao,
Kerin Cavallero

Our next general membership meeting will be June 16th, 2017, at Spavone’s Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. This will be our first dinner meeting of the year. We hope to see all our members there.

Members of Branch 27 preparing for the Take-out Chicken dinner. From Left: Gary Cavallero, Jeff Bottorff, Chairman Art Berryman, Cari Beveridge and Mark Beveridge.

Sisters of the Immaculate Conception accepting a donation for their school in Haiti from Branch 27. From left: Sister Monica, President Jim Cavallero, Sister Isabel and Treasurer Carol Espinola

Members donated their services to operate one of the carnival booths at the OLV School Carnival. God Bless Patricia Vivenzi, Paulette and Brandon Volpas, Martha Acuna, Maria Guggielmino, Dan and Annette Husak, Beverly Magana, Nancy Rodriguez, Evelyn Nieto, and Elaine Lencioni. It was fun interacting with the children and helping the school.

The Fresno District Bocce Tournament at San Joaquin Memorial High School is more fun each year. Try to join in on this event next year.

Our May meeting began with a dinner of salad, pilaf, ½ chicken, and dessert. Horticultural arrangements were brought in by members. Prizes were awarded with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons.

Apostolic Chairperson, Evelyn Nieto and Elaine Lencioni were so happy to visit with Millie Puma. It was a delightful visit and Millie is such a sweetie. We also called on Helen Bitter who went to school with Evelyn. What fun they had remembering the long ago days. Helen is a great lady, always willing to do what she can for the club. Doris Papi loves company and delighted us with lots of stories. God Bless her. It was fantastic to see Dan Husak and Annette at the carnival. God Bless Annette and sister, Joan Christian, for their therapeutic TLC. Patricia Vivenzi had a tooth pulled and is now pain free. Cle’Estria Lett is recuperating slowly with her back. Best wishes for a speedy recovery. Mary
June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but luckily we know how to stay cool. Our meeting this month will be the annual Salad Social on June 8 at the monthly pot luck dinner. Welcome Back Father Ferdinand

Archdiocese District
District Council
The Los Angeles District held our secondquarterly general meeting on May 20. Once again, we met at a restaurant Matt Denny's Ale House. Much of the meeting was spent getting acquainted with Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the first stage of planning for the CHLA Christmas Party, in December. Thank you, Laurence for providing the details and information. Many of our members are unfamiliar with the celebration since this is the first time it will be held in Los Angeles. We are excited and honored to help host this worthy event.

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108
On May 6 ICF held its annual Wine Tasting Event called “A Night in Venice” in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Event Chairs Member Gina Sabatella and Chrissy Shway, ICF Staff, Bishop Amat Students and HF Parishioners for making this year’s Wine Tasting Event a success. Congratulations to Leannor Ponzelli for winning the Classic Framed Print of Blessed Mother and child at the Silent Auction and to all Raffle winners for their support. All funding will benefit ICF Charities, Ronald McDonald House, Cooley’s Anemia and HF High School Scholarships.

On Sunday, June 25th, Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter’s Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626.372.7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board. Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at 626.372.7812 or visit website at www.icf.org for more information.

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On Sunday, June 25th, Annual Branch 108 Picnic on the Holy Family School Children’s Field will feature Bean Bag
Bocce, Bean Bag Toss and BBQ. RSVP to 626 403-6102 if you would like to join members. Games start at 1:00 pm.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

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

Save the Date:
July 16, 2017 - Branch 108 and District Cooley’s Anemia Fundraiser in South Pasadena from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All Branches welcome. Call (626) 403-6102 to RSVP.

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

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. We will invite the student who won our Branch 111’s First Year College Scholarship in the amount of $400.00 to attend this meeting, so that we can congratulate her or him and have a chance to meet her or him. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scortia, Edward Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote on Happiness: “A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour.” Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of The Cross
Br. 115
Thank you to all who brought such delicious entrees to our May potluck dinner. We are so fortunate to have a group of very talented chefs! We all enjoyed very delicious food.

After our meal Neal opened our meeting. At this meeting Neal announced our branch scholarship winners. Scholarships were awarded to Angela Pisano granddaughter of member Josephine Pisano and Isidoro Amalfitano grandson of members Isidoro and Rosaria Amalfitano. In addition, Robert Enciso grandson of Salvatore and Nicolina Matterna was awarded a scholarship from our branch present. If you are interested in attending this year’s convention in Sacramento please speak with any officer. We will be happy to nominate you.

Thank you to all who attended San Pedro’s Relay for Life American Cancer Society event on May 20th. Our branch is so fortunate to sponsor 2 teams Angels Watching over us and the Gioiello Jewels. We really appreciate our branch’s support.

Our next meeting will be on June 15th at 7:30pm

Save the date: August 17th - 19th San Giovani Giuseppe Triduum evening mass Thursday and Friday Saturday Mass at 9am followed by reception in auditorium Dinner Dance at 6:30pm

Happy Father’s Day to all. Please keep all our Fathers living and deceased in our thoughts and prayers

Anita Gioiello Trujillo
Treasurer

Gardena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237
Dear members,

May has been a very busy month for the Scholarship and Special events coordinator of our branch, her daughter graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in Nursing, two of her grandchildren made their First Holy Communion at
June 2017

Roxanne Perry, President
St. Denis Branch 317
Have a safe and fun Meeting. Labor Day weekend. Details at June Convention will be in Sacramento this September.

San Fernando Region
Burbank
St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102
Branch 102, Burbank, CA is celebrating its 65th Anniversary on Saturday, July 8, 2017. There will be a social hour from 1:00 - 2:00PM where meat, cheese and crackers will be available. The luncheon will follow at 2:00pm and consists of Cesar Salad, Chicken Parmeasan, Pasta Pomodoro with meat sauce, Fresh Fruit platters, Bread and Butter and drinks. COST: $25.00 Per Guest. The affair will be held in Cabrini Hall at St. Francis Xavier Church, 3001 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504. (Semi Casual Attire)
PLEASE RSVP BY: JUNE 23, 2017
Kris Kaiser
721 N. Naomi Street
Burbank, CA 91505
Or Call Don Lee Gaudino (818) 767-1151
Respectively submitted,
Lou Darin, President

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218
We had a great time at the San Antonio Winery last month, thanks to President Jerry for putting this together. At our last meeting, we welcomed two new members, Stella and Cliff.
June 11 is the special Father’s Day Mass. Be sure to wear your red shirts. We also will be participating in Fr Michael’s departure this month. Finally, his light shine through. Trust in God, He’s there for you. His love will give you hope. He knows your needs, He’ll show the way to meet your problems day by day; His strength and help will be with you when you need Him. He’s always there to hold you in His loving care.”
(Ruth Moyer Gilmour)
God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

San Bernardino
St. Rose, Br. 237
Portland Graduation.

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region
Simi Valley
St. Gianna, Br. 443
The members and guests at Branch 443 completed our May meeting with a special honor to our Blessed Mother and a May Crowning.
Our St Rose Children’s Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Claire Delto, performed a few beautiful “Mary” songs. One of the sixth grade girls sang an amazing solo of Ave Maria. It was incredible. We are so fortunate to have not only our Catholic school here at St Rose but also the terrific Music Ministry. After the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, the evening ended with flowers and white table cloths, and a DJ played great dance music. We want to thank Danny Locatelli and his team for the food preparation and all those who helped to make this a wonderful evening.
In closing, John Steinbeck wrote, “What is food? A window sill or a plot in your back yard; your garden, whether it is a potted plant on your table, a wiggly garden on your wall or a cold of winter to give it sweetness?”

Salamis
Sacred Heart, Br. 25
Mark your Central Coast District Calendars! The Bishop’s Office has confirmed and Bishop’s Day/Central Coast District Picnic will be August 6, 2017, at the JM Ranch, with Mass said by the Bishop starting at 10am. The Invitations will be mailed the
High School. Congratulations to both of
our May 9, 2017 meeting was held
to Branches did an excellent job co-hosting
by JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary.
process at the event and thank all Branches
able to share with our
member who enjoyed life to the fullest, his
favorite time of the year was Christmas, it was
unbelievable the amount of decorations,
both inside and outside of the house. After
with our ICF Christmas dance each year, he
and Johanna would invite everyone to
their home to see the decorations and have
delicious Italian cookies. To Annie Ferrante
on the death of her sister, Eva McDowell.
Eva worked all three days at Festa Italia
each year, also to Mary Ann Aliotti on the
death of her brother, Mickey Maiorana,
they spoke on the phone each week, he was her
best friend.
I read this and want to share it: Perhaps they
are not stars but openings in Heaven where
the love of our lost
to attend our June 13

Capitol

St. Joseph, Br. 227
We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May
meeting with cooks Rick and Jane Kotila
and Mike and Liz Rios preparing a delicious
chicken enchilada dinner.
The annual BBQ will be on July 15. Please
note that there is a change of location this
year. It will be at Harvey West Park in
Santa Cruz. Many thanks to Ken Olson
who stepped up to the plate to coordinate the
event.
Our delegates to the Convention are Ellen
and Gene Pauley, Vicky Howell, and Nancy
Prevedelli.
Welcome to new members Nancy Harrold
and Patrick Kretsch.
The following scholarships were announced this
month.

ICF Scholarship – Allyson Paul of Scotts Valley
The George and Barbara Airoldi Scholarship –
Ann Codiga of Santa Cruz The Otto
Ambiel Scholarship – Katherine Dunn of
Aptos
The Ted and Jean Day Scholarship –
Amanda Reinert of Boulder Creek.
The Perlino and Robinson Scholarships will be
awarded at the June meeting. We’ll have
more on this next month.
Condolences to our South Carolina member,
Trudy Locatelli, on the passing of her
husband, Phil Brown.
We want to give a shout-out to our member
Rita Law, who coordinated an outreach
ministry at St. Joseph’s parish serving the
homeless this past winter.
In honor of Father’s Day, here’s a quote from
Linda Poindexter:
Your father gives you many things in a
lifetime....most of which you will not
appreciate until way after he is gone.
Happy Father’s Day to all dads, granddads,
and great-granddads.
Deanna Mueller, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291
Branch 291 is proud to announce our first
8th Grade Scholarship Recipient –
Lucy Marsalek! Lucy graduated from St. Patrick
School in May and will be attending
Mission High School in San Luis Obispo
this fall. She is the first recipient of our
8th Grade Scholarship since we started the
program a few years ago. Eligible students
must be Roman Catholic, have a parent or
grandparents who are members of ICF Br.
291, maintain a GPA of 3.33 and attend a
Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Ahoy Mattes! It appears that the ICF cruisers have returned from the islands and are ready to get back to work. There are many things on the agenda that will require the district to work as a team.

The Day at the Races sold out very quickly. Here’s hoping that we have some big winners out there. And a thank you to the friends of the ICF who helped make this fun happening a success.

We are looking forward to a good turn out for the golf tournament in July. Maybe we can find more friends for this too.

Keep an eye out for more information on the Night for the Seminarians.

The convention will soon be here and since it is so close, Sacramento, we are looking forward to a good turn out. This is something that all members, on all levels, can attend and participate in whether a delegate or not. All branches should send a representative who can report back to those not able to attend. Come find out what the ICF is all about.

In the meantime we want to congratulate all the hard working students who will graduate in June. Way to go! Glad we were able to support the scholarship funds for those in college.

And a Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads, Granddads and Godfathers, may God bless you and St. Joseph guide you.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We lost two members within a day of each other in late April. Betty Allegretti, who first joined the ICF in 1967, died on April 25. She is survived by her husband Joe, three children, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ed Murray, who had belonged to Branch 18 since 1980, died on April 26. Ed is survived by his wife Donna and two children.

Funerals Masses for both Betty and Ed were offered at Saint Philip Neri Church in Alameda.

At the time of the submission of this article, we were planning our 91st Anniversary Dinner, which was scheduled for Saturday evening, May 20. Branch 10 is the oldest operating branch in the Diocese of Oakland, which covers Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

We are looking forward to our initiation ceremony set for Saturday, June 24. First vice-president Gina Foster is compiling a list of those to be initiated, which comprises about one-third of our membership of 120.

The program, for which there is no charge for members, will include Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Saint Philip Neri Church, a barbecue buffet of hamburgers and hot dogs and the swearing-in by our deputys, Frances La Torre. It sometimes occurs in the ICF that one becomes an officer prior to be initiated.

After the initiation we take a break in our own functions until our October Ravelli Dinner. Information will be provided in future issues of the Bollettino.
And now it’s our Dads turn; though sometimes forced to be the ‘enforcer’, I’m sure every one of us learned a great deal from them. Knowledge is my work ethic from mine, as well as my sense of humor (although not always appreciated), and love of the outdoors. As a team, our parents taught us to be the men and women we are today. We may not have always agreed with them or their methods, (remember those teenage years?) but everything they did was out of love, hoping that we could avoid the challenges of their lives. As for me, I will forever be grateful.

At our recent bingo luncheon, Branch 215 was honored by ICF Grand President, Leonard Zasoski, who traveled all the way from Bakersfield to present us with a banner & certificate commemorating our 50th Anniversary. We were also honored to have a Branch 215 past president, Jeannie Marzocco to celebrate the event with us.

Special thanks to Rosalind Stephens of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the beautiful and delicious sheet cake and to our salad donors: Joan Lanne, Vilma Romo, Sandy Marotta, Berta McGee, Nadine Mattier, Vicky Marlar, Nansi Smith, Lorrie Keltic and the many Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners who helped make this event a success.

We also have some very unique and desirable gift baskets you may win. With all this, we also have some very unique and - you can’t afford to miss this. But, that’s not all!! We may not have always agreed with them or their methods, (remember those teenage years?) but everything they did was out of love, hoping that we could avoid the challenges of their lives. As for me, I will forever be grateful.

East Bay District Day at the Bishop’s Day: Hosted by Contra Costa.

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

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We are pleased that our dinner dance and Biscotti sale were both very successful thanks to a team effort of our members. By working so hard together we will be able to donate a scholarship to an 8th grader from OLG who will be continuing their education at a Catholic high school. This is a plus as we have already given one for a graduating HS senior.

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Congratulations to all graduates from any grade or college.

And the happiest Father’s Day to all Dads, grands, greats and godfathers, may God bless you all.

Ken Chiatello

Livernore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

POLENTA! Our Polenta Dinner fund raiser is at St. Augustine’s Parish Hall on June 3rd. It will be catered by Mike Bacchetti, who also has done delicious polenta dinners for Branch 390 in Tracy. Beverages included and only $25 for adults and $10 for children - you can’t afford to miss this. But, that’s not all!! We also have some very unique and desirable gift baskets you may win. With good food, good company, and a chance to win something like a Wine Country basket, a Gourmet Hosting basket, or we? We had so many people attend our last event, we are asking that ALL make reservations. Please call Judy Wellbeloved at 925-462-2487.

As expected, Mario Chiodo, our speaker for Branch 285’s April meeting, was not to be missed. His inspiring work, The Remember Them: Champions for Humanity Monument, is in the Henry Kaiser Memorial Park in downtown Oakland. This inspiring larger than life bronze sculpture depicts 25 culturally diverse role models who have made significant contributions toward global peace, freedom and human rights over the past 150 years. He was moved by the stories of each of these people and donated his design and sculpturing time. He was an inspiration for all who attended.

Come to our speaker meetings or events - you will be fed, enlightened, and entertained. Cielo presto?

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

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Contra Costa

District Council

The Contra Costa District Council is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our District Communion Sunday May 21, 2017. Our special thanks goes out to Walter Costa for being chairperson. We had mass at 10:30 am followed with breakfast in the parish hall.

Please do not forget to purchase your A’s baseball tickets if you plan on going to Italian Night August 25th. Please get in touch with Rosalynne Jaramillo 228-0810 as soon as possible. She can get a head count.

Our next District meeting will be June 22nd at St Isidores in Danville at 7:30 PM. If presidents cannot make the meeting please try to send a delegate

Thank you

Joann

San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

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Save the date for our next meeting on Sunday June 4 at 3:30 PM. We will have our membership appreciation luncheon and free raffle.

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Patty

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Patty
Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

The St. Raymond Branch is happy to announce our first year scholarship recipients for 2017. The recipients and their families will be invited to our June meeting to receive their certificates of achievements. The recipients are: Juliana A. Acuna, St. Mary’s College High School, Berkeley
Nikolaus Calarco, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond
Gabriel Fiet, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Heartfelt congratulations to all of our recipients! We look forward to meeting them at our June meeting.

Our May meeting was a celebration of our Mothers. After mass was said by Chaplain, Fr. Al, we enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo dinner of salad, enchiladas, beans and rice! Ole!

Our raffle winner was Ruben Treviño. Thank you to Lillian Smithson for always taking care of the raffle.

Our Heritage chairperson gave us a very interesting story about member, Fred De Simoni’s family history. Thank you, Teri Ventim for asking Fred all the right questions and thank you Fred for sharing your amazing family story.

Next our bus trip to Cache Creek is July 31, 2017. Get your reservations in early to Joe Belleci for all of his advance preparation and facilitation of the evening’s discussion.

Next was our March 20th dinner meeting, celebrating a belated St. Patrick’s Day! Chef Angelo whipped up his best-ever corned beef and cabbage - which was much appreciated by all of our members and guests!

Before we know it, our April 22nd “Festa Primavera,” one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, will be upon us. Ideas are swirling for this Spring event, including themed buffets and3 raffles. The best is booked, so plan to join us for an exciting evening of fun, food & friendship … and dance the night away! Tickets are $40, with a discount for early RSVPs. Email Marianne at marbo2000@yahoo.com for additional information. Don’t miss it! Ciao.

Marianne Bordogna
Recording Secretary

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Our May meetings was full of Mexican food celebrating Mexican Cinco de Mayo. We all left with full stomachs and fun memories of the day.

The ICF church rose garden is in full bloom and the impacts are magnificent. Lantana, pansies, and seasonal wild flowers fill the garden area. A wonderful way to wish our mothers a Happy Mother’s Day in deed.

If you go by the parish house, do stop and smell the roses!

We are looking forward to celebrating all of the first communion and graduations that lie ahead in the coming months. Also in June we will be sponsoring a wine and cheese membership drive after the 5:00 pm masses. We hope to have a strong turnout. Be on the look-out for more details.

Here’s to a warm, sunny and blessed Spring.
Matt Dallara

Orange
Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

At our April meeting, we welcomed Leah Smith of Catholic Worker as our guest speaker. She spoke about her work with the Catholic Worker organization. She houses and feeds the homeless in Orange County. The food that is collected goes to those who live in the Catholic Worker home and given to the homeless.

The winner of the Branch #423 book award will be announced at the June meeting.

Pizza with a purpose FUNDraiser was held at the local California Pizza Kitchen in Tustin to help raise funds for our branch on May 17 and 18. 20% of all sales were given to our branch. The funds raised will be used to purchase the bronze statue of St. Thomas More for our new church.

We served sausage sandwiches to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on May 26. Rev. Leinbach organized this special event and also spearheaded the collection of drink tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

June meeting will be our annual ice cream social. Please bring your favorite ice cream toppings. The branch will provide ice cream.

St. Thomas More parish will have a parish ministry fair during the month of June. More details to come.

San Bernardino
Upland
St. Joseph, Br. 446

St. Joseph’s Upland Branch 446 continues to have engaging meetings and social events. One of our members, Kay Presto, is a noted author in the Chicken Soup series of books. She is an award winning journalist for the race car industry and recently published her own fiction book about go cart racing. All the kids at our recent meeting were enthralled with the book. At our next meeting, we will have a Pasta Sauce Cook Off contest. The winner will receive a gift card to a popular Italian restaurant. We are excited about our many upcoming events. On June 24 we will cosponsor a Casino Night at our parish along with the Knights of Columbus. We are looking forward to a marvelous evening with fabulous prizes. We are also planning a trip to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in December and chartering a bus for all interested members and parishioners to attend. We continue to support His Hands ministry with donations of food at each meeting.

San Diego
San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

A huge thank you to all that supported the annual Spring Pancake Breakfast on April 23rd. It was especially good this year.
San Francisco
St. Theresa, Br. 261
Our Bishop Robert McElroy was suddenly transferred to Los Angeles in January. Consequently our Bishop’s Day plans are on hold.

Branch 261 Meeting Schedule for the balance of 2017...
April 9th: General Meeting after the Sunday 11 AM Mass... Luncheon will be served before our meeting. Our President has invited area ICF branches to our meeting to hear Laurence Levine’s presentation on Cooley’s Anemia.
May 6th & 7th: We will sell meatball and sausage sandwiches on Saturday and Sunday... Also available meatball or sausages in sauce filled containers..... The sandwiches are priced at $5.00 the containers at $9.00... Our last sale was a “sell out.” We do plan to increase the amount of food...

June 4th: Mass will be at 11 AM... Luncheon and meeting to follow. This will be a special day... We will honor all our mothers and fathers... A special multi-course meal will be catered by our favorite – Cupids....

July 9th: Ladies and gentlemen get ready to play bocce...!!! The games will be the green at Allied Gardens... Competitors should be there by 10 AM. Not to worry if you do not have a partner. We will easily find a partner for you....

As you may know, by our last Bollettino article Norma Tedaldi’s celebrated her “101st” Birthday on April 20! Unfortunately, because her home chair lift was out of order, she could not attend our April meeting. Our members were so looking forward to celebrating her special day at this meeting; this month Norma is not quite feeling well enough to attend! Norma has been an ICF member for 51 years and hardly missed a meeting... she is Br. #38 most loyal member. Norma, we understand your family and the Italian Community Center had a party for you... we sincerely wish you another “CENT ANNI”!! Please take care of yourself... your fellow branch members’ love you!

Sadly, we decided to cancel our May meeting. A few of our active members have other commitments. Perhaps this is due to Mothers’ Day being the day after our meeting, among other things, in June we definitely will have our North Beach’s famous “Tony’s Pizza Napoletana,” and “Cosmo’s world famous’ Bean Dish”!

**HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY to all the ICF Fathers, Grand,... God,... and Uncles, too! Ciao!

San Francisco
St. Peter and Paul, Br. 38
As we usually do in April, Branch #38 began our “No Bake Sale”!! Our President and branch members received notices in the mail regarding our annual fundraiser. Cosmo Amato, our Treasurer (and man of a hundred hats), said the donations have started coming in slowly, perhaps due to Easter and up and coming graduations, etc. Please look in your pile of mail, dig out your ICF flyer, and send in your donation. I know how easy it is to forget, I have the same problem: out of sight, out of mind! As you know, our branch membership has decreased over the years, and every cash donation we get helps us meet our annual obligations. If you forget to mail your check, you can still do so! But, let me give you a giant thank you to the members who have already sent in your donation and to the members who will do so today! Our Branch #38 appreciates your help and generosity!

Last month, Maria Gloria told us how Marconi’s invention wireless telegraphy and the sinking of the Titanic were related. It was very interesting... I never realized how it could have been prevented... it truly shocked me. Members, try looking up the reason... it’s sad!

Members: Please note the following events:
June 25 -- Branch Mass, I.C.C. 10:30 am
July 5 – Spuntino & Raffle, 6-30 pm. Cost $15.00. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo (650-755-1369). Please bring a Raffle Prize.

Happy Father’s Day to all Branch 1 Fathers!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258
Our Champagne Bingo was another success. We had eleven (11) groups that joined us and everyone had a delicious lunch. They also enjoyed the day spent with friends. Thanks to all that helped set up on Saturday and also helped on Sunday. You need more hands there is a lot of work needed to ensure a successful Champagne Bingo. Your help is always greatly appreciated!! My niece, Jo Ann Maggiore-Donavan, from Br. 91 in Oakland also came to give us a hand. Thank you Jo-Ann. A big Happy Birthday to Nora Borgello (7/20) and Eva Perata (6/18) on celebrating their 90th year young Birthday. We all wish you many more years of much Happiness and Good Health. Also, to Maria Serrato, 90 in April, we wish you much Happiness and Good Health. To our members having Birthdays in June and July, we wish you Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

To Anita Ferroggiaro, we wish you much Happiness in your new location. We will be happy to see you soon.

On July 14th, we will have our Pot Luck lunch. More information will come nearer that date. This is always a nice day with many delicious dishes and an opportunity to visit with friends. Mark your calendars!! Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Mark you calendars for the following dates:
Officers Meeting: June 5
Mass: June 25
Meeting: June 26
Ciao, Eva Perata, President

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365
Thanks to all for prompt payment of your dues.
A warm welcome to our new members Sal and Rose Rinaldi. We are happy to have you in our branch.

A big thank you to Father Landi for offering to be our delegate to this year’s convention.

Two and one half years ago, our granddaughter, Elizabeth, and her hubby, Tim Huckaby, presented us with our seventh great grandchild, LeeAnn. This May 1st, a short time after our 70th wedding anniversary, we were blessed with the arrival of Joseph and Grace Huckaby.

Branch 365 is again having a garage sale. It will be held in George and Nancy Pagni’s garage on June 10th and 11th. Preparations will be on Friday, June 9th. We will need all the help we can get, so please let George know when you will be available. Also, please donate whatever you can. Call George at 415-566-8336 to make arrangements for drop offs.

Bill Irwin is out of the hospital and in rehab. Please pray that he continues to get better and returns home soon.

Meeting dates June 14th — 6:30, regular meeting.
No meeting in July
August 9th — 6:30, regular meeting and raffle.

San Mateo
District Council
I would like to thank Anne O’Brien for the many years she has written the San Mateo District Bollettino article. We need to keep Anne and her son in our prayers.

Congratulations to Branch 213, St. Augustinians, in South San Francisco on their 50 year anniversary. The luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Bishop’s Day was enjoyed by all and it was wonderful to have Bishop Justice join us and represent the Archbishop. We also want to thank Mario Rizzo, Seminarian, for joining us. Thank you to all of the branches in the District that brought the food and a big thank you to Debbie Rodondi and Kathy Treviso for shopping and laying out all of the food like a 5 star catering service. Thanks to Father Michael, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels and to Dorene Campanile for making all of the arrangements for the Church, the Hall and the Men’s Club that
**Burlingame**

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We will be celebrating our Cinco De Mayo dinner and meeting tonight along with Margaritas, beer, wine and soda. Thanks to Brenda Wemiz who always makes it a fun and delicious dinner. Our food was from La Tapita Mexican Restaurant.

We were not going to have a meeting on June 8 but decided we had many details for events that needed to be covered so we will meet in June. Our Mothers and Father’s dinner will be held on June 2, 2017 at the Peninsula Italian Social Club in San Mateo. For additional details please contact Donna Cervelli (650-343-3790) and a flyer will be sent out with our newsletter.

We have the date of June 11, 2017 Mass and a joint brunch with Branch #403 in Millbrae at the El Rancho Cafe in Millbrae. A flyer will be sent with our newsletter.

June 24, 2017 Ravioli Dinner at Our Lady of Angels gym and we will also honor our scholarship recipients at that time. (details will be out soon)

It is with deep regret that we have lost a long time member Dave Mayer and our sympathies go out to Pat and her family. Also, please keep all sick members and their families in your prayers. Bea Tomasello recently underwent bypass surgery and is home and on the road to recovery.

Happy Mother’s and Father’s Day to all and to those who are honored but are no longer with us.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

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**South San Francisco**

St. Augustine, Br. 213

On May 7th Branch 213 celebrated our 50th Anniversary at El Rancho Inn in Millbrae. Branch Members, District Officers, friends and relatives attended a wonderful luncheon event chaired by member Jackie Smith and hosted by Deborah Redondo, Grand Treasurer. Special thanks to Roberta Franchini who provided many memory books showing past branch events and awards, Judy Crosetti who helped host the luncheon, Joe Crosetti who took pictures of this lovely event and to all that joined us in this celebration.

Branch 213 began in 1967 at the Church to all that joined us in this celebration.

Ravioli Dinner at Our Lady of Angels gym and we will also honor our scholarship recipients at that time. (details will be out soon)

It is with deep regret that we have lost a long time member Dave Mayer and our sympathies go out to Pat and her family. Also, please keep all sick members and their families in your prayers. Bea Tomasello recently underwent bypass surgery and is home and on the road to recovery.

Happy Mother’s and Father’s Day to all and to those who are honored but are no longer with us.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

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**San Carlos**

St. Charles, Br. 327

Hello everyone!

A big thanks to Rose Beall, Christine King and Donna MacKay for the delicious meat loaf dinner they prepared for our April meeting. It was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

Be sure to save the date for our June meeting – Tuesday, June 20. It is our annual pizza-scholarship dinner. Come for a slice or two of pizza and to meet the children who have won the scholarships. Celeste Lennemann and her committee work hard to select the children from the many applications received by our branch.

Our president, Carmel Dufault, represented our branch at the annual Bishops Day held in April at Our Lady of Angels Church. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Justice with a reception following the mass.

President Carmel Dufault, Celeste Lennemann, Tom Malaspina and I attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner of Branch #213, St. Augustine Church. It was held at the El Rancho’s Terrace Café. A lovely venue and a very nice meal. Happy 50th Branch #213!

Please do not forget to turn in your ticket money for the ICF Convention raffle tickets. For every $20.00 book sold, our branch gets to keep $10.00.

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads of Branch #327!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

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**Millbrae**

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We are mourning the loss of our dear member, Dan Copadanno, 1st. Vice President and Heritage Chairman. Our condolences and sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

June 4 - Our annual fundraser Spaghetti & Meatball dinner, prepared by friends from the Millbrae Lions Club, who have volunteered to cook for this event. No-host cocktails at 4:30PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, dessert and wine for $25 per person. Gather your family and friends and join us. For reservations, due May 29, send check payable to ICF #403, to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030.

June 6 - Our monthly meeting - A Mexican Dinner, prepared by Carla Del Carlo, will be served. This was to take place last month, but due to Dan’s Vigil Service the same night, the meeting was cancelled. The cost is $10. Please send your check payable to ICF #403, to Eunice Danli, 25 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030, by June 1, 2017.

June 11 - Our annual Mass, at 11:30, with our neighboring Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Following Mass, brunch will be served at the Terrace Cafe, Millbrae. The cost is $25 per person $10 for children; brunch will include bacon, eggs, fruit, juice, muffins and danish. Reservations to Eunice Danli (see address above) by June 3, 2017. Please issue separate checks, payable to ICF #403, for each event. We wish all a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rose Marie Morando

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**Marin**

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Dear Members,

Salve Amici e Soci Della Federazione,

Summer is almost upon us and we have much to celebrate!

On Sunday, June 11, our branch will be attending the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick’s Church in Larkspur that is celebrated for our ICF members past and present. Following the Mass there will be a celebratory brunch. Please RSVP to sonioanne@gmail.com or by calling (415) 924-9429 if you plan to attend. Branch will be $20 per member.

We will celebrate the Birth of the Republica. Details will be discussed at the June 20th meeting. If you or your family members (kids especially welcome) are interested in walking this parade, please let us know at that meeting.

To our sadness we lost some longtime members over the recent months. Maria Della Santina passed away on the Festa di Santa Gemma, Wednesday, May 3. Our hearts and prayers are with her family. Doris Onetti and Charlie Abela also passed away recently. The ICF was a big part of their lives. They are all remembered fondly, and are in our prayers.

Affettuoso, Jeanne Asdourian and Lucia Della Santina

Please continue your get-well prayers for everyone who isn’t feeling well.

Wishing all the fathers, grandfather, godfathers a very Happy Father’s Day.

Anna Boggio

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**Novato**

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

We are delighted to announce that two of this year’s first year scholarship recipients are family members of our Branch officers.

Congratulations to Frankie Bondanza, grandson of former Branch-President, Joe Bondanza, and Gina Erigero, daughter of First Vice-president and former President, Greg Erigero. Both Frankie and Gina are members of the 2017 graduating class of...
Marin Catholic High School. In the fall, Frankie will be attending Boise State, majoring in Marketing. Gina will follow in her dad and grandfather’s footsteps at Gonzaga, where she will focus on Liberal Arts, with a long term goal of a Law degree. We wish both of these exceptional scholars and standout leaders much success in all their future endeavors.

Our May meeting was quite celebratory with 100 guests in attendance, enjoying a delicious dinner along with our tribute to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers. Thank you to Holli Lemos for preparing a wonderful prayer, in honor of the Blessed Mother, who serves as role model for all women. Our Branch presented a lovely brass angel bookmark to our outstanding women members, who support so generously the work of our Branch. Please remember that we will not be meeting in July and August, due to renovations in the Hall.

Augustiamo a tutti buon divertimento quest’estate. Wishing you all a happy summer.

San Jose  
Santa Clara Valley  
District Council

After our pre-dinner meeting at Harry’s Hofbrau we headed for the district meeting at St. Martin’s Church where dessert goodies awaited us thanks to Branch 391 Hosts. Andy Pappani congratulated deputies on a job well done and to let him know when problems arise.

Fr. George emphasized that the Paschal Mystery is the embodiment of Holy Week and to make it inclusive for all. He said Faith and Spirituality are not optional! He emphasized that Faith is essential to every ICF member. He suggested that we adapt of Day of Recollection to the branch level to get members to attend that might not otherwise do so. Jo Bertaccini offered a second spiritual reflection based on Psalm 27, “Eyes Wide Open” to God’s goodness.

District picnic date is July 30 to be held at Vasona Park. Ric Shinscho will organize the food. There will be cover raffle and games. Steve Lencioni has mailed tickets to each branch. Marie Greco will change “Day at the Races” to an afternoon affair for August 11 priced at $22.

Donna Rossi called attention to the recent piece in the Bollettino of the Pope and a child which just happened to be Al & Diane Vallor’s granddaughter – Frances. Bob Basiuino quoted from a 1940 convention held in Los Banos. The Banquet cost $1.50, hotel rooms were $1.25 to $4.00. Bob Osorio made a motion to hold convention in Los Banos.

July District Meeting – Tuesday, July 11 at Branch 4 Holy Cross  
Mike Nunziata

San Jose  
Holy Cross, Br. 4

The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother was well attended. We thank all of the Parishioners who joined us for the Rosary and Mass. It was Great! June 7 - Bar BQ Rib dinner. Ribs, Beans, Salad, Dessert and Wine. Donation $30 for adults, $15 for children. 6:00 pm. Call Ann for tickets. 408 266-3429.

July 7 - Bocce Picnic at Bakesko Park. 5 pm.
Bring a favorite to share, utensils and chair.
Aug 2 - Dinner meeting. Chicken Caesar Salad 6pm. Please try your best to attend. Remember our sick members. A phone call or card can make their day!

Happy Father’s Day to all Dads!

May God’s Blessings be with all our members and friends.

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara  
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The month of June starts with Graduations, Vacations, Father’s Day, and many more events. Enjoy all your activities, and don’t forget the ICF Events.

June 11, 2017 – Santa Clara Valley District Mass and Luncheon with Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara at 11:00AM in front of the statue of Our Lady with Lunch to follow at Michael’s Shoreline. If you can’t make the luncheon, please try and attend the beautiful outdoor Mass.

July 30, 2017, Santa Clara Valley District BBQ/Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. More details to follow in the Bollettino and Branch Report/Agenda and at Monthly Meetings.

Please remember to return ICF Convention Raffle Tickets to Mary Ann Ruiz as soon as possible.

Please remember to invite anyone interested in the ICF to come to the Dinner/Meeting every month. New members are always welcome.

Happy Father’s Day to all.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy  
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Greetings from ICF Branch 28. .

On April 29 Branch 28 had our “Tastes of Italy” fundraising dinner featuring crackling fresh shrimp and scrumptious ravioli. Again under the auspices of Andy Pappani and crew the event was a wonderful culinary event that is a prime fundraiser for all beneficial ICF Branch 28 endeavors. In addition was the abundant generosity of our chairpersons, Mary Ridi and Ann O’Connor. Items are for 0 to six months.

Wendler tells us that through the program we buy, we are given a special raffle ticket for free dinners, or a bottle of wine, or free ticket to our next dinner dance fund raiser in October. Great idea, a raffle ticket for raffle tickets.

I like to see new ideas.

San Jose  
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Did you know that in Venice there is a program called Two Cups of Coffee? Ed Wendler tells us that through the program anyone can buy a cup of coffee but pay for two, donating the second one to the poor. A piece of paper symbolizing the second cup goes on a wall in the shop, and a thirsty person in need can order a coffee and pay for it with a paper from the wall. What a great idea!

Our branch is close to having 100 members, our goal for this year and a cause for celebration, a fantastic milestone.

Lorraine Nunziata has a long list of popular American songs that were originally written in Italian, such as Elvis Presley’s It’s Now or Never, originally O Sole Mio, and Surrender, originally Torna a Surriento, or Tom Jones’ Help Yourself, which was Gli occhi miei.

Frank Sinatra and Brenda Lee, among others, sang songs with roots in Italy.

Our pasta dinner on May 13 was, of course, a smashing success, owing to the planning of our chairpersons, Mary Ridi and Ann  

Branch 28: President Gennaro Filice addressing membership at our April 2017 meeting. In the photo from left to right: Bill Greco, Branch Deputy; Diana Berry, Recording Secretary; Gennaro Filice, President; Frank Sagrato, Financial Secretary; and Marianne Peoples, Corresponding Secretary.

Stefan Arnaudo’s parents brought him to meetings when he was a little boy. Now here he is, with his first child, introducing her to the music and excitement of our dinner dance!
**San Jose**

**St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391**
Past President Russ Vento led our May meeting and wished all our mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. It was that time of year when Jessie Romero and her Holy Rollers prepared a wonderful enchilada dinner enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Our second annual “Wine Down with the ICF” was a great success. Chairperson Susan Busco and her team had a wonderful variety of wines and appetizers. Thank you for a lovely evening. Don’t miss this event next year!

Louise Vento presented a loving portrait of her Italian mother-in-law within her heritage report in honor of Mother’s Day.

JoAnn Schiro, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Mike Rossi were elected as delegates representing our Branch at the Convention being held in Sacramento, September 1-4, 2017. Marce Rossi and Russ Vento were elected as our alternate delegates.

Our next meeting is on June 6, 2017 at 6:30. Don’t forget to bring your wedding photos! We continue to ask that members RSVP to our callers in order to have an accurate dinner count for our cooks.

On June 11, 2017, there are two events to remember. The Branch Quarterly Communion Mass will be held at St. Martin’s during the 8:30 am mass. The District Outdoor Mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara at 11:00 am with lunch at Michael’s at Shoreline to follow.

Happy Father’s Day to our dear Dads! You are remembered in our prayers.

Janis Patellaro

**Sonoma**

**St. Sebastian, Br. 103**
The Branch hosted the District Meeting at St. Leo’s Church on April 23, 2017. Congratulations to Bill Scinto as President of the District at his first time in this role in 2017.

A tasty Italian style luncheon followed, under the direction of Branch President, Tom Wurst.

President Wurst thanked officers and members who contributed their efforts to the success of this meeting: Lila Bor- agno, M.T. Denning, Maureen Dutil, and Marilyn Sylvestre. Tom also expressed special thanks to Bill Scinto for his special help and guidance at the event.

Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning

**Petaluma**

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

Now that everybody is settling down from the Cinco De Mayo parties and celebrations we’re going to celebrate our Mothers Day. God bless each and every one of you, whether they are still in our lives or in our hearts, we celebrate them this month. If you still have your Mother, call her and tell her how much you love her and make every day Mother’s Day for her. And for the rest of us, we hold our beautiful memories of our Mothers.

Our Pizza/Bingo Nite was a great success with over thirty-five people in attendance. A short meeting was held by President Denise, who just returned from her great trip. I couldn’t make the meeting due to illness, but love to entertain and always ask for suggestions about delicious pizza and the fun Bingo after. Glad to hear that everyone had a good time.

Missed seeing Ann Kiefie who was in attendance. Hope we can see her at our future meetings. Good having her back.

Congratulations to Linda, our Recording Secretary who announced her engagement.

Thanks to Margaret and Jim Cordrey, who thank our branch for the beautiful Bakeless Bake Sale. It was a great success and thanks to all who donated. If you haven’t already done so, you can still send in your donation to Margaret.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. We want to thank Tom Fornaci and his cooking crew whom I’m sure will have given us a wonderful dinner and thanks to all who helped in any way to make this dinner a success.

June 11th - District Meeting held by our Branch. 1:00 p.m. - Rm. 9 with lunch following in Church Hall.

June 12th - Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
June 25th - Quarterly Communion/Mass to be held at St. Vincent’s Church - 10:30 a.m., with lunch/branch following at the Boulevard Cafe. Please make your reservation with Louise - 769-7389.

NO MEETING IN JULY.

We would like to welcome Dennis Uribztinto into our ICF family. May you enjoy being a member of this very special organization and receive the benefits of love and friendship from all of us.

Congratulations to Jim and Margaret Cordrey who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 28th.

Glad to hear that Lydia Camozzi is doing well after her illness. Get well wishes to Spence Burton. Glad to hear that Grace Herrold got through her surgery and is looking and feeling great. Get well wishes to anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month. Happy Mother’s Day! Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

**Arcata**

**St. Mary, Br. 144**
Br. 144 began our May meeting by attending a Mass for our deceased members. Josetta Mattieri read the names of our deceased members (over 100).

Pres. Judy called the meeting to order after the members had enjoyed Pizza and salad.

It was announced that District Pres. Spence Burton got down from his office desk to write this column and Pray for Spence and his wife Kathy. Bill Scinto will serve as District President.

Ellet Evans, grandson of member Shet Evans won our 1st year college scholarship. Congratulations Eliot!

Our May 21 Bake Sale was discussed. New member Debra will be chairman! Thank you! ICF Convention will be held at Sacramento on Sept. 1 – Sept. 4. It would be great to have a group from Br.144 attend. Circle your calendar.

Thirty-two members of Brs.144 and 145 attended our Anniversary Dinner. Two students from the HSU Newman Center
Spoke to our group. We learned of their last July trip to attend World Youth Day in Poland and the progress being made in constructing outdoor Stations of the Cross on the Newman Center property. At the May meeting we voted to send $100 toward the expense of the Stations. They will accept donations!

Birthdays - Last month birthdays were May not April – My sincere apology. Happy June Birthday to: Judy Cardoza, Kathy Hicks, Jeff Mills, and Jim Mongee.

Pray for our sick: Shar Evans, Loretta Speziale, Joan and Larry DePeel.

Blessings to all.

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our May meeting was a pizza dinner in celebration of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. We had a variety of pizzas, all very delicious. During cocktail hour we also enjoyed h’orderves made by Betty Senestraro. Thank you Betty.

Our guest was Ava Cahill from Fortuna High. Ava is the winner of the Santa Rosa District Scholarship. Congratulations Ava and mom and dad too.

After dessert we had a short meeting. Jerry Colivas gave a presentation on the life of Benito Mussolini, very interesting as usual Jerry. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on June 13th. Please plan to attend.

Continued prayers for our members and their families.

Peace and good health to all,
Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

On May 1, we had a great Mother’s Day/ Scholarship Dinner prepared by Bill Scinto with help from Vic Torchio, Jr., Bill and Linda Pisenti. Six of our eight scholarship winners and their families attend to receive their acknowledgement and supplemental funds. Deacon Mike Heilmann did the meal blessing along with a tribute to Mother Mary on the 100 Anniversary of her Fatima appearance and to all the mothers present.

This meeting followed our successful April 22 fundraiser dinner. Our fathers will be honored at our potluck dinner meeting on June 5.

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209

This month was a double celebration! Our guests included the 2017 Branch #209 Scholarship Recipients - Kylee Davis, Chase Reece and Cole Gosner - and their families. We also honored Mothers who will be celebrating Mother’s Day on May 14th.

Members and guests enjoyed a homemade Lasagna dinner topped off with delicious decorated cake.

On May 21 we will be hosting a Bocce Tournament which is anticipated to be a great turnout. We are anticipating 12 teams to compete. Many thanks to Gene Vannetti who keeps the courts in excellent condition.

Our 2017 Convention Delegates were selected. They are: Jackie & Dante Corsetti. Alternates are Tia & Bud Polley.

Upcoming:
June 6 – Board Meeting
June 13 – Regular Meeting

Ciao,
Lorna Bertoli

Stockton
Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very successful bake sale. Thanks to all who baked and helped with the sale. We were sold out by the 10:00 am mass.

We had a very nice evening for our Mother’s Day Potluck though some of our members were traveling we still had a good group with our new members joining us.

Tom Silvaggio will be our delegate for the convention in Sacramento. There will be other members attending the convention.

Reminder:
Save the date of July 8, 2017 on your calendars as Branch #48 will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. Appetizers will be served at 1:00 pm and lunch will be at 2:00 pm. Penne alla Carbonara or Penne Amriciana will be your choice of a main dish with salad, bread and a dessert. The cost will be $25.00 per person. Call Cecilia at (209)524-7866 for reservations no later than July 1, 2017.

There is a 5:00 pm English mass for those that might like to attend after the dinner at the St. Stanislaus Maze Blvd. Church. It is across the parking lot from the center.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 and July 2, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our bank night winner was Tom Silvaggio.

Refreshment for the June 14, 2017 meeting will be furnished by Kathleen Ostorero.

Coming up:
June 3, 2017 Italian Heritage Night - Stockton Ports ballgame
June 14 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets

Cecilia McGhee

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

Congratulations to Joe Bacchetti - winner of our Second Annual Sugo Contest at Italian Heritage Night! Almost 150 people attended the dinner event and voted in the contest. We had two men and two women competing this year, and although a woman won last year, Joe proves that men can cook! Oh, wait - we already knew that because his brother Mike Bacchetti makes our fabulous dinners every month with his crew of awesome, dedicated volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, the day before the dinner, seven of us handmade 560 Italian meatballs with Mike’s recipe and guidance! Looks very likely that we will have this contest as an annual event with great interaction among our members and guests, and there were nearly 100 ‘best sugo’ votes!

And, another WOW at our Italian Heritage Night! Almost 150 people had a fantastic dinner, saw a decorated cake. Our main Chef Mike Bacchetti (standing in the back ground) was pleased with their work.

The Branch 390 and her crew made 550 meat balls by hand for the dinner. Our main Chef Mike Bacchetti (standing in the back ground) was pleased with their work.

brave their way through their high school graduate excitement first!

June dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29 and we have decided to do the menu similar to last year’s “Tour Of Italy.” We will present a fantastic TRIO of Italian pasta dishes: (1) a classic lasagne, (2) fresh pasta Tagliatelle with butter (3) and penne al pesto. Red, white and green? Sounds like an Italian winner!

Our condolences go out to the family members and friends of Antoinette Reece, who passed away in April.

Hope all Moms had a blessed Mother’s Day and we wish all Dads the same for Father’s Day this month! Stay well and be happy!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton Presentation, Br. 395

Congratulations Rev. Tom Orlando, Rev. Joseph Nguyen, and Rev. John Ngo from the Stockton Diocese, who were ordained at the Cathedral of the Annunciation on Saturday, May 20. What a beautiful event and a blessing to our diocese. St. Luke’s Branch hosted its first District meeting Sunday, May 21. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and good meeting. June 3 is Italian Heritage Night at Banner Island in Stockton. The 3rd Annual Stockton District Ports Baseball Night Out will be celebrated with the Pacific Italian Alliance. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Start time is 7:10 p.m. Fireworks at the end of the game.

$11 adults, $5.50 kids under 12. Karen has tickets (209) 603-5708

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FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

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

FORMAT:
Four Person Scramble

START:
Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

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

No-host Cocktails

3:00 - Sumptuous Barbecue Tri-Tip Dinner

RAFFLE:
There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:
Golfers: $165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 21st, the price per golfer is $180. Banquet only: $45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2017

***If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!***

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