Heritage: Who Are We? Celebrating the SF Columbus Day Parade

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson
CC Grand Treasurer

On a sunny, Sunday, October 8, 2017, the Italian Catholic Federation was well represented in the San Francisco Heritage Parade. Our intrepid lowboy trailer was driven up to San Francisco by Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. from Bakersfield. The trailer was donated by Dennis and Becky Fidler. Colombo Construction donated all of the building materials and Leonard built the frame for our float. On Saturday morning on Pier 54 in San Francisco, Grand President Andy Pappani and First Lady Sid, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Bob Basuino, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., JoAnn Maggoro Donivan, and my sister Michelle Antonowicz, and of course myself, decorated a float befitting of any parade. Parade day we were joined by Andy and Sid.

Grand President’s Monthly Message
by Andrew Pappani

Now we are back, rejuvenated, and charged up from our Annual Convention. We have time to share with the rest of the members in our branches all the ideas that were shared at the Convention. We can now start working on new ideas. The Central Council members are ready to begin working with you at your branches to assist you in gaining and retaining members. They are also ready to help you work within your parishes to maintain your Catholic spirit and connection to the church; and help you with our National Charity to benefit those in our communities. The Central Council members can help train our officers on their duties, and look for leadership within your branches. These are only a few areas that we manage through the Central Council committees. Please feel free to contact the committee chairs with any ideas or concerns, so that we can be of assistance.

Below is a listing of Central Council Committee Chairpersons:
Apostolate/Charity -- Lauren Kilcullen
By-Laws and Rituals -- Leonard Rossi O.L.J
Convention Directors -- Roselyne Jarrett
Mentor Program -- Vince Piro
Expansion -- Michael Rossi
Finance -- Denise Antonowicz
Gifts of Love -- Teresa Helfand
Heritage -- Denise Antonowicz
Hospitalization -- Lisa Crudo
Live to Give -- Michael Cannady
Membership -- Anne Interrante
Public Relations -- Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Scholarship -- Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Task Force -- Vince Piro
Ways and Means -- Robert Basuino
Workshop -- Lauren Kilcullen

October 8 was the Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. The Italian Catholic Federation built a float for the parade, led by Heritage Chairperson Denise Antonowicz. I had an opportunity to participate in this remarkable event. As we were riding down the streets on the float, looking at the joy we brought to all the people from every walk of life, young to old, everyone had a bright smile on their faces as they were doing the chicken dance along with the ICF float riders. The Italian Catholic Federation voted on to start the donations. Please make your donations to the ICF-Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund. The deadline is December 31 after which time the check will be presented to Catholic Charities.

For further information, call Apostolate Chair, Lauren Kilcullen at 707-478-3639.

The devastation caused by the fires in Santa Rosa and surrounding areas is astounding. Entire communities, businesses, vineyards, etc., have been destroyed. The Central Council has started a fund called the Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund for donations which will be presented to Catholic Charities in the Santa Rosa diocese. Seed money of $2,500 was...
## Parade

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Pappani, Leonard, BG and Andrew Zasoski, Bob Basuino, Franklyn Lopes, Jr, Leonard Rossi, JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan, Nancy & Giovanni Corsi & family, Ken Marshall, Genmae, Michelle, Denise Antonowicz and, of course, our very famous and loved Chicken, Marie Stalteri Antonowicz. It was a great day, great parade and always a great way to represent the ICF.

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### Hurricane Relief

The Central Council voted at their meeting on Sunday, September 3, 2017 to start a fund for Hurricane Relief with a $1,000 donation.

Districts, branches and individuals are encouraged to donate to the fund which will be distributed to Catholic Charities USA for their Hurricane Relief Fund.

Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2017. Please send a check to the ICF office made out to Italian Catholic Federation. On the memo line, write Hurricane Relief.

Please be generous and consider donating to the fund as our fellow Americans in Texas, Florida and other locations begin the recovery process from the devastating hurricanes.

Please send all donations to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland CA 94621

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Christmas is Coming!**

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

- 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” (one column square) $25
- 2 1/2” x 5” (vertical or horizontal) $35
- 4” x 5” (horizontal) $50
- 6 1/2” x 5” (horizontal, quarter page) $70

To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

**Italian Catholic Federation**
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

Attn: Bollettino

Please send emails to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10. Thank you.

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Michelle Feldman
Editor, Bollettino
This is the first holiday party that we will be having at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles with the help of the Italian Catholic Federation. We are estimating that approximately 150 patients and families will attend. Gifts are also distributed in the hospital and clinics for children who cannot attend the party. Please consider helping us for the holidays by donating or running a toy drive.

Due to hospital policy, fire hazard, and the prevention of infectious disease, we ask that all donations be brand new and that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

**Suggested donation items:**
- Gift cards to: Target, I-Tunes, Amazon, Gap, Old Navy, Forever 21, Barnes and Noble, Movie Theater Passes, Starbucks, Peet’s Coffee, See’s Candies.
- Legos.
- Infant Toys: mobiles, musical toys, rattles, teethers, cause-and-effect toys.
- Books for all ages – hard cover preferred; board books for infants-preschoolers.
- Board Games for all ages: Life, Monopoly, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, Candyland, Chess/Checkers, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Simon, Trivial Pursuit, Jenga, Taboo, Hi Ho Cheerio, Operation, Scrabble.
- Barbies, baby dolls.
- Hand held video games.
- Sports equipment.
- Make up kits and nail polish.
- Jewelry.
- Art supplies including pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, glitter pens, gel pens.
- Art kits/craft sets.
- PlayDoh and modeling clay.
- Toy cars, match box cars.
- Model airplanes.
- Lego sets.
- Action figures.
- Cars/Trucks/Trains.

We are unable to accept the following:
- Guns or toys that promote violence.
- Ceramic dolls
- Clothing of any type
- Used baby blankets
- Used toys and games – including board games and puzzles
- Used books
- VHS videos

If you would like to make a donation please contact:
Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com
All Donations are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!!!

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**Celebrate Christmas Island Style!**

Please join the CHLA Thalassemia Staff and Friends for a Hawaiian-Style Christmas Party

**When:**
Friday, December 1, 2017, 7-9 p.m.

**Where:**
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)
Stauffer Conference Room
4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90027

Please **RSVP** To:
Laurice Levine
360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

Please let me know the names of everyone in your party and ages of children under 18.

We hope you can join us!
BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro
Grand 1st Vice President
Branch 39, Merced

Beneath a Scarlet Sky
Mark Sullivan

Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, Beneath a Scarlet Sky is the story of one brave young man’s incredible and heroic act during WWII. It reminds us that during the most tragic of times, we must act with compassion for each other. The story is told from the point of view of Pino Lella, a young teenage boy who would rather think about girls and romance than the war raging around him. However, the catastrophic events of the war change Pino as he comes to empathize with the fate of others.

A well-written and gripping tale, Beneath a Scarlet Sky is a novel that readers of all ages—from young adult to adult—will find both entertaining and thoughtful. It touches on many of the universal themes that are core to the human experience: courage, fear, hope, heroism, and compassion. In fact, young Pino travels the “hero’s journey” we all must face as we mature and grow beyond ourselves.

Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

Buon Appetito!

Grand President
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is alive, and that is what community connection is all about.

At the end of January, from Friday the 26th through Monday the 29th, 2018 our sister Italian Catholic Federation of Australia will be having their National Congress Meeting held at Women’s College, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane. I will be attending their conference to share ideas and challenges that the Italian Catholic Federation of the USA has faced along the way, including increasing membership, the relationship between the ICF and parish and priest, and any other information I consider of value in a general discussion. The Italian Catholic Federation [FCI –Federazione Cattolica Italiana] in Australia was formally established in 1960 as a lay group to support the Italian migrant community by providing spiritual and cultural activities as well as support. Its members now support many parish activities including assistance to other migrants. It has a strong “Care and Concern group” to assist the ever-growing number of aging community members. So please don’t schedule any Installation that week or events that I will not be available to attend.

“Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push, a smile, a world of optimism and hope, a YOU CAN DO IT when things are tough.”—Author unknown

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.
**Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations**

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**GET WELL WISHES:**

- Bob Acquistapace: Bob Basuino
- Bob Acquistapace: Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
- Bob Acquistapace: Officers/Members of Central Council
- Betty Tully: Bob and Theresa Dianda
- Betty Tully: Officers/Members of Br. 91
- Bettye Sollecito: Officers/Members of Br. 36

**IN CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:**

- Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli: Deborah Rodondi

**CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING GRAND PRESIDENT:**

- Andrew Pappani: Bob and Theresa Dianda

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TWO YEARS AS GRAND PRESIDENT:**

- Leonard Zasoski, Jr.: Bob and Theresa Dianda

**THANK YOU FOR THE SUNFLOWERS FOR THE CONVENTION SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:**

- Franklyn Lopes, Jr.: Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

- Convention Delegates and Guests: Bob Acquistapace

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY:**

- Giulia Gallego: Johanna Tacci
- Giulia Gallego: Rosemarie Martin

**IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:**

***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the I.C.F. Spouses Association.***

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**Live to Give: The Basics of Organ Donation**

**The Ultimate Gift to Another**

- Eileen Fritsch
- Member-at-large
- Live to Give Committee

Organ and tissue donation is a way to save lives, with no effort or cost on your side. It is the transplantation of healthy organs and tissues from a person who has been declared legally dead (the “donor”) to a “recipient” who has been on a waiting list because of a disease or condition. Many people die while waiting, approximately 22 every day. Organs and tissue from a single donor can save or help as many as 50 people. Organs you can donate include kidneys (2), heart, liver, pancreas, intestines, lungs (2). Tissue includes skin, bone and bone marrow, and corneas. There are also “living donors”, typically for kidneys, the organ for which the vast majority of people are waiting. These donors may or may not be family members, and are able to designate the recipient.

So, how much do you know about organ donation?

**PRE TEST**

- See how much you know!
- True or False
  1. If I am a registered donor, doctors will not try as hard to save my life.
  2. I am too old or too sick to donate.
  3. My religion does not support donation.
  4. An open casket funeral is not possible after donation.
  5. Organs can be purchased or sold in the United States.
  6. To be an organ and tissue donor costs my family money.

Tune in to the next Live to Give column on Organ Donation for answers and more information.

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**Did You Know?**

Right Now, more than 120,000 U.S. residents are waiting for organ transplants to give them the gift of continued life. More than 45,000 Americans are waiting for a cornea transplant, to give them the gift of sight. About 45% of Americans are signed up to be potential organ and tissue donors, but a much higher percentage support it, and have not registered for one reason or another. Registering is EASY…you can do it during your next trip to the DMV, or on line at DonorNetworkWest.org.

Then be sure to share your choice to donate with family and friends.

**Why do I have to think about this and talk about it?**

Other peoples' lives depend on it! Some people don't want to think or talk about their inevitable death, but by considering this generous act now, you can potentially save so many others from the grief of losing a loved one. Death is a very stressful time. It is NOT the time for your family to have to guess at your wishes, and whether they should make the decision to donate your organs and tissues. Spare your family from this additional heartache by letting them know now your decision to save others, giving your family ability to see the positive side of losing you. They can know that, although they miss you, your dying has brought life to others.

**A final thought**

Registering as an organ donor is probably the most profound thing you will ever do, with absolutely NO effort, cost or pain on your part. In your entire life you may never have such a great opportunity to change the world for the better.**Live to Give Donations**

**Live to Give Convention Blood Donations**

- Nancy Sanchez-Clark: In honor of the birthday of Laurice Levine
- Siria Pappani: In honor of the birthday of Laurice Levine
- Andy Pappani: In honor of the birthday of Laurice Levine

**Marcie Rossi**
- With wishes for a successful blood drive
- With wishes for a successful blood drive
- In memory of Leonard Zasoski, Sr.
- In memory of Molly Widner
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November!  
Thanksgiving!  
A time to thank God for all our blessings!  
Dinner with family and friends!  
While we give thanks for all our blessings, let us not forget to pray for the victims of the hurricanes, massive flooding, earthquakes, fires and the victims and their families who have suffered injury and death in the horrendous shootings in Las Vegas.

On October 22nd we held our annual bake sale in the Cabrini Room at our St. Vincent Ferrer Church. The room was transformed into an Italian-themed café. Tables were decked out in red and white checked tablecloths with fall centerpieces of sunflowers. The festive centerpieces were made by our own Cathy Neri. The centerpieces as well as whimsical scarecrows, made by Cathy, were sold along with the delicious homemade baked goods from our membership. Complimentary coffee was available for our customers to enjoy as they chose their delicious baked goods to purchase and take home. Proceeds from the bake sale support our St. Joseph Table in March, which in turn, provides funds for St. Vincent Ferrer parishioners who are experiencing financial hardships.

In November we celebrated a mass for our deceased members of the ICF. We are grateful and thankful for the many years of service they have provided our membership. November Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following members:

11-2 John Corcoran  
11-8 Elaine Dato  
11-16 San Ocechipinti  
11-22 Yours truly, Barbara Capozzoli

ABELLED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

CIAO!  
Barbara Capozzoli

Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33

Unfortunately, Branch 33 has had to cancel this year’s annual Columbus Day Pasta Dinner. The facilities were needed for Parish activities on the preferred dinner date. However, preparations for a joint branch Night at the Races event continue. San Luigi will partner with the ICF branch from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in this fund raising effort. Michael Cerri and Allen Watts will co-chair this event.

Branch will once again collect needed hygiene items which will be packaged and donated to the Irene Center for distribution to homeless clients.

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year.

Branch 33 members wish all ICF members, near and far, a blessed Thanksgiving.

Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Members are encouraged to get involved as officers, chairs and helpers. Working toward a shared goal with other like-minded members is a lot of fun, so contact our president, Terri Rhodes, 209-658-9204, or any officer listed in our newsletter, to discuss how you can get more involved in our family-oriented, fraternal, faith-filled, philanthropic and social club.

Our October dinner meeting served a deli buffet, prepared by our personal mix-master, Fresno District President Allen Watts. Mint Juleps, prepared by our personal mix-mistress, were served with voting to take place at the November meeting.

Mark your calendars: Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 5 PM Social Hour, 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Meeting. A full-on Thanksgiving feast will be served. Bring the kids and grandkids. We will be making new pasta ornaments. Your presence is encouraged so you can vote for our 2018 officers.

We please come to the Courthouse Museum (21st & “N” Streets) on November 26, at 1:30 PM, to decorate our Italian-themed Christmas tree for the museum’s annual Holiday Open House on December 3.

It’s Biscotti Baking Time again! Janet Pugliesi and Maryellen Mazez, co-chairs, want your help on Thursday, November 30, 8:30 AM to 5 PM to help with baking at the Italo Lodge. You do not have to stay the entire time. Your help is needed also on Friday, December 1, to cut and bag. If you have cookies you baked at home, please bring them to the Lodge by 10 AM to be bagged. Cookies will be sold after mass on December 2-3.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,  
Stephanie Lucich

Sanger
Name, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70 in Sanger! September has been a very busy month for us. We held our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner on Sept 17. It was very well received by the community and we thank President Kay Lopez and committee for a job well done. I was in charge of the bake sale and would personally like to thank Elaine Lencioni, Silvana Campagna, Rosemary Wymenga and Kaityln, our member Josie Lopez’ granddaughter, for helping to make it the success it was.

We are looking forward to attending Bishop’s Day in Bakersfield.

We send our prayers and get well wishes to Michael Caglia and family.

God Bless,  
Orsolina Casella

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

We hope everyone had a Spooktacular Halloween and are looking forward to the upcoming holidays with as much anticipation and excitement as we do at Branch 281! Here in Bakersfield, nothing adds a little pep to our step like the cooling weather of fall. Our October meeting was a wonderful potluck—a great testament to our branch’s dedication, effort, and cooking skills!

The Nite at the Races event moved once again back to October, and it was a huge success, thanks to our co-conspirators at Branch 33. The races were exciting, the BBQ was delicious, and we can’t forget the wonderful bar stocked with Kentucky Lemonade and Mint Juleps, prepared by our personal mix-master, Fresno District President Allen Watts. To everyone who attended, purchased a horse, or both, thank you for your support!

Our next branch meeting will be held November 9th, in which we will enjoy a Thanksgiving-inspired meal followed by some diverting rounds of Turkey bingo. The meeting will be in the parish hall. The more the merrier for this meeting!

Speaking of potential new members, if we can entice them with bingo then the annual Christmas Party is a great follow-up to really showcase our focus on family and fun, and influence new family memberships. Mark your calendars for December 9th! If you would like to be involved and lend a helping hand

Fresno
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Who we are

Who we are is best described by Father Ferdinand’s comments to our group as we closed our June meeting.

“How pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together, Lord we thank you for the gift of love, …the gift of friendship…”

This month’s menu featured BBQ til tip, rice pilaf, salads with ice cream for dessert. Thank you, Nick, Russell and Bernie, the meal was excellent!!

Next meeting will be potluck.

What we do

At times, we lose sight of what we do to support our ministries because the activities to create the revenue are part of the enjoyment of being an active member of the ICF.

Here is our recent list of ministries we have supported over the past year:

Cooley’s Anemia;  
Gifts of Love;  
Masses for deceased;  
Seminary fund  
ICF Scholarship;  
Catholic Charities;  
Holy Cross Clinic;  
Sister Disciples of the Divine Master;  
Nancy Hinds Hospice;  
St. Anthony Church.  
At Christmas -Toy donations to Valley Children’s Hospital.

In total, close to $3000 in cash donations plus the Toys for Tots to these deserving groups.

How We Do It

We do an excellent job with food preparation!! The work in preparation is an enjoyable time to get together with the chef and his team.

Weekend Italian Sausage Sandwiches 5 - 6 weekend events over the year Friday Lenten Dinners – served each Friday during Lent.

Annual Tahoe Joe Friends and Family Dinner

Branch 27 Salami Spin workers at the St. Joachim Harvest Festival. From left: Jennifer Valoriolos, Kerin Cavallero, Carly Beveridge, Angie and Jerry Keitzer, Theresa DeFranco, Ann and Bob Rolan, Mark Beveridge, and Ila Schoettler.

Winner of the Branch 27 salami spin, Gino Civelli, enjoying his prize.
Los Angeles
Archdiocese District
District Council

First, huge congratulations and welcome to the District’s newest (re-opened) branch, 179, St. Dorothy of Glendora. In a time when so many sad and tragic events have occurred it was nice to spend a few hours celebrating. Thanks to the Expansion Team and all the members from other branches who helped to make Branch 179’s re-opening a reality. A special thank you and welcome to the District’s newest members of the ICF Family.

November 18, will be the District’s quarterly General Meeting and Election of District Officers. The day, at St. Benedict Church in Montebello, will begin at 9 am with a light breakfast followed by the meeting, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

The first weekend of December will feel like a marathon. Although, once Monday the 4th arrives I’m sure we will have the true spirit of the seasons within us. December 1, Friday will be the first, in many, many years, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Thalassemia Christmas Party. We are excited that so many of our branches, plus the Orange and San Bernardino Districts will make this evening special and festive for these patients.

Sunday, December 3, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini’s (Mother Cabrini) Transition to Eternal Life. Her West Coast Shrine is located at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. We will begin at 12:30 pm with the Pilgrimage, followed by 1:00 pm Mass and Lunch at 2:00 pm. You are all welcome to attend and celebrate our Patron Saint’s special day.

Blessings,
Pat Mages
President

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

Presents

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON

“CELEBRATING THE 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER CABRINI’S TRANSITION TO ETERNAL LIFE”

at

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
3801 Scott Rd
Burbank, CA 91504

DATE: December 3, 2017

PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM  MASS: 1:00 PM  LUNCH: 2:00 PM

COST: $17.00/Adults & $8.00/Children under 12

MENU:  BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, SALAD, VEGETABLES, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni’s Catering)

RESERVATION DUE BY: NOVEMBER 20, 2017

CONTACT: ANDREA LINN  SEND CHECK TO: ICF c/o ANDREA LINN
Phone: 909-762-1392  4095 Fruit St. Sp 342
E-mail: andillinn@gmail.com La Verne CA 91750

I wish to reserve _____dinner(s) at $17.00 dinner; _____Under 12 at $8.00 dinner (s)
Enclosed is $_____________. Make Check to ICF

Carmelo Sabatella with LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at IALA General Meeting.

LA Branch 67  Carmelo and Nick Sabatella with LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at IALA General Meeting.

LA Branch 67  Carmelo Sabatella with LA City Councilman Joe Buscaino at IALA General Meeting.

LA Branch 67  Padre Pio President Maria Bruno with Queens, Don Bosco Marching Band, supporters Celebrate Padre Pio.

LA Branch 67  Nick and Carmelo Sabatella with LA Councilman Joe Buscaino at IALA General Meeting.
South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
TO ALL MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ICF!

On Sunday, September 17, board members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella and Joan and Jerry Brascia along with members Patty Knight and Barbara Matranga, friends and guests, attended the 10th Anniversary Padre Pio Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church and Casa Italiana in Los Angeles.

This event was very well attended completely filling the Casa Hall to capacity with Italian spoken through out the day. On hand was the Saint Don Bosco Band (my alma mater) that provided the music and marched in the around the block Pilgrimage.

Congratulations to ICF guests Adrian and Bobby Liccardi for winning one of the many Raffle Prizes.

On Monday, September 18, 2017 members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella, Jackie Ficht and Santo and Diana Plescia enjoyed the Ronald McDonald Dinner Fundraiser at Mijares Mexican Restaurant and Cantina.

And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward.

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SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, December 3, 2017 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA 91504. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini’s starting at 12:30 pm. Seating is limited. $17 per person. $8 children under 12 years old.

Newly acquired medals, 3rd class relics and other items from the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Chicago available in the gift shop. Come early, bring the family and visit the Chapel and Library. Call to RSVP at 626 372-7812 or Email at cas1810@aol.com and for more information.

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President
LADAC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Hope everyone is enjoying the cool fall weather and looking forward to the fast approaching holidays! Our November General Meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello.

It has become our tradition for our November general meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck dinner and everyone brings their favorite dishes to share with everyone. The Branch will provide the main dish and drinks. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

This year we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary the death of Mother Cabrini, at the St. Francis Xavier Church and Cabrini Shine at Burbank, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, starting with Mass at 12:30 p.m. after mass there will be a procession to the Mother Cabrini Shrine, adoration to the Blessed Sacrament and a Benediction. A delicious luncheon will then be held in the Parish Hall. Please plan on joining us to this beautiful pilgrimage.

Finally, we will end the year with a great Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Music will be provided by Duo Domino, with Rita & Marion Marino, a Professional Piano Bar, along with our traditional delicious Italian Buffet dinner. It will be a great party! Please plan on joining us and invite your family and friends for some great dancing and holiday cheer.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A Presto!

Frank Salomone

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

On Oct 12th many of our members attended the Heritage Day festivities sponsored by the City of LA. Our President Neil DiLeva was honored by Councilman Joe Busciano for his many contributions to our community. Congratulations Neil! All who attended enjoyed a lovely reception after the award ceremony.

There is still time to join our branch for a 2 night 3 day stay in Las Vegas leaving Nov 14th returning Nov 16th. We will be staying at the Golden Nugget. Please call Pauline for availability and reservation 310 832-0563.

Thank you to all who helped and attended our parish’s annual Christian Care Branch. As always the food was delicious and the funds raised go to a worthy cause.

Our next general meeting will be on Nov 16th at 7:30pm. Upcoming pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini on Dec. 4th will be discussed. Please plan on joining us for Pilgrim 100th anniversary celebration. What a wonderful start to the Holiday Season. Call Mary Citliano for reservations 310 832-0608.

Our Christmas Branch party will be held on Dec. 9th at 6pm. Please join us for a delicious dinner and friendship Call Nancy Donato for more details 310 8332584

2018 calendars have arrived and are for sale. $25.00 not only gets you a wonderful calendar but 365 chances to win money daily! Our branch has had many winners this year. This is also a fundraiser for our branch.

Happy Veteran’s Day to all who have served this great country!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Let us join together in prayer and thanksgiving for all we have and what we are able to do.

Anita Giuigello Trujillo

La Cañada Flintridge
St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The board voted to change the date and place for future general meetings to the third Sunday at 4:30 P.M. Meetings will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in nearby Montrose. The hall is very large and contains a pool table and a bar and there is space for activities such as indoor bocce games and a stage for entertainment. The first meeting was held on October 15th.

Once again, the ICF Sauce Sale was a huge success and the addition of the sale of Focaccia helped attract more attention and additional sales. Our parishioners love our sauce!

Another group of learners signed up for our successful Italian classes conducted by Franco Giugliano at the LCF Community Center on Saturday mornings. This is a follow-up to the summer class and new learners joined several returnees. This looks like this could be an ongoing and profitable program for the branch.

We are thrilled by the fact that Robert and Wende DePietro are hosting our annual Christmas Party at their beautiful Flintridge home on December 3rd. Robert has arranged for a great dinner with the caterer who did a terrific job last year. Members are encouraged to attend and will need to reserve a place before November 25th by completing the invitation form.

The board approved a substantial donation to the Seminary Burse to be presented to Bishop Clark at the Bishop’s Banquet on November 4th at St Denis in Diamond Bar.

Members gleefully participated in the donation of toys for children at Los Angeles Children’s Hospital. Many of the children are victims of Country’s amnesia.

Tanti cari saluti,
Al Restivo
First Vice President and Orator

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218

Nomination of officers was held at our October meeting and the election is this month. There will be several new additions to our board and we welcome them. We also welcomed new members, Susan and Michael, at our last meeting. At our anniversary party we were presented with a 50 year banner by Central Council. This was affixed to our regular banner by Matt Luchetta and Ann Armenio.

The Christmas Boutique is fast approaching with setup on Saturday, November 18 and the event on Sunday from 7 am to 3 pm. We will need your baked goods for the baked goods table which can be brought in either Saturday or early Sunday. Sandwiches will be served also.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday,
Celebrating Halloween at Branch 380.

December 9. There will be more information on this at the November meeting. Also, in December, a Christmas party is being held at Children’s Hospital which is a toy drive for the patients there. Each member is encouraged to donate one toy for this drive. December 3rd is the 100th anniversary of the St. Francis Xavier Cabrini pilgrimage with a luncheon after. This is $17.00 per person.

We lost longtime member Vincie Gargano recently. Vincie was very active for forty years in our branch and at one time was our president. We extend our condolences to Phil Gargano and her family.

To everyone, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Lolly M.

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members!

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 19th at Nano’s Café in Sierra Madre. The cost is $25.00 per person.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Pat Buccola, Mary Lou Lemoine, and Ann Primising.

And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy November Birthday to: Mary Lou Lemoine and Marille Taylor.

“The little things that mean so much—a note... a special touch can make the day and warm the heart of one whose life is set apart... But grateful still for special friends whose care never...never ends!” (Anna M. Matthews)

Goddess,
Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region
Burbank

St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Branch 102, Burbank celebrated our 65th Anniversary in great style on Saturday, July 8, 2017 in Cabrini Hall.

Past president Don Lee Gaudino welcomed our District Officers, family and friends on this memorable occasion, remembering the good times and the sad times.

Dina Tomei was honored (as the oldest member) to come forward as Dottie La Macchia sang “Because of You” bringing back memories of all our departed members and the wonderful years we shared with friends, family, and St. Francis parish, that will remain in our hearts forever.

I was so proud to be a part of this celebration and a member of a wonderful branch.

Dina Tomei

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our Branch had a very successful October meeting. We enjoyed a delicious Italian Dinner Catered by Viva La Pasta. For desert we had some wonderful spumoni with homemade Pizzelles what a treat! Thank you Joyce Allesandrino for organizing the delicious desert!

At our meeting we had our annual “Hallowine” Halloween wine tasting event. Some members dressed up in costume and all members brought a bottle of wine for tasting at the tasting table. We also had our white elephant auction. Many funny and fun “gifts” were won! Live accordion music was played by Norm Pantos!

We held our elections for the board positions for next year. Thank you to all of the members and junior members who have stepped into the leadership roles for our branch. We look forward to the upcoming year with many new and fun activities to share with our members!

Ciao,
Jean Fontana Bridges
Corresponding Secretary

Simi Valley
St. Gianna, Br. 443

On Friday, September 15, ICF Branch 443 of St. Rose of Lima, Simi Valley, CA, sponsored a fundraising concert for six-year-old Seth Fabry (grandson of Linda and Jim Fabry members of branch 443) who is fighting leukemia at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. The program began with an opening prayer by Father Riz Carranza, pastor of St. Peter Claver Church, and included performances by the Agoura Hills Harmony Chorus directed by Marcia Loftin, St. Rose of Lima’s Irish dance group led by Daryl Goldes, and the St. Rose of Lima adult and children’s choir directed by Claire Delto. Father Joe Shea, pastor of St. Rose of Lima, closed the program with a prayer. The Fabry family described the evening as a gathering of many loving and generous people that was heartwarming and healing. Donations to help offset the substantial cost of Seth’s lengthy medical treatment were collected at the concert and online. Donations can still be made by logging on to www.strosesv.com, click Events, then “Donation to help Seth Fabry.”

Moving into the New Year, we will have many wonderful happenings, starting in January with the honor of our Branch hosting the annual Installation of New Officers for the Central Coast District. Then beyond that, there will be the usual annual dinners along with some new ideas for get-togethers. The goal is to enjoy family, enjoy friends (both old and new), and enjoy life. So look for more information to come regarding the 2018 schedule of events.

In closing, I remind you that our meetings are held at Holy Cross Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, though no meeting in December. They start at 4:30 with a ‘happy hour”; at 5:30 there is the actual meeting; and at 6:30 we sit down to good food and conversation. Please come.

Patty Morelli
Secretary-Branch 21

Monterey
Santa Cruz
Nostr Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

When you read this, the holiday season will be starting. How quickly the time flies! It is said that time flies fastest when you are enjoying life, and Branch 21 get-togethers are just for that. I remind you now of the up-coming events that are planned. Oh! Also, to keep track of next year’s events, jot them down on the new 2018 ICF Calendar that hopefully you have purchased. If not, please contact Rosa Radichchi to buy one. This year’s is the best ever, some say.

On November 5th, we will have the annual Memorial Mass; by now you will have received information about this event. Then on December 1st, we will have the Christmas Party, which is a thank you event to Branch 21 members’ for their support throughout the year.

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Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Preparations are underway for Branch 25’s Annual ICF Polenta Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, November 8, at the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Ticket books were mailed out to all members and the /Byer/ order forms were faxed to area parishes and business the week of October 9th.

Our next meeting is a MEMBERS meeting and will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at noon at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. This meeting occurs on our preparation day for the Polenta Luncheon.
The Sacred Heart Fiesta Pizza booth was a great success again this year. We had our ICF information table at the side of the booth and several potential new members took our materials.

We are saddened to report that a long time member, Mary Vaccaro, passed away on July 29, 2017 at age 104. Mary was a long time member of the ICF in Salinas. For those of you who have attended ICF events at JM Ranch, you’ll recall how special Joe Massullo’s Godmother. She was a lovely person. Our prayers go out to Mary’s family and friends. A Mass will be said in Mary’s honor at Sacred Heart Church (please see the parish bulletin.)

Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffey, for a speedy recovery from a recent health event.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10, 2017, at JM Ranch for the Branch 25 Christmas Party. Best Wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and safe travels to those who are traveling out of town for the holiday.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey  
Santa Rosa, Br. 36

We want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all. We all have a lot to be thankful this year, and must count our blessings.

Our district meeting of September 16, 2017 was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Our October 5th dinner/meeting was also cancelled, as our volunteer Chef Peter John Curatolo, (PJI’s) father passed away and the vigil was on the same night. Our branch felt it was best to cancel our dinner/meeting out of respect to our volunteer Chef PJ and his family.

Our deepest sympathy to Sally Curatolo and family on the death of her husband Peter Curatolo.

Also, our deepest sympathy to Maria Davi and family on the death of her husband, Anthony Davi.

Our Christmas parties’ flyers will be sent out to all our members regarding dates, places and times. Our Adult party will be December 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM with Antonia Ilnot and June Serrano as chairmen.

Our Children party will be December 10, 2017 at 1PM. This is such a fun party, as Santa arrives with gifts for the children.

Calendar:

- November 2, 2017 Dinner/Meeting at 6 PM
- December 2, 2017 Adult Christmas Party at 6 PM
- December 10, 2017 Children’s Christmas Party at 1 PM

“We are blessed in so many ways, many things we take for granted but we should stop and be thankful each and every day.” – Catherine Pulisier.

Bette Sollicito

ICF Branch #86

Castroville  
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

The Holidays are here and soon the family & friends gatherings will begin. Enjoy the food and time spent with your loved ones.

Our delegate to the Convention, Marie Tonus, had a fabulous time, she also won a prize in the special event. High Five Marie Five!

The Summer Tri-Tip Fundraiser was a success, it was delicious and we sold out. Our chefs did an outstanding job, (Paul & Kevin Cortopassi, David Peci, Greg Stefani and D.L. Grier). Thank you! A big thank you to Diane Ausonio for organizing the takeout food and to her helpers Carrie Holbrook, Cindy & Ashley Stefani, Art, Susan and Natalie Carbonell, and Daniel Peter. I would also like to thank everyone that purchased a dinner.

Our next meeting will be on November 3rd and it will be a Potluck dinner. The nominating committee will present a list of officers that we will be voting on for the 2018 Board. Also on the agenda is our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas and our Christmas Party.

Please pray for the following members: Wilma Cursi, Marie and Egidio Tonus, Dolores and Hugo Tottino, Eva Mae and Vic Sigala, Pauline Bigby, Pat Stefani and my special long-time friend Thelma Sbarra and all who need God’s healing blessings.

Thanksgiving Blessings to all ICF Members and their families.

Cian,  
Leonna Barlow

Capitola  
St. Joseph, Br. 227

At the November 12 meeting, we will be electing officers for 2018. You are encouraged to be at the meeting and vote. Many thanks to Dolores McCartney for heading up the nominating committee.

Welcome to new member Sheila Monahan. Sheila is a member of St. Joseph’s Parish and sings in the choir at 11:00 a.m. mass.

Correction: At the Convention Franklyn Lopes was elected Central Council Grand Trustee, not Grand Sentinel as reported last month.

Next year’s wine tasting is cancelled due to Ron Castle’s health issues, so the Board is looking at other fundraisers to take its place. The tentative date is in April, so stay tuned for more information.

Lenten Fish Frys begin on February 16. The Board is considering ways to tweak the menu. Pass along your suggestions to any Board member. Sign-ups for workers will begin in January.

Another unsung hero of our branch is Rick Kotila. Rick sets up the bar for our meetings and social events and for many years has picked up the fish fry orders and delivered them to the hall, then cooks calamari. Rick goes about his work quietly and dependably. Mahay, thanks to you!

We wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving and a safe journey for all those who are traveling to be with family. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday—you don’t have to buy gifts or decide what to cook!

Deanna Mueller, Secretary

Arroyo Grande  
St. Patrick, Br. 291

In October we held a successful BBQ Tri Tip dinner with all the trimmings for our second Fall Fundraiser Dinner. Our last Fall Fundraising Dinner will be held on Friday, November 10th, and in honor of Veteran’s Day, all veterans will eat for free! Join us from 4-7PM in our parish hall for a delicious spaghetti dinner! Our three Fall Fundraising Dinner ticket money goes for our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

We held Branch Officer elections at our October meeting. Results will be posted in our December report. Stay tuned! At our October General Meeting we also enjoyed a delicious Oktoberfest dinner prepared by Sonia Wagner, Sandy Quintiliani, Sylvia and Don Nasholm, Joanna Van Blaricom and their team!

We recently welcomed several St. Patrick School families as new members to Branch 291. We will be holding a big initiation ceremony soon for all our new members!

Please continue to pray for our members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache and to those who have passed away: Dianne Clesi, Dorie Desiato, Steve Hall, Bob McLean, Kathleen Sullivan and Jill Wageman.

Happy Thanksgiving to all ICF members and their families.

Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary

Oakland  
East Bay District Council

We christened our new meeting room in Stuck Center with our Sept. meeting and we seem to fit in nicely.

The District picnic was a success, Mass, bingo and really good food. Once again we say Thank You to Al and Deanna DeNarra for their hospitality.

There was a nice turn out for Bishop’s Day, and our Chaplin, Fr. Duda was able to attend.

Nice to have him with us 2 days in a row. Beautiful Mass and tasty dinner afterwards, good job, Contra Costa district.

Hopefully by next month there will be another roster of officers to report for the district.

Branches, please keep those rosters of new officers coming to me, installation is fast approaching. Also even faster approaching, the District Christmas party is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 2nd, be on the look out for the flyer.

It is with much sadness that we learned of the death of long time Livermore member, district deputy and so much more to the ICF, Patricia Mueller. Please keep Pat and her family in your prayers.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and there is much to be thankful for this time of year. As we give thanks for our blessings, please pray for those who have suffered loss or pain during this time, that they may recover soon. Let us be helpful in any way we are able, the family part of ICF.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and may God bless us and keep us safe.

Alameda  
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We welcomed 129 guests to our annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday evening, October 7.

Next up on our social hour is our Christmas party scheduled for Friday, December 8. This event will include a dinner of salad, pasta and meatballs and dessert, plus a visit by Santa Claus and gifts for children.

The price for adults is $12.00. Children 12 and under are free.

We are co-hosting with Branch 40 the East Bay District Installation on Sunday, January 21 at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. The Installation will begin with Mass celebrated by Rev. Rafal Duda at 3:00, which will be followed by the ceremony at 4:00, social time at 5:00 and dinner at about 5:30.

We have welcomed a new member William Foster, who was born in July. William is the second child of our first vice-president, Gina Foster, and supplants his brother, Frederick Anthony Foster, age 2, as the youngest member of Branch 10.

We have changed the time of the social hour for our Saturday events from 6:00 to 6:30. We will continue to serve dinner at 7:00.

One of our members serves as one of the five retired attorneys who staff the Pope Francis Legal Clinic operated by the Diocese of Oakland. The clinic provides consultations and referrals on a no-charge basis. The clinic serves clients who reside either within or outside the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts, that is, the geographical area of the Diocese of Oakland. The clinic is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments can be made through the Chancery of the Diocese, (510) 893-4711.

John Zagnoni,  
Branch 10 publicity

Oakland  
Santa Rita, Br. 40

A Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. A calendar of activities for the year 2018 is in the planning. We thank you for your support that you have given us in the past 2 years during our rebuilding of leadership roles. And we look forward to continued prosperity in 2018 and the future. During the October meeting branch officers were elected for the year 2018. Following is a list of those positions:

President: Lawrence Francis  
1st Vice President: Rita Marie Dykes  
Recording Secretary: Mary Ann Francis  
Financial Secretary: Anne Marie Grader  
Treasurer: David Rose  
Orator: Claire Ramirez  
Trustees: Catherine Kapper, Esemea Tabacco, and Claire Ramirez

Mental: Sally Gordy  
Chaplain: Rev. Bill Mason

We thank all of the past officers of 2017 for their support and ask for their continued guidance to the future 2018 officers. Thank you for your dedication. A dear member of our Branch has passed away. His name is Thomas Poggi, who has been a member since March 12,1940. Tom was a dedicated and active member during his lifetime, who served in many branch and district positions. He was a wonderful friend and family man, I thank God for that type of life. My sympathy goes out to his wife Marisa and to his children for his passing. God Bless You.

Happy Birthday to Angela Rainero and Clemence Zanata. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing, especially: Anna Alberti, Rita Avery, Rosalie De Santi, Mary Devincenzi, Karen Garcia and Esemea Tabacco.

Ciao!  
M.A. Francis

Fremont  
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Ah, November. The summer heat has subsided and Fall is just around the corner. Many are getting ready for a whole slew of family holidays. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are just around the corner.

- Annual National Convention: John Shirley Delucchi represented Branch 215 at this year’s convention. They reported that they both were kept busy each day with activities and multiple sessions throughout the convention period.
- BISHOP’S DAY: This year’s Bishop’s Day was hosted by the Contra Costa District and held at St. Cornelius Church in
November 2017

Richmond followed by dinner at the Galileo Club. Together the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts of the ICF donated a seminary bourse in the amount of $2,500.00. Therefore, a total of $7,000.00 was given to Bishop Michael Barber for the education of the Oakland Diocesan seminarians.

- Elections of Branch Officers were held at our October 10th meeting. The following officers were elected for 2018:
  - President: Fran LaTorre
  - 1st Vice President: Scott Schiecel
  - Financial Secretary: Ralph Marinelli
  - Recording Secretary: Shirley DeLucchi
  - Orator: Vilma Romo
  - Trustee 1: John DeLucchi
  - Trustee 2: Nadine Mattier
  - Trustee 3: James McGee
  - Sentinel: Joan Lampe
  - Chaplain: Fr. David M. Villa.
  - BINGO LUNCHEON: Branch 215’s Bingo Salad Luncheon was held on October 19th at Our Lady of Guadalupe. We had a great turnout and many joined us for a delicious salad luncheon and some spirited bingo.

As always, our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

We have a lot to thank God for this past month. Our cookie and dessert sale at St. Augustine’s was a huge success. We made $400 which is going to the church for earthquake relief in Mexico. You can’t do this kind of event without a lot of help and we had it. Thanks to our organizer, Elaine, and some of the helpers who are shown in the photo nearby. And then there was our “virtual” bocce game. It started our being real, but so few could make it that we just drove by the bocce court on our way to a pizza lunch and monthly meeting. That’s when we found out that our own Joe Buonsante had been chosen to be part of the national Veterans Honors Program. They flew Joe and other veterans to Washington, D.C., and treated them royally with the best of accommodations, food, and transportation. We thank God for sharing Pat Mueller with us. Our dear past president and one of the founders of Branch 285, Pat Mueller, has left us to be with the Lord. She was a fun lady and a piano player for many of our events almost until the end. I thank Pat knew everyone in ICF in Northern California as she served many years as a Central Council Member. Pat, your sage advice about who to see and how to get things done will sorely be missed. And YOU will be missed, Pat - Ci vediamo in paradiso. Chuck Meier

 Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well we had our first meeting in the refurbished Stack Center and enjoyed an Italian dinner along with it. We also hosted the Pasta dinner at the OLG fall festival and would like to thank all those who helped make it a success. That is a long list, but includes, cooks, set-up crew, servers from the 7th and 8th grades, Biscotti bakers, ticket sellers/takers and kitchen crew. Without you we would not have done so well.

Our Oct. meeting will be our Polenta dinner along with a guest speaker on Thalassemia, Laurence Levine, who is a survivor and one of the older ones, who works hard to remain one every day. As of this writing, the tickets are selling out!

By the next writing, we will have had our election of officers and hopefully some new names to report.

In addition to supporting activities at the other branch’s our next fund raiser will be our Bake Sale on Sunday, Nov. 12th after the Sunday Masses. The holidays are coming so there are lots of goodies that people will be thankful to buy rather than bake. Any secret recipes out there???

Speaking of being Thankful, we have a lot to Thank God for each day. We can also ask God to help those who have been affected by the fires and guide us to be of service to them. God Bless America this Thanksgiving and keep us safe.

Welcome Corinne Scofield and Holly De La Torres as new members to Branch 14, Crockett. Congrats.

to 925-229-2665. Our new slate of officers elected at the October meeting will be introduced and congratulated.

The ICF hosted after Mass hospitality on Sept. 10. It was great to have many members participating. Everyone was very generous with their breakfast and dessert donations. Leftovers were shared with the Cub Scouts who were meeting later that afternoon. Thanks to Anne Crisp for coordinating the event. Maybe she will do it again!

May all have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ciao from Martinez,
Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Welcome to our newest members, Corinne Scofield and Holly de la Torre. Corrine has taught for 19 years and Holly is David and Mary Jo Townsend’s daughter. We also welcome the Dutra Family, Jason, Shannon and Max. Many know the Dutras from Crockett Bocce.

Wishes for improved health to Elma Nurseman, Roberta Schryver and Pat and Julie Contestable.

Our sympathies to Frank Manus on the passing of his wife, Irma. Both Frank and Irma were active members for many years, and we hope to see Frank at a meeting soon. We have lost Pat Mueller, a member and special friend to Edward Sacca, and we extend condolences to Jo and Joe Macaluso; Jo’s sister passed recently.


Contra Costa

District Council

Dear District,

As I write this report we are going to have our next district meeting on Thurs. October 26 at Legends private room at Diablo Creek golf course in Concord. A report on the meeting details will be given next month.

Our next District event is the Night of Recollection on Nov. 6 in Martinez. We planned on having the social and then the dinner at La Tapatia Restaurant. Our District Chaplin Father Larry Young was going to give us an inspirational talk following dinner. We thank Past President Joseph Flores for making donations for this event. A big thanks to all those who attended. Since I am writing this before the event we will report next month on how it turned out.

Save the date for Monday December 4. We will have our District Christmas dinner party that evening. Social at the bar will be at 6:30 PM followed by a no host dinner at 7:PM at De Vino’s Italian restaurant in Pleasant Hill. This is open to all members of our District. If you would like to attend then RSVP to your branch before November 28. Branch Presidents please RSVP by emailing Patty at jandp1976@aol.com by November 28. Please do not be late as a headcount has to be turned over to the Restaurant.

Our District reporter Joani Thilgen will be writing these reports again starting next month. She needed a short break to recuperate from eye surgery.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

See everyone at the events.

Patty Jarrett

ICF Contra Costa District President

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Fall is here and with it a busy and fun schedule. We began with a warm welcome for Father Anthony Huang Le to our parish in September. We look forward to working with him through the years. The annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner was a great success. Thanks to Michael Rogers and his mom, Marylynn for again running the special electronic raffle. We extend a big thank you to members, guests and donors who made the fundraiser such a success.

We extend an invitation to all to our Thanksgiving feast at the last meeting of the year on Nov. 17. We will gather to thank God and feast on delicious food in the parish hall on Henrietta Street. Please RSVP with a call to 925-229-2665. Our new slate of officers elected at the October meeting will be introduced and congratulated.

Your ICF President, Chuck Meier
November 14th is our Thanksgiving Social. Mass (please attend if you have something for which to be thankful) at 5:30, a full course turkey dinner at 6:30, and the meeting and raffle at 7:30. You can also sign up for the December 1st Thunder Valley Casino Trip. Ready for a Pedro and Card Night? It’s Friday, November 17th, at 7:00. Come and join in the fun!

Congrats to our new officers: President Donna Hoffmann, 1st Vice Nancy Botta, 2nd Vice Dee Carone, Rec. Secretary Kathleen Thomas, Treasurer Carl Heller, Fin. Secretary Clare Alvarado, Orator Joe Macaluso, Trustees Tara Kajla, Vonda Lesti-Egan and Sylvia Smith, and Sentinel Derek Petersen.

There has been so much tragic news lately that it is easy to dwell on the negative, but this Thanksgiving month, when the vibrant colors of autumn surround us, appreciate small joys and be thankful for our blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

Our meeting on Oct. 22 was held at Bravo’s Restaurant in Pittsburg. We enjoyed a delicious dinner. Our meeting followed. We went over our activities for the remainder of the year. We also held elections for 2018 officers. A big thanks to those who took offices. At our Nov. meeting we will celebrate our 70th anniversary. I will send information with the date and details.

The district will host the annual Night of Recollection on Monday Nov. 6 at La Tapatia Restaurant in Martinez. Social is at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM. Our District Chaplin Father Larry Young will give an inspirational talk following dinner. RSVP to Patty by Nov. 2.

(Above) Branch 14, Crockett members celebrating Bishops day at the Galileo Club. Nice event.

(Left) Wow David and Pat Botta from Branch 14, having a good time with good friend Walter Costa, from Branch 154 at the Galileo Club Great dinner.

Branch 214 President Roberta Healy - sharing our 50th Anniversary banner. Branch 214 is proud to display our Happiness in the Growth of our Branch.

(Branch 214 Octoberfest dinner. Before our meeting, we will have an Octoberfest dinner. October being the month of Octoberfest, we will have an Octoberfest dinner.)

Another district event to look forward to is the Christmas dinner party on Monday Dec. 4, at 7 PM at De Vino’s Italian Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. If you would like to go let Patty know and she will put you on the headcount. We offer get well wishes to Grace Scanapio. She was in the hospital. We missed her and look forward to seeing her soon. We wish Joann Thilgen well. She had eye surgery. We also offer Joann our sympathy due to the loss of her dog. If you know of any sick members please let me know and the branch will be happy to send a card.

As I am typing this report the news of the fires in Northern California is devastating. Many ICF members have lost their homes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who were affected. As thanksgiving draw near let us truly be thankful for our blessings.

As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.
Till next time,
Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

A big thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes for the Polenta dinner. The raffle is a big fundraiser for us and your donations help to make it a huge success. Approximately one hundred guests attended our semi annual fundraiser. We feasted on Polenta, sausage, chicken, salad and dessert. Nomination of officers was held and approved. Voting will be held next meeting in November.

Officers nominated are: Alicia Treviso -- President Lorraine Acuna -- 1st Vice-President Laura McAllister -- 2nd Vice President Debbie Kendall -- Recording Secretary Mike Cannady -- Financial Treasurer

Toni Reeder -- Treasurer Domenica Yonke -- Trustee Julian Acuna -- Trustee Ruben Treviso -- Trustee Teresa Ventin -- Sentinel

Prayers for all our sick and elderly; prayers also for Earl Koski as he goes through his chemo treatments.

Ciao,
Christina Artale

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all,
Another successful “FESTA d’ITALIA.” Roadsters, Coupes, Hot Rods and Classic Cars: It doesn’t get any better than Branch 432’s 8th annual car show and pasta dinner. A cavalcade of automotive excellence featuring some of America’s greatest automobiles was held in the IHM Church parking lot and Hall. With over 50 cars on display to be viewed and savored, dozens of classic automobile enthusiasts walked up and down the rows enjoying the cars and exchanging stories with the owners.

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la vita è buona

Ciao, Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Br. 432

Branch 432 Servers getting ready for the hungry masses. (from left) Gloria Clausen, Judee Risco and Phil Sawko.

Branch 432 IHM car show participants, Mother (left) and Daughter, Gloria and Rina Garcia

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Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Congratulations to our 2017 scholarship winners, Alex Colecio and Amelia Peterson. Our best wishes as you move into your college adventures.

Several of our members attended the annual convention in Sacramento. We were well represented by our delegates Matt Dallara and Roger VanMaren. However, a special recognition goes to Ann Consul and Judi Dallara, their team won first place in the bocce tournament. And Juliette Cote and Matt Dallara’s team won second place. And to top that, our branch won second place in the Heritage Awards, thanks to Nancy Santos’ excellent report. They all did us proud indeed!

We held our annual Fall fundraiser dinner on October 7th. A delicious meal of antipasto, salad, pasta and side dishes of sausages and meatballs. And the now famous almond raffle thanks to the lovely gift basket provided by our members and coordinated by Donna Veneziano. Thank you to Pam DeBernardi for the lovely decorations. Linda and Robert DeVigne and Jim Jarrett who worked the bar. Diana MacKinnon for securing the Jazz band that helped create a festive atmosphere. Very important, ticket sales, so thank you to Joan Cummings for coordinating. And a special thank you to everyone else who helped put this event together, and cleaning up afterwards.

Can you believe we turned four years old already this past October? Let’s make the fifth even greater.

Felice Anniversario!
Eileen McGurann

Orange
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Branch 379 contributed to the St. Bonaventure Fall Festival October 6-8 by running the Italian food booth. Over 200 meatball sandwiches and sausage, peppers and onion sandwiches were cooked and served, as well as 43 lbs of pasta with meatballs. Now and old members enjoyed socializing with each other and giving back to our parish community.

Great thanks to our membership chairman Connie Menke whose dedicated outreach resulted in three new members at our September meeting! Welcome Joe Caro, Judy Penade and Vincent Ferrandino!

We are looking forward to our main fundraiser of the year – the ICF Pizza Booth at Silverado Days, held at Peak Park in Buena Park October 20-22.

Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Day 1 at the St Bonaventure Fall Festival. (left to right) Robert and Connie Meinke, Greg Geraci, Dylan Geraci, Mike Geraci, Karen Kocvara. “It was a fun day. Nice working with all of you.”

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Branch 379 members cooking meatballs, sausage, onions, peppers and pasta for the St. Bonaventure Fall Festival Italian Booth: (left to right) Joe Caro, Viva Palumbo, Mike Geraci, Donna Meade, Karen Kocvara.

The September Chicken and Polenta feast was enjoyed by all! Branch 45 welcomed the Leda Pasquini Scholarship recipient, Rebecca Ielati and family to the event!

Save the Date! Our next Chicken and Polenta dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th! Meeting starts at 4:30, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Includes Chicken, Polenta, homemade Meat Sauce, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert! Cost is $15 for members and $20 for non-members.

Photos from past events as far back as 1935 will be on display at the dinner, so come and see relatives, past members of the Branch 45! Call Janine Orsi to make your reservations! 916-508-1199.

Board member elections will be held at the November 12th meeting at 4:30! Anyone interested in joining the board and sharing new ideas, please contact Janine Orsi at 916-508-1199! See you at there!

ICF members, mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Luncheon that is scheduled for December 10th! Details to follow!

October “Happy Birthdays” to Gail Davis, Kimberly Ebert, Daniel Mazza, Pina Noto, Faye Petricchi, Evelyn Talini, and Phela Vesce! November “Happy Birthdays” to Gina Courcy, Verona Devito, Angela Isola, Maria Keller, and Janine Orsi!!

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all those who helped set up, prepare food, and clean up during our recent Pizza Nite and Elections. Although our crowd was small, we all had a great time! Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2018.

President- MaryAnn Mikles
Vice-President - Pamela Andersen
Financial Secretary - Florence Mooneyham
Secretary - Suzanne Tidball
Treasurer - Barbara O’Rourke
Orator - Maria Fregosi
Sentinal - Lisa Stockman
Trustees- JoAnn Swars, Patricia Putkey, Adela Valdez.

Our branch would like to wish all the ICF members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have a day full of fantastic company, much love, and great food.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville
St. Clare, Br. 438

Where oh Where does the time go? Here we are soon approaching the holiday season. I can already smell the roasting turkey and the aromas of pumpkin pie and apple pie. The month of Oct. was very busy. On Oct. 7th. our branch chartered a bus to go to Reno for the Italian festival. many members and parishioners enjoyed the festivities. Thanks to Michael and Sandra Fuentes who never fails us. They always step up to the plate when needed. On Oct. 27th. we chartered a bus to go to Apple Hill and the Red Hawk Casino. Thank you Nina Malone for chairing this event. Then on Oct.28th & 29th, we held our annual bake sale. Once again Connie Terry chaired this yummy event. I will give you highlights on these events in the next Bollettino. We will be busy preparing our Gathering Inn Dinner on Nov. 13th. This is the time of the season when we feed many homeless people. Please help us make this a rewarding night by assisting with preparations, cooking or help with clean up. Please pray for all our sick members and members who are going through hard times. It is so good to see our Treasurer Rick Steir recover so fast. This is what power of prayer can do. I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving. No fighting over the turkey legs!

Your Reporter,
Yvonne Perry
San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Please note these upcoming events:

Wed: Dec. 6 Christmas Party & Raffle
6:30pm, cost $15.00. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo. Please bring a raffle prize. Please note that the Immaculate Conception Chapel was closed on October 2, 2017. Father Guglielmo Lauriola has retired and is now residing with the Franciscan Friars in Oakland. Branch 1 now has a new home. Our Branch was graciously invited to hold all our meetings and functions at St. Anthony’s Church by Pastors Fr. Moises Agudo. Their address is 3215 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco, CA 94101. St. Anthony’s Church is only 2 blocks down the hill from the Immaculate Conception Chapel. An Italian Mass at 9:30am every Sunday will be held at St. Anthony’s Church. All Branch 1 members and friends are encouraged to attend. Thank you Fr. Moises for adding this mass to our Branch Mass schedule.

Happy Thanksgiving to all members and their families.

Ciao!
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

We haven’t had our October meeting yet because of the Columbus Day festivities in North Beach. At our September meeting, only 5 members were present plus our faithful Chaplain Fr. Al and our District Deputy George Pagni. The major topic was how to get new members to join…a discussion we’ve had numerous times! It would be wonderful if a few of our Br. #38 members, who normally do not attend, would make an effort to come to a meeting. We would love to see you, and it would help Br. #38 tremendously!

Our Branch has received the “ICF 2018 Calendars” to sell. The Calendars are really nice and cost $25 each...our Br. #38 gets to keep $5 from each Calendar sold. Cosmo is chairman, and if you wish to buy 1 or more (great gifts) phone Cosmo at 415-392-3560. He will gladly mail it/them to your home. If you wish to buy 1 or more Calendars, please keep $5 from each Calendar sold. Cosmo is chairman, and if you wish to buy 1 or more (great gifts) phone Cosmo at 415-392-3560. He will gladly mail it/them to your home. Please help Br. #38 buy and/or sell them! He will gladly mail it/them to your home.

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San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our October meeting was held on the 4th and it was a real feast! Joe Figone again put together a wonderful menu with the help of our Central Council members, Dante Galleazzi, David Colli, and Deborah Major. Arrangements have been finalized for our Christmas Luncheon. It will be held on December 13th at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. The invitation was just put in the mail to all Branch 50 members. We will all be asked to bring a new toy for the toy drive to benefit Operation Dream, a non-profit organization led by the S.F. Police Department. On September 20th, Our President Maria Celli attended the Northern California Italian American Symposium at the S.F. Italian Athletic Club. It was an interesting evening and she reported the following: Out of that meeting, the organization “Coalition of Italian American Organizations” (CIAO) will be formed. Also, there will be a centralized website, scheduled to be launched early 2018, with a calendar to which Italian organizations will be able to submit upcoming events, along with links to social media pages and club websites. Groups were formed for various committees, and Maria Celli announced she is on the Social Committee and proposed we have a guest night in the spring (the details to be discussed at a later time).

We then enjoyed the most scrumptious meal prepared by Joe, Dante, David, and Debbie. Prosciutto & Melon, Antipasto Salad, Pork Loin Roast, and Sacripantina Dessert! We are so grateful to them all for preparing such a feast.

Until next time, I say arrivederci!

Antell Ricossa

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our cruise to Alaska was very nice! Cruising on Glacier Bay was fantastic. The Glaciers were large and from our ship you could hear the roar of the large pieces of snow breaking into the Bay. Our tea at the Butchart Gardens in Victoria was lovely. We had a three (3) tier, our wonderful cool weather, and especially Br.38 members & meetings. She paid her 2017 ICF dues just so she could receive the “Bollettino” in MS...she enjoys the paper and reads it thoroughly. Several months ago we planned for her to phone the PC during our meeting, so she would feel like she was participating also.

**Br. 38 members wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all ICF members & their families.

**Hi to all!

**Ci Vediamo il 11 di Novembre at 12:00 Noon in the PC!

Ciao, Maria Amato

San Francisco

St. Anthony, Br. 25

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China platter of sandwiches and cookies and scones. For two (2) people and a tea pot for two people at each table. Cruise leaving from San Francisco and returned to San Francisco. No Flying!

On October 16th we have a trip to the California State Capitol, Leland.

Stanford Mansion and the Wells Fargo. Museum. We will enjoy a lunch at the Spaghetti Factory.

On October 30th we are going to the Thunder Valley Casino.

To all our members who had Birthdays in September band those who will celebrate Birthdays, we wish you a very happy birthday and we wish you much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

Our sincere sympathy to Frede and her family on the death of Ron Mirkkevich. Our prayers are with you, Frede and your family. Ron will be missed by his family and many friends.

Our 46th Anniversary Luncheon on September 22nd was another success. We had 35 people, which was an honor and a pleasure to have Vic Arnaudo and his wife, Pat, join us. Thank you, Vic and Pat! Vic is President of Br. 1.

Please remember our sick and deceased members in your prayers.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Mass: October 22nd
Meeting: October 23rd.
Ciao,
Eva Peruta, President

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Father Joe Landi returned from this year’s convention with 2018 ICF Calendars in hand and with ideas on increasing our membership. Branch 365 is so thankful and appreciative that Father was willing to go as our delegate. He learned at one of the workshops that the best way to gain new members is to ask each member to invite a friend or acquaintance to one of our meetings, especially if they are Italian. Of course, we all know that they need not be Italian to join. That said, let’s each of us give it a serious try.

Our September meeting went well. We had three guests from Branch 38, President Maria Amato, her hubby Cosimo, and long-time member, Rose Mangini, who, in the early days, was a member of the ICF drum corps and marched in parades. It was a very enjoyable meeting. With all the fun and socializing, it was a wonder we managed to have our business meeting.

We were sent ten 2018 calendars to be sold by the branch. Joe is in charge of the sales. The price is $25. The branch retains $5. Keep in mind we have done this many number of times because winning numbers go back into the mix after each month’s drawing.

Next meeting will be November 8th at 6:30.

Let us pray for the unfortunate people that lost their lives and homes in the devastating wildfires in California.

God Bless

Ann Bassutino

San Mateo District Council

Congratulations to Debbie Rodondi, 2nd Grand Vice President, Central Council and to our own Christine Prudenciado who received the Grand Presidents Award. Chris-

tine will be honored at Holy Angels, Colma, Branch 19, Monday, October 23.

Mark your calendars:
November 3, 2017 Chaplain’s Night, South San Francisco Elks, 920 Stonegate Drive, South S.F. 6:00 cocktails 7:00 dinner. Please see the district hotline for entrance choices and RSVP to drodondi@comcast.net no later than October 23. Her birthday is January 20, 2018. Suite Mateo Installation of Officers, see the district hotline for specifics.

Please keep our sick members and deceased members in your prayers.

Ciao,
Barbara

Redwood City

Name, Br. 6

Our 92nd Anniversary luncheon was well attended by many branches and a great thanks to our cooks: Georgia Row, Sylvia Row, Barbara Ebel & Catherine Boyle for the raffle baskets. Thanks to all who helped with setting up and breaking down the hall and cleaning up. Well done!!!

Ciao,
Barbara

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paol Branch, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Hard to believe we are coming to the end of another year and it is a busy one.

Branch Schedule:
November 3rd: San Mateo District Chaplains Night, hosted by Branch 19.
6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner.
Reservations to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Drive, South San Francisco 94080.
Phone 650-583-4005, drondondi@comcast.net deadline for reservations October 23.
November 13th: Monday, Dinner Meeting hosted by Deborah Rodondi; Dessert by Joyce Harnett. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by the 9th (650)755-0878 leave message or email cas94015@yahoo.com.

November 25th and 26th:
Holy Angels Christmas Boutique - Come by after Church and enjoy the delicious food that is for sale and see what crafters are working on. Deborah Rodondi will have 2 tables at the event. The proceeds from table rentals and food benefit the parish.

December 11th: Monday, Christmas Party and 89th Anniversary Celebration at Sharp Park. RSVP by December 3rd to Donna Barnes, 650-991-0178, 183 Santa Paula Drive, Daly City CA 94015.

Congratulations to the new Officers of Branch 19:
President, Deborah Rodondi, 1st VP Kathy Trevino, 2nd VP Donna Barnes, Secretary Cheryl Simon, Financial Secretary Joann Sangiaco.

They are as follows:
Corresponding Secretary - Rose Marie Mollica
Recording Secretary - Caroline Cannizzaro
Corresponding Secretary - Rose Marie Mollica
Orator - Roy Fry
Trustees - Helen Habeef, Mary Swanson, Chris Seary
Sentinel - Dorothy Semke

We thank Ann Gardner and Lois Agresti, retiring officers, for their many years of service to our ICF Branch.

San Mateo District’s annual Chaplain’s Night will take place on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the So. San Francisco Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Dr., So. San Francisco at 7:00 PM.

Our next meeting, Pizza Nite, will take place November 7, 2017, with social at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM. We are happy to announce and welcome our newest member, Adriana Landucci to our Branch.

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November 2017
Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
Salve amici e soci della Federazione
Our branch is praying for our neighbors in the neighboring counties that are suffering from the effects of the fires. We are praying for the victims of the hurricanes, the earthquakes, and the terrible shooting in Las Vegas.
We hoped that October would be a chance to celebrate our heritage but with so many tragic events, it didn’t feel appropriate. We postponed events to November.
We pray for the repose of the soul of Gary Farber.

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council
The meeting was convened with a moment of silence to honor Sept 11, 2001. President Bob introduced Grand President Andy Pappani & wife Syd, and Grand Treasurer, Denise Antonowicz. Bob said Andy is the Fifth Grand President elected from our district. Jerry Delfino distributed the new Mentor Report.
Louise Vento said a member of recently closed Br. 13 gave her copies of the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation that were written in Italian. Br. 408 – Resurrection served Pancake Breakfast and held their usual blood drive. Br. 435 – St. Catherin won an award for new membership growth and Sal Compagna was on the team that took 2nd place at the convention Bocce Tournament. The branch’s dinner was so successful that they awarded $8,000 to the church building program, $300 to Cooley’s Anemia, $100 to school science camp and $75 to golf hole sponsorship.
Br. 445 – Transfiguration received its new banner at convention and another branch gave them a stand & pedestal to display the banner. President Bob wants to follow-up on a workshop suggestion that each SCV District branch include in their reports what has helped membership.
Jeannet Hudson gave a heritage report that told of Fortunato who migrated from Trapani, Sicily to California, became famous in the canning industry. His son Victor became president of the company and great-grandson Bill Greco carries on the heritage.
December District Meeting – Monday, December 11, Hosted by ICF Br. 435 – at Tony’s Kitchen.
Mike Nunziata
Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5
This is the month when we set aside time to be thankful. We especially thank all Officers and Members of Br. 5 for a successful year in 2017. We thank God for all of you and for what all of you do. We thank also Mike Holder and his family for the great food and support for the Br. 5 in 2017 especially with dinners.
Dinner/Meeting is on November 16, 2017 with Turkey Dinner on the Menu which is subject to change.
Hope that all Members have received a letter from me that dues are currently due and payable by December 31, 2017. Let us keep Br. 5 strong and healthy in the New Year 2018. Please mail your check and paperwork if you need to change address or phone number as soon as possible. Your continued support is needed to keep Br 5 alive and well in the New Year.
Please bring your baby items to the Dinner/ Meeting in November for the Fayette on December 3, 2017 at St. Lucy’s in Campbell.
Gifts to All Members and their families.
Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28
Branch 28 delegates returned from the 87th Annual National Convention in Sacramento California that was held on August 31st to September 4th 2017 with Branch 28’s own Andy Pappani elected as Grand President of the Central Council. Andy shared in his acceptance speech the journey to this position. “My journey in the ICF began over 40 years ago when my father and mother introduced me to this wonderful organization which embodies the spirit of our Catholic beliefs and Italian heritage. Along with his brothers, my Dad and Mother influenced me in my culture and faith. Now, I hope to influence this organ-

San Jose
Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332
After our summer hiatus, it was wonderful to find ourselves, once again, enjoying the company of our ICF family. Special thanks to Bob and Holli Lemos, who presented our Branch with a beautiful statue of St. Francis, which they brought back from their trip to Assisi. Our October Heritage celebration was a wonderful success. Our members dressed in the colors of their respective cultures, and all “sang for their supper”, with a creative fare enjoyed by all in attendance.
Please keep in mind, scholarship breakfast and bake sale December 3rd and Branch Christmas party at the Old City Hall Restaurant on December 18th.
Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184
Our delegates had a great time at the Convention. Our Branch won Second Place Award for Heritage presentations. Marie Antonowicz or Denise Antonowicz presents a bit of Italian history every month at our meetings. Also, our President Denise was elected as Treasurer of Central Council! Congratulations Denise!
We recently received a letter from the Central Council thanking us for making it possible to present a Third Year Scholarship of $600.00 to Justin Shumate of Morgan Hill. Justin is a student at U.C.L.A.
We have the new 2018 calendars for sale, full of photos, recipes and personal stories. Not only is it an interesting read, but there is a drawing every day of the year and anyone who buys a calendar is entered for a chance to win. The prize could be $30, $50 or $100! Call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 to purchase your calendar. $5 from each calendar stay with our branch.
As I write this, plans are underway for our Ghosts & Ghouls Polenta Dinner Dance. More on how it turned out in the next Bollettino.
In closing, I ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters, and everybody who is suffer-
San Jose
St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191
The year is rapidly coming to a close. We have had a great year and are looking forward to the end of the year holidays. (At least I am.) I really like this time of the year.
Branch #191 is planning for the November 12th, St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage at our Church. St. Frances Cabrini in San Jose. We meet at the church at 10:45AM; process the perimeter of the plant carrying the statue of our patron Saint, while 5 different church members say a decade of the Rosary in their language. We then finish our procession in the church attending Mass together as one community. Very inspiring. After Mass, we meet in Essig Hall and have lunch.
This year we are honored to have Bishop Patrick McGrath as our Principal Celebrant, with co-celebrants Father Mike Hendrickson, Father Paolo Gobbo and Father Gabriel. To all the branches in the Federation, branch #191 hopes you have a wonderful Halloween and Thanksgiving.
God Bless,
Jim Jones

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391
President Mike Rossi thanked Al and Diana Valloriz for the delicious lasagna and sausage dinner, the servers, the hospitality group, and the people who set-up for the meal. Mike led the October meeting with officer nominations. Thank you, Cathy DeMaria, for being on the nominating committee.
Congratulations to our 2018 officers, who were re-elected: President-Mike Rossi; First Vice President- Marcie Rossi; Second Vice President- Doug Schenck; Secretary-Louise Vento; Financial Secretary -Tina Rossi; Orator-Sister Jane Garrison; Trustees -Susan Busco, Donna Rossi, and Russ Vento; and Sentinel-Linda Ochinero. We continue to thank you for your service to our branch.
Through the generosity of our members, Branch 391 donated $362 to the ICF Hurricane Relief Fund. Thank you, members! Also, Marcie Rossi collected our “Pledge of Prayers” for ICF’s Spiritual Bouquet to be presented to the Bishop.
Since it was our evening of “Crazy Hats,” Louise Vento included the history of hats and traditions of varied cultures in her interesting heritage report.
There are still a number of 2018 ICF Calendars available for sale. Calendars include a variety of Italian stories and recipes, and some of the proceeds are returned to our branch. Remember to contact Louise.
Upcoming events: Branch #391 meeting (ham dinner) — November 7; St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage—November 12 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 10:45 a.m. march and 11:30 mass with lunch to follow; Spaghetti and Meatball Fall Fundraiser—November 19, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., #391 Christmas Party—December 5; and Quarterly Communion—December 10, 8:30 a.m. mass.
Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!
Janis Patellaro
San Jose
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Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408
A heartfelt Thank You to all of our Donors and Supporters for our recent Parish Blood Drive . At this time of critical blood shortage, we were able to collect 28 productive units for which can be used for many of the surgeries at Stanford Hospital.
Our Branch also wishes to thank our many helpers for the ICF Pancake Breakfast. This Parish wide Community Service Project was a big success.
The ICF Reception after the St. Francis Peace Service on held on 4 October gathered over 75 Attendees for our Parish wide Community Service Project.
A few members were able to attend Bishop’s Day on October 21 and also plan to attend the Pilgrimage Mass at St. Frances Cabrini on November 12.
Our second coffee/donut Sunday went very well. Parishioners seemed to enjoy the refreshments as well as the fellowship following Mass.
Our Christmas and Spring fundraisers are still on the drawing board. Our first-ever Bunco group will start in January.
A Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Richard Pfaff, Secretary

Santa Rosa
Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103
Board officers, together with Deputy Bill Scinto, attended Bishop’s Day in late September at St. Eugene’s Cathedral, Santa Rosa. Bishop Vasa said Mass for the congregation before joining the group at Cattleman’s Restaurant for a great lunch. He was presented with 2 checks for the seminarians.
Once again in October the members met at St. Leo’s, but the remodeled facilities at Fr. Roberts Hall are expected to be completed for our Thanksgiving dinner.
Nominations for the coming year are “in the works” and the branch is formulating a slate of dedicated members to take over from the present Board.
Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning
Recording Secretary

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127
Greetings from Petaluma!
It’s been bad times here in Sonoma County as you all have been hearing and reading about. Petaluma has been filled with smoke from the disastrous fires that are occurring. It’s times like these that show the coming together of friendship, love and support. Our hearts go out to Carmen Kilcullen and her family, Rosemary and to all who have lost their homes. May all these people be able to rebuild and be back in their homes as soon as possible.
Our congratulations to the Santa Rosa District for the lovely Bishop’s Day. The Bishop was pleased and so were the members of the Branches that attended. Thank you!
Nov. 13th - Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bring canned goods for the needy.
Get well wishes to Kathleen Walker and to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to members celebrating at this time.
Thanksgiving is a time for appreciating all that we have in life and to thank God for all he gives us with his love and forgiveness. It is a time to enjoy families and loved ones. So make sure to enjoy the holiday and to tell the special people in your life that you love them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144
Our Oct. meeting began with an opening prayer led by our new Chaplin, Fr. Pacheco. It is with sadden hearts that we announce the death of Jim Spallino on Sept. 26. Jim has been a member since Feb. 16, 1989. He has served as Branch President as well as other officers and has chaired many committees. Jim was a marvelous cook. He made the sauce for our Chicken/Pasta fundraisers, and homemade Italian Sausage for Heritage Day, just to name a few. The importance of “family” was evident in his daily actions . He will be greatly missed.
November Coffee Hr. will be served by ICF. Call Pres. Judith to sign up.
The Santa Rosa District Christmas party will be held on Dec. 3. Items for our Christmas Basket are needed by the middle of November. Remember to buy your Christmas Raffle tickets – 9 for $5 from Rosemary at the Nov. meeting or she can deliver them to you! November 12 is our scheduled Biscotti/Baked Goods Sale at both Masses. Heat up those ovens!!!
The Nominating Committee presented the following 2018 Officers Roster: Pres. - Judy Cardozo, Vice Pres. – Joan DalPorto, Corresponding/Recording Secretary - Marie LaBanca, Treasurer/Financial Secretary – Elena David, Trustees – Tony LaBanca, Pete Stagnoli, & Bob Rocha, Sentinel – Shannon Gier, Orator – Rosemary Melendy, Chaplin Fr. Pachacho, Deputy – Mike DalPorto.
Mark your calendar – Dec. 6 – Christmas Potluck. Offer prayers for: Larry Depel (broken hip), Shar Evan(continued recovery), and the Spallino Family. November Birthdays: Dina MacDonald and Joe Rodrigues. Happy Birthday!
Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145
We began October with our annual fund raiser for our Jerry Colivas Scholarship Fund. We had a spaghetti dinner with spaghetti sauce made by Jerry and his son. As usual Jerry, you guys did a great job. We had two kinds of sauce, meat and marinara. Everyone raved how good it tasted. Our menu was spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. We had a full house. The servers did an amazing job keeping up with the pace. THANK YOU! Everyone had a good time enjoying their meal and visiting. Also thank you to all who helped to set up and cleaning after.

During our September meeting we welcomed new members Barbara and Gary Sokolow and daughter, and Josephine and John Silva. Welcome to all.

Also discussed in September was the progress of purchasing a memorial brick in memory of our late member Anita Pera. The brick will be placed at St. Bernard High School. Suanna reported on her experiences at the convention. She shared a lot of good information. Thank you Suanna and Marian for attending.

Next meeting will be October 10. Please plan to attend.

Please pray for all of our members and their families. Also for the victims of the hurricanes and the latest fires in California.

Peace and good health to you all,
Nancy Paoli

Stockton
District Council
The Stockton District was greatly honored to have the opportunity to have co-hosted this year’s Convention with the Blessed Sacrament District. Attendees must have felt that this was a Pachinger Family Reunion. Pachingers were everywhere; at the opening ceremony welcoming everyone, at Bocce Ball, receiving awards, at the head table during the banquet. It was never ending. They were there at every Mass as Altar Boys. There was no escape. Thank you all for welcoming us as part of your family. We feel the love and appreciate it. This is what the Italian Catholic Federation means to us.

Please let me take the time to send my appreciation to all the officers and members of the Stockton District who have made my duties as President very easy. I wish every district has members who are willing to sacrifice their time and effort in support of the organization, as we do. Our members were there, behind the scenes making sure that this Convention was a great one. My congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament District for their members who did the same. We shall cherish our bonds that we have. Paula and Hank Scarpetti, we are family!

The Stockton District has started planning for the upcoming Bishop’s Bursar. Thank you Steve Ridolfi for making certain that the support for the seminarians goes on without problems. The date may be in February. We shall let everyone know as soon as it is firm. Please have a blessed Thanksgiving as we give thanks to God and you.

May God bless everyone,
Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Pachinger
Stockton District President

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48
Thanks to all the help from our bakers we did very well at our bake sale. Thanks to all who baked and helped with the sale.

At our annual Mass and Breakfast in October 22, 2017 we attend 8:00 am and for Breakfast we supported the altar servers at the breakfast they do each year at the same time.

Thanks to all our members that made cookies for the Food Tent at the Parish Fall Festival. Also thanks to the members that helped at the dinners and booths.

We have the convention calendars. To our members that are unable to attend the meetings give me a call and I will see that you are kept in the loop.

All are most welcome to attend.

Stockton
St. Luke, Br. 138
Italian Catholic Federation Branch #138 of St. Luke’s Church in Stockton, California, held elections for officers at the general meeting on October 12, 2017.

Re-elected for second terms were:
• Joe Curtis, President
• Darlene Ravera, Treasurer and Financial Secretary
• Kathy Hall, Corresponding Secretary

Other officers elected for first terms or first terms in a new office were:
• Danette Curtis, Recording Secretary
• Michelle Hoffman, Mary Lou Hoffman, and Pam Kelechney, Trustees

Michael Hoffman, 1st Vice President
Steve Guasco, 2nd Vice President
Paul Vasquez, Sentinel

This activity has been a major fund-raiser each year for our branch.

A report from our Nominating Committee and election of officers for 2018 will be held at our October meeting.

Rosemary Hekl and Tony Queirolo were the winners of the charity and attendance drawings at our latest Branch meeting.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390
Our monthly dinner meeting in September was attended by 176 members and their guests - one of the largest turnouts yet. We paid all the bills and the net profit was over $900! We want to thank all the members and their guests who donated great raffle prizes - we sold $320 in raffle tickets, and thanks to all the members and their guests who provided two tables full of desserts enjoyed by all! We appreciate everyone and couldn’t be as successful on these monthly meeting nights without your contributions. It takes a village as they say!

Anita Ridolfi reported on the 2017 Convention, which was co-hosted by our Stockton district and was a hugely successful collabo-
Tucson
Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425
On October 7, 32 Branch members will attend the show of song and comedy at Gaslight Theater titled “Phantom of the Opera” and dinner following at Pinnacle Peak.

October 12 is our Branch meeting with a pot luck dinner. We are celebrating 8 October birthdays for Branch members.

October 13 is the 100th anniversary of Fatima, celebrating Mass and Rosary for all ministries at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

October 22 is our Corporate Communion at Mass with breakfast at Los Agavas Restaurant.

October 28 is the White Elephant Parade and we advertise and sell tickets for our meatball and pasta “drive through” dinner fundraiser scheduled for November 4.

Father Capodanno, the son of Italian immigrants, was born in Staten Island, NY on February 13, 1929. He was ordained in 1958 and served as a Maryknoll Missionary in Taiwan and in Hong Kong until 1966. At that time, Father Capodanno, was called to an entirely different vocational ministry. He became a Navy Chaplain, completed Officer Candidate School in 1966. Lt. Capodanno served the local villagers as well as the marine troops. Father Capodanno was a constant companion to his marines, living under the same battlefield conditions as the troops. During his second tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, a Vietnamese ambush resulted in heavy fighting, Father Capodanno, although seriously injured, spotted a wounded corpsman who was pinned down by a an enemy machine gunner. Unarmed, Fr. Capodanno ran to the corpsman and ministered to his medical and spiritual needs. Father Vincent Capodanno died there on the battlefield, the victim of 27 bullet wounds.

Fr. Capodanno was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Bronze Star medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and the Purple Heart medal.

For further information contact Father Capodanno Guild, P.O. Box 2942, 1025 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington DC, 20017.

Tucson
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434
Members of ICF Branch 434 were pleased to partner with the Knights of Columbus, Council 8077, for a mass celebrating the life of Fr. Vincent Capodanno Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church.

Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413
We hit the floor running after the Convention, and we are planning our upcoming events. Although the Branch will not be having an October dinner (not enough time, problems with Parish, etc.), we are participating in the Mark Twain Wild West Fest. We have been participating in this event the last few years. As usual, we will be cooking breakfast and serving the local vendors and public. This month has been a little hard on a couple of our members. Our Sharon, our Secretary unfortu-

went a procedure. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Christmas is Coming!
As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the Bollettino. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

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The deadline is November 10. Thank you.

Michelle Feldman
Editor, Bollettino
In Loving Memory

Report Date: 10/16/2017

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Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by October 10, 2017

Branch 32
Branch 40
Branch 392
Branch 423
Steve Rudolfi
Allen Watts
Gerry Angelino Meacham
In memory of Ines Fiorio
Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
Rose and Don Arnaudo
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
Richard and Donna Pfaff
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
Eva Stern
Speedy recovery wishes for Elaine Osorio
Bob Bausano
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio

Gifts of Love Donations Application

Our hearts go out to those members and friends who have lost everything in the recent fires in Northern California. If you, or someone you know, lost a medical aid device, wheelchair, walker, or any other special medical supply, please submit an application for assistance from the Gifts of Love.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Teresa Helfand
Gifts of Love Chairperson
TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING

PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Cocktails (No-Host Bar) - 5:00 p.m.  Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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620 East Nineteenth Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305

MENU: Traditional Pyrenees Dinner - Tri Tip & Fried Chicken, Pyrenees French bread and butter, soup, beans, hot sauce, pickled tongue, marinated tomatoes, salad, spaghetti, French fries, vegetables, and wine. Ice cream or sherbet and coffee will be served for dessert.

Price: $40.00 per person

RSVP By November 3, 2017

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FOR THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR

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Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.
Congratulations!

At the recent Central Council meeting in October there were a few changes.

Congratulations to Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for being voted as a Life Member of the Central Council. This opened a position on the Central Council. Pat Mages won the vote to move back as a voting member of the Central Council. Congratulations to both Leonard and Pat!

Congratulations to Teresa Helfand who was unable to be in the officers photo taken Monday at the Convention. Teresa is the Grand Sentinel for 2017-2018. Congratulations!

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