Eureka! Sacramento/Stockton Convention a Success

Congratulations to the newly installed Central Council Officers: (top row, l-r) Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz, Grand Trustees Lisa Crudo, Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and Anne Interante; Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen and Grand Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi. (Not pictured, Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand.) (Front row, l-r) 2nd Grand Vice President Deborah Rodondi, 1st Grand Vice President Vince Piro, Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Grand President Andrew Pappani, and Immediate Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Michelle Feldman
Editor

Labor Day Weekend seems to come faster each year! The capital of California, Sacramento, became the background for the Convention, and Eureka! was the catch phrase. The 87th Annual Convention took place in Sacramento, California from August 31 to September 4, 2017. This was the first joint Convention, bringing together the Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts, along with Convention Directors Roselynne Jarrett and her committee. The 87th Annual Convention took place in Sacramento, California from August 31 to September 4, 2017. This was the first joint Convention, bringing together the Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts, along with Convention Directors Roselynne Jarrett and her committee.

The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts, along with Convention Director Roselynne Jarrett and her committee and Blessed Sacrament District President Paula Scarpelli and Stockton District President Robert Pachinger, hosted a wonderful gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Sacramento.

On Thursday night, the Italian Catholic Federation presented its ceremonial check to Children’s Hospital Los Angeles at the Sacramento River Cats baseball game. Laurice Levine accepted the check on the field with Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Convention Director Roselynne Jarrett and Sebastian Pachinger representing his family who received the Family of the Year Award. This was the first time that the ICF participated in pre-game festivities at a baseball game. Grand President Zasoski also was honored with throwing out one of the game’s first pitches. Roselynne Jarrett also throw out the first pitch.

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.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

(As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the new Grand President’s acceptance speech from the Convention.)

Thank you for electing me as your Grand President. My journey in the ICF began more than 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 father and mother influenced my culture and faith. Now, I hope to influence this organization’s current and future members.

My journey now continues in the Italian Catholic Federation, which started here in the Blessed Sacrament District in 2005, where I was first elected to the Central Council.

Now, 12 years later, I am being installed as the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation here in the Blessed Sacrament District. What a journey, but the journey has only began.

At this time I want to thank all the clergy that have influenced me along the way: my wife Siria (Sid); our sons Andrew, Jr. and Anthony; Anthony’s wife Nikki and their son Lorenzo; my extended family, Branch 28 of Gilroy (The Garlic Capital); the Santa Clara Valley District, my fellow past and present Central Council members, and all of the delegates and members of the Italian Catholic Federation for your support on this journey.

Two Districts: One Convention

What a great job Paula Scarpelli and Nina Malone of The Blessed Sacrament District, and Robert Pachinger of the Stockton District, along with members of both Districts have done at this Convention. Under the leadership of Rose Jarrett and the Convention Directors’ Committee, their warm hospitality and attention to detail were commendable.

As I said earlier, we are only just beginning! We are taking the ICF on the road, we will be coming to a town near you. If you hear us knocking, let us in, welcome us with open arms, and an open mind. That’s the good old Catholic and Italian spirit.

We want to hear your concerns and ideas about the ICF.

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Do You Believe This?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

109 degrees, the temperature during the convention weekend. Hot! Thank God for air-conditioning. Otherwise, it was a wonderful convention experience.

We were all “Discovering the Treasure of Our Faith and Heritage.” What is our Faith? It is a gift from God. Therefore, it is a treasure. We believe in God and what He reveals to us, not because it makes sense, not because we can reason to it, but just because God said so.

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind…You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt.22:37)

That’s it! There it is in a nutshell! This is our love with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind…You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt.22:37)

In reality, we say yes to this gift, however many times we say “yes, but.” It is very hard always so easy to make that gift of Faith a treasure. We believe in God and what He reveals to us, not because it makes sense, not because we can reason to it, but just because God said so.

Don’t worry. No need to be stressed about our inability to follow through. Our Heritage from Christ gives us the answer. Jesus loves us, no matter what we do or what we did. Jesus always loves us and His love is perfect. He gives us the grace and the strength to keep trying. His commandment to love Him and to love our neighbor is our life’s goal. With God yes we can, yes we can, yes we can!

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by September 10, 2017

Donations Presented at Convention - 1st Year

The Sanitich Family
In memory of Yvonne Mauer
John and Dorene Campanile
In memory of John Cassanego
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In memory of Dave Mayer
Michael and Donna Santich
In memory of Dave Boicelli
Officers/Members of Br. 434
In memory of Kelli Raffanti

Donations Presented at Convention - 1st Year

Scholarship Convention Donations
The Antonowicz Family
Total: $500.00

The Antonowicz Family
Total: $200.00

Grand Total Convention Donations: $1,500.00

2017 Conventions Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

1st Prize, $2,500 + $250 Seller’s Prize
Madeline Crews, Br. 21, Santa Cruz, CA

2nd Prize, $1,500
Susan Wilturner, Br. 184, Los Gatos, CA

$150 Seller’s Prize
Andrea Maccato, Br. 184, Los Gatos, CA

3rd Prize, $1,500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Lawrence Renzi, Br. 281, Bakersfield, CA

4th Prize, $1,000 + $100.00 Seller’s Prize
Fr. Charito Suan, Br. 258, San Francisco, CA

5th Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Dominic Cosentino, Br. 26, Hollister, CA

6th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Bernard Paradiso, Br. 31, Los Banos, CA

7th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Lori Canepa, Br. 36, Seaside, CA

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

Branch 14, Crockett, CA -- $250
Branch 139, Manteca, CA -- $250
Heritage: Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz  
Heritage Chairperson

Just to begin, it was great seeing so many of you at our 87th Convention in Sacramento. What impressed me the most was the diversity of our membership and what we all add to the basic need of coming together to share our love of the Italian Catholic Federation. A special thanks to Louise and Russ Vento for putting up a Heritage Table. It wasn’t ideal but they are the Heritage Committee’s cheerleaders and even if was for only a few hours they were committed and did a great job.

On October 8, in San Francisco, we were present on our float for the Heritage parade. The theme was “Many Faces – One Family” – the Italian Catholic Federation. New look for the float but the Chicken was dancing and we had many members on the float holding signs declaring their varied heritages. Thank you to all the participants. You made the float special and meaningful.

Finally, thanks to the float builders Leonard Zasoski, Jr., for bringing the float and building the structure, and the decorators: Franklyn Lopes, Jr.; Marie, Germaine & Michelle Antonowicz; Michael Cannady; Donna Pfiif; Russ & Louise Vento; and Andy & Sid Pappani. Grazie!

Treat others how you would like to be treated.

The Hospitalization Plan: A good friend of mine from Monterey, Branch 36, Eddy Leonard, said, “The Hospitalization Plan is the best kept secret in the ICF.”

This is another benefit that the ICF has to offer its members. Presidents, please go back and explain this program to your members. There are a lot of members under the age of 70 that can benefit from this program.

I would leave you with this thought, “Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtues appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and of the guidance of virtue.”

To quote Vince Lombardi, “Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

The wording under our insignia states, **IGNEM VENI MITTERE -- WE COME TO LIGHT A FIRE**

Once again, let’s go forth and spread the good deeds of the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless America and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation!

Thank You
Grand President
Andrew J. Pappani

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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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**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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Rose Vallerga and Family
In memory of Jeanne Ballardini
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In memory of Frank Segreto

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**In memory of**

- Frank Segreto
- Gerry Meacham
- The late Frank Segreto
- A. Lombardi
- J. Pappani and First Lady Siri (Sid) Pappani
- Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr.
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- Ed and Shirliann Swertfager

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**Deadline for Ad Placement**

November 10

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**In memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager**

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**Grand President Andrew J. Pappani and First Lady Siri (Sid) Pappani**

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**Grand President**

Andrew J. Pappani

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**Thank You**

Grand President
Andrew J. Pappani

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**Michelle Feldman**
Editor, Bollettino
Thank You For Cooley’s Anemia Donations

September 23, 2017

Dear Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Apostolate Chair Nina Malone, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

Every year the ICF convention is a highlight and this year was no exception. The 87th Annual Convention in Sacramento was a shining example of community, hospitality, friendship, and philanthropy. We are so honored to be included and as always enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

Now, having been at the ICF convention for only my second time, I (Dr. Coates) was impressed by the same thing - a fantastic group of people driven to help others. I particularly enjoyed the stories behind those who received the awards.

Thank you for once again adopting the Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) as your National Charity and for the donation of $75,000. We are grateful to the ICF Members, the Joe Liotta Trust, The Shirley Silva Trust and The Kemp Foundation Trust for their contributions. We are incredibly grateful for your support and realize how difficult fundraising is - we sincerely appreciate the tireless hard work and time that you put into your many fundraisers for thalassemia.

ICF funds have been used in many important ways and will continue to sustain specific outreach programs at CHLA. This includes our PASSAGES Transition Program and the development of adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. This program is unique to CHLA as we strive to be a leader in adult thalassemia care.

When I returned from the ICF meeting, I was reminded of the importance of the PASSAGES program you support. I ran into a 31-year-old thalassemia “child” who made his way to the CHLA emergency room in March of this year through the adult network connections. He was in full heart failure at that time and the adult cardiologist wanted to do a heart transplant. Instead, he was admitted to a local adult facility and treated under the direction of his pediatric hematologist from CHLA (Dr. Coates). He now has normal cardiac function! What is even better, the adult service has gained an understanding of thalassemia and are now members of the adult network team. The work you do makes a huge difference.

Thank you for your support of this remarkable organization!
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**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION: RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mister President, I move that these communications and resolutions be adopted. Thank you.
Thank you to all of the “Life Savers” who donated blood and gave the gift of life at the 87th Annual ICF Convention in Sacramento. The 6th Annual Blood Drive sponsored by the ICF’s Live to Give Committee was the most successful one yet - with 38 people coming to donate and 37 units of blood. The American Red Cross was the local blood bank and did a fantastic job at collections. Thank you to the following individuals who selflessly donated blood:

- Pamela Anderson
- Denise Antonowicz
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Special thanks to the Kerry Morris and the Staff at American Red Cross for their hard work and contributions to making the blood drive a success!
Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand Treasurer

Wow! Just came back from a great convention in Sacramento. Thanks to the Sacramento and Stockton Districts and the Convention Directors Committee for a job well done!

I have been busy in the kitchen experimenting with some Italian cookie recipes, which I will be sharing with you in the coming issues of the Bollettino. Today it is all about a great crock pot dish that is a hit at all potluck dinners.

This recipe came from my mom’s childhood friend and neighbor Verna Delucchi Garibaldi from Pleasanton, CA. Verna told me it was her go to dish for potlucks. The JROTC Del Campo Air Force presented the colors, and Life Member of the Central Council Nina Malone performed the National Anthem.

Receiving a warm welcome, Grand President Leonard Zasoski entered along with his First Lady Betty (BG) Zasoski. Paula Scarpelli and Robert Pachinger welcomed everyone to Sacramento and presented a gift from the districts to Grand President Zasoski. The Pachinger children presented First Lady BG with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Grand President Zasoski continued by welcoming one and all to the Convention in the pursuit of new ideas to share with each member and delegate’s branches back home.

Right before the Roll Call of Districts, Allen Watts appeared on stage dressed as a miner, yielding a pick axe. Past Grand President Jim Jones constructed a beautiful backdrop including a mining cart, representing the Convention’s location in the Gold Country. Allen introduced everyone to the phrase of this Convention, “Eureka!” After getting the members and guests excited each District President approached the mining cart and placed a bag of “gold” representing the treasures found in their district.

Father George Aranaha was the keynote speaker of the evening. His words always leave those in attendance feeling spiritually moved and appreciative of the time we get to spend together.

Nina Malone closed out the Opening Ceremonies with “Noi Vogliam Dio.”

Then, as per tradition and for the fun of those in attendance, the Central Council candidates were waiting to meet the delegates and members in attendance during, “Meet the Candidates.” The banquet room was a-buzz with conversation and camaraderie as the candidates discussed their plans for the future of the ICF. It was a great start to the Convention.

“Pot” Dinner

1/2 to 1 pound ground hamburger
1/4 pound bacon cut into small pieces
1 cup chopped onions
2 cans (15 ounce) pork and beans
1 can (15 ounce) kidney beans, drained
1 cup ketchup
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 Tbsp. liquid smoke
3 Tbsp. white vinegar
1 tsp. salt
dash of pepper

Brown ground beef in skillet, drain off fat and put into crock pot. Brown bacon and onions drain off fat. Add to crock pot with rest of ingredients. Stir well. Cover and cook on low 4 to 6 hours.

So the next time you have no idea what to bring to the ICF potluck, try this dish. Guaranteed to be a hit!

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

Buon Appetito!
Friday at the Convention
Friday at the Convention
Saturday at the Convention

With an early morning start on Saturday, September 2, the delegates were ready to attend workshops that discussed the Strategic Plan; National Charity; Public Relations; Spiritual; Membership; Expansion; the Mentor Program; and Offices and Committees.

During the business session the Young Adult Leadership Award was presented to Antonio Costa and the Family of the Year was presented to the Pachinger Family.

The credentials committee reported that there were 181 delegates and 31 Central Council Life Members and Members Emeritus. That made a total of 212 voting members.

Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. announced that at the blood drive on Friday 34 units of blood were donated -- the most ever at a Convention.

There were 11 candidates running for the Central Council. All gave speeches, and the voting and election would take place on Sunday.

All submitted proposals were passed by the delegates at the Convention.

The delegates and members were given a relaxing period to return to their rooms before the Saturday night banquet.

Once inside the banquet hall members took their seats as the Mistress of Ceremonies, Central Council Member Emeritus Patricia Mages welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

The evening was filled with inspirational and light-hearted remarks from all dignitaries in attendance. These included District Presidents Paula Scarpelli and Robert Pachinger, and Rev. Mister Marinko Kraljevich.

After the dinner, Grand President Zasoski then presented the Pope Saint John XXIII award to Sally Morgan-Welch, founder of the Friends of the Formerly Friendless.

Ms. Morgan-Welch emphasized the importance of cat rescue programs, and the value that pets have in our lives.
Saturday at the Convention
Sunday at the Convention

At the Sunday session the following Central Council Candidates were voted into the Central Council: Denise Antonowicz, Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand, Anne Interrante, Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi, and Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand President Zasoski presented the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Rev. Christopher Bennett.

Grand President Zasoski also presented the Grand President’s Award to Christine Prudenciado from Branch 19, Colma.

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

Grand President Zasoski also made the presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Laurice Levine. Laurice and her husband Matt spoke to the members, and Laurice presented Grand President Zasoski with a blood drop statue in appreciation of his dedication to Cooley’s Anemia and blood donation.

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

Before the end of the session, Grand President Zasoski took a moment to say thank you to his family and the members of the ICF for supporting him during his two years as grand president.

The Concelebrated Mass was very well attended and the Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, was the main celebrant of the Sunday Mass.

Later in the evening the Sunday Banquet featured a western theme. Lots of dancing and conversation filled the night. The evening concluded with the Convention Raffle and drawing.
Sunday at the Convention
Sunday Night Western
After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual Convention to come to a close.

At the prayer service, conducted by Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The new 2017-2018 face of the Central Council is:

Grand President Andrew Pappani
Grand 1st Vice President Vince Piro
Grand 2nd Vice President Deborah Rodondi
Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen
Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz
Grand Trustees Lisa Crudo, Anne Interante and Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Parliamentarian Leonard Rossi
Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand

Newly installed Grand President Andrew Pappani spoke of his appreciation for this opportunity and his hope for the future of the ICF. For more on his speech see the Grand President’s Address.

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

Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone can meet again at the 2018 Convention in San Diego, California.
October 2017

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

GREETINGS TO ALL!  BRANCH 358 HAS BEEN QUITE BUSY DOING OUR LITTLE APOSTOLIC WORKS WHATEVER WE CAN.  IT SEEMS WE VISITED THE RETIRED SCALABRINI NUNS AS WE HAVE DONE ANNUALLY FOR MANY YEARS NOW.  HAD A WONDERFUL VISIT AND BROUGHT IN LUNCH, EXCHANGED STORIES AND GENERALLY HAD A WONDERFUL VISIT.  WE LIKE TO SEE THEIR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS.  LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!

WE ARE NOW PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL BAKE SALE ON OCTOBER 22 AT ST. VINCENT FERRER.  ALL ARE WELCOMED!  THIS WILL BE A DIFFERENT BAKE SALE WITH A SMALL CAFE SET UP WITH FREE COFFEE WITH A PURCHASE. THE BEST NEWS IS YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR PANTRY AND SAT AND ENJOY WITH FRIENDS OVER A CUP OF FREE COFFEE. SO YOU’D BE HELPING A WORTHY CAUSE AS WELL AS VISITING WITH FRIENDS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:
KAY COMISKY
LEONORA GILLETTE
PAULINE NICOLETTI

AS THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING WE MUST ALL GIVE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP US FEED THE POOR AS IT SEEMS TO FORGET. I KNOW LIFE IS VERY DIFFICULT AND WORRISOME AT TIMES (OR MOST TIMES) BUT TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND BE THANKFUL. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AND COME VISIT US ON OCT. 22 FOR THE BAKE SALE AND FRIENDSHIP!

CATHY NERI
BRANCH 358

Fresno
Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The August 8th meeting was a potluck and members and guests were treated to many delicious home-made entrees, salads, and desserts. Thanks to the August committee, chairmen: Rick and Janet Farinelli and the committee: Emily and Adolph Mayorga, Carol and Jim Espinola, Theresa Defrank, and Ilia Simas setting up, and John Lucich, clean-up! Mr. Deacon Vince Swearingen, and Bob Aquistipace. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Nancy Rodriguez, on the loss of her brother; the families of Michael Caglia and his wife who was killed in a very serious traffic accident; Deacon Kurt Nuehaus was raised in the OLV Parish. He’s an inspiration to us and very helpful in guiding our group. Deacon Kurt made an extra effort to attend some of the Convention in Sacramento.

Our Yard Sale in September was very successful. Thank you, Paulette Volpa and family, for organizing this event.

Keep the informed in your prayers, especially Mr. Esposito, Ms. Maria Guglielmino, Dorie Sabbatini, Michael Caglia, Fr. Eric Swearingen, and Bob Aquistipace. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Nancy Rodriguez, on the loss of her brother; the families of Michael Caglia and his wife who was killed in a very serious traffic accident; Deacon Kurt Nuehaus was raised in the OLV Parish.

Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33

After a summer hiatus Branch 33 is back on line.

President Maria Steel and Vice President Michael Cerri represented Branch 33 at the annual convention and will be updating members upon their return. Karen Cerri also attended.

At the end of summer, Branch 33 participated in the St Francis Parish annual barbecue by manning the wine booth. Members are now finalizing plans and preparations for the Branch’s Columbus Day fundraiser. This is the Branch’s major fundraiser and supports its annual charitable contributions and scholarship grants.

Branch 33 congratulates Monsignor Craig Harrison on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination. Under Monsignor’s leadership, St. Francis Parish has expanded its educational facilities and programs, as well as the number of missions answering the needs of the Parish community.

God bless you and long life, Monsignor Craig!

As St. Patrick might say: “May you live a long life, full of gladness and health. With a pocket full of gold, as the least of your wealth. And trusting in Him, to whom we all pray; May a song fill your heart every step of the way.” - The Spruce, Stacy Slinkard.

Robert Cerri Teglia

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Our September meeting was a lively evening of delicious food, Convention recapping, and much-needed discussion at the OLPF Hall. A big thank you to the delegates and all who attended the Convention in Sacramento and brought back their valuable knowledge. I can say, from first hand experience, it was a wonderful, enlightening, and fun convention. Grand President Leonard Zasoski made us all delighted to be members of the ICF, and especially proud to be members of Branch 281.

The Nite at the Races event is almost here! Buy and sell horses to family and friends for this exciting night October 7th! It will once again be hosted by Branch 33 and us, taking place in the youth center at St. Francis Parish. Call or text Allen Watts at 661-363-3803 for more information or to purchase a horse! Let’s make this event the best yet!

The October meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th, taking place in our parish hall. Come enjoy dinner and a meeting with us, with a spooky surprise to follow! Boo!

Also, mark your calendars now for November 9th. The November meeting is especially important for a few reasons: not only is it our exciting Turkey Bingo event, but Kristen and Joey Zasoski will also be rallying the troops to help make our Christmas party a success once again. Let’s get in the holiday spirit!

Baci e abbracci,
Kristen Zasoski
Los Angeles
Archdiocese District
Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter’s Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at 626 372-7812 or visit website at www.icf.org for more information.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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President Branch 67
Italian Catholic Federation
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South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

On Sunday, September 1 thru 4th, members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella along with Branch President John Maggiora, Adriana Maggiora, Diana and Santo Plescia and Theresa and Tad Shaw attended the ICF Convention in Sacramento, California. The event was well attended, with great workshops, and many areas to visit and enjoy historical Sacramento. Congratulations also to Branch Board member Tad Shaw and his Team winning first place in the annual Bocce Tournament and to Board Member Theresa Shaw and Carmelo Sabatella and their Team for winning 3rd Place.

On Sunday September 11, 2017 members enjoyed the ICF Dinner Fundraiser at Mijare’s Mexican Restaurant and Cantina. Thank you to event Chair Jackie Ficht and ICF staff who helped coordinate and manage the event from 4 pm to 9 pm. Congratulations to Raffle Winners including members Phil and Jane Argento for their good fortune and support of thus biannual event.

SAVE THE DATE
- December 3, 2017 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Burbank, CA 91504
And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace. May God Bless and keep you healthy “per cento anni!”

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

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Our October General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. At this meeting, we will also have Nominations/
On August 19, 2017, Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross, patron saint and native of the island of Ischia, Italy. This celebration has been going on since the early immigrants came from Ischia to San Pedro in the early 1900’s.

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

Thank you to all who attended our potluck meeting on Sept. 21st. We had a wonderful turnout and an array of delicious food for all to enjoy. Congratulations were extended to Frank (trustee) and Lina Amalfitano on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Ischia Italy. What a great start to our meeting!

The next important event for the district is the annual Bishop Day event. This will be held on Nov 4th with 530pm mass at St. Denis Catholic Church in Diamond Bar. Dinner will follow and the cost is $25.00. If interested in attending please call Neal (310) 433 1044. Transportation will be limited as Neal will be driving.

Our parish will be hosting a brunch on Sunday Nov 5th to raise funds for Christian Care. Our branch will be participating and will be cooking and serving scrambled eggs with potato and sausage. The brunch will start at 8am and finish at noon. Please support this parish fundraiser.

Pauline thanked all who supported our fundraiser trip to San Manuel Casino. She also announced the dates for our annual Las Vegas trip. Our branch will be offering a 3 day 2 nite stay at the Golden Nugget hotel leaving on Nov 14th returning Nov 16. Price is $140.00 per person double occupancy @ $195.00 single occupancy. Please call Pauline for reservations. 310 832 0563.

There is still time to join us on our branch of the Alaskan Cruise that Leticia Chapparo has arranged in April 2018. For more information please call Leticia at 310 8320140.

Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362


Great food, Fun and Entertainment by the “Jumpin Ukes” were had by all.

Congratulations Br. 362 on 35 wonderful years and may God bless us with many more years of service.

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

Egren Gomez, a sponsored member of ICF Branch 374 in La Canada Flintridge, California, was ordained a transitional Deacon on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, his home parish.

A late vocation, like many current seminarians, Deacon Gomez graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master Degree in Business (MBA) and worked in an executive position at Northrop Grumman Corporation before receiving his calling to the priesthood 6 years ago. He will be 41 years old when he is ordained a priest in May 2018.

During his years at St. John Seminary he performed many duties as a parishioner at the cathedral where he became friends with Al and Diane Restivo, who were Cathedral Associates and members of ICF Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable. They sponsored him for membership in ICF. The branch has sponsored him through his years in the Seminary.

Deacon Gomez served his first Mass as a deacon at the Cathedral the day after his ordination and delivered his first Homily to a congregation of nearly 3,000 people.

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After his ordination he will return to the Seminary for advanced studies while serving the Seminary.

Our next fundraiser is our Christmas Boutique which will be chaired by Karen Berardi. The set up is November 18 and the event is on the 19th. All the tables are rented and we are even using the stage for some tables. We will be selling sausage and meatball sandwiches. This is always a great way to start your Christmas shopping early.

One of our members, Barbara Cina, recently passed away and we would like to offer our condolences to her family. Barbara was a gentle soul who always did what she could to help out.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Lolly M.

San Gabriel Valley Region
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218

October 8 – General meeting, nomination of board members. Election of officers will be in November. October 14 and 15 is Holy Angels’ Fiesta. We will again be working the sandwich booth and will need some help. October 29th is a donut sale. The November meeting is on the 12th.

This article is being submitted before the event, however, I am going to go ahead and thank President Jerry and all that helped with our anniversary party. I am sure that it will be most successful.

Our next fundraiser is our Christmas Boutique which will be chaired by Karen Berardi. The set up is November 18 and the event is on the 19th. All the tables are rented and we are even using the stage for some tables. We will be selling sausage and meatball sandwiches. This is always a great way to start your Christmas shopping early.

One of our members, Barbara Cina, recently passed away and we would like to offer our condolences to her family. Barbara was a gentle soul who always did what she could to help out.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Lolly M.

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

Our next General Meeting will be held on October 28, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. Check Eleanor’s newsletters for updates and changes.

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

Please continue to keep our ill members in your prayers: Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs,
Pat Buccola, Mary Lou Lemoine and Ann Primising. And, let’s not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy October Birthday to: Pat Buccola, Eleanor Cuneo, Mary Jacobs, Jim Law and Fred Peritore.

“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 caring never…never ends!”

(Arna M. Matthews)

Godd Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

Branch 237 President Connie Bohannon with Msgr. Cardelli celebrating his 60 year anniversary.

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region
Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 237

Our branch had an exciting September meeting. We celebrated with a Mariachi Band performance and food sales. All proceeds with benefit St. John the Baptist Church. The ICF booth was a wonderful success and the attendees were happy and content.

Happy Fall! Albert Camus once wrote “Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.” The Santa Cruz area is blessed with some of its finest weather in Autumn. We are also blessed to be in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains with our own valley surrounded by mountains. The weather was spectacular.

We are getting ready for a busy upcoming holiday season. We will be holding elections in October and look forward to having some new faces join our ICF Board. Additionally, our branch will have an ICF booth at the fall festival in October, so please sign up to help out.

We are proud to support Catholic Charities for the victims of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida. There will be no meeting on October 15 due to a conflict with the parish Oktoberfest. Election of officers for 2018 will be at the November meeting.

Prayers and get well wishes go to Ron Castle, who recently underwent a heart procedure; Nancy Prevedelli, who had knee surgery; and Mary Montoye who is recovering from surgery.

We were sorry to learn that our long-time member Connie Faucher died at age 102. Connie and her late husband, Fred, joined ICF in 1980, and were very active for many years, always lending a hand at meetings and Fish Fry.

We also lost Anne Elissondo, who was a member since January 2014. Condolences to their families.

Parting words, thanks to Sir Wilfred Grenfell: “The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth.”

Deanna Musler, Secretary
October 2017

is set for Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the 9 AM Mass and East Bay districts. Our quarterly Mass day, a really special day for the Contra Costa games for all ages. The next day is Bishop’s the next few weeks beginning with the District meeting in the refurbished Stack center for Meanwhile back in the district, we will be side, this year’s calendar was dedicated to our winners from this district. But on the bright baseball game to the dinner dance to the by all with all the social activities, from the New changes in dues and deputy to mentors Sacramento with Leonard Rossi and Lisa Keely Sanchez God Bless you all! McLean, Kathleen Sullivan and Jens Wagner. Please continue to pray for our members who are not alone, someone will be there to help you, answer your questions, be a sounding pastor, Father Ken Sales, is very familiar with the ICF. Our president, Fran LaTorre first met him at St. Joachim in Hayward when he was a newly ordained priest. Father Ken has been assigned to parishes in Antioch and Brentwood where ICF branches are also active. Please mention our branch to Father Ken and let him know about our Bingo Luncheon. President Fran LaTorre was pleased to represent Br. 215 at Bishop’s Day. Nominations and Elections of Branch Officers will be held at our October 10th meeting. Any current officer wishing to accept nomination but unable to attend must send an email or written letter to President Fran indicating that they will accept a nomination for office. That notice needs to be received no later than October 9th. Weather permitting, bocce will be played at Our Lady of Guadalupe School Track probably 10/15 or 10/22. Check with Jack Navarra as to which of those dates is most likely. We welcome new members; Julie Ferrario, her husband, Paul, and their three children. Also, please welcome Christine and Francisco Nieto. SAVE THE DATE: There will be a Mass for Deceased Members of Br. 215 said at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday, October 7th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are also celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who is our branch’s patron saint. Please come and join the members from Corpus Christi and myself at this Mass and let the CC parishioners know that we are an active group. The next and last Mass for Deceased Members will be held on Sunday, 11/12/2017, also at 5:00 p.m. Mass at Corpus Christi. We will be once again celebrating the Feast of St. Frances Cabrini, Co-Patron of the ICF.

Oakland East Bay District Council

We have returned from the Convention in Sacramento with Leonard Rossi and Lisa Crudo on the Central Council, congratulations! New changes in dues and deputy to mentors are in the works. And a good time was had by all with all the social activities, from the baseball game to the dinner dance to the barbecue. Sorry there were no big chance winners from this district. But on the bright side, this year’s calendar was dedicated to our own Leroy Taddie, so let’s buy lots of them. Meanwhile back in the district, we will be meeting in the refurbished Stack center for our Sept. meeting, first time in a few months. Many things are happening in short order after the next few weeks beginning with the District picnic, at the DeNurra’s residence, fun and games for all ages. The next day is Bishop’s day, a really special day for the Contra Costa and East Bay districts. Our quarterly Mass is set for Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the 9 AM Mass at St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish, hosted by Branch #91. Branch #91 will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Oct. 22nd. Let’s celebrate with them!

As a gentle reminder, election of officers will be happening soon. Any new candidates out there?? Take time to think about what you have to offer the district, say a prayer and then volunteer. Sounds easy, just remember you are not alone, someone will be there to help you, answer your questions, be a sounding board.

(Left) Br. 291 recently participated in St. Patrick’s Parish Summer Festival. We hosted a “dessert” booth and sold delicious cookies made by our Branch members. Pictured here are ICF members Mary Recchia, Pete and Abby Gallagher, Annie Subia, Terry Garry and Sandy Quintilliani.

Alameda Nostra Signora Della Grazie, Br. 10
Our delegates to the Sacramento Convention, Dave Rose and Jeanette and John Zugno, enjoyed the vibrancy demonstrated at the ICF’s major annual event. We were especially moved by the Cooley’s Anemia presentation given by Thomas Coates, MD and Maurice Levine, MA, CCLS. We also appreciated the tips for increasing our numbers, including a membership table at functions and distribution of ICF brochures. We learned at our monthly meeting of September 7 that our first vice-president, Gina Foster, who had given birth to her second son in July, followed the convention via Facebook.

Our next event will be our annual Christmas Party, which is planned for Friday evening, December 9. Details, including information for reservations, will follow in the November Bulletin. Our busy time of the ICF calendar will continue with our Polenta Dinner on Saturday, January 13, 2018. We are also in charge of the East Bay District Installation, which is planned for Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. Branch past-president JoAnn Dorn is making the necessary arrangements for the Mass, which will be said at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE to persons attending upcoming Saturday events at Monsignor O’Brien Hall, which is adjacent to Saint Philip Neri Church, Alameda: The time of the Saturday vigil Mass at Saint Philip Neri Church has been changed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Branch 10 will decide whether to change the starting time for our Saturday functions from 6:00 p.m. to a later time. Please read our future announcements carefully.

John Zugno Branch 10 publicity

Fremont St. Frances of Assisi, Br. 215

To our Holy Spirit ICF members: Your new branch 215’s Bingo Salad Luncheon will be held on October 19th at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 4032 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA, Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $15.00 per person. Reservations required by October 1st. Call Fran LaTorre @ (510) 589-8498.

The East Bay District Quarterly Mass and Communion will be held on Sunday, October 1st at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church, 3725 High Street, Oakland, CA. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. Deadline for Count: September 21st. Refreshments served after Mass. There is no charge for the Quarterly Mass and Communion. As always, we offer our prayers for those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiattiello

Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

She’s “Back in the Saddle Again” - our president, Carolyn Cardinalli, has returned after recovery from surgery. Welcome back Carolyn and our gratitude and thanks to Judy Wellbeloved for being our co-president in Carolyn’s absence. At our July meeting, Elaine Meier gave us an interesting tutorial on the importance, nutritional value, and just plain good taste of cooking with fresh herbs. She brought along some herbs and pots and we had a great time planting some herbs to take home. Kudos, Elaine.

August 15th was our annual picnic, this time at the home of Joyce D’Angelo. Everyone brought their own choice of what to barbeque. It’s always a fun event and a time to unobtrusively notice who’s barbequing fillet mignon and who has hot dogs. Wondering if anyone would notice if I drank a Barolo wine with my hot dog? Upcoming events include a September 15th...
Bocce get-together followed by a pizza lunch. Not sure if the calories burned during the bocce game equal the pizza calories, but che sera, sera. Our October meeting is our annual October Fest with German food for a delightful palate change. Our guest is Laurece Levine, Cooley's Anemia Spokesperson, who is known and loved by all in ICF. She is always inspirational. Come join us for our events or meetings - together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family. Ci vediamo presto?

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Glad to see so many members at the convention in Sacramento, but those who did not attend wish they had been there, air conditioning sure is nice! Plus you learn all the happenings at convention first hand, meet new people and enjoy the activities.

We well had our last off site meeting in August at the Creamery-Kudson's in Castro Valley, our Sept. meeting is once again back in Stack Center. August was a fun meeting, but come Sept., we are back to work with many projects on the table.

Following our regular dinner meeting in mid- Sept., we will be hosting the Pasta dinner for the parish festival at the end of Sept. and once again will ask our Biscotti bakers to help us with dessert. Remember, the more bakers the less work! Let's make this the best Pasta dinner yet.

I know it is a bit early, but election of new officers is fast approaching, so take some time to think about running for office. Say a prayer or two to help you make your decision. There will always be someone there to help you with your questions, role, whatever your needs. Plan ahead.

Also at the Oct. meeting we will have a special guest speaker, Laurece Levine, Outreach Coordinator, who will talk about the ICF National Charity, Thalassemia. Since she has the disease, this is a very insightful presentation. Hopefully this is enough to get our juices flowing for the upcoming months.

Contra Costa
District Council

All eight branches in the Contra Costa district were represented at the convention in Sacramento. Several of our branches received awards and our district did as well. Congratulations to all. We also had a member of our district receive the young adult award. Antonio Costa from our Richmond branch. Congratulations Antonio and also to his proud parents. Walter and Sally Costa.

As I am writing this report we are getting ready to have our annual Bishops day Mass and dinner on Sept. 17. I will give a report on how it turned out next month. We thank the following who took care of the preparations. Walter Costa, Roselyne Jarrett, Gene Seminetti, and Marilyn Seminetti. We also thank Diana Mackinson who took care of the music. The following members did readings and prayers of the faithful. Marilyn Seminetti, Ed Mc Girk and Antonio Costa. Eileen Meguaramen made a presentation. Thank you to those that attended.

At the last district meeting we voted to move the location of our meetings to a central location. Our new location is the banquet room of Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf course in Concord. Our next meetings will be held on Thurs. October 26 at 7:30 PM.

In addition to our regular agenda we will have our election of officers for 2018. Presidents, branch delegates and deputies should attend the district meetings. If the President can not attend it is important to get information from your delegates. Guests are always welcome as well.

Save the date of Monday November 6 for our annual Night of Recollection. This will take place at La Tappita restaurant in Martinez. No host cocktails at 6:30 PM with no host dinner at 6:45 PM. After dinner our district Chaplin Father Larry Young will give us an inspirational talk.

Let’s try to encourage a better turn out at our district events. Please make every effort to attend when you can. Please promote district events at your meetings and email your members the invitations.

Thanks and see you soon.

Patty Jarrett
Contra Costa District President

Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13

Mark your calendar! Save the date! Branch #13’s annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner is on Saturday, October 21 in St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall in Martinez beginning with no-host cocktails at 6 pm and dinner service at 7 pm. $20 per person 13 years and older; $8 children 6 to 12 years old; and 5 years and under are free. It is easy to prepare baskets and asking for donations for prizes for the raffle. There will be a silent and dessert auction as well. For tickets call 925-229-2665.

Convention attendees treated themselves to old-time baseball taking in a Sacramento River Cats game at Raley Field—one of the highlights of the weekend. Our president delegate and his family along with delegate Maria Catanez-Heberg participated in various workshops and Masses celebrated by two area bishops. The extreme heat didn’t melt the spirit or mood of the celebration of Italian heritage felt by all.

Maria Catanez-Heberg thought it wonderful to see an increase in young members in attendance and their participation. She enjoyed the many opportunities to interact and mingle with other Contra Costa District Branch members, as well as network with members from other Districts. Maria added “If you haven’t attended a Convention, try it, you’ll like it!”

We congratulate Branch Officer, 2016 Young Adult Leadership Award recipient, Paul Cook, on being selected an ICF third year scholarship award recipient.

Attendees at the recent Bishops Day hosted by Gene Simontetti and the Brentwood branch enjoyed the company of Oakland Bishop Barber and fellow district members.

Ciao from Martinez
Anne Crisp

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

We have been busy enjoying many events. We had five members attend the convention in Sacramento. Our member Roselyne was the convention director. She did an outstanding job. We thank her and her committee for all their hard work. Also in attendance was Jim, Patty, Helen and Joann. Next years convention will be held in San Diego. We look forward to it.

On Sept. 9 we had our annual bus trip to the Santa Rosalia in Monterey. First pick up was in Pittsburg and second pick up was in Concord. We enjoyed Elaine’s homemade breads. We played Bingo. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the entertainment, vendors, parade and food. The ICF was represented in the parade. On the way back we enjoyed a video. We thank Joann for once again being chairperson. I will report the profit next month. We also thank Helen for her help on the bus. She has been Joann’s bus helper for years.

On Sept. 17 we attended Bishops day in Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

It sounds like the convention, “Treasures of our Faith and Heritage” was both successful and fun. Thanks to delegates Addie Beppler, Nancy Botta and Vonda Lesti-Egan for representing our branch in grand style, and to members David Botta, Pauline Cardoza and Donna Hoffmann for adding their wisdom to the convention and the activities.

Our October meeting is Tuesday, the 10th. Same time, same place, same e…5:30 mass, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting. In deference to Halloween, and just for fun, wear your favorite team’s colors, and in a show of love and generosity, bring canned goods to donate to those less fortunate.

In typical ICF fashion, and for many in Branch #14, the mention of October signals comfort food, and sure enough, the month is filled with favorites, including a taco bar for our meeting, and then our popular Polenta Dinner on October 21st.

Thanks, Lena McCrossen, for sending get well wishes to Donna Hoffmann and John Sepulveda. Our sincere sympathies to Susan Price on the death of her mother and to Louise DeTomast, who recently lost her brother. Condolences to Rich Pastori’s family. Rich was one of the really good guys, and was a member for many years; he will definitely be missed.

May as well circle the November 14th meeting date now. You certainly don’t want to miss our annual turkey dinner for members.

Compassion is a word to contemplate in October. Remember, everyone faces some kind of struggle or challenge; show compassion, love and kindness to all.

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Branch 13: Eager convention delegates, Maria Catanez-Heberg and President Tom Cook wait patiently for the next well organized event thanks to Convention Director, Roselyne Jarrett.

Branch 14, Crockett enjoying the banquet dinner at a great Convention in Sacramento. Great memories.
Patty

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Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

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Ciao

Christina Artale

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Lately it seems like a long time between Bolleneito editions. Long enough that events become old news before their time. Let’s try to do a little catching up.

In 2016 the Branch went with two Presidents, the idea of more meant better efficiency with fewer problems. The jury is still out but some feel it could be a success waiting to happen. In any event, both Frank Stagnitto and Jack Bagar did a yeoman job. To that end, current Branch President, Gene Simonetti presented them with “Outstanding Service Awards.” See accompanying photo.

The new membership horizon is looking brighter these days: the addition of new member Lydia Campos and the return of former members Mindy and Mario Mandy are sure to pick things up. And, membership Chairwoman Pat Hoffner reports, a lot of interest is being shown in the ICF these days. Notice a little different bounce in some people’s steps as they jut around at the meetings in their new hunter’s green Branch shirts. Quite a departure from that tired green they had been wearing.

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(left to right) Orange District President and Br. 379 2nd VP Maria Di Paolo, Jacob Di Paolo (Br. 379), Joseph Di Paolo (Br. 379), Al Di Paolo, and Joe Digrado, 1st VP of the District and President of Br. 406 at St. Norbert’s, with his wife Rose Digrado (Br. 406).
San Francisco

Saints Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our August meeting was very enjoyable...twelve people were in attendance including our Scholarship recipient Daniel Barajas, his mother Adeline Campbell, and his 3 siblings. Everyone finally got to enjoy “Tony’s World Famous Pizza Napoleonella” and Cosmo’s “SF’s Most Requested Bean Dish!” (SMFR)...no such thing friends...HA! HA!
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Branch 38 presented a certificate to its scholarship recipient, Daniel Barajas.

Sacramento

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

Members of Br. 73, as well as members of other branches in the Blessed Sacramento District, are reminded to set aside the evening of Saturday, November 11th to attend the polenta/chicken dinner to be held at St. Rose Hall. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert. Tickets for adults are $20.00, and those for children aged 6 to 12 $10.00, and at no cost for those younger. Tickets are available from Giuseppina Novi (783-3816), Rose Marie Presti (791-1720) and Arlene Rose (782-3075). The deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, November 5th.
Rosina Genessi, our oldest member at 96, passed away on Sept. 7th. Having belonged to a branch in San Francisco, she became a member of Br. 73 after moving to Orangevale. Until an illness ended her driving, she attended every meeting, served as an officer, and also helped in preparing every dinner. In addition Rosina brought a cake to each meeting for the members to enjoy. Requiem solemn masses will be held for her on Nov. 20th and 21st. In addition to her presence, she will be greatly missed by the branch.

We have two trips planned for the month of October. On the 7th. of October will be the Reno Trip and the 27th. of October will be the Apple Hill and Red Hawk Casino trip. Also in the month of October we will be having our annual bake sale. The dates for the bake sale is Sat. Oct.28th and Sunday Oct. 29th. Connieerry will be chairing this event. Please bake lots of goodies. We have a lot of parishioners with a sweet tooth. Please pray for our sick members. Especially for our Treasurer Rick Steir, and a special prayer to our President Florence Kurtila for the good Lord to keep her strong while she goes through this hard ordeal.

Your Reporter,
Yvonne Perry

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

Hello Br. 261, As the summer is coming to an end, I would like to announce that the picnic was enjoyed by all. The winners of the Bocce Ball competition were: 1st place: Lt. Col. Tony Anthony (retired) and Dave Backenstu (St. Therese, #261) 2nd place: Richard Barker and Jim Cardinal Hill (Our Lady of the Rosary, #230) 3rd place: Lorenzo Pecaro (Santa Sofia, #416) and Dave Backenstu (St. Therese, #261)
Our annual Pizza/Elections/Bingo Night will be held on Sunday, October 11th from 4 to 8 at St. Joseph’s Hall. The call committee will be contacting you soon to see if you will be attending. There is no charge for members attending. Children over 10 are $10, and children nine and under are $5.00.
If you have any items that you would like to donate for our upcoming Polenta dinner raffle, please contact Mary Ann Milkses at (916)759-8466 or Pam Andersen at (530)913-2041.
Thank you.
Pam Andersen

Branch 261’s Bocce champs!

We look forward to hearing members share about their time at the convention.
Peace,

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Branch 38’s scholarship recipient and his family.

Treat! Ciao …………Ci Vediamo il 21 di Ottobre at 12:00 Noon!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Past President Liana G. Figone and current President Marcella Ramos of Branch 50 exchanged ideas about the past and future of Branch 50 at this year’s convention. Liana filled Marcella in about the types of activities members have enjoyed in the past, and Marcella told Liana about the success of the home-cooked meal served at the August meeting, an effort led by Vice President Joseph Figone, Liana’s son. Liana served as branch president multiple times, and this is Marcella’s first year as president of an ICF branch.

“Oye, abre tus ojos, mira hacia arriba, disfuta las cosas buenas que tiene la vida.” -Sonora Dinamita

Thank you,
Marcella Ramos

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Thanks to everyone that purchased convention raffle tickets. Unfortunately, there was a delay in getting our tickets so we could get them out to you. We know that some of you were away and not able to purchase them.

Mary Fe’ did a great job getting them out. Sixteen books were sold, giving us a profit of $160. Thank you again, Mary.

Joe and I visited Bill Irwin, who is doing very well after his heart valve surgery. He is in a residential care facility and could not say enough about the care that he is getting. He is also enjoying the company and the activities.

Our next meeting will be on October 11th @ 6:30. We will be electing officers for next year.

At present, our November meeting is scheduled for the 8th, when we will plan our Branch activities for next year.

God Bless,
Ann Basauno

San Mateo

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paulo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Welcome back everyone from your vacations and holidays! Hoping everyone had a great and fun filled time. You have come back to some hot weather here in Colma.

We are glad to welcome back our representatives from the ICF National Convention and congratulate them on their success, especially Christine Prudenciado who was awarded the Grand President Award and Debbie Rodondi on being reelected to Central Council.

Thank you to all who attended and represented us.

Branch Schedule:

October 9th: No Meeting

October 23rd: 23rd Monday Dinner honoring 2017 Grand President Award Winner Christine Prudenciado. 6:00 p.m. cocktails/appetizers 7:00 p.m. dinner. Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, dessert, wine, soda, coffee. $20 Reservation to Cheryl Meany for the Chicken Enchilada dinner they prepared for our last summer meeting in July. It was a delicious meal and enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

With the end of the year soon upon us, we have many events being offered by the San Mateo District in the coming months. Please save the dates and try to attend some of these events:

Monday, October 23 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma, is honoring the 2017 Grand President Award Winner, Christine Prudenciado, with a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner. Price is $20.00

Friday, November 3 - Chaplain’s Night at South San Francisco Elks, hosted by Branch 19. Price is $40 - $45.00

Sunday, November 19 - Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame, Petro Tournament. Price is $35.00 (dinner only $15.00)

Monday, December 11 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, Colma. 89th Anniversary Dinner. Sharp Park Restaurant. Price to be determined. Please contact President Carmel for flyers on these upcoming events.

Ciao,
Joyce James

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and here we are in October. A thank you to Celeste Lennemann, Carol Porter and Irene Meany for the Chicken Enchilada dinner they prepared for our last summer meeting in July. It was a delicious meal and enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley District Council

Thank you to Br. 5 for preparing for the meeting: Janet Glaukibe, Mary Ann Ruiz, Marlene Rotolo, Sam Well, Larry Marsalli, Bea Cunha and Judy Hare. President Bob welcomed dignitaries and asked Fr. George for a spiritual reflection. Father also thanked the District for sending him to the convention.

Branch 184 participated in the Santa Rosalia Festival parade in Monterey and the “Chickens” made its usual appearance. The Antonowicz annual open house will be in October 28 instead of Christmas, with a Halloween display from 2-5 pm. Branch 368 plans a Cache Creek Casino trip on September 20. Branch 445 has an important meeting with their pastor concerning fundraiser events.

Mary Ann Ruiz gave a Heritage Report that was a short history of A. P. Gianni. An unconventional banker whose first bank was in a saloon and he kept the bartender as a clerk/teller. Marie Greco reported the success of “Day at the Races”. There were 42 people. Bill
Sam Bozzo at the ICF Branch 28 July 22nd summer picnic indicating that the water is “fine” even fully clothed.

said we grossed $924 - $230 from the raffle. After expenses, a net profit of $733 was made. John Gillio’s golf tournament off to a strong start. It is planned for October 3.

Mike Rossi urged everyone to take advantage of the online distribution of the Bollettino. A way for the ICF to make some savings.

October District Meeting – Monday, October 9, at B. 47 St. Joseph – Mountain View.

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The good news for Br. 5 is that we have a prospective new member. Thanks goes to Virginia Ronchetti for inviting her to come to our dinner/meeting in August.

We encourage all members to invite someone to join Br. 5 Dinner Meeting each month.

Next Dinner Meeting for Br. 5 is on October 26, 2017. Menu: Airline Chicken with all the trimmings.

Sad news is Br. 5 loss a great member by the trimmings.

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184

Our appreciation goes to Don and Rose Arnaudo for hosting the Annual ICF Layette Shower. They graciously opened their home where guests could visit, eat and admire the gifts for those new babies.

Sam Bozzo at the ICF Branch 28 July 22nd summer picnic indicating that the water is “fine” even fully clothed.

Larry Scottrini, Elia Scottrini, and John Filice delivering the garlic themed raffle gift produced by Marianne and David Peoples at the ICF district picnic. (not pictured, Kim Filice)

Genebo at the ICF district picnic. (not pictured, Kim Filice)

The Branch 28 summer picnic was held on July 22nd and was held at members Sam and Judy Bozzo’s beautiful backyard venue. Mass by Father Generoso Geronimo was followed by a wonderful meal, raffle of member supplied gifts and a relaxed intermingling around Sam’s sparkling blue pool. Thank you Sam and Judy.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival on July 28th, 29th and 30th welcomed 16 Branch 28 members as volunteers to help in various duties for the event. Thank you to those member volunteers since our branch will receive compensation for those volunteer hours.

The annual ICF district barbecue hosted by the Santa Clara Valley District was held on July 30th at Vasona Lake County Park. For those that attended it was another wonderful day of members from different branches attending Mass, partaking of summer barbecue fare and interacting and meeting each other. Thank you to David and Mariianne Peoples for assembling the garlic themed raffle prize for this event.

A huge congratulations to Branch 28’s Andy Pappani for his election as Grand President of the Central Council at the Sacramento Convention. More convention information in the next issue.

Next dinner meeting October 16th at Cullen Hall.

Peace and God bless,
Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our June 19th Scholarship recipients celebrated at our dinner meeting: Claire McCarr, Daniel Vaca and Brian Healy.

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Branch 391 Convention Delegates Hard at Work: Mike Rossi, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Jo Ann Schirol.

It was agreed to donate a table of eight to the Parish festival silent auction when we have our Pasta Dinner fundraiser. President Mike urged attendance to the October 21st District Bishop’s Day and the October 28th. Monte Carlo Night. Also, the next meeting night will be October 18. Lorraine Nunziata reminded members to bring baby items for our Layette Program.

The nominating committee of Noreen Gillio, Dick Hanley and Jerry Opp will be canvassing candidates for the executive board. Please let them know if you interested in being a board member.

The good news is that Elaine Osorio is mending well from a fall at the convention. Mike Nunziata

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

At our September meeting, members were greeted at the door by our Branch’s Sentinel, Linda Ochiner. The opening prayer and ICF Salute were led by President Mike Rossi. Our sick and deceased members were honored in prayer by Donna Rossi. Congratulations to Louise Vento on receiving ICF’s 1st Place Award for her outstanding work in the Heritage Program. Thank you, JoAnn Schirol, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Mike Rossi for representing our Branch and reporting back to us. They found the ICF convention rewarding and spoke of their experiences—they identified roles of the Central Council and of the Mentor Deputy, they reported on many charitable and spiritual works of the ICF, and they provided clear insights into other events held in Sacramento.

San Jose will be selling 2018 Calendars entitled “Our Stories, Our Recipes” at our next meeting.
Our Chicken BBQ & Pasta fundraiser was a success and thank you to our great members who went that extra step in making this a wonderful event.

Upcoming events: the next branch meeting (Lasagna dinner) and Election of Officers—October 3—Wear your craziest hat that day, District Golf Tournament at Gilroy Golf Course—October 3; and Bishop's Day—October 21, 10:30 mass at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill; lunch to follow at Coyote Creek Golf Course ($35)—Contact Mike Rossi for additional information.

Our membership is going strong at 207, and copies of our confidential, member contact list are still available at our meetings. Have a Happy Halloween and enjoy everything pumpkin!

Janis Patelliara

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina D’Allesandria, Br. 435

Our branch was so fortunate to have the great chef Maurizio Cutrignelli, owner of Maurizio’s Restaurant make our Fund Raiser a tremendous success. It was our biggest fund raiser for our branch with over 200 people attending. The food was delicious with his special Rotelle di Parma, sausage etc. There was great feedback from everyone and a happy, great time was enjoyed by all.

Thank you so much Maurizio, Gratia! All the money that was made is going to St. Catherine’s Church Renovations.

The National convention in Sacramento was attended by Giulia Gallego, Catherine Ellis, Josie Talamo, and Denise Compagna was our alternate. Sal Compagna took 2nd place in the Bocce contest and our branch was recognized for outstanding achievement in Membership and growth. We also took 3rd place in new family membership. Andy Pappani our last President was elected Grand President. All our members that attended said it was a wonderful, inspiring and informative Convention.

On Sunday, Oct. 21st a Bishop’s Day Mass and luncheon will be held at St. Catherine’s Church at the 10:30 Mass. Lunch will be followed at the Coyote Creek Golf Club in Morgan Hill. Hope many of you will plan to join us.

Please keep Ken Ravissa in your prayers. Blessings and good health to all.

San Jose
Transfiguration, Br. 445

Diane Devine, Amy Moody, and Emily Corral, along with President Donna Pfaff and Secretary Richard Pfaff, attended the recent ICF Convention over Labor Day in Sacramento. Everyone thought the weekend was a great success.

Adding to our enjoyment, as a new branch, we were gifted with our very own ICF banner. And thank you to Treasurer, Art Maggio, for donating an American flag to our branch at our last meeting.

Our branch voted to host a “coffee/donut Sunday” on the first Sunday of each month. It started on October 1 and coincided with our branch’s quarterly Mass.

Many of our members were interested in playing Bocce and a monthly Bocce group is now in the works.

Donna appointed two members, Jan Stumhofer and Amy Moody, to head up our Election Committee.

Our branch hosted the Central Council monthly meeting on October 14. Many thanks to Reyne Rafoth and Janie Falcone for organizing the set-up and food.

Everyone is looking forward to an exciting year.

Richard Pfaff, Secretary

Santa Rosa
District Council

All the delegates seemed to enjoy the annual convention. There were many interesting and new ideas presented. Congratulations to Lauren Kicullens on being re-elected to the Central Council and, also, re-elected Recording Secretary of that body.

Both the Day of Recollection and Bishop’s Day were successful. Thank you to all who made these events possible and to all those who attended.

The next district meeting is on October 15, 2017 at 9209, Sebastopol. General meeting starts at 2PM. Election of District Officers will take place.

Many of our branches are now starting to have their fall events. Let’s try and support each other by attending many of these events. Remember membership tables and materials at your events.

There is a correction in my last Bollettino article. Our dear friend, Spence Burton, passed away after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, not a brain tumor, as I mistakenly reported.

Let’s keep Bob Acquistapace in our prayers as he steadily recovers from his illness which occurred at the Convention. You can’t keep a good man down!

C.K.

Healdsburg
San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Our potluck dinner and meeting On September 12 was delicious and informative as our Convention delegates gave their reports. It was a true potluck and we shared conversation, conviviality and excellent food!

Thank you to Sacramento district, Stockton District and the Convention Directors’ Committee for coordinating an outstanding convention in Sacramento. Our delegates enjoyed the Convention and gained new ideas to bring back to our branch.

Upcoming Events:

October 3: Regular meeting in the rectory at 7 PM. Please come and join us.

November 4: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out.

Happy Halloween!

Lauren Kicullen

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Summer is over and members are thinking of projects. Our picnic at Larson Winery was a great success as evidenced by the printed photos.

At this time the Branch is still meeting at St. Leo’s, but the renovation of Father Roberts Hall should occur this month. A grand celebration is planned for the parish of St. Francis Solano. We are looking forward to new storage facilities for the many items that were displaced during the renovation.

Saluti,
Marie-Therese Denning
Secretary

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I returned from the Convention in Sacramento, sat in my chair and went to sleep. I was worn out. The Convention kept us going, the ride home was slow and hot and then I got home to more heat. I have never seen such hot weather as we have been having. My air conditioning has been going continuously and I’m sure my PG&E bill has been going up as well.

I did not attend the Anniversary Dinner due to illness, but many reports from those that attended said that it turned out to be a beautiful affair. We want to thank our Cooks and all the members who helped in any way. Without all of you and all that attend and bring guests, we would not have a successful dinner. Thanks to Bob Acquistapace for being our Master of Ceremonies and for helping the Branch in so many ways. Bob had to go to the hospital when he was at the Convention, so our get well wishes go out to him.

Oct. 14th - There will be our wonderful Polenta/Stew Dinner following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church. We will have o’erreddles, salad, polenta/veal stew, dessert and wine/coffee. Cost $25 Adults $10 Children under 12 yrs. All Branches are invited to attend. All members, attend and try to bring a guest.

Nov. 10th - Last meeting for the year, bring canned goods for the needy.

Dec. - Christmas Party following 5:00 Mass - St. Vincent’s Church—then to Cattleman’s for Christmas Party.

We want to extend our condolences to Cathy Burton on the passing of her husband Spence. Spence served as President of our Branch and also was President of the Santa Rosa District of the ICF. He stepped down due to his illness. He will be missed by the Branch and many members of our other Branches.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Marys, Br. 144

Pres. Judith will give her convention report during our Oct. meeting.

Our newest member Maegan Lindsey was initiated at our meeting. Maegan is a member of our parish who is attending college and was a graduate of St. Mary’s School. Welcome Maegan.

It was voted to donate $500.00 to the Harvey Hurricane relief fund.

Our new priest Fr. Andrew Pacheco accepted the position of ICF Chaplin with great enthusiasm. We were delighted.

Deputy Joe Bonino reminded us that the Santa Rosa District Christmas Party and meeting
We expect that this will help our branch in its St. Anthony Parish website has been updated. Frank Re reported that the I. C. F. page on the Anthony School and the tips will go toward be members of the eighth grade class at St. committees. Servers at this popular event will Queirolo is guiding the different preparation Also in October, our annual Polenta Feed Mello is our representative on the Centennial actively involved in this event and Anna with the summer and picnic-time about over, traveled from Ohio to attend the ceremony. branch provided a “goodie” basket, along with Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis purchased a corsage for Father Chad’s mother, Judy, and our Our parish had our new pastor installed by Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 139 Our parish had our new pastor installed by St. Stanislaus, Br. 48 Tom Silvaggio was our delegate to the convention and two of our members attended as well. We liked some of the changes that were made such at meet the candidates and streamlining the meetings. The work shops were quite informative. Sunday mass was very nice and they had a great choir. The banquet dinner and the Sunday night dinner were very good. Now we head into our busy time. At the end of September we helped with the Parish Fall Festival where ever we could and baked cookies for the food tent. We will have our annual Mass and Breakfast October 22, 2017. We will attend 8:00 am Mass then meet for Breakfast after Mass. Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday October 15, 2017 and Sunday November 5, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church. Our Bank night winner at the June meeting was Marie Bertolotti. The refreshments for the October 11,2017 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee. Coming up: Oct 11 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall 7 & K Sts, Oct 22 - 8:00 am annual Mass & Breakfast Nov 5 - 1:30 pm District Meeting Br. 139 Tony’s Kitchen, Lathrop Nov 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall 7 & K Sts. Cecelia McGhee Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139 Our parish had our new pastor installed by Stockton Bishop Stephen Blaire recently. The various groups in the parish were asked to provide food for Father Chad Wahl’s reception. Tony Queirolo and his crew of helpers from Branch 139 made eight trays of torta, enough to feed 800 people. President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis purchased a corsage for Father Chad’s mother, Judy, and our branch provided a “goodie” basket, along with a note of welcome, for his parents. They had traveled from Ohio to attend the ceremony. With the summer and picnic-time about over, we turn our attention to our parish’s 100-year celebration in October. Branch 139 will be actively involved in this event and Anna Mello is our representative on the Centennial Committee. Also in October, our annual Polenta Feed comes up on the 28th of the month. Chair Ida Queirolo is guiding the different preparation committees. Servers at this popular event will be members of the eighth grade class at St. Anthony School and the tips will go toward a future class trip. Frank Re reported that the I. C. F. page on the St. Anthony Parish website has been updated. We expect that this will help our branch in its next membership drive. Attilio Mussi won the Charity drawing at last month’s meeting and chose to donate the $50 to Interfaith Ministries. Ciao, Mariano Stockton Presentation, Br. 395 September....Wow! How did it get here so quickly? Kids are back in school and vacations are coming to a close. We were blessed with cooler weather this year at the Annual District Picnic. There was lots of good food and the steaks were outstanding. We were honored to have a first year scholarship recipient attend who thanked the District for our generosity. The Annual Presentation Fall Fest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17. Thank you Mark Deiro for chairing this event and to the many branch volunteers who will be selling pizza and Italian sodas. Congratulations to Eric Chapman for receiving the $500 second year scholarship from Branch 395, and Ted Lin-Cereghino, for the $600 third year scholarship. We are very proud of these young men whose parents work tirelessly for our branch. September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels. Whether a messenger of a protector, we celebrate the Archangels. As I write this article, Hurricane Irma is headed for Florida. I pray that the Archangels protect all those people in Imrageddon’s path. SAVE THE DATE: Branch 395 is having their annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2. All new members will be initiated and lunch is free to all members. Trivia contest for $$$$.

Karen Rosson Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413 As soon as we got back home from the Convention, it was time to prepare for St. Patrick’s Parish Festival and Corvette Raffle on September 10th. Branch 413 provided Italian Meatball Sandwiches. There was lots of food and the children had fun. One of our members purchased a ticket with other parishioners and they were the winners! We are now getting ready for our October dinner. The date is yet to be determined. As summer is coming to a close, we are planning our fall activities. By the way, we had a lot of fun at the Convention. I was happy to see many Stockton District members come for the day. It was also great to see all of the Masses well attended throughout the event. The Pachinger Family would like to thank everyone involved in the Family of the Year Award, again, for choosing us. We are truly honored and grateful. We hope to see you soon. May God Bless everyone, Respectfully Submitted, Robert J. Pachinger Tucson Green Valley Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425 The “desert rats” of Branch 425 held a first ever SUMMER SOCIAL celebration on July 29th. It was a resounding success! Historically, the Branch suspends activities during the summer months because our winter visitor population dwindles. 151 tickets were sold for a tasty chicken dinner. The Youth Group assisted with the serving and cleanup. Fr. Maldonado opened the celebration with an inspired prayer and Deacon Joe Ronchick gave an interesting talk on his path to becoming a deacon. There were numerous gift baskets and door prizes. The event concluded with an abbreviated Bingo session. Bob Burdick and Barbara Barton reporting 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 360-360-2023 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!
TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING
PAST GRAND PRESIDENT
Leonard Zasoski
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Cocktails (No-Host Bar) - 5:00 p.m.  Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
WOOLGROWERS RESTAURANT
620 East Nineteenth Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305, CA 95050

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 - See attached form.

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