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SAVE THE DATE:

**Seminarian Night,
Saturday, June 6, 2015.
St. Mary's Church,
Los Gatos. More details to
follow in May issue.**

Strategic Plan Notes

Over the past few weeks, the Strategic Plan Task Force has been working hard to prepare a leadership workshop that focuses on membership, community/church connections, finance, and leadership. It has also scheduled several workshops. The first workshops are scheduled in the Blessed Sacrament District on April 12, Santa Rosa on April 19, and Fresno on April 25. Other districts have workshops scheduled for later in the spring and early summer. These workshops will be open to all federation members who are interested and will set the stage for work that will continue throughout the next three years of the strategic plan. For more information or questions, please contact Vince Piro or Leonard Zasoski at icftaskforce@gmail.com.

Thanks -

Vince Piro

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

David Botta
Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and/or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2015. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from the Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments

are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified or changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves

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At the Los Angeles Archdiocesan District Installation the Youth and High School Officers and Youth Officer/Childcare Coordinator from Branch 380 were installed.

Central Council Meeting Minutes

**Saturday February 14, 2015
San Jose, CA**

The meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Bob Basuino.

Opening Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Bob Basuino

Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused: Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; Franklyn Lopes, Jr.; Lisa Crudo; Michael Cannady; Leonard Rossi; and Steve Fuentes.

CC Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Carmen Kilcullen, Larry Marsalli, Nettie Descalso DelNero, Jim Jones and Jerry Delfino.

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Grand President's Monthly Message

by Bob Basuino

I cannot believe that Spring is here and we are in the middle of April. I have just gotten used to Daylight Savings Time. It always takes me a few days to adjust my internal clock to the new time setting. Usually in the United States Spring is believed to start if Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow. This year he predicted 8 more weeks of winter. The East Coast seems to have gotten the brunt of winter, while the West Coast never seemed to have a winter season. Spring usually refers to the season but it also has many other meanings. For me I saw the birth of my newest grandson Dominic. Spring also has many meanings for ICF. One is the celebration of the Resurrection. We realized this because we all survived the 40 days of Lent. It is also the time of rejuvenation for our branches as we have just finished our Installations and have begun our Bishops' Days. At this time, I want to personally thank the members of the Central Council for taking time out of their busy lives to spend their weekends attending various branch functions. It was such a pleasure having you there to celebrate this special time as we bring new life and ideas into our branches. I would also like to thank all of the districts for all the hard work and attention they spent planning their installations, creating many great memories that help to grow and strengthen ICF. Regrowth is another meaning of springtime.



During this time our Strategic Plan committee has been working very hard. We may not have seen some of the members at Installations, or at Bishops' Days because they have been busy spending their free time creating workshops so we can implement our Strategic Plan, sort of a rebirth of ICF for 2015. Now that our duties of Installations and Spring Bishops' days are over we have begun the process of setting dates for these workshops so please keep your eyes and ears open so you can attend the workshops in your district. Any member can attend these workshops, you do not have to be an officer of your branch to attend. We actually encourage all members to attend and renew your commitment to your branch and district as officers roll out this very important project. What is that old saying? "Many hands makes for light work." We need all of you to help with the successful implementation of this plan before Convention.

It is also time to start nominating people for the convention awards. We have so many members and people in our communities that are deserving of these special awards we need

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Save The Date

It doesn't seem possible, but Grand President Bob Basuino's term will come to an end at the 2015 Convention.

To celebrate his two years of service to the ICF, there will be a testimonial dinner in his honor.

Save the date for Saturday,
November 7, 2015.

More details will be available as the date draws near.

Thank you!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

Continued from the 2013 Convention presentation. . .

The **SANTA BARBARA/VENTURA REGION** has two missions, but the first was San Buenaventura built in 1782. It is named after St. Bonaventure, a 13th century Franciscan cardinal and philosopher. It is located in the city of Ventura which grew up around it. Whaling ships would anchor near the mission to replenish their food supplies. It is also an active parish today.

In the **EAST BAY DISTRICT**, the Catholic Faith arrived when Mission San Jose, in the city of Fremont, was constructed in 1797. It was named for St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. This mission was a major agricultural center for the other northern California missions. It was the only parish on the east side of San Francisco Bay for the next 64 years. The bell tower contains 4 original bells.

In the **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REGION**, the Franciscan Friars founded Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana in 1797. It was named for St. Ferdinand, a 13th century King of Spain. One of the mission bells bears the inscription of a Russian Orthodox Church official from Kodiak, Alaska.

In the **SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT**, the story of the arrival of Catholicism is a bit different. The mission at San Bernardino, built in 1810, was actually an outpost of San Gabriel Mission. It was established to convert the Indians in the San Bernardino Valley. The mission has been flooded, looted and damaged by earthquakes. It is now in private hands.

In the **LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT**, one would think that it would be the site of one of the California missions. But, actually, the first historic church in downtown Los Angeles proper was the church of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels, founded in 1814. It is located in the Los Angeles Plaza Historic District and served the early settlers of the pueblo of Los Angeles. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the **MARIN** area, Mission San Rafael del Rey was established in 1817 as a hospital for Mission Dolores where the sick could be ministered to. This location was chosen because the climate was warmer and sunnier than at Mission Dolores. During the Mexican War, Captain John C. Fremont used it as his headquarters. The mission has since been torn down and a museum is now at the site.

In northern California, in the **SANTA ROSA DISTRICT**, the Catholic Faith arrived when Father Jose Altimira built Mission San Francisco Solano in 1823 in the town of Sonoma. The nearby presidio was built to stave off possible Russian influence in Northern California. The mission was in operation for only 11 years before secularization by the Mexican government. The current mission church is an authentic restoration.

In the **BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT**, the first Mass was celebrated in 1850 at a private home in Sacramento by Father Peter Anderson, a Dominican priest. In the congregation was the Governor of California, Peter Burnett. He was so inspired by the Catholic Faith, that he donated land on which was built the first church in the area, St. Rose of Lima.

To be continued. . .

Branching Out

by Anne Interrante
CC Member, Public Relations
Committee Member

Branching Out is a series that will focus on successful ideas shared by our branches. For more details about a particular idea, you can find the branch contact info at www.icf.org.

Branch 52, Healdsburg, California focuses on Spreading the Word about the ICF.

Here are the ways that members have used various publicity opportunities in their church and local community:

☐ Member Newsletter – sent every two months informing members of branch happenings

☐ Membership Table – for greeting visitors and giving branch information

☐ Personal Phone Call for New Members – the branch President calls to welcome new members and asks them to fill out a member questionnaire about their interests

☐ Parish Bulletin – parishioners are invited to branch activities through the weekly parish bulletin

☐ Church Bulletin Board – special event flyers are posted

☐ Speakers at Mass – Members speak at Mass about the benefits of joining the ICF including that they are the *only family organization* in the parish

☐ Parish School Newsletter – A welcome message is posted for new families to the school plus additional updates to keep all families advised of ICF activities



☐ Local Newspaper – articles are submitted which mention ICF activities

Let these ideas inspire you to find creative ways to publicize your own branch’s great meeting programs, events and charitable works to as many people as you can!

Branch 36, Monterey, California shows Appreciation to Members 85+ Years.

For those members who are ages 85+, the branch hosts a Huge Birthday Party in July.

An invitation is extended for relatives and family friends to join the branch festivities to honor those recognized as “Celebrity Stars”. There is a wonderful dinner with great food, music and dancing. This past year, 92 members were honored – 40 of which were in the 90+ age group and 15 couples!

Each birthday star receives a complimentary dinner and is presented with a long stem rose – those who are 100+ receive a bouquet. Their picture is also taken as a memento of this special celebration.

The branch president recognizes each honoree by name beginning with 100+, 95+, 90+, 85+ and then shares a few things about them including recognition of their hard work and dedication to the branch.

This event serves as a great time to recruit new members as extended family and friends realize how the branch honors their senior members. Most importantly, it is a perfect way to show love and admiration to a group of members who have given so much for so many years!

ByLaws

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the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present the proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention. The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote of the delegates at the Annual Convention the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

Figuring Out Our Finances – The Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

The Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund is maintained by the Federation for the purpose of making annual donations to the Ordinaries of the dioceses in which the Federation is located.

From the apostolate portion of your yearly dues, \$1.50 is allocated to the Providenza Seminary Scholarship fund. Additionally, voluntary donations are accepted to maintain this fund. Donations come in as get well wishes, condolences, birthday greetings, and for any occasion or reason. The donation recipient and donor each receive an acknowledgment in the mail and are included in the Providenza donation section in the Bollettino.

Another source of income for this fund is from the annual Night for the Seminararians. 100% of the event’s profit is forwarded to funding our seminarian scholarships.

Each year, in October, the Finance Committee reviews the donations received and makes a recommendation to the Central Council as to how much should be earmarked for each diocese. The amount is based on available funds and ICF membership within the diocese. The larger the membership in your diocese, the larger the annual donation.

Unfortunately, this fund has been struggling. In 2013, the dues were reallocated to give the Providenza Fund an increase. Even with this change and the income from the Seminararian Nights and 90th Anniversary Galas, we have seen a decrease in overall revenue.

Our greatest challenge is that the Providenza Fund has seen a decrease in individual and branch donations over the years. As a result, the Providenza Fund had to receive funding from the General Fund in 2014 - just so we could keep our commitment in place for our annual donations to the dioceses at each Bishop’s Day. The General Fund already sees a deficit each year and cannot afford to continue with this practice. Due to the

above circumstances, in 2015, each diocese is receiving about \$500 less than in recent years. The Central Council would be delighted to return to our original donation amounts, but first we need to increase the fund’s income. We cannot earmark money that is not available.

How can we save the Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund?

-Support Seminararian Night by attending the event or making a donation.

-Continue making individual and branch donations in honor of various occasions. One does not need to be a member to make a donation or have one made in their name.

-Maintain membership. When we lose a member, we lose funding to our charitable programs. When we gain a member, we gain funding.

With continued support, we can maintain this fund and further assist our dioceses with financing seminararian education. The Providenza Fund is over 30 years old and our dioceses greatly benefit from our annual donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to support educating our future priests.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
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Frank Basuino	Officers/Members of Br. 438
Frank Basuino	Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
The Copeland Twins	Patty and Rose Jarrett
Walter Filippi	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Horace J. Russo	Anthony Alaimo and Donna Stone

GET WELL WISHES:

Michael Cannady	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Geri Hrepich	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

WITH PRAYERS FOR:

Marc Padilla, Jr.	Suzanne M. Padilla
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THANK YOU FOR OUR INSTALLATION:

Bob Basuino	Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District
Bob Basuino	Officers/Members of Central Coast District

THANK YOU FOR BLESSING BR. 442’S ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE:

Father Brian Timoney	The Jarrett Family
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*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 03/11/2015

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In Loving Memory

Report Date: 03/10/2015

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		ROSA NIGRO	Branch 439

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2015.

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Donna M. Barnes
In memory of Frank Basuino

Annette Stenger
In memory of Frank Basuino
Pat Gammill and Family
In memory of Frank L. Basuino

Children’s Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2014 and ends in August 2015. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children’s Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients whom they treat. I.C.F. donations make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp (www.thepaintedturtle.org). While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Events and Outings.
- Patient Family Conferences.

Last year, the I.C.F. donated \$2,625.00 and this year the I.C.F. wants to continue the program

whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation, in whatever amount you are able to give, towards this very worthwhile program.

A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

The deadline for contributions is June 30. Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo it “Children’s Hospital Activities Donation” and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2015.

Thank you.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2015

Branch 391
I.C.F. Spouses’ Association
John and Terry Giannetto
Josie Galante
In memory of Joy Gallagher
Josie Galante
In memory of Florence Granata

Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Tony Bettencourt
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Frank Basuino
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Barbara Jean Bline
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Ethel Rose

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Michael Mikula		Torrance, CA	\$30
3/2	Cecilia Tommei	351	Menlo Park, CA	\$30
3/3	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	39	Merced, CA	\$30
3/4	Alice Marshall	14	Concord, CA	\$30
3/5	Ayden Dupuis		Bend, OR	\$30
3/6	Branch 48		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/7	Janet Glaubke	5	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/8	Dolores A. Rochester	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
3/9	Jim Dooley	14	Fairfield, CA	\$30
3/10	Jaime Portillo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/11	Ann Molinari	12	Napa, CA	\$30
3/12	Barbara & Xavier Irias		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
3/13	Gloria Borruso	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
3/14	Dino Giambrone	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/15	Nick Ferrero	26	Hollister, CA	\$30
3/16	Carlo Perez		Martinez, CA	\$30
3/17	Carmel Dufault	327	San Carlos, CA	\$50
3/18	Irene Steele		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/19	Agnes Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$50
3/20	Germaine Orlando	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
3/21	Stefania & Andre Guzman		Tracy, CA	\$30
3/22	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/23	Betty Hollars	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
3/24	J.J. Gianquinto	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/25	Elsie Scagliotti	26	Hollister, CA	\$30
3/26	Catherine Dounies	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/27	The Andreozzi’s		Chino Valley, AZ	\$30
3/28	Janine Orsi	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
3/29	Dominique Yancey		San Ramon, CA	\$30
3/30	Tia Polley	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
3/31	Michael Marcheschi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30

Cooley’s Corner

Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)

Internship Program at UC Berkeley

Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS

The Thalassemia Outreach Program at Children’s Hospital Oakland is the only outreach program of its kind in the United States and is always doing its best to increase thalassemia awareness across the country. But, it takes more than one person to do the job! In May 2013, Laurice Levine, with the help of UCB graduate and intern Sushrita Neogi, recruited 4 students and one recent graduate and began the “UCB Thalassemia Outreach Internship Program – Thal at Cal, Invisible No More”. In its second year, 75 applications were received and 13 interns were chosen. 13 proved to be a bit much for the lone outreach coordinator so 8 were chosen for year 3. The interns, all UC Berkeley students or recent graduates are extremely talented, diligent, and innovative interns. Many have graduated and gone on to medical school. Interns work on projects ranging from conducting outreach at

health fairs and blood drives to collaborating with various foundations such as the Blood Centers of the Pacific and the Alta Bates Asian Outreach group. Five of the interns have also taken the initiative teach a DeCal class about thalassemia at UC Berkeley. A DeCal is a student-led undergraduate class—the interns create a syllabus, gather lecture materials, and recruit guest speakers. Some of the interns have also helped at ICF events including the Columbus Day Parade and the 2014 Convention Blood Drive in Oakland.

The thal interns are some of the most hardworking volunteers! If you would like to read their biographies please go to: <http://www.thalassemia.com/volunteers-interns-2014.aspx#gsc.tab=0>.

Laurice has also recruited high school interns including fourth years working on their Senior Projects and even has an intern in Texas. If you or anyone you know is interested in interning/volunteering in the Thalassemia program please contact Laurice Levine at 510-428-3885, ext. 5427 or LLevine@mail.cho.org

Cooley’s Anemia Blood Drive in Honor of World Thalassemia Day

May 7th 2015, 9am-2pm

At Children’s Hospital Oakland



Please contact Laurice Levine
for an appointment.

Celebrate World Thalassemia Day!
On May 8th by doing the following:

Donate blood

Plan a blood drive

Teach a friend or neighbor about thalassemia

Plan a thalassemia presentation for your branch meeting

Take a tour of Children’s Hospital Oakland

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator

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BOOK REVIEW

Robert Pachinger
Branch 413, Angels Camp

Mother Angelica:
The Remarkable Story of
a Nun, Her Nerve, and a
Network of Miracles
By: Raymond Arroyo,
Doubleday, 384 pages

We all have heard of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). It is probably the most important source of Catholic information on television today. EWTN is watched around the world. To understand how EWTN became such a powerful network, one must understand the story of Mother Angelica. It was her efforts that directly led to the establishment of the network. She also established a monastery in Alabama. The book reveals much about Mother Angelica and her great faith in God that allowed her to take risks on behalf of Him and be successful.

Rita Antoinette Rizzo was born on April 20, 1923, in Canton, Ohio. She is an Italian American. She was raised by her mother Mae, as her dad was not around. Her mother eventually divorced her dad. In the 1920’s divorce carried a stigma in the Church and in society in general. This caused friction in young Rita’s life. She also had to deal with strong, overbearing family members. This upbringing helped to create a very strong character in Rita. At an early age, she was exposed to the darkness in society as she grew up in a neighborhood with mob influences. Her parish priest was murdered for standing up to the mob. At the age of six, she was aware that her priest had been martyred.

As Rita grew into adulthood, she suffered through depression. When she was 18 years old, she started having severe stomach issues. Meanwhile, her mother was battling her own

mental issues. In 1943, Rita visited a stigmatic and miracle worker named Rhoda Wise, in hopes of being cured. Rhoda Wise told Rita to spread devotion to Saint Therese, and that if she was cured, she was to pray. Rita prayed with the novena card given to her by Rhoda Wise and eventually was cured. Rita’s devotion to her Catholic faith increased, and in 1944, she entered the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, a Franciscan order. At this time, she became Sister Angelica.

After spending years in Canton, she had an opportunity to go to Birmingham, Alabama. She made the move in 1961. This was the result of one of many physical trials that Mother Angelica had to endure. She was facing the possibility of not walking again and promised to build a monastery in the South. The operation was successful, and so she fulfilled her promise. Our Lady of the Angels Monastery was officially dedicated on May 20, 1962. As her order was a cloistered contemplative order, Mother Angelica and the nuns removed themselves from public life.

In the 1970’s Mother Angelica became involved in Catholic programming on the local television stations by videotaping programs. When one television station associated with Mother Angelica’s shows decided to air a television program that cast doubt on the divinity of Jesus Christ, Mother Angelica decided to withdraw her shows from the station and establish her own network. This was the beginning of the Eternal Word Television Network. Raymond Arroyo describes the many obstacles that Mother Angelica had to overcome to establish EWTN. The most surprising is the less than enthusiastic support that she received from some within the church hierarchy.

Raymond Arroyo’s account of Mother Angelica’s life is entertaining. It is written in a style that is captivating. You can hear Mother Angelica’s voice in the narrative. It is an amazing story. Mother Angelica had to endure many trials and persevere. She was always willing to gamble, having complete faith in God’s will. It was this faith that led her to establish EWTN as a worldwide network. The network is so popular that I was able to watch EWTN when I traveled to Nicaragua in 2003.



Monetary Donation Reminder

Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,
When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley's Anemia, etc). please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

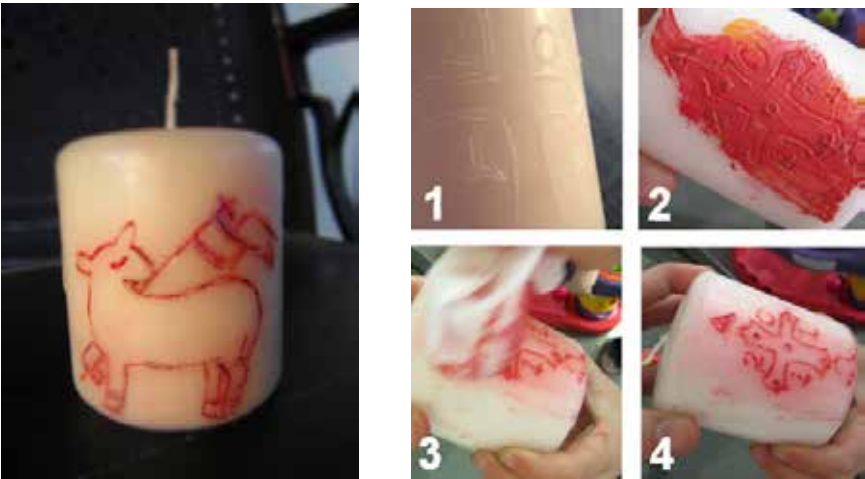
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Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.
These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

La Celebrazione di Gioventu --
The Celebration of Youth
Buona Pasqua!

Submitted by Roselynne Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

CREATE YOUR OWN PASCHAL CANDLE

Making an Easter candle (also known as a Paschal Candle) to use at home can be a great religious Easter tradition for your family! These are so much easier to make than it first appears, and affordable too when you purchase candles at your local dollar store.



- 1.Scratch your design onto the candle with a dull pencil.
- 2.Paint on it however you’d like.
- 3.Wipe the candle with a baby wipe.
- 4. Your design is complete!

Easter candles can have all kinds of symbols. It seems they mostly commonly have a cross with the year written around it. This one has a Paschal lamb. Some other things you could try would be an alpha and omega, wheat and grapes... all kinds of stuff really!



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GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

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

BANQUET

2:00 -

San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 -

Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 17th, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2015

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____

Banquet only

Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 17th deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 17th.

The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



ICF, 8383 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 - 888-423-1924 - FAX: (510) 633-8758 - Web Site: icf.org - E-mail: info@icf.org

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia?

If your Branch or District would like members of the Cooley's Anemia Team at Children's Hospital Oakland to come and speak at one of your meetings or special functions, please contact:

Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
(510) 428-3885 x 5427 or email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Plan Now, Set Goals... Get a Workshop

Dante Galeazzi
CC Life Member

The Grand President has asked the Workshop Committee to continue its successful Travel Show from last year and to follow the effort presented the last two years such as open forum, spiritual, Heritage and fundraising. Even though the Districts and Branches have scheduled to develop many activities for the upcoming calendar for the goodwill in the parish, in the community and in the name of the Italian Catholic Federation... the workshop could provide for the fantastic planning and enriching the many responsibilities of the ICF nationally.

Your Workshop Committee can provide assistance in Membership growth, the valuable leadership and officers' guidance and directions to set goals reinforced by the memberships of the Branches and Districts. All ideas are necessary and valuable from the past, present and especially the future. Once your goals are determined, the Workshop Committee will provide the necessary resources or additional concepts to your Branches and Districts to hopefully achieve with less effort and struggles. The Workshop Committee can suggest topics on how to increase membership, fundraising activities, provide heritage/history of the Federation or tools for Italian culture for the grandchildren, event planning, officers' duties, IRS forms, convention awards, apostolic devotions or spiritual activities and even topics selected by the Branches'



membership.

The Workshop Committee highly recommends that when you go to your next Branch or District meeting that you #1) discuss ideas for setting goals, #2) provide and direct the leadership in your District to have a workshop for support and assistance/guidance and #3) stress the importance of achieving those goals for the Federation, your Branch, the District, and the Parish or Diocese in your community.

PLAN NOW, because it's very important for the District Presidents to get their first choice of date and to discuss with the Workshop Committee what are the most valuable topics that are best suited for the Branches and District.

You may contact me via email at dantegaleazzinpc@aol.com or at 888.423.1924 for any additional inquiries.

Do not miss out this year on scheduling a resourceful Workshop to simplify your diligent effort.

Keeping Family History Alive

Jim Friebe
Heritage Chairman

I would like to share with you the story of my wife Mary Ann's father Leonard D'Amico's family ranch that became The Carmelite Monastery of Mount St. Joseph. It's a story of a ranch on a hill that became a place of peace and worship.

Mary Ann's grandparents Joseph and Angelina D'Amico purchased the forty one acre hill on Clayton Rd, San Jose, Ca in 1923 and grew apricots and grapes. Their children John, Leonard and Francine helped their parents work the ground, prune the trees, harvest the fruit and do anything else expected of children of a farming family. Farming on that hill wasn't an easy thing to do but they got it done despite some harrowing and almost fatal events. One of those events was when Mary Ann's grandfather rolled the tractor because it couldn't hold back the disc he was pulling going downhill. He was going sideways but the weight of the disc made the tractor lay over on its side. He was a lucky man to be able to walk away unhurt.

In 1953 on his way driving home, Joseph D'Amico suffered a fatal heart attack and died in his driveway. After his passing, his sister Giovannina Pasantino came to live on the ranch with Mary Ann's grandmother. Giovannina was a very religious woman of very strong faith. There were times when she would tell of a vision that she had and they would come true. One morning Giovannina awoke on the ranch and said that her brother had come to her in a dream and told her that someday there would be a House of God on the hill. Well, a lot of people thought she was crazy to predict such a

thing. They thought who would want to put a church on a place like this. The ranch wasn't even for sale. However, my father-in-law Leonard had already had a dream of Saints standing all around the top of the hill, so maybe there was something special about this ranch on Clayton Rd.

To the surprise of many, it wasn't long before Fr. Edward Leahy of the Carmelite order came upon the ranch and liked what he saw. The Carmelites then approached the D'Amico family about buying their ranch on a hill for a new Monastery. They made an agreement with Angelina for \$66,000.00 and moved into her house a month after the conclusion of the sale. I met Fr Edward years ago at a fundraising barbecue at the Monastery and I asked him why he picked this place and he told me we just came upon it and it fit for what we wanted to do. Now, thanks to many a House of God sits on the top of that hill.

The D'Amico family continues to this day to keep a close association with the Monastery. When someone needs prayers, Mary Ann will call and ask them to pray for that person. When they have their Annual Fundraiser, many of us attend and support them. When a D'Amico passes away the Priests and Brothers will come lead us in the Rosary. They have given us a Family Mass when we asked for it and they did a beautiful Mass for Mary Ann and myself when we celebrated our Fortieth Wedding Anniversary where we re-did our Marital Vows.

I encourage you to visit Mount St. Joseph and visit the church, attend mass, talk to the Priests and Brothers and enjoy the beautiful view and peaceful setting of the Carmelite Monastery.

Branch Presidents to be Apostolic Chairs

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Chairman, Apostolate Committee

God's Blessings to your branches. I am writing to you as the Apostolate/Charity Chairman, asking you, the Branch Presidents to be the Apostolate Chairs. What the strategic plan is looking at for our committee is that we need to educate and communicate with our local priests and church staff. We feel there are priests within our communities that may not be aware of what we as ICF members do, and can do, for our local churches. We need more long-term communication with our pastors, so that they are more aware of our branches, and we can better serve the needs that they may have.

Blessed and Happy Easter From Apostolate Committee

Lisa Crudo

Member Apostolate Committee

Easter is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, life over death.

For every human situation that is marked by weakness, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love. It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast. We must always remember that as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, this is what we share as our apostolic mission.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord! We pray that you

I look forward to hearing from all of you, and look forward to seeing what progress we are making as members, to keep our branches and churches in much better unity. I am asking that all branch presidents, meet with their priests before June 30, 2015. You may send your replies to me at: stewartsfloral@aol.com, or 4311 Gladys Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Thank you,
Franklyn Lopes Jr.,
Chairman, Apostolate Committee
Members, Lisa Crudo, Jim Jones, and Nina Malone.
Spiritual Director, Msgr Daniel Cardelli

help us to seek you and to find you.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, and disabled who are at times exploited and abandoned.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. By your resurrection, we ask you help us promote peace in the world.

Lord, we pray to you for all the people of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

Pope Francis invites us all: "Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish."

May the risen Lord, the conqueror of sin and death, be a support to you all, especially to the weakest and the most needy. Thank you for your presence, your commitment to our wonderful organization, and for the witness of your faith.

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CC Minutes
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Introductions: GP Bob Basuino welcomed guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for October 18, 2014 approved as presented.

Communications

- Thank you from Reno diocese Bishop Calvo for seminary burse gift presented at Bishop’s Day.
- Acknowledgement from ICF office regarding in memory donations to the Providenza Fund for Frank Basuino, Armandina Centurioni, Pat Mages Dad Wayne Shriwise and Albert Ranzani.
- Acknowledgement from ICF office regarding in memory donation to the Gifts of Love for Tom Pollicita, received thank you from Nettie Descalso DelNero.
- Acknowledgement from ICF office regarding get well wishes donation to Providenza Fund for Denise Antonowicz
- Thank you from Frances Teglia for donation to Gift of Love and flowers in memory of Al Teglia
- Thank you for Providenza Fund donation from: Danny Centurioni in memory of his grandmother; Pat and Lou Mages in memory of Pat’s father.

Reports

Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting. We think of lent in terms of sacrifice and giving up something that is good in reality lent is an opportunity for us to spend some time to think of our personal relationship with Jesus. JESUS IS THE BEST OF ALL OUR BEST FRIENDS. Our Faith is validated by the resurrection.

Grand President – Bob Basuino
INSTALLATIONS ATTENDED:

- January 4 Stockton; January 10 Santa Clara; January 11 San Francisco; January 17 San Mateo; January 18 East Bay; January 20 Marin; January 24 Blessed Sacrament; February 8 Los Angeles; February 10 Las Vegas
- Andy Pappani: January 17 San Bernardino; January 31 Santa Rosa; February 8 San Diego
- Roselynn Jarrett: January 17 Contra Costa

INSTALLATIONS TO ATTEND:

- February 15 Orange; February 26 Chicago; February 28 Central Coast
- February 21 Andy Pappani at Tucson
- February 22 Leonard Zasoski at Fresno

BISHOP’S DAYS TO ATTEND:

- March 1 Oakland Diocese; March 7 Orange; March 28 Stockton Diocese; April 12 San Francisco Diocese

OTHER EVENTS: Feb 14th the CC meeting

Grand Treasurer –Roselynn Jarrett

- Roselynn Jarrett met with UBS last week. Verizon recalled 2 Billion in bonds; we reinvested 25k of that bond in eBay, interest went into General Fund.
- Reviewed 2014 budget. Still a draft as there are a few things still being finalized.
- Page 11 of itemized budget shows the

Providenza Fund is struggling-needed to borrow money from our general fund to pay out the Bishops Day disbursements.

- Carmen Kilcullen asked why aren’t we taking more money from hospitalization to bring up the Providenza Fund. Roselynn Jarrett requested for Hospitalization Committee to look over the paperwork, review the situation and come back to us at the June meeting.
- Dante Galeazzi commented that we need to give back the 2K we took away from 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships.
- We are trying to find many ways to save money and the ladies in the office are also trying to find ways to keep costs down.

Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani reported for Leonard Zasoski

- Met with District Deputies by conference call November 22, 7 District Deputies phoned in. They went over forms and responsibilities. Got email address of deputies. New deputy packet being put together. Next meeting is March 21 with the District Deputies.
- Working on a District Deputy for Chicago.

Committee Reports

Workshop-Dante Galeazzi

- Concentrating on smaller Districts. A letter has been sent out, have received no responses. April there is a tentative workshop set for Santa Rosa. Workshops only at convention are not the answer many branches only send one delegate...the mobile workshop allows so many others to attend and get info and ask questions.

Ways and Means –Lisa Crudo NO ONE FROM COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

- CC members instructed to take their Districts raffle tickets.
- Considering having only 2 seminarian nights. One is scheduled for June 6 at St Mary’s in Los Gatos.
- Something else they are looking into is the play Late Night Catechism.
- Dante Galeazzi wanted to know about golf tournament. The fees and banquet have gone up in cost. Bob Basuino to check with Lisa Crudo on this.

Task Force – Vince Piro reported for Leonard Zasoski

- A reminder has gone out to those committees that have not done their committee procedures report. New due date the end of this year. Mike Rossi volunteered to write up drafts for the committees that have not turned in their procedures so they can edit it and hopefully turn them in. Mike Rossi will have it done by June and the procedures will be completed by September.
- Strategic Plan...now in the implementation part of the plan. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes. Apologizes for not keeping everyone in the loop. Will try to give weekly updates.
- Nina Malone reports they have been working on ways to communicate better with the branches. See more in membership report.
- Roselynn Jarrett reported working on reducing expenses for convention, CC and

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making the Bollettino sound. Sending mailings through the web portal, a great savings on paper, postage and time.

- PowerPoint program for leadership. We are losing branches due to the fact they cannot get officers, especially President. Franklyn Lopes has drafted a letter to go to Presidents to contact their pastors and sit down with them and find out what we can do to help them. Vince Piro wants you to go back and get your District Presidents to contact or return the call to Vince Piro regarding the workshop on leadership, membership etc.
- We don’t need members going around and undermining things...we need to be positive to survive. It will be a very interactive workshop.
- Training workshops not just for District officers...it is open to any branch members interested.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Judging 1st year scholarships on April 20. Students applications due March 15th, also remind branches to send in scholarship donations.
- Trying to eliminate a lot of excess mailing. Deborah Rodondi will be emailing notices to the applicants that do not get a scholarship rather than a postcard being sent.
- Jim Friebe asked why do we give scholarships to students without a family

member in the ICF? Deborah Rodondi stated the plan was originally set up to go out into the community and benefit any Catholic Italian. Bob Acquistapace added we wanted to be more inclusive than exclusive. Yes we do look at whether they have family members in the ICF or not; when there is equality in competitiveness the one with a family member in ICF gets the scholarship. It gives them an edge but not a guarantee.

- Jim Jones: what would we have to do to change that? Deborah Rodondi stated that the committee would have to review it and then bring before the CC. Any active member of the CC could make a motion to change or send a letter to the committee to review. David Botta feels it should go the committee to discuss.
- Mike Rossi commented that if we make it exclusive we may not have enough applicants for the amount of scholarships we receive; Deborah Rodondi stated that is likely.
- Teresa Helfand last year a very needy child in the Chicago area did not get a scholarship, does the application ask about need. There is a section asking about the finances and other children in family. Deborah Rodondi stated we get at least 50 applications from the Chicago area and only 1-3 scholarships, so a lot of deserving students do not get a scholarship.
- Bob Acquistapace suggested at the April 20th meeting/judging of scholarships the

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judges make a list of students with family in ICF...lets bring numbers to June CC meeting.

Public Relations –Vince Piro

- Will be trying again to get seminarian bios for Bollettino.
- Still challenges on changing the database for opting out of Bollettino in hard copy.
- Delay in Bollettino due the fact that the format had to be reworked the first few the printer reformatted but now we must do it. Should be out in next 10 days.
- Richard Interrante has been doing a great job in helping out on the website.
- All seminary libraries are getting the Bollettino. Working on getting all Diocese offices on the Bollettino mailing list. Lauren Kilcullen mention Santa Rosa Diocesan newspaper...had an entire article on ICF feels that a lot of it was pulled from the Bollettino articles.
- Charlene Kramer and Michelle Feldman have worked hard to increase ads.

Membership – Nina Malone

- Membership committee feels we should welcome our new members, make them feel engaged. New membership packet consisting of a welcome letter, an ICF Brochure, Structure of the ICF, branch calendar, branch contact list and member questionnaire are now online. Also available is a visitor packet consisting of an ICF card rack color brochure, guest sign-in form, branch calendar and membership application.
- Buddy system “Amici di Cuore”...encouraging Presidents to appoint a membership chairperson. Also sending out a letter to the District President’s to follow through with this. One of their goals is to assess what is going on at the branch and district level.
- Today the committee decided to design a Membership Tool Kit to contain all the necessary resources to host a successful membership drive. Jim Jones has offered to make the tool box.
- Anne Interrante designed a Power Point presentation “ICF Youth Program” available upon request for Branches and Districts.
- Talking with GP on the possibility of adding 1-2 more members at large to the committee.
- Jerry Delfino asked have you thought of adding an ICF pin to the packet? A copy of the by-laws and rituals? Nina Malone will add as a suggestion for the branches to do in setting up the packets.
- Mike Rossi suggests to continually hi lite branches that are successful in membership in the Bollettino. Who is doing it right and what are they doing.
- Roselynn Jarrett shared that the Pleasant Hill branch used survey monkey to see how the members felt about the ICF. If you don’t attend...why? What would you like to see added. What do you enjoy about the ICF. 33 households out of 90 responded. This is something maybe some of our branches could do for info...share with the membership.

Live to Give- Jane Dianda

- Have talked to Franklyn Lopes about adding blood drive to the apostolate report for 2016.
- Hospitalization – Nina Malone
 - Trying to build up the plan. 410 current members
 - As of September 30, 2014: BofA \$29,863.68, UBS \$869,838.44; Dues income \$9,075.00; Claims \$7,335.00
 - The “other category” on the claim form does max out fast so we need to have more categories...will be reworking that part of the claim form.
 - Website hospitalization form is correct.

Heritage-Jim Friebel

- Looking for a flatbed to purchase that can be modified to have rails that come down while driving then moved in position for the event. Mike Rossi...regarding the trailer for parades do we have insurance for that trailer?
- Getting email addresses from all the heritage committee chairs for easier communications.
- Would like to do workshops at convention.
- To start putting the pictures at the office on cd’s.
- Committee members to do articles in the Bollettino.
- Will make themselves available to the workshop committee.

Gifts of Love –Pat Mages

- March meeting will be in San Diego.
- Biggest complaint right now is the funds are there but not enough applications coming in.
- Receiving more applications from veterans.
- 11 applications in January approved 7 of them in the amount of \$6800.
- Mike Rossi asked how do people find us? Word of mouth seems to be the way.
- Teresa Helfand asked if Gifts of Love for just for California? Can Chicago people apply? YES, it is not for just people in ICF areas.

Finance Committee - Roselynn Jarrett

- Accounting procedures with acknowledgment form was sent out to all CC, turn in signed acknowledgment today.
- Training took place in office with the auditor and Dave Rose. Quick books is fine for the office but not for reconciling of accounts. So to make it easier we had the auditor create new spreadsheets to input information for reconciling accounts. This will save us from paying the auditor to re-input all our info to make it work.
- Roselynn Jarrett attended a seminar with the State Board of Equalization regarding non-profits. About 500 attended. They were called together to be educated on the loss of revenue for the state and what you are responsible for. Roselynn Jarrett is going through the paperwork she received and is trying to formulate questions for the next seminar and then will compile it for the branch

and district use. Much discussion followed.

- Guest escorted out for next discussion.
- Roselynn Jarrett turned microphone over to Bob Acquistapace. The finance committee met earlier today and moved that the CC direct Public Relations to develop a plan to distribute the Bollettino every other month to begin January 2016. Public Relations to bring the plan before the CC at the June meeting.
- Msgr. Cardelli pointed out less papers means less advertising....less circulation and getting our information out there.
- Vince Piro will develop a report with pros and cons...email any thoughts you have to Vince Piro regarding this.
- PASSED to have Public Relations look into this.

Expansion – David Botta

- Have not heard back from several potential areas.
- Father Chris Bennett wants a branch at his new parish in Santa Clara District.
- Even though Br. 186 closed, Bishop Daly of Santa Clara Diocese had the parish rename their center to the ICF center.
- Can’t wait 2-3 years to find out there are problems. If you know of branches having trouble especially in getting future presidents let expansion know.
- Oakland Br 223 closed. 10 have already transferred.
- David Botta working with Chicago.
- Br 67 LA Italian church-voted to close-Carmelo working on re-organization of this branch.
- We have 128 branches as of today. Currently we have 5 active branches with 14 or less; 14 branches with less than 25 members. Problems always seem to surface at election time.
- Going back 5 years we closed 26 branches...expansion is important but retention is more important to survive.
- Dante Galeazzi stated our Deputy program is critical. We need to build up that program.
- Jim Friebel can’t a member be the deputy of their own branch for a while to get comfortable with it then they might be willing to go to another branch?

Convention Directors –Roselynn Jarrett reported for Steven Fuentes

- Roselynn Jarrett reported the 2014 convention made profit of \$19,846.36. Pointed out that without the raffle the convention would be in a deficit.
- Steve Fuentes has already met with Las Vegas branch.
- Rose suggests that workshops be interactive and give them something to take home. The Convention committee comes up with the workshops after reviewing the surveys. It is up to the people in charge to make them interesting.

By-Laws and Rituals – David Botta

- The new by-law books are out.

Awards-Jim Friebel

- Will be contacting District Presidents looking for candidates for the awards. Working

on a possible celebrity.

- Thinking of taking the picture of the winners and displaying at convention.
- Anne Interrante asked if we keep the packets to those that did not get the award? If so can they be resubmitted? YES.

Apostolate/Charity – Nina Malone reported for Franklyn Lopes

- Working with the Strategic Plan, branches and parishes. CC please go back to your branches and have the apostolate chair go to the pastors and ask what we can do for the parish.

NO Unfinished Business

New Business

- Roselynn Jarrett made motion seconded by Nina Malone to give \$150 to Parish for use of hall today.
- Dante Galeazzi reports that the shrine of Mother Cabrini needs help to repair/replace door to her chapel and replace cabinets for the displaying of her artifacts. Dante Galeazzi made motion to send \$100 seconded by Vince Piro to come out of the Apostolate fund. PASSED. Dante Galeazzi asks that you go back to your branches and spread the word.
- David Botta brought up the Strategic Plan Page 11 item #3 states to evaluate structure and size of CC. The Federation by March to June will be under 10,000 members. 1998 was the last time the CC was reduced with 18,000 members. He therefore presented a proposal to reduce the number of CC members from 24 to 18 (9 Life and 9 Elected) by the 2019 convention. Discussion followed:
- Bob Acquistapace submitted an amendment “In the event that a Life Member dies or resigns before September 2019, the vacancy shall not be filled and the reduction of elected members shall take place at the next upcoming convention” seconded by Vince Piro. AMENDMENT ACCEPTED
- Mike Rossi stated it is the right idea but is it sending a message to the branches...some people today will not be here next year and will not have an opportunity to be a life member...will others want to run when the count is lower.
- Denise Antonowicz feels that no board is normally this big. Why can’t non CC members be on committees especially if it is their field of expertise.
- Teresa Helfand felt people from out of state will probably not be voted in. Marco Galeazzi spoke of Chicago being eliminated with this. Roselynn Jarrett mentioned that the CC from outside areas get high votes and she disagrees with the fact they won’t get voted in.

- Carmen Kilcullen adds that emeritus members are still thinking and able to work.
- Pat Mages commented members would like more elected CC less life members.
- Jim Friebel- lessening the number may shut the door on new people running for CC.
- Jane Dianda commented on negativity to the strategic plan and reminded everyone that this has been in the works for the past 6 years.
- Vince Piro called for the question PASSED.
- Vote yes to change and no to leave as is. 11 yes, 7 no...CHANGE PASSED.

The following is the passed proposal.

June 2015 - George Bacigalupi retires as a Life

Member - no one is elected to take his place.

September 2015 Convention - only 11 Members are elected to the Central Council.

Now there are only 22 Members on the Central Council - 11 Life Members and 11 Elected Members.

June 2018 - Michael Cannady retires as a Life Member - no one is elected to take his place.

September 2018 Convention - only 10 Members are elected to the Central Council.

Now there are only 20 Members on the Central Council - 10 Life Members and 10 Elected Members.

June 2019 - David Botta retires as a Life Member - no one is elected to take his place.

September 2019 Convention - only 9 Members are elected to the Central Council. Now there are only 18 Members on the Central Council - 9 Life Members and 9 Elected Members.

In the event that a Life Member dies or resigns before September 2019, the vacancy shall not be filled and the reduction of elected members shall take place at the next upcoming convention.

Good of the Order

- David Botta talked to Mike Cannady knee was replaced. He is going home tomorrow.

- Save the date November 7 Bob Basuino’s Testimonial.

- Deborah Rodondi save the date for San Mateo District 50th anniversary September 19.

- May 31 4th Italian Festa in Lodi
- June 28 Br 191 50th Anniversary
- Teresa Helfand extends greeting from Vince Picciola and his wife

- Bob Basuino wants to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, phone calls, support in the loss of dad. Also thank you to Msgr. Cardelli for being there to celebrate the mass for dad.

Closing Prayer: led by Msgr. Cardelli

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm by Grand President Bob Basuino

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rodondi

Grand Secretary

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer

Goodbye to winter says almost every Chicogoan. I do love the spirngtime best but have to remember the seasons follow God’s commands. Many of our branches had St. Joseph’s Day Tables and the profits benefit the poor. It’s still too early to commit with our annual bake sale and visiting the retired Scalabrinian nuns. We wish a happy anniversary to longtime members, Teresa & Frank Cairo, celebrating over 60 years of wedded bliss. Hope all of our members enjoyed a blessed Easter. Reflection.....At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don’t realize they

vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey. Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

Leonora

City

Name, Br. 375

We are saddened by the passing of Leonard Casey on Sunday March 1. Len and his wife Priscilla were members of Br.375, At. Jude in South Holland, Illinois until it closed. Priscilla was Secretary at 375 and passed away prior to the Branch closing at which time Len transferred to 195. George French and I attended his funeral in Hickory Hills.

We ae most grateful to outgoing President, Mary Alice Kelly for her years of service to 195. Our 2015 officers are as follows. Chaplain Rev. Dave Pavlick; President Mike Sawadski; Vice President Len Chiaro; Recording Secretary Michele Kiernicki; Financial & Corresponding Secretary Jo Merlo; Treasurer Leonard Longawa; Orator George French; Trustees Maris Lika and Elaine Malenki. Financial Planner, Don Cuba of DMC Capital Management will present a program Preserving Your Investments in Today’s (or A Changing) Economy or Should You Even Invest.

In May we plan a tour of the Catacombs at Carmelite Monastery followed by Dinner at 4 P.M. at John’s Family Restaurant. Balance of the year we’ll have programs on Reverse Mortgages; Mother Cabrini, Patron Saint of All Immigrants; Living Wills & Revocable Trusts. On September 12, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Branch 195, at Balmoral Park. In the meantime, please pray for the successful completion of the next phase of the Transformation Process “Forward” with Our Lady of Knock Parish and for the return to good health of Bob Faisiang, who recently went surgery. A Blessed Lent, Happy St pat’s and Easter to all.

God Bless,

Jo Merlo



New members from Branch 250.

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

February 10th was the dinner meeting and everyone enjoyed Marge Avellar’s delicious soup, along with salad, bread and dessert. Thanks to the chairmen, Angie and Jerry Kelzer and their committee: Marge Avellar, Rita Dolio, Betty Scalise, Bill and Elsie Bottorff. About twelve members gathered to clean and bag donated oranges to sell on Sunday the 15th after the morning masses. In just a few hours the club raised over 700.00! On February 22, ten members from Branch 27 traveled to Bakersfield for the Installation of new officers. There was a nice turn-out and Branch 281 of Bakersfield did a great job hosting the event. Our lady of Perpetual Help provided an inspiring mass and a delicious brunch with beautiful table decorations. Each club provided a basket for the raffle. Please continue to pray for our sick and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

On March 20, 2015, Br. 32 members attended mass as a group to honor the living and deceased members of our branch. During this mass we prayed for our current Vice President, George Pisching, who was undergoing surgery. May God keep him safe and Bless him with a quick and full recovery.

We are looking forward to the Fresno Disstrict Bocce Tournament on May 23, 2015, at San Joaquin Memorial High School Grounds. Mr. Allen Watts, our District President, is coordinating this fun, competitive event. Members, form your teams and be ready for a good match. See you there.

Pray for peace in the world.

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

The March meeting of Branch 33 opened with a blessing led by Bobby Lencioni. A traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage was prepared by Kurt Moore. After dinner, the March business meeting was opened by President Maria Steele.

The upcoming St. Joseph’s fund raising spaghetti dinner was discussed. Chairman Barbara Crear finalized plans and various

assignments. Martha Ball and Madeline Ceccarelli reported that many gifts had been donated for baskets. Lido Marchetti and his veteran crew will preside over the kitchen.

Daniel Avina, representing the local chapter of the American Red Cross, spoke regarding the various services provided by the agency. In addition to providing food, water, and shelter for families in times of disaster and services to members of the military, classes are offered for CPR certification. Information and pamphlets regarding emergency and disaster preparedness for families were reviewed.

In other business, Members were informed that for the fourth straight year, Branch 33 was named number one in calendar sales in the 1-99 members category. Members voted to once again award a four hundred dollar scholarship. Members also voted to award one hundred dollars to the “Get on the Bus” project which facilitates Mothers’ Day visits of children to mothers who are currently incarcerated.

Lido Marchetti was congratulated for achieving fifty years as an ICF member.

The meeting was closed with a humorous story by Bobby Lencioni and closing prayers led by Rita Bertolucci.

- Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

The leaves are green, daffodils are blooming and it is Spring Time. March was the beginning of our annual Triduum with Father Andrew officiating. We had Mass before enjoying a Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner. On Friday evening we provided the soup at the St. Patrick’s parish hall for everyone, followed by members leading the Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, the 15th, we celebrated St. Joseph’s Day and students from UC Merced joined us. Thanks to Millicent for her hard work. We had our polenta dinner in March and had a great crowd. We had a raffle with 25 amazing gifts ranging from \$25.00 to \$60 and a lot of people were happy winners. Thank you to the sponsors of our prizes, we couldn’t do it without you. Special thanks to Carol Salmeri for selling so many polenta tickets and to our amazing chairlady, Robyn Piro. A lot of work and a lot of fun.

On April 20, we have our casino day at Black Oak. \$28.00 a person and you receive \$10 for gaming, \$5.00 for the tables and \$5.00 towards lunch. What a deal. For more information, call Nettie at 383 4819 or Loretta at 3831808. Reservations must be in by the 15th of April. There will be refreshments, free raffle and bingo





Installation of LA Youth Officers.



on the bus. We always have a great time. Don't forget our biscotti/bake sale on May 2nd and 3rd. More in the next newsletter.

We pray for the soul of Anita Cresci who died at the age of 101. She was our last charter member. A wonderful and supportive member. We pray for the Bernardi family, (they recently transferred to our branch) Joe's daughter, Kayla passed away after a long battle with cancer at the age of 20. An amazing young lady who touched our hearts in many ways. She is the niece of our members, Lori Sutton and Nettie Descalso.

Whatever one possesses becomes of double value when we have the opportunity to share it with others."

Clovis
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Br. 250

Officers of Branch 250, Clovis traveled to Bakersfield on February 22 for Installation of Officers. Fourteen of us enjoyed a good lunch and meeting District and Central Council members.

Our Branch 250 celebrated a mass at 6:30 a.m. for the living and deceased members on March 1. Breakfast at a restaurant followed for those who were brave enough to get up that early.

May will be a busy month. On May 9th is the District Picnic/Bocce Ball Tournament at San Joaquin Memorial, and May 15th is our Branch Take-Out Dinner.

Shirley Mitchell's grandson, Jake Pizzo, is a pitcher for Bullard Varsity and will be pitching against Buchanan, Memorial and Edison. Jake, a junior, has a baseball scholarship to Cal State, Fullerton.

Vincent Rodriguez (age 8) entertained students at a talent show with his talent for telling jokes. He gave us a preview of his routine at the February meeting. Vincent has also written two books which are now in the school library.

Please continue to remember Vince Jura, Beverly Travis and Al and Lena Daddino in your prayers. We're hoping they will be in better health soon.

Our birthday celebrants this month are; Jennie Campopiano (4/7), Mary Beth Mueller (4/6), Jeanette Shriver (4/4) and Mary Zanarini (4/9). Happy Birthday to you ladies!

Isn't it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fool's Day and ends with cries of 'May Day!'

Hope you all have a Happy Easter!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Los Angeles
Archdiocese District
Los Angeles Region

On March 15, 2015 - ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Communion Sunday was celebrated at



Branch 111 Officers at Annual Los Angeles District 2015 Installation.

the 11:00 am Mass in Saint Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada. Msgr Cacciapuotti, Archdiocesan Director of the ICF invited all 18 Branches of the LA Archdiocese District to participate in this year's Special Mass, Procession and Luncheon in the Parish Hall celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph. The Luncheon included Msgr's own special Napolitano Sauce. Thank you to all of the Branches that participated and Branch 374 for co-hosting this event.

Several parishioners, friends, visitors and members requested information on joining Branch 374, Branch 380 and two visitors very interested in opening a branch in San Clemente.

On March 14, 2015 ICF Branch 108 played in the first-ever Exhibition Bocce Tournament on the Rose Bowl. See Branch 108 Article in this issue.

On March 3, 2015 over 59 students and six teachers from John Muir Middle School in Burbank visited the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel President Carmelo Sabatella talked to students about Mother Cabrini and the history of the Chapel and Library and responded to questions. School Social Science BTA Middle School Director Barry Sarnes commented after the event "Our field trip surpassed my wildest dreams! You were all incredible teachers and the hospitality of your organizations can not be measured. We will be talking about this trip for quite a while... I hope this can be a yearly tradition... Thanks again for an incredible experience."

The next Mother Cabrini Open House is scheduled on April 12, 2015 from 9:00 to 12:00 am prior to the ICF Cabrini Chapel Committee Meeting in the Chapel Library from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Burbank. Contact 626 372-7812 for a copy of the 2015 Open House Schedule. All Branches are encouraged to include the Mother Cabrini Open House in their respective Church Bulletins. This year the Mother Cabrini Chapel needs funds to replace the weather-damaged doors. Please ask members, parishioners, friends and families to help support the building restoration program. Call 626 372-7812 for more information. Your support is greatly needed to continue maintaining the facility that protects the precious artifacts of



Branch 111 February Birthdays - Eileen Viera and Christina Castello with Father Francisco center.

one of our ICF Patroness Saints.

Thank you ICF Members, families and friends for your support of the ICF and its related events. Prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to the sick members, family, friends and Community Members for a speedy recovery and especially to those who recently passed to their eternal reward.

Please remember our brothers and sisters of our armed services in your prayers to keep them out of harm's way.

May God bless and keep you healthy æper cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, President

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti,

Happy Spring to everyone in ICF-Land! Hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather!

Our St. Joseph's Table was held on March 21st and 22nd. What a great turnout! Lots of donations and free pasta to around for all who came. Also, thank you to all who volunteered and supported. Everyone's participation truly made this a successful event!

Happy birthday to all our February and March birthdays: Lynn Enrico, Sandro Mercuri, Florence Terramani, Eileen Viera, Christina Castello, Tony Delorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, and Carlos De Los Santos... Buon Compleanno a tutti!

This month's I leave you with a quote from Mother Teresa – "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Always Believe.

Thank you and God Bless,



Branch 111 January Birthdays - Carmelo Divincenzo and Franco Salomone



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of Saint John Joseph of the Cross, patron and native of the island of Ischia, Italy. On March 5, an anniversary mass in his honor followed by refreshments. On Saturday March 7 a Crab Dinner-Dance. Over 375 people were served. Lots of food and fun. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make it a great success.



Giuseppe Veneziano

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross.



Br. 115
Thank you to all our members and friends who helped our branch remember and celebrate the life of our patron saint San Giovian Giuseppe della Croce. On March 5th a mass was celebrated to commemorate his life. On March 7th we hosted our annual crab dinner dance. Thanks to our many volunteers we feed over 375 people. The delicious meal was prepared by Anthony Amaliftano, Isidoro Amalifitano, Frank Amalifitano, John Joseph Lauro , Frank Cologna and Ciro Lauro. Thanks also to MaryAnn Lauro for organizing the raffle table. What a great job she did. This dinner has become an annual tradition that many families look forward to and with out all our volunteers and the organizational

skills of our President Neal and his wife Anna the event was a great success.

The following week our branch’s hosted the Poor man’s Lenten meal. Our marvelous kitchen crew once again came together to cook the traditional Pasta Fagioli.

Thanks to the many volunteers that helped out with this event.

After all this hard work we deserve a break!! Our branch will be traveling to Laughlin Nevada on April 20th to April 22nd. We will be staying at the Aquarius Casino for 2 nights and 3 days. Price per person is \$120.00 double occupancy. \$155.00 single occupancy. ICF members will receive \$5.00 discount Call Pauline Iacono for reservations (310) 832-0563

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to Anna DiLeva! She is 100 years old and a long time member of our branch! God Bless you!

Please join us at 6:30pm Italian Mass on April 19th as we honor Madonna Del Arco. Bring flowers from your garden to present to the Madonna.

Please plan on attending Potluck meeting on May 21st at 6pm and come meet our scholarship winners. Carmela Gioiello is handling the menu. Please call and let her know what tasty dish you will be bringing. 3(10) 8320953

Please keep all our sick members in your prayers
Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

Gardena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

We start the new year off with another calendar winner, congrats to Don Bohannon, husband of our president!

Our casino trip was a success, thanks to all that participated. these trip help fund our many charities. Thanks again for your support.

We traveled to St. Bede’s for the LA Arch-Diocese Communion Sunday and celebrated St. Joseph’s Day too! Thanks Msgr. Cacciapuotti for a great lunch.

We hosted coffee and donuts on March 22nd and passed out flyers to many parishioners, answered questions and recruited new members! remember our goal is to increase member ship by 50%. We offer special thanks to ANNE INTERRANTE for her guidance with our recruitment process!!!!..

In May we will host our annual trip to Laughlin. Details to follow. Save the date October 10th for our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance..

Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter to all,
Respectfully,
Micheal Bohannon-Roa

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

Branch members really stepped up efforts this year and provided the parish and the community with a St. Joseph Day fun-filled and spiritual event that included a special Mass and a bigger than ever St. Joseph Table program. Thanks to Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, our branch chaplain and Archdiocesan Director of ICF 300 members and parishioners were treated to a fantastic Rigatoni with Bolognese sauce dinner compliments of the parish. Father Antonio provided the recipe for the Bolognese sauce and personally supervised the pasta production, which he ensured was “al dente”. The Mass was also the Communion Mass for the 18 branch Archdiocese of Los Angeles District Council with a procession of branch banners led by District President Carmelo Sabatella. Carmelo, and Branch 374 president Mark Mannarelli carried the statue of St. Joseph to the altar. The District Council



SAVE THE DATES:

Calendar of Events: Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA
April 12, 2015 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House at Saint Francis Xavier Church at 3801 Scott Road in Burbank from 9:00am to 12:00 pm hosted by the ICF San Fernando Valley Region. ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee meeting in Library from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.
May 9, 2015 - LAADC Board Meeting at Holy Family Church, So Pasadena from 9:00 to 11:30 am hosted by Branch 108.
May 30, 2015 - LAADC General Meeting at Saint Cornelius Church, Long Beach from 9:00am to 11:30am by Branch 440.

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank, CA needs YOUR support.

Funds are needed to restore the Chapel and Library Doors. Mother Cabrini is one of the I.C.F.’s Patron Saints and this is the Chapel she built to pray to Our Lady. The Mother Cabrini Committee of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is holding a “Monthly Money Madness Raffle” - 11 chances to win \$200.00. One drawing per month for 11 months. Only \$25.00 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. We NEED every Branch’s support. Buy one for your Branch! Individual Members are welcome to purchase tickets, too! Please call Theresa Shaw at 626-379-0629 to reserve your ticket.



Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, ICF Los Angeles Archdiocesan District Council Director provides a prayer at the opening of the St. Joseph Event. Shown with Monsignor Antonio is Tom Passanisi, president of the St. Bede the Venerable Parih Council and former ICF Central Council member.

branches were represented in the procession and ICF members filled six rows of seats in the 900-seat sanctuary of St. Bede. With the grand organ playing, parishioners and ICF members walked in the recession to the Parish Hall singing Noi Vogliam Dio.

At a past meeting, members learned through an interactive presentation how to maintain balance and posture from parishioner Dr. Joseph Maloof, a popular local chiropractor.

At our March meeting branch members were treated to a talk by Father Louis Piran, C.S., the pastor of St. Peter Italian National Church in Los Angeles. He talked about the history and heritage of Italians in Los Angeles and how the St. Peter Church and Casa Italiana have served as a focal point of the Italian and Italian community in this region.

Our April program will feature a presentation by Tom and Dulce Passanisi covering their medical mission to Antique in the Philippines.

Buona Pasqua a tutti.

Al Restivo

Branch Orator and Past President



On Sunday, March 1, 2015, members of the ICF, St. Denis (317) attended a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's in Walnut CA to help Patrick M Roemer, a Boy Scout from Troop 777 in Diamond Bar. (Grandson of Julia Scalise and son of Pamela-Anne Roemer..both members of ICF Branch 317) raise funds to help pay for his EAGLE Project (which is being done at Diamond Ranch High School in Phillips Ranch Ca). Other ICF Members, who could not attend the breakfast, made direct Donations to Patrick's project. We can't wait to see pictures of his finished Project. Everyone at ICF Branch 317 is EXTREMELY PROUD of Patrick and all of his accomplishments.



Monsignor Cacciapuoti personally supervises the serving of his Ragatoni with Bolognese Sauce at the Branch 374 and LA District St.

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

As of this writing, we have not had our St. Joseph's Table, however, I am going to assume that, as usual, it will be a complete success and thank everyone who helped, especially Matt and Audrey Luchetta as co-chairs.

Thanks to Scott Carrano for running our March meeting. Scott suggested that we involve our Junior ICF with more of the events that we have going on. We now have 8 children who are members. And thanks to Kraig Keeler and helpers for handling the donut sale.

Upcoming – General meeting April 12. Teri Carrano will be coordinating the lunch after. Please watch for Jeanne's newsletter on the details. Our president, JoAnn, is making strides towards a full recovery and would very much appreciate your cards and prayers.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

04/05 – Happy Easter

04/10 - DINNER/ GENERAL MEETING

04/20 -BOARD MEETING

04/26 – ARTS AND CRAFT FAIRE AT ST. DENIS



Members of Branch 21 at the Installation of Officers.

Thank you to our wonderful soup cooks for the March Lenten Dinner and meeting – Julia, Pamela, Gerry and Roxanne. Also we shall include in the April Newsletter the menu for our meeting night.

More details will follow in BOLLETTINO for April regarding our Holy Cannoli fundraiser on March 22nd

We really appreciate Barbara Northam accepting the chairmanship of this event. Her committee and Barbara did an awesome commitment.

We shall hold our Annual Arts and Craft Faire on Sunday, April 26th in the parish courtyard at \$40 per space. All proceeds from the space rental will be given to St Denis “Building on Faith”. Once again Bea Yary chaired the very successful event. Thank you so much Bea.

We congratulate Gerry Hughes for her Leadership Award on March 7th. We are very proud of her and appreciate all she contributes to St. Denis and the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless,

Roxanne Perry, President

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Easter to all of our members!

There will be no April meeting due to St. Luke's Fiesta.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Also, just a reminder that our Pancake Breakfast will be on June 7, 2015. Pre-sale tickets will take place in May. Please support your branch and help make this a successful fundraiser.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Anne Dandrea, Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Eva Arrighi, Herminia Saez, Pat Buccola, Pete Costa, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy April Birthday: Ann Baziak, Jack Baziak, Andrew Bonura, Carmen Federico, Val Magro, and Vera Montemayor.

Happy Anniversary to: Sally and Tony Farinella (48 years).

“God stretches out His loving hand His blessings to bestow, and guides us in our daily lives because He loves us so. He fills our hearts with joy and peace, we're always in His care, He knows our every need and want and answers every prayer. He heals all pain and solves all ills which often

come our way, His grace shines down upon us all to create a perfect day. (Dolores Karides)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Monterey

Santa Cruz

N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

We are so happy to welcome seven new members who were initiated at last month's General Meeting. Central Council members came to help with the initiation including Grand President Bob Basuino, and Jim FriebeI and Franklyn Lopes. The initiates were: Sal and Teresa Basile, Heidi Morgan, Zelma Fambrini, Rod and Linda Seigle, and John Barasone. New members didn't have to swallow raw anchovies or jump through hoops of fire. They simply pledged allegiance to the ICF and then enjoyed a beautiful potluck and happy conversation. Welcome, new members!

There are several up-coming events to mention. One is the ICF District Meeting which will be on April 19th and will be held at the beautiful St. Joseph Oblates on West Cliff Drive. Another is our annual Spring Event that will be held at Holy Cross Hall on Friday, May 15th. So look for information in your e-mails or snail-mail flyers about these happenings.

Last but not least, in February our Branch Officers went to Salinas for the Installation of New Officers. We were all warmly welcomed by host Branch 25. Mass and the installation ceremony were held in the lovely Sacred Heart Church followed by a delicious lunch in the adjoining reception room. It was a wonderful day; the company of other Branch officers, the warm weather, and as always, the food, was all perfection. Thank you so much, Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Branch 25.

I leave you with this quotation from Ryunosuke Satoro which says, “Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.” May God bless us, one and all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

If you have attended the Lenten Fish Dinners at Madonna del Sasso, you will see our council well represented at the Thursday and Friday food preparation and serving. We appreciate members of our branch who have helped make this Lenten occasion another success. Profits are shared between Sacred Heart and Madonna del Sasso.

As most of you know, we were asked to host the

Installation of Officers this year at Sacred Heart. It was a “last minute” request. Julie Richards, with the help of Jim Friebe, planned and organized the event held February 28th, and did a superb job. Father Ignacio officiated at mass, and was a gracious host throughout the day. Thanks to Father Ignacio and to Julie for a memorable day; and thanks especially to our corps of volunteers who responded without fail to this event as they have for so many others. You are amazing.

It was decided that our branch will donate two \$400 scholarships this year rather than one. Good luck to those applicants.

We are trying once again to hold our Polenta fundraiser in November as we did last year. It is a good month for polenta. Stay tuned for a date.

As Don Stoffey noted at our last meeting, March marks the 85th anniversary of the presentation of both Don and Branch #25 to the world. We'll celebrate at least one of these occasions at our District Picnic on August 2, 2015.

A friend sent this thought to me. You may have read it before:

Lord, keep your arm over my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

Ciao,

Roy Frontani

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

This is the 32nd year of Lenten Dinners for Monterey and our Branch 36 has done the last 30 of them, we have been very fortunate to have had so many wonderful and faithful volunteers throughout the years. We even have the greatest young students working so hard and they actually seem to enjoy it, and our loyal following are always back, year after year, some are not members but they bring dessert every week. There are not enough words to express our gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers and to all who support our dinners.

A huge thank you to Salinas Br. 25 for hosting Installation of Officers on February 28, the Mass was beautiful, the food great, and the table decorations outstanding (the work of Franklyn Lopes, he is so talented). Congratulations to our deputy Jim Friebe, he was presented the Deputy of the Year Award by Grand President Bob Basuino. Jim is so deserving, and so is his wife Mary Ann, she is always with him at our meetings and functions, a friendly and beautiful lady.

Our deepest sympathy to Madeline Grant on the death of her beloved Franklin. Before Franklin's illness of four years, he and Madeline were at every I.C.F. event, both of them always smiling.

Calendar:

April 16 - Monthly Dinner-Meeting.

May 7 - Anniversary/Initiation Dinner, this is a free dinner for Br. #36 PAID UP members and new members.

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Email

Have a blessed Easter,

Betty Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina Da Siena, Br. 51

Our Polenta & Stew Scholarship Fundraiser was a super success. Thank you to all our members who contributed their time, talents, food items, raffle prizes, donations of lettuce, vegetables, bread and wine. We are so blessed to have such a giving and talented group of people as our members.

The Branch's Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be on March 19th. We will have a final figure from the Scholarship Fundraiser.

We would like to send our sympathy to Bruna Del Chairo on the passing of her husband Lou. Bruna has been a member of Branch #51 for over 65 years. She was instrumental in recruiting many of the younger members at that time. My sister Anna and I were in our teens when Bruna invited us to join. Although Bruna and Lou moved to Sacramento, to be nearer to their son, she remains a member of our Branch. Our hearts and prayers go out to Bruna and her family.

Recently, our members Marie and Egidio Tonus traveled to the state of Washington to visit Egidio's sister Gina Candiloro. They found her in good spirits and happy. Gina has been a member of Branch #51 for over 48 years. Gina and Bruna are both 95 years young!!

Happy Birthday to Thelma Sbarra, you may be far away but you are always in our hearts. More birthday wishes to members Vera Doris, Nathan Cortopassi and to our youngest member Gino Grier.

Let us rejoice in the Risen Lord. Halleluia!!

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow



The kitchen crew of Branch 291 hard at work assembling fish dinners for Br. 291's Fish Fries.

Pacific Grove

St. Angela Merici, Br. 206

We attended the Central Coast District Installation of Officers on February 28 at Sacred Heart Church in Salinas. Branch Chaplain, Father Ignacio, said a wonderful Mass. Grand President, Bob Basuino, presided over the installation of district and branch officers and deputies for 2015. Branch 25 recruited a team of cooks, headed up by Central Council Member Jim Friebe, with fellow Central Coast Member, Andy Pappani and his wife Cyd. The meal was a delicious rib eye steak with baked potato and veggies, and spumoni with an Italian cookie for dessert. It was a very nice event. Grand President Bob Basuino awarded Deputy of the Year to Jim Friebe, who was nominated by Branch 36 Monterey, for his absolute devotion to the Branch and the ICF.

Our regular meeting in March was cancelled due to our Parish's Friday Lenten Prayer Services, followed by soup, bread and salad suppers. Not quite the fish dinners Monterey serves, but still a great way of building fellowship in our Parish.

We look forward to seeing the Members at our next meeting on April 10th, at 5:00 PM now, since *we have sprung forward.*

Happy Spring!

Sarah Jane Amoroso, President

Marjorie McClure, Recording Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Frys this year were another success. Coordinator Ellen Pauly thanks all the tired but happy workers who helped put on the dinners each Friday in Lent. Special thanks go to the teen-agers who bussed tables and worked in the kitchen. We old-timers were impressed with their energy and enthusiasm.

In 1988 our branch purchased the statue of St. Joseph that is in front of the church. Thanks to Ken Waldvogel and Mary Deutscher, a plaque has now been placed at the base of the statue recognizing ICF's donation. Ken designed and ordered the plaque and Mary generously paid the cost.

Best wishes to Andy Armanino, who is recovering at home after surgery last month.

We welcomed new member Dee Lewis at our March meeting.

Condolences to Anita Sciutto on the passing of her husband, George. George was a member for almost five years.

Vicky Howell is organizing a bus trip to Table Mountain Casino on May 6. Contact her at (831) 345-6374 if you'd like to go along. Cost is \$35 per person.

Branch 227 assisted with the church's Seder Meal on March 31. We donated wine and some of our members worked as servers. Thanks to Ron Castle and Rachel Cooke who each donated a case of wine.

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting applications for Perlino Fund scholarships is April 15.

Buona Pasqua!

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

What a busy Lenten season we had! Our five fish fries were a huge success and we served over 2500 dinners total. This would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of our members each week, starting with the Thursday evening prep and Friday morning crew, all the way through to the Friday afternoon/evening workers and the clean-up crew. We're also training a "new generation" of ICF workers,

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and some of our youngest members have jumped right in and been a great help at the fish fries!

Several of our Branch Officers attended the Central Coast District Installation and mass in Salinas on Feb. 28th, where they enjoyed a delicious steak lunch and visiting with other Branches in our area.

We presented our St. Joseph’s table at our March General Meeting. Our table was made even more special this year by the family heirloom table linens generously donated to our Branch by our long-time member, Lorraine Spargo, and our beautiful St. Joseph’s statue that was recently donated to our Branch by Father Alphonse.

Please continue to keep in prayer our ICF members and their families who may be experiencing pain or heartache.

Have a Blessed Easter!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Thanks to all who helped make the district crab feed such a success, all 206 of you. The raffle baskets were well received as was the card draw. Bishop’s day was also well attended, and the Bishop seemed most pleased with our latest seminary fund donation. It costs a lot of money to prepare new priests to care for our immortal souls.

We are looking forward to an educational workshop to be given by Vince Piro on ICF’s strategic plan in April or May. We all need to keep up with any changes or plans in our organization.

(Above) The youngest members of Branch 291 jumped in to help at our fish fries, including assisting the clean-up crew and putting away chairs.

(Left) Fr. Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario) enjoyed delivering dinners “in fashion” to guests each week at Br. 291’s fish fries.

Branch presidents will keep you posted on the time and place for the workshop.

Also in June there will be a district Communion sponsored by Branch #343, Our Lady Grace in Castro Valley. More information will be coming from your branch presidents.

The golf tournament in July is something that we are looking forward to, thanks to all in input we get from Leonard Rossi. We hear that it is fun and that the food alone makes the trip worthwhile.

Easter is almost upon us. Let us thank God for His Risen Son.

Happy Easter, Alleluia!

Pat Grasso, District Sec.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are planning our 89th anniversary dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 16. First vice-president Gina Croft is chairing the event for this year. The event will start with social hour at 6:00 pm., and a pork loin dinner will be served at 7:00. We will be entertained by the dancing of Henry Ramos and his group. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. We hope to include a balloon pop, which would include prices ranging in value from \$10.00 to \$50.00. The site for the dinner is Monsignor O’Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. For reservations and further information you can contact Gina Croft,

We are also considering a Bunco party with box lunch for Saturday afternoon, June 27. Birthright would be the beneficiary of the luncheon. More details will follow in the May and June editions of the Bolletino.

Annual events on the horizon include barbeque in July, ravioli dinner in October, Mother Cabrini Day in November and the Christmas party in early December. We may change the barbeque from Sunday afternoon to a Thursday evening in the hope that we can avoid a conflict with multiple other events which are held on summer weekends in Alameda. We will also publicize these gatherings in the Bolletino.

We are beginning to welcome new members who have transferred from Branch 223, Oakland, which has been forced to close.

A long-time member of Branch 10, Consuelo Servente, died in late February. We expect to arrange for a Mass to be said for Connie in the near future in Saint Philip Neri Church.

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Branch 215 once again wishes to thank Laurice Levine for graciously agreeing to be our guest speaker at our 2/10/2015 branch meeting. I know our members were pleased to learn more about Cooley’s Anemia from the viewpoints of two Thalassemia patients. A prospective new member took home a membership application because he so enjoyed Laurice’s presentation and felt so welcomed by our members. Thank you Joan, Clem and Vilma for acting as our branch welcoming committee.

The first of our two yearly Bingo/Salad luncheons will be held on 4/16/2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 40382 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA. We will be celebrating 48 years as an ICF branch. Call Carolyn Navarra at 510-656-0258 to sign up to make a salad, donate bingo prizes and items for raffle baskets. You can also call President Fran LaTorre 510-887-1509. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with bingo following immediately after. We also need at least one volunteer to take photos of this fun event. We have much to brag about our bingo/salad luncheons and a photo or photos in an upcoming Bolletino issue would say it all.

Vince Piro, a member of the CC Workshop Committee, will be conducting a Leadership Workshop for the East Bay District sometime in June or July. Obviously branch and district officers are encouraged to attend, but any branch member is welcomed to participate. Remember, one of the aims of the Strategic Plan is to develop new ways to help identify and train potential leaders within our branches. Many branch members may feel that they don’t have leadership skills, but with the proper encouragement and strong mentoring, some new leaders can be discovered.

Mark 6/4/2015 on your calendars. The East Bay District will be hosting a Day at the Races on that date at Golden Gate Field in Albany. The gates open at 11:00 a.m. In addition to watching races in the comfort of the Turf Club, you can enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and take advantage of valet parking. Your cost will be \$40.00. Reservations and payment needs to be made no later than 5/18/2015. Call Fran LaTorre at (510) 887-1509.

Our branch Heritage chairperson, Vilma Romo, has once again returned to her home town of Chiavari, Liguria, Italy. Vilma, come back in September with plenty of stories about your various trips through out Italy. Especially your trip to Portofino in July.

Please keep in your prayers these following members: Al Grasseschi, Vicky Marlar and Dorothy Benya.

Belated Happy March Birthday to Clem Brum, Shirley Cesare, Aric Deetz and Bill Faulkner! Happy April Birthday to Mary Lenhart. Congratulations to any members celebrating wedding anniversaries in April!

Respectfully submitted,

Fran LaTorre

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

The meeting this month, an Italian Primavera Pot Luck, will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton, April 20, 2015 – 6:00 pm. Hosts are Elaine and Chuck Meier. Donna Marie Ferro will speak about her book, The Embracing Circle: Il Circolo, My Past, My Future – An autobiography and travel guide.

Our PRIMAVERA DINNER DANCE, normally held on the first weekend in May, has been put on hold for a short while. St. Michael’s Hall has had an unexpected conflict, so we may not be able to hold our fundraiser there this year. This is our main fundraiser for our Tri – Valley Scholarship Fund and a wonderful event (we have great raffle prizes). We do want all to attend, but we will have to let everyone know, through the Branch and District mail and email, exactly when and where it will be held. We hope we will have the information soon and that everyone will be able to join us. Contact is Judy Wellbeloved (925) 462-2487.

The “Bocce Bunch” begins playing Bocce on March 10th at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Playtime is 10 am to 12 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Cost is \$24.00 per month for 2 courts – split among the participants. Please come and play Bocce with us!

Branch #285 recently voted to give \$500.00 to St. Michael’s School to help update their computer technology for the students. This amount will be doubled, due to an agreement with a memorial account donation.

Our May outing is at the Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton, The “Swinging Blues Stars” 2 pm - May 24th - \$25.00 per person. Email or call Pauline Kirk to RSVP paulinekirk@comcast.net.

We send special prayers and thoughts to Ron Tujague (mother passed away), Melanie Calabrese (father passed away), and Eleanor Simi – recovering from a bad fall.

Arrivederci,

Mary Merucci (Carolyn Cardinalli-subbing)

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It was a bit early, but we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day at our March 12th meeting and topped it off with desserts from our St. Joseph’s table. Thanks to all who donated the goodies that brought in donations to help us support St. Vincent de Paul society at Transfiguration parish.

We will be getting together to help make Lisa’s delicious Minestrone soup the last Wednesday of the month to support the rice bowl collection here at OLG.

It may seem to be a bit early to some but it’s time to think about our 36th anniversary dinner dance April 25th here at OLG. We will have Big Band

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Contra Costa District celebrated it Bishop's Day with Bishop Barber.



music, dancing and raffles after dinner, so set that Saturday aside for a night of fun ICF style. The price is the same as last year, only \$35.00 each.

After our Alaska cruise in May, it will be back to business, we are looking forward to hosting the quarterly district Communion in mid to late June. Details will be sent to all branch presidents.

Happy Easter, Christ has risen, Alleluia!

Pat Grasso, Sec.

Contra Costa District Council

The Contra Costa District would like to express their gratitude to Branch 352 in Danville for hosting Bishop's Day. Everything went so well, and I'm sure the Bishop was happy to have joined us. A special thank you to Roselynn Jarrett and all who helped that were not from St. Isidores'. We were also blessed with good weather. No doubt a successful event.

Our next event to look forward to is the Oakland A's ball game. Save the date of August 22nd. Roselynn made a flier containing all the information. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Purchase of the tickets should be made as soon as possible to be assured of a seat and to have an attendance head count.



St. Joseph's Table at branch 14 celebration. A great event!



Our next District meeting will be at St. Isidores' in Danville at 7:30PM, April 23. A nice thing is that it will be daylight when we meet. We will have celebrated the gift of our Risen Saviour. How blessed we are! Today is what I have to love, to touch, to feel, to taste, to smell, to live. What more could I ask for? Wishing a glorious Spring to all branches.

Joann

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Our St. Joseph's Table meeting was as noteworthy as usual. A surprisingly somber Carl Heller portrayed St. Joseph, while Mary was represented by a once-a-year subdued Pauline Cardoza. Our own guitarist, Cliff Parr, accompanied singers to an inspiring Table of Promise hymn. Fr. Leo sprinkled everyone with holy water, "Italian style," which means he used a rosemary branch.

We were pleased to welcome back Ed Denton, of the Ed and Barbara Pagni Denton husband and wife team, to Branch 14.

So glad to see some of our members on the mend, and hope that Bea Leal and Andrea Delsid will continue to improve.

We send heartfelt sympathies to Bill and Elva Valli on the sad loss of Elva's sister, Rafie Castro.

Our April 14th meeting is a freebie! Sandwiches, with all the trimmings, are free of charge. Please



Branch 14 Carl Heller, Pauline Cardoza, Father Leo and Cliff Parr helping the Branch 14 in their St. Joseph's Table celebration.



Branch 72, Pittsburg celebrates St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Days.

attend mass at 5:30, then enjoy an adult beverage (or not) and camaraderie, followed by dinner at 6:30, and the meeting at 7:30. We will elect convention delegates, and this year, if Las Vegas has been on your bucket list, you may want to consider being a delegate or attending, just for the fun of it. Remember, what happens in Las.....oh, you know.

May Easter joy remain with you throughout 2015 and far beyond. God Bless!

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

On March 1 we enjoyed Bishops day. Mass was celebrated at St. Isidores church in Danville. A dinner reception followed. We thank the Danville branch for hosting this event. We also thank Roselynn Jarrett, Joseph Flores and all those that helped make this event so special.

On March 8 our branch meeting was followed by our annual St. Joseph's day celebration/lunch and St. Patrick's day party. A heritage report was given about St. Joseph. Everyone had a great time and left with a St. Patrick's day favor.

Upcoming:

Sunday, April 12 -- Branch meeting and lunch will be held at 2pm at the New Mecca Restaurant.

Thursday, April 23 -- District meeting at 7:30pm in Danville.

The district is hosting a night out at the Oakland A's baseball game on Saturday Aug. 22. Each ticket is 30.00. Which will include a pizza tailgate party, a second deck seat for the ball game and a firework display after the game. If interested

call Roselynn at 925-957-0269 Tickets are going fast!

I will give you some save the date information next month for our two fall bus trips.

Until then,

Sempre Avanti

Patty

Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The meeting opened with a delicious meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage followed by sweet cross buns and Carole Jobe's scrumptious Irish Soda bread.

Thank you Walter Costa, Toni Reeder, Carole Jobe and all who helped serve, set up tables and cleaned up. Your help is appreciated!

Walter Costa has agreed to take on the role of Heritage spokesman for our group. Thank you, Walter!

Jim Rampoli has offered to look into name tags for all members. These could be useful to use at convention and other ICF functions.

We welcomed three new members to our branch, they are: Teresa Graham, Alice Trevino and her son Zoomi.

Bishop's Day was a great success. Eight members from our group attended and enjoyed a meal of Pork Loin with all of the trimmings. The event was held at St. Isadore's in Danville on Sunday March 1st, and was hosted by Contra Costa and East Bay Districts.

Mark your calendar for the next Polenta Dinner, on April 18th at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, Adults \$22.00, Children \$6.00. This is usually a sold out event so get your reservations in early at the



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Branch 154 wished a Happy Birthday to Diana De Simoni.

next meeting. Make your reservation with Dee 510-236-0689.

Next meeting is April 13th. Election of delegates to convention will be held. This meeting is also our branch anniversary, honoring past presidents. Risotto and Salad,(\$7.00,) will be served. Reserve with Terri Ventin by April 10th, 510-524-6093. Champagne and dessert to follow the meeting!

Happy 80th Birthday to Diana De Simoni, our Sentinel, she was kind enough to bring a delicious birthday cake to share.

Don't forget dues are payable now! Annual dues are \$35.00 and Hospitalization is \$25.00. Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Lori Framsted.

Lorraine Acuña

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352

Happy Easter! The Danville Branch has definitely been busy. Bishop's Day was hosted on March 1st at St. Isadore Parish, which included the Contra Costa & East Bay Councils (Oakland Diocese). What an event! The sold-out crowd really enjoyed the catered dinner, with rave reviews on the food. Many thanks to the members who pitched in to make that evening a huge success! The Bishop

returned to visit over the following weekend of March 7-8th to meet/greet parishioners, and the ICF hosted the reception after the Sunday morning Mass. Next up was our March 16th dinner meeting, just in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Chef Angelo whipped up the best corned beef and cabbage west of the Mississippi - which was much appreciated! Plans are also in place by our program chair for an update on Thalassemia research, to be presented at our monthly meeting. Before you know it, it will be time for our May 3rd "Festa Primavera," one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Ideas are swirling for our spring event, including themes, food, raffle prizes and entertainment. So, "Save the Date" of May 3rd - you won't want to miss it! The committee is hard at work, looking to knock this one out of the park!

Ciao,
Marianne Bordogna
Recording Secretary

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Everyone is looking forward to 2015 with great excitement. We began by gearing up for the first event of the year, St. Joseph's Table being held March 21st; always popular. First Vice President Phil Sawko is gathering volunteers to prepare a gourmet repast, not an easy task in light of the menu restrictions (meatless). She is sure that obstacle will be washed away by the quality and variety of the entrees. The food coupled with the beverages from the bar will make for a memorable celebration. Needless to say, anticipation for 2015 was starting to build.

However, that anticipation was somewhat diminished by our guest for the evening, David Botta. Dave is a member of the Board of Directors for the Contra Costa District of ICF. One of Dave's functions is to work with the Branches in the District. He pointed out that some Branches are closing, not only in Contra Costa but other districts as well. The primary reason for the closures is the failure of their members to replace officers whose terms have expired. Too often an office is held by the same person for too many years, burning them out. Dave spends much of his time at the Branches trying to motivate the members into becoming more involved working with the officers. Dave believes, that by encouraging members to become more active within the Branch's operation, the Branch will become self sustaining and not rely on a very few to carry the load.

Stay well and God Bless,
la vita 'e bouna



Branch 442's St. Joseph's Day event in March.

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Thanks to everyone who took part in our St. Joseph's Day celebration potluck and branch meeting on March 1. Father Brian Timoney led us in the St. Joseph's Day Novena and the Nuti family played the part of the Holy Family. We also enjoyed a tasty meatless potluck. A special thanks to Patty Jarrett for planning this special event.

The branch is preparing for a busy spring! We will hold our April branch meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. April 13 in the parish hall (pizza and salad will be served). Our spring tea fundraiser for April 25 is sold out; thanks to all those who are taking part in this inaugural event that is expected to raise a lot of money for our branch. And we are planning a branch polenta dinner on Friday, May 1. Later



Orange District President Maria Di Paolo prepares for installation of the three branch presidents (left to right) Karen Paz Br. 379, Joe Digrado Br. 406, MaryAnn Profeta Br 423.

in May, we will again host the always-popular salami toss booth at the Parish Festival. Look for more details via email/evite and our branch Facebook Page (search for ICF Branch 442).

Finally, the branch is planting and hosting a garden area at Father Paulson's invitation. Thanks to Judi and Matt Dallara for taking the lead on this project.

We wish all our members a blessed and peaceful Easter season.

Ciao!

Orange
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

On February 15, St. Bonaventure Br. 379 enjoyed a beautiful mass at St. Thomas More in Irvine, followed by installation for the branch officers of the Orange District. We thank Br. 423 for your hospitality. Grand President Bob Basuino conducted installation, assisted by our member Isabella Paz serving as secretary. The participating branches had a very good turnout. Installation was followed by a delicious lunch at Roma D' Italia Restaurant in Tustin. During the month of February, we also held our monthly meeting with coffee and dessert.

Branch members attended the annual Bishop's Banquet Luncheon hosted by St. Norbert's Br. 406 in Orange on March 7th. The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange County, attended with Father John Moneypenny who is the Director of Vocations. There are currently 35 seminarians in the Diocese. Our guest speaker was Laurice Levine, and many branch members commented that it was the best program we have enjoyed at a Bishop's Banquet. It was wonderful to learn more about the church's current programs in our diocese and the impact that ICF's donations make on helping those with Cooley's Anemia. We were also pleased to welcome several members of Central Council. Thank you to Br. 406 for



Br. 379 Trustee Irene Scalise and Sentinel Greg Geraci and other members recite the Federation Salute.



Trustees from the branches of the Orange District are installed by Grand President Bob Basuino.



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organizing a very enjoyable event. We look forward to our St. Joseph’s Table on March 15th.

Ciao,

Karen Paz

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Happy Springtime Greetings!

Installation of officers took place on February 14 at St. Thomas More parish. ICF President, Bob Basuino came down to help officiate the installation.

We received many thank you cards from the various charities we donated to during the past year.

We welcomed a new member, Nancy Shanafelt, to our branch during our February meeting.

Preparations for the St. Joseph’s Table are underway at press time. We will have a full reporting in the next Bollettino report.

Bishop’s Banquet Luncheon was held on March 7 at St. Norbert’s Parish in Orange.

Next meeting to take place on April 17.

Next Food Drive to take place the weekend of April 25-26 at St. Thomas More Parish.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Happy Easter !

Time for our Monte Carlo Games and Pasta Dinner to be held in Giovanni Hall on May 17th at 4PM. “CASINO 45” will feature a variety of games, Blackjack, Texas Hold’em, Bingo, Bunco and Roulette with a cache of valuable prizes for the winners. The games will be followed by a delicious pasta dinner serving pasta with meat sauce and pesto sauce, salad, bread and dessert. Total cost for the FUN and the FOOD is \$20.00. Reservations by May 11, 2015; call Janine 916-508-1199.

Buon Compleanno to Frank Perry, Annji Ebert, Marvin Bernardi, and M Kay Pesce, our April Birthday people.

Next District Meeting is on April 12, hosted by Branch 342, Auburn.

Ciao,

Mary Jo

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

At the January meeting, the members present approved the funding of a \$400.00 first year college scholarship.

Plan to attend Branch 73’s polenta/chicken dinner the evening of 16 May. The menu also includes salad, roll, and dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children six to twelve years old, and no cost for children under six. Tickets are available from Giuseppina Novi (783-3816), RoseMarie Presti (791-1726), and Arlene Roe (782-3073). The deadline for their purchase will be Sunday, 10 May.

Buona Pasqua a tutti I soci della Sezione 73 il 5 aprile. Che possano festeggiare il giorno con buon cibo sulla tavola e la presenza dei suoi familiari.

Buon compleanno a tutti I soci della Sezione nati nel mese d’aprile, ed in particolare a Theresa Simone, la quale arriva al suo novantaquattresimo il 15. A cento anni, Theresa.

Robert Delpippo



At a recent Branch 217 meeting, Paul Emerick (pictured) explained the articles of clothing worn by the Italians, signifying their social ranking.

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

We hope that you and all of your friends will be able to join us for our first ever ICF Spring Luncheon which will take place at the Elks Club in Auburn on Saturday, May 16th from 11 to 2. We will be served a light luncheon buffet, beverages, and a very yummy dessert. There will be a speaker from the community and fantastic raffle baskets. Tickets are \$20 each. Please call MaryAnn Mikles (916-759-8466 to purchase your tickets.

We also hope you and your family will be able to join us for our annual Appreciation dinner on June 7th. It will take place at St. Joseph’s Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. At the dinner, we will honor two members for their service to the branch and acknowledge our scholarship winners. This is a potluck dinner and members will be contacted about what they would like to bring.

Please continue to pray for our recently deceased and ill members. Thank you.

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

Happy Easter everyone. We haven’t had a writer for the bollettino due to illness. I will be your new writer. Let me introduce myself. My name is Yvonne Perry. Our branch has been very busy these past months. So let me catch up with one of our big activity. Our branch held the Installation of officers in January which was a huge success. Paula Scarpelli our District President did a terrific job. She made everyone feel so welcomed. Our March activities consist of a fish fry for St. Clare and we will be presenting a St. Joseph Table. Our bakers will be very busy baking breads, cookies, loaf cakes and other goodies. All proceeds will be going to St. Vincent De Paul’s. We have a lot of new activities planned for this year. So come on and join the fun. Please remember in your prayers. Frank Ducato and David Brill who are recuperating from surgery. Also Angelia get well soon. We miss you.

Upcoming events: A possible fund raiser in April.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry



San Bernardino

Redlands

Sacred Heart, Br. 217

Branch 217 began this Lenten Season with a presentation from Bradley James, musical composer, singer and performer. Bradley served with Mother Teresa for a dozen years and worked closely with her Missionaries of Charity.

On March 19, 2015, St. Joseph Day, Branch 217 will be hosting its annual Gala event at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. We will have a wonderful, Italian meal of lasagna, meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread and home-made cannolis for dessert. Our St. Joseph’s table will have an array of breads and baked goods. Our keynote speaker will be Bradley James.

Paul Emerick (pictured) explained the articles of clothing worn by the Italians, signifying their social ranking.

This year Branch 217 welcomed several new members, including Chris Hinsley, Mia Hinsley, MacKenzie Hinsley and Ann Balderama. Welcome!

Barbara A. Keough



From Branch 261, San Deigo, Prudence Price, Carrie Molinare, Robin Fielding, Kay

Marcantonio, and MaryAnn Beckenston.

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Our Lady of the Rosary parish hall in Little Italy hosted the January 16, 2015 general meeting of Branch 230. As always, the group enjoyed a fine dinner before the meeting, this time provided by president Delfina Centanni and Rosalie Balestreri.

After dinner, an opening prayer led by Fr. Joe Tabigue , and pledges, the meeting got down to business. Treasurer Mary Lou Terramagra delivered the membership and treasury report with her trademark charm and grace. President Centanni thanked the crew who made the Christmas party such a blast.

Chaplain Father Joe thanked the branch for his Christmas gift, and said he had brought the prayers of our branch to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. He exhorted the branch to pray for peace.

Jim Cardinale-Hill lead the singing of “Noi vogliam Dio” in a such a rich bass-baritone that branch member and parish choir director Ernie Grimm thought, “I need that guy in my choir.”

Mantenete la fede!

—Ernest Pinamonti Grimm

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

Congratulations to our ICF Kitchen & Serving crews....they produced our Annual Super Bowl meatball / sausage sandwich and sauce / meatball sale.. We sold out ...Our St Therese parishoners enjoyed a delicious meal while watching the game...

Our ICF Branch and District officers were installed at St Therese’s Parish Hall after the 11 AM Mass.on February 8th ... A catered meal was served.. We did have a CC member conduct the installation..The meal was especially good...Thanks to Forrest and Prudence Price for coordinating the event....Maria Tollefson coordinated the drawing ...an attractive array of prizes....all contributed by the San Diego branches...

Our President Forrest Price.. At the suggestion of our Pastor Michael Pham...gave presentation at all the weekend masses on our ICF...PR materials and ICF membership applications were made available ... Forrest also announced that Jim Brigante will give a Power Point presentation on San Diego’s Little Italy & the Wharf area at

our March meeting.. Jim was born in the Little Italy community during its heyday as a major fishing and canning port....

A few of our members are members of neighboring parishoners.. We acknowledge them for their service to our ICF and the St Therese Parish...

Our historic Branch cookbook - "That's Italian an More"- has been available for sometime... It's over 250 pages contain all those recipes that mother found so difficult to define... Tsp's, Tbsp's and cups were never not part of her vocabulary... Call Forrest Price at 619 582 5329 for info...

Vic Tallarida

Branch 261, San Diego

San Diego

St. Therese, Br. 261

St. Therese has a new pastor and we have a new chaplain...Father Pham...His family left Vietnam during the "Boat People" saga...The family came to the USA and truly contributed to the American experience...Father attended SDSU and received an engineering degree.

Father attended our August Officers' meeting and congratulated our Branch for our assistance to the parish...Welcome Father Mike!!!!

In the 1950's one our branch members participated in a "Passage to Freedom." Thousands of refugees were transported by US Naval ships from North Vietnam to Saigon.. (Ho Chi Min City.) refugee camps...Our navy cooks did prepare a rice / milk meal but the Vietnamese did not like the way the rice was cooked but they had no choice ...they needed the nourishment.... The experience of having that many men-- women and children on Navy ship..memorable....!!

San Francisco

San Francisco

SS Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note these upcoming events:

March 22 Branch Mass ICC 10:30 am

April 1 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm

Host: Paul Biagi April 12 Archbishop Day Details TBA

Congratulations to Judy and Joe Matranga on the birth of their grandson Charles born on Ash Wednesday.

Keep well! Happy Easter to all!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

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Finally, Branch #38 had its' 1st meeting of the year! It was so nice to see our faithful and dear members again after the Christmas Holidays. We all settled into the Parish Center and everything felt normal again.

Our February 14 meeting, and in keeping in the theme of Valentine's Day, was "sweet" and full of LOVE! Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, told us about the "Casa Del

Cioccolato Perugina," and how with the leadership of Louisa Spagnoli made Perugina a major success by simply changing the name of the candy from "Punch" to "Kiss" (Bacio) Ms. Spagnoli was a woman way ahead of her time in her thinking and accomplishments. Maria also told us stories about the Ghirardelli family and how they got into the chocolate business. Besides her lovely stories, Maria gave each one of us something(s) for Valentine's Day. Maria made sure we were very "sweet" to each other by giving each of us a package of Ghirardelli Chocolates, Perugina Chocolates, a chocolate heart, and a Magnetic calendar with the saying "Friends Are a Blessing of the Heart." How can we ever thank you, Maria, for being so kind and generous to us "all-the-time!" One of our members said, "Maria is spoiling us!"...and... she is.

I cannot disagree, but it feels so good to be spoiled once in awhile!

Our luncheon was nice. Thank you Cosmo for getting everything together. We had just the right amount of food, not much left over. Our menu was cold cuts/cheese (a nice variety), French bread, potato salad, lettuce & tomatoes, and ice cream for dessert.

I hear from Madeline that the ICF dues have been coming in pretty well. There are a few more members that haven't paid yet. Please, sit down, write that check, and mail it to Madeline Torre so we can finish collecting the dues! Thanks!

I want to inform our members that Ines Massetani is very ill. We miss you very much, and we know how you enjoyed coming to our meetings...you called them your "outings." We'll pray for you to get well and come to our outings (meetings) very soon!

I also want to announce that our one fundraiser that will benefit the Scholarship Program will begin in April. You will be receiving a letter in the mail. Last year we collected almost enough to cover one student. Our membership is small, for that reason I was pretty happy ...I thank the members who donated! Madeline Torre will be our Chairlady again this year. I appreciate what she does for us, especially since she is homebound.

This month we are celebrating St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. Our lunch menu is "Corned Beef and Cabbage" catered by the Silver Cloud Restaurant.

Ci vediamo sabato, il 18 di aprile! *(The 3rd Saturday of the month)

11:30 am Regular Meeting in the PC, & 12:30 am Lunch *details by phone

Ciao!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Remember these dates

April 19: We will have our Champagne Bingo. The price is \$25.00.

Menu: salad, chicken, vegetable and dessert. For reservations, call Mary Perata at 1-415-239-5936 or Florence Mangion at 1-415-468-1764. You will have a nice day.

April 22nd: trip to Red Hawk Casino. Maybe we will have some luck this time.

May 1st: we have a trip planned to go to the Fratellanza Club for a delicious lunch and to see the performance of Finocchio Fun. If interested, call Florence Mangion at 1-415-468- 1764.

Our sincere sympathy to the Sozzi Family on the death of Louis.

Lou was a member of our Br. 258 for 42 Years. Lou and his wife Vi loved to dance and would dress up in costumes on their cruises. May God keep you in His care.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

We wish a speedy recovery to Helen and Vince.

Birthdays: Roberta Romani, March 15th, and Linda Gould March 5th. Happy Birthday and have a great day.

Remember these dates:

April 6, 2015: Officers Meeting

April 26, 2015: Mass

April 27, 2015: Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Please join us on Thursday, April 19, for lunch at noon, followed by our monthly meeting.

Congratulations to Vince and Erma Brogan as they celebrate more than 70 years of married life. A photo of Vince and Erma with Bishop William Justice was featured in Catholic San Francisco.

Please continue to pray for all our members who are not feeling well.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Ciao,

Jeanette

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Our spaghetti and meatball luncheon was enjoyed by all, thanks to Liliana, our official cook. The beautiful basket, donated by Valente Marini, was won by Vic and Pat Arnaudo from Branch 1.

From January report, our Christmas party was a lot of fun, with 34 in attendance. Thanks to Florence O'Malley, Mary Fe', Mary Mendieta, and Mary LoBuglio, all of whom invited guests. We were serenaded by our illustrious accordionist, John Fiore. Mille Grazie, John. Kudos to Liliana for her great homemade pumpkin cake. Special thanks to Florence who engineered the whole thing.

Another reminder of our Garage Sale of April 18th and 19th. Set up will be on Friday, the 17th. We will need help. Donate, work, buy.

Our branch will co-host the 9:30 Family Mass on May 17th. Please volunteer to help.

Our next meeting will be on May 13th, 6:30, followed by a light meal of finger food provided by the branch. This will be our celebration of Mothers/Fathers day.

A warning to autisti (drivers) Chi troppo pigia sul pedale, arriva prima all'ospedale.

God Bless,

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

District Council

Greetings! Welcome to Spring which started on March 20. Hope the weather warms up soon. Many thanks to Branch 6, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City for hosting the spirit-filled semi-annual communion mass on February 28. Thank you to Branch 19, Holy Angels, for a very engaging and inspiring Lenten Night of Recollection.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, April 5, 2015, Easter Celebration.

Sunday, April 12, 2015, Bishop's Day. 10:30a.m. Mass at All Soul's Church, Miller/Walnut Avenue, South San Francisco. Lunch to follow at the Basque Cultural Center, Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. Branch 7 hosting.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 19, 2015, San Mateo District's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mass at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan's, Millbrae. Cost will be \$25.00. More information later.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers: Father Frank Murray.

Remember to call our Sunshine person Carole Gianuario if you know of anyone we should send a card to. 650-593-6581.

HAPPY EASTER! Alleluia!

Peace and Love,

Anne O'Brien

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

The Branch hosted a fun Bingo -- there was champagne, chicken and pasta and a delicious dessert; also a lot of lucky winners. Mark your calendars, the next one will be on June 27th at Holy Angels hall. We want to thank the Chair Person(s) and the volunteers who kept it going. Everyone did an excellent job.

Thanks to the attendance at the Pedro Game we are able to assist St. Vincent de Paul and the Scholarship fund. Over a hundred people attended and had a good time. Our thanks to Chair Person(s) and their helpers, they went out of their way to make it fun and successful.

Branch Schedule:

April 12th: Bishops Day -- Host Branch 7 at the Basque Cultural Center.

April 13th: 7:00 p.m. Meeting/Social hosted by Joanne Sangiacomo.

April 19th: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Angels

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May God bless you at Easter and keep you all year through. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter. *N. Thurman.*

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Greetings! Can you believe that spring is here already, and the weather hasn’t really warmed up that much yet. Time just seems to fly by.

Will report on our Soup Supper Meeting next month, since it has not yet occurred.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday.

Sunday, April 12, 2015 – Bishop’s Day. 10:30 a.m. mass at All Soul’s Church, 315 Walnut Ave., So. San Francisco. Lunch will follow at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., So. San Francisco. Branch 7 is hosting.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – San Mateo District’s 50th anniversary celebration. Mass at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame followed by dinner at St. Dunstan’s, Millbrae. Cost will be \$25.00. More information later on.

Remember Father Frank Murray and our ill or grieving member in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Easter! Peace and Love to all.

Anne O’Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Congratulations to our new officers: Darlene Wigler will be our 1st V.P. and Mara Millis our new Trustee.

We have many events planned for the new year and glad both of you will help us make this a great year.

Special thanks to Maria and Victor Camacia who chaired our Pizza dinner in February and also treated us to Maria’s delicious specialty salads and desserts.

Dates To Remember:

Our St. Joseph’s Table is coming up on March 12 and our potluck will have members whose last name begins with the following letters bring the following: A-G: Appetizers, H-Q: Salads and R-Z: Desserts

April 9, 2015 -- Meeting and Ham dinner chaired by Mara Millis

April 12, 2015 -- Bishop’s Day 10:30am Mass at All Souls Church, SSF. Lunch: Basque Cultural Center.

Please keep Gino Bava and Family in your



prayers as Gino lost his wife, Doris, recently.

They were married for 67 years. Also, we wish John Watterson a speedy recovery from his recent back surgery.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

At our March 10 dinner meeting, we all enjoyed a delicious homemade enchilada dinner provided by Bob Eserini and Linda Marcelli! Great job, as usual!

Don’t forget our 48th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, April 26. It will be held at Bertolucci’s Restaurant in So. S.F. Flyers are out and deadline for reservations is April 19. Call Roberta (355-0813) for more information.

Mark your calendars: Saturday, September 19, the San Mateo District will be celebrating 50 years. More information will follow. We hope to have a good turnout.

All members have paid their dues. Thank you very much.

Please keep in your prayers, all of our members who have been unable to attend meetings: Mary Rose Favuzzi, John Cannon, Bill Houwer, Fran and Chuck Baumann. Send them a card or give them a call to let them know they are missed.

Next dinner meeting is April 14 to be hosted by Virginia & Harold Fuentes, and Roberta. Hope to see you then!

RF

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

Our February meeting was well attended. We had our annual meatloaf dinner with all the fixings, prepared by Martha and Mike Young, who came all the way from Cool, CA.



(Left) “Chef Lou Boris” from Branch 327.

(Above) Branch 327 “Welcoming committee”: Barbara Borra, Carmel Dufault, Ida Figone.

The March meeting was our 38th Anniversary Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. The hall was filled with 170 guests who enjoyed a dinner with the entrée prepared by Harry’s Hofbrau and the antipasto, salad and dessert prepared by the members. It was quite a festive affair and ended with the raffle of 16 beautifully decorated and stuffed gift baskets. Thank you to all those members who participated in the set-up, preparation, ticket sales and clean-up. And thank you to all the servers who volunteered from St. Charles, Bellarmine, Serra, Sequoia High School and Branham High School.

Looking ahead: Bishop’s Day, Sunday, April 12, 10:30 Mass, All Soul’s Church, SSF. Lunch follows at the Basque Cultural Center, SSF.

Branch 327 Tuesday, April 21 meeting

May 10, Happy Mother’s Day ladies!

Branch 327, Tuesday, May 19 meeting

Branch 327, Tuesday, June 16 meeting - pizza, awarding of scholarships

Saturday, September 19 - 50th Anniversary of our district - info to come

Everyone stay healthy and happy!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our ICF Branch recently celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a dinner celebration in our Parish Center. We were pleased to see so many members of our District branches in attendance and we thank them for their support.

Our annual St. Joseph’s Table celebration was another wonderful event this year. The table decorations were beautiful with the statue of St. Joseph surrounded by a huge display of fresh flowers. The pot luck dishes were delicious and in abundance and we were able to share the leftovers with the San Bruno Catholic Worker Hospitality House for the homeless.

On March 22, 2015 we had our annual Communion Breakfast with our neighbor Branch #173 of Burlingame. Mass was held at Our Lady of Angels, followed by a breakfast buffet in Millbrae.

We are pleased to announce 2 new members have joined our branch, namely Dorothy Semke and Gloria Borruso. We welcome them to our ICF family.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

At our March meeting our guest speaker was Laurice Levine. We also had a St. Joseph’s table with baked goods for sale where proceeds go to a local charity. Thank you to Ralph and

Lucia Della Santina for graciously agreeing to have the meeting there that night.

Upcoming events: Sunday, April 12 – San Francisco District Bishop’s Day, Mass at 10:30am at All Souls Church in South San Francisco. Lunch to follow at the Basque Cultural Center. Lunch choices are Salmon, Breast of Chicken or Rack of Lamb for \$45.

Our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you who aren’t feeling well.

Our deepest condolences to the families of Bud McKeon and Walter Filippi who recently passed away and also to Jeanne Asdourian on the loss of her mother.

Our next meeting will be April 21 at St. Patrick’s Church Healy Hall.

See you next month,

Ciao,

Anna Biggio

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Noreen Gillio Branches’ 368 hosted the SCV District meeting and provided refreshments. During the branch reports, Ric Shimshock gave an update on Msgr. Milani who is in residence at Manor Care and is doing reasonable well. Eva Stern said that Mabel and Joe Teresi were also on the mend.

The members got very involved with the proposed Budget and eventually agreed on approval. Two items under scrutiny were Scholarships and Seminarian Burse. Our fundraising efforts need to bring in more so as to match the budget. President Antonwicz suggested that branches could possible increase their assessment provided to the District.

A casino night could replace the Golf Tournament? A “Day at the Races” is also being planned. CC President Bob Bausino mention that the tuition for a seminarian is about \$45,000.

Branches 4 and 5 have scheduled Sunday April 25 for the 90th Anniversary. Branch 191 has set Sunday, June 28th 2015 for their 50th.

Chaplain Fr. Aranha made a telling point about the membership health of an organization - that ISIS is able to recruit people to their cause by offering a “reason to live and a reason to die for” and this “passion” needs to be instilled into the ICF.

o Central Council Seminarians Night – June 6th, at St. Mary’s Church, Los Gatos

o Our Lady of Peace Mass – 11 am, June 14

o Central Council Leadership/Membership Workshop – 7/25/15 Location TBD

o Testimonial for Bob Bausino – Nov 7, 2015.

Mike Nunziata

San Jose

Holy Cross, Br. 4

Hope you all had a Blessed Easter.

April 18- Quarterly Mass & Communion 8:30 Mass Holy Cross Church/Hall. No host breakfast to follow. More later.

May 8- Crowning of the Blessed Mother. A Reception to follow in the Hall. This is open to all Church organizations. Please bring flowers for the Blessed Mother. Nominations of Convention Delegates.

June 3- Fundraiser Baby Back Ribs, Salad Bar, Baked Beans, Dessert. Wine, Soda Water included. Donation \$30.00. Please get all of your family and friends to attend. The fundraisers are



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Sonia Alioto

We are fortunate this month to have a healthy branch, so let’s keep praying for much needed rain. Have a healthy and blessed Easter. God Bless.

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

We jumped ahead for St Patrick’s Day and had our monthly dinner meeting on March 2nd. Ken Marshall and his committee prepared a delicious Irish dinner. Our new Chaplain Brother Paul gave us another inspirational talk. We are so blessed to have him. We will gather at Downtown Joe’s on March 22 for our Quarterly Mass and Brunch. Thank you Joan Sweeney for making the reservations.

Scholarship applications are being sent to our Napa parishes. This is a scholarship for an 8th grade student attending a Napa Catholic high school.

Many of our long time members are in need of prayers: Charlotte Anderton, Dorothy Jensen, Margherit Ratto, Richard Zanetell, Pauline Seago, and Mike McLaughlin.

Ciao,

Julian

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Br. 18

Many many thanks to all who supported our 87th Anniversary Dinner Dance, March 21st. Our talented chef, Victor Villeda and Michelle, his capable helper, all set up and clean up crew, ticket sales team and especially the ticket buyers, and bartenders. We are very appreciative of all help with these fund raisers. The earnings from these events pay for our community projects: Catholic Charities, Sonoma Life Pregnancy Serv ices, Handicapables, two \$400 ICF first year scholarships, Yountville Veterans Home,Christmas Gifts for local assisted livings homes through Resurrection Altar Society. Keep those new members coming into our wonderful organization.

Our congratulations to Jerry Shotts on his 90th birthday. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Larry Dinelli on the passing of his dear sister,Olga.

Buona Pasque

Marie Canale

Healdsburg

St. Francis di Sales, Br. 52

A full report and photos of our first ever Fish Fry will be in the May Bollettino. Thank you to everyone who brought soups to the Lenten Soup Supper on March 4. We lived up to Fr. Sean’s pronouncement that the soups from the ICF would be delicious.

Upcoming Events:

April 7: Branch Meeting, 7 PM at the Rectory.

May 12: Mother’s Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall. 6:30 PM. More details next month.

May 17: ICF Mass at 10:00 AM. More details, next month.

Happy Easter!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Announcing Branch 103 scholarship fundraiser: Sunday, April 12, 2 to 4 p.m. Seven Flags Clubhouse, 300 International, Sonoma.



(Above) Branch 103’s Linda Ponte preparing pot luck dinner.

(Below) Social Hour at Branch 103.



“Bingo” Champagne and Desserts and 3 Bingo Cards--all for \$10, extra cards 2 for \$1, Great Prizes! Reservations, call Margo 707-938-2016

In April the Branch will continue to meet at the Seven Flags Clubhouse. Chef Diane will be cooking Mexican style--enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and wine.

For meeting reservations, call Lila Boragno at 996-3448.

Saluti a tutti!

Marie-Therese Denning

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The loss of our sister RoseAnne Barbieri Sikes has left our branch with a deep sadness. RoseAnne joined Branch 198 in 1968 and has been an active member and officer ever since.

She was a major part of the Barbieri-Sikes family which was awarded the Federation wide honor as “Family Of The Year” for the Italian Catholic Federation.Please pray for her soul.

Ernie Giampaoli and his “crew” are to be complimented for a great Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner in March.

Our next fundraiser will be on April 18th. The Prime Rib and Pasta dinner is only \$20.00 and includes cocktails.Call Claire Giampaoli at (539-1443 for tickets.

President Bob Acquistapace is asking each of you to see if you have friends or family who would consider joining our branch. We really need 10-12 new members and we can only get them with your help.

PS Our scholarship dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. on May 4th.

I hope each of you had a very happy Easter celebration.

Fraternally,

Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Many thanks to Barbara Bidia and Don Becchetti for having prepared a delicious Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner for our March meeting. Great job, as usual!

We have just caught our breath after a successful Chicken & Polenta Dinner on February 21st and are now ready to host our annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 13th. By the time you read this, those dinner events will be but a memory. Fundraiser dinners will resume again in October. We are so grateful for the members who put in so much time to help with these events. The preparation and the work at the dinners require a lot of time and effort. We are blessed with a fantastic group of members on whom we can always depend.

Santa Rosa District Deputy Dante Corsetti reported that the next District Meeting will be held on April 19th at St. Apollinaris in Napa. The meeting will follow a Leadership Workshop. Officers are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming:

April 7 Board Meeting – 6 p.m.

April 14 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.

Happy Easter to everyone!!

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

District Council

Love was in the air on Valentine’s Day, February 14, at the Stockton District meeting at St. Bernard’s Parish, Tracy Branch 390. Thank you for a wonderful meal, prepared entirely by members

of the branch. Chicken, pasta, asparagus, green salad, bread, wine, and desserts...DELICIOSO! How about those chocolate hearts on the table!!!! Honored guests were Central Council Life Member Dante Galeazzi and Central Council Member Marco Galeazzi and his valentine, Diane.

Dante is putting together a district event for this summer. Members are encouraged to invite their family and friends to a night out with the Stockton Ports baseball team. The date and more details will be in the May Bollettino.

The next District meeting will be May 3 at Church of the Presentation in Stockton in Guadalupe Hall at 1:30 p.m.. Cost is \$8.00. Please contact your branch President to secure your reservation for the meal. Treasurers: Please send one check for all attending the meeting/meal with a list of names to Treasurer Ida Queirolo.

SAVE THE DATE: August 16 – District Picnic Escalon Community Park. This event is a wonderful BBQ steak dinner with games and a raffle. Bring the family.

We’re still looking for a Deputy for the Angels Camp Branch. Interested? Contact Karen Rosson (209) 603-5708.

It is with a heavy heart to report that Frank Bacchetti (Branch 390) and Amy Schmid (Branch 413) have gone to be with God. Frank passed away on January 21, and leaves behind his wife Sandra, grown children and grandchildren. Amy passed away on Saturday, March 7th and leaves behind her husband, Ron Schmid, her grown children, and several grandchildren. Please keep the families in your prayers, as well as all of the other sick members in our District.

Karen Rosson

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Things have slowed up for us a bit in April after a very busy March with our St. Joseph’s Table potluck and the Bishop’s Burse.

We have our meeting in April and then in May we will have our Mother’s Day Potluck which we invite all to join us

Our Bake Sale will be May 16-17 and will keeps us very busy getting all the bake goods ready. We appreciate all the help from our members.

We welcome a new member, Mary Jennings she is already jumping in to help.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday April 5, 2015 and Sunday May 10, 2015 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church

Coming up:

April 8 – 7:00 pm – Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets Modesto

May 3 – District Meeting Br. 395 Stockton

May 13 – Mothers Day Potluck & Meeting St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets.

May 16-17 – Bake Sale after all the masses

Cecelia McGhee

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

The monthly dinner meeting in February seemed like a membership drive, as 15 new members joined ICF Branch 390! What an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment we feel and we thank the great membership folks who are working overtime to find new people to join our ranks. We are, after all, a fun-loving group of individuals that anyone would love to be a part of, so we



JoAnn Rosato, is Branch 395’s oldest member. She is 98 years old!

welcome our new members and are happy to have you as our friends.

The 2015 ICF scholarship applications are available to all members who have children with the appropriate qualifications. The best part of these scholarships are that they are available to the recipients when they continue their education and, if qualified, can receive additional scholarship funds each year they are in college.

Monthly dinner meeting in March had a good attendance on March 26, with a menu of good old homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Of course, salad, bread, desserts and wine are always part of our menu.

The 12th Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, May 16. Many ICF members donate their time, talents, and cooking expertise to the event. Hours are devoted to the planning, building, decorating, cooking, tasting and serving the guests at this annual fund-raiser. Not only that, there are dozens of silent auction items donated to raise money, and the evening ends with a live auction to cap off the evening of fun. We must admit, the menu is always fabulous! (Thanks to Mike Bacchetti and his crew) For tickets please contact Jennifer Overby in the Parish Office at 209-835-4560 Ext. 157 and she will give you details regarding the event, donations for either auction and deadlines.

Italian Heritage Night will be April 30th and it is eagerly anticipated this year, as members are gathering their ideas to make it an exceptional night. All information should be sent to Steve Ridolfi for this event.

And finally, we were pleasantly surprised to have a new priest join our parish - AND HE’S ITALIAN! More about him next month.

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395’s annual Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore Dinner held on Thursday, February 12 was a great success. We are also preparing for lent and our branch will facilitate the Stations of the Cross and soup supper on March 20 with homemade soups made by our wonderful cooks! One of our members, Bob Zanoni, recently visited our oldest member, JoAnn Rosato who is 98 years old. She paid her dues for the year and Bob visited with her for a while. A photo is attached. What an amazing lady! At our upcoming meeting on March 12 we will be meeting a couple of potential new members who turned in applications at our Polenta Dinner. Upcoming events:

April 9 – Branch meeting – 6:00 pm

May 3 Sunday – District meeting – Our branch to host, 1:30 Guadalupe Hall

May 13 Branch meeting – 6:00 pm

May 31 Sunday Festa Italiana in Lodi

Many blessings for blessed and happy Easter! *Ciao,*

Josephine Weber, President

Branch 395, Stockton, CA



Branch 413 Valentines Dinner Dance kitchen crew L>R, Giovanni Corsi, Mary Kingshill, Tom Kingshill, Sharon Dunn and Glenn Meeks



Branch 413 Valentines Dance Servers: Anthony Williams, Danielle Pachinger, Eddie Santos, and Gabby Gomez.

**Angels Camp
St. Patrick, Br. 413**

Buona Pasqua to all. Spring has finally sprung and with that we hope everyone had a Blessed Easter.

At our March meeting we had our Blessing by Fr. John Paul and then a wonderful lunch celebration of the Italian monk who brought Christianity to Ireland. Our neighbors in Ireland refer to him as St. Patrick. Was he really Italian? You can stretch things and say “yes” when you consider his parents were Romans. Patrick was born in England around 385 A.D. (The Romans ruled England at that time) His father, was a high Roman diplomat living in England, but never the less a Roman citizen. And on that note we hope all enjoyed the Feast of St. Patrick and thank you to Giovanni Corsi for preparing “Nonna’s chicken”, our St Patrick’s Day Feast Italian Style!

We celebrated the initiation of new member, Eddie Conrado and hope you will enjoy getting involved and join the fun with our branch.

A special thank you to our very own ICF Easter Bunny, Bob Dunn, who with the assistance of our members gave all of the children Holy cards and candy on Easter morn after Mass. This is another outreach activity done by the Branch for the Parish community.

Mark your calendar; our BBQ Western Dinner and Music is on June 27. Always a good time! More info to follow.

Longtime member Amy Schmid got her Angel Wings and has joined Br 1000 of the ICF in heaven. Our thought and prayers go out to Ron and family. She will be dearly missed by all. Please keep in your thoughts & prayers the Ramorinis who are quite ill. And also Robert Pachinger who was under the weather.

Our next meeting will be Sunday April 12th due to the Easter Holiday. Hope to see you there.

Ciao,

Nancy Corsi

Tucson

Green Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

On Saturday, Feb. 21, following the 4 PM mass, Our Lady of the Valley Branch 425 hosted the Bishops Day for Tucson Branches 433, Saints Peter and Paul and 434, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. A delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Branch 425 donated



Branch 413 Valentines Dance Bar Crew: Nancy Corsi and Bob Dunn.



Branch 413 Valentines Dance Joseph and Sebastian Pachinger and Gabby Gomez.

\$1,000 to the Bishops fund. The installation of officers for the three branches concluded the evening’s program.

We are working to increase participation in our St. Joseph’s Table diner on Saturday, March 14. All proceeds are earmarked for the food bank.

Our March cookie sale was a sellout following the 9 AM mass. The variety was amazing. Some members baked twelve dozen cookies for the sale.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our annual trip to the Benedictine Holy Trinity monastery in St. David, AZ.

Barbara Barton, reporting



Figuring Out Our Finances

Roselynn Jarrett
Grand Treasurer

Finances are a major part of our ICF operations. Without generating income we cannot fund our charitable programs, our office, our newspaper, or provide support to our branches. To help educate our members on our finances, check the [Bollettino](#) for occasional articles about our financial operations.

This month, let’s take a peek at our general fund’s sources of income and expenses. The list below provides examples of where the majority of our cash flows. Our general fund is where we fund the day to day operations of the ICF.

Sources of Income

- Per Capita
- Bollettino Ads
- Interest/Dividends
- Liability Insurance
- CC Meetings and Dinners
- Convention
- Convention Raffle
- Calendar Sales
- Golf Tournament
- Sale of Supplies
- Hospitalization Plan Donation
- Administrative Fees

Examples of Expenses

- Bollettino
- Liability Insurance
- Payroll and Benefits
- Central Council Meeting Travel Expenses
- Charitable Donations
- Convention
- Raffle and Calendar Prizes

- Golf Tournament
- Branch Expansion
- Branch Awards
- Scholarships
- Festivals
- Strategic Plan
- Advertising
- Postage
- Supplies and Printing
- Rent and Utilities
- Leased Equipment
- Tax Review Services

How Can We Get Out of the Red?

- Recruit and retain members (per capita)
- Reduce Bollettino expenses
 - Exploring an online option and the choice to opt out of a printed version
 - Recently changed printers to reduce cost
- Reduce Central Council expenses
 - Is it time to reduce the number of CC Members? This is being explored as part of the financial portion of the strategic plan.
- Support CC fundraisers
 - Calendars, Convention Raffle, Souvenir Book, Golf Tournament
 - Fundraisers help us keep dues low and prevent dues increases.
 - CC Fundraisers also generate income for branches, districts, and in some cases, provide commissions for individuals.

In our next article, we will learn a little more about one of our other funds. Have a financial related question that you’d like answered in this column? Email the treasurer at roselynnjarrett@gmail.com.

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2014 is the following:

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

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2014 is the following:

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

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

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED*****

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2015. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries’ packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2014. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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MEMBERSHIP
IDEAS

1. ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS

The I.C.F. is generally good at attracting new members

Bring your family - children, grandchildren

Bring your friends

Pay first year dues for your children and grandchildren

Have a guest night at a meeting

Your Pastor, Chaplain or other religious can help spread the word

Support your parish and school and let them know you do

Keep I.C.F. information readily available - example: church entrances

I.C.F. sponsored coffee and donuts after mass

I.C.F. sponsored free dinner for parish anniversary

Active membership committee

Information table at mass

Two-minute mass speech

Advertisement in parish bulletin

Encourage family memberships

I.C.F. is the only family-oriented group at in most parishes

Schedule events and meetings for families with young children

Please Fill Out the Apostolate-Charity Survey Form at Return to the ICF Office

Apostolate-Charity Survey Form

Branch Name and Number: _____

Apostolate Chairperson: _____ Phone: _____

1. Did your Branch submit an Apostolate-Charity report last year? YES NO
2. Does your Branch have an Apostolate Chairperson? YES NO
3. Is an Apostolate report given at each monthly meeting? YES NO
4. Does the Branch Chaplain attend most of the monthly meetings? YES NO
5. Do your Branch members participate as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministers, Ushers, Visitors to the sick, Funeral Ministers, etc.? Briefly list below or attach letter
6. Is it the policy of your Branch to attend Mass together?

a. Monthly YES NO

b. Quarterly YES NO

c. Semi-Annually YES NO

d. Annually YES NO
7. Does your Branch recite the rosary and/or pray for special intentions? YES NO
8. Does your Branch offer Mass for deceased members? YES NO
9. Does your Branch attend Branch/District sponsored:

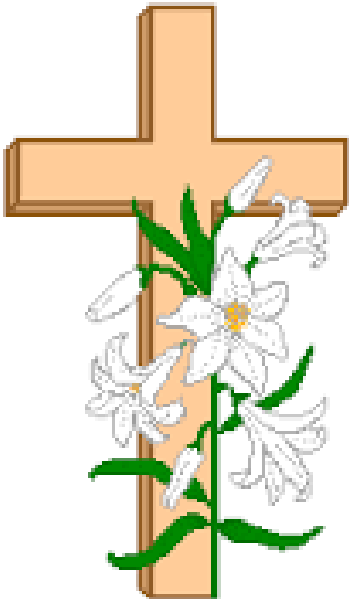
a. Retreats YES NO

b. Pilgrimages YES NO

c. Day or Night of Recollection YES NO
10. Did your Branch attend Bishop’s Day last year? YES NO
11. Did your Branch sponsor a special religious event during this past year? ... YES NO

a. If yes, what event?
12. Is there an Italian Mass in your area? YES NO

a. If yes, when and where?
13. Please attach an explanation of your Apostolate works in the community and include pictures if possible. This will allow us to share this information with other Branches.



ICF Is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, please send an email to newsonline@icf.org to sign up. Please include your full name, branch number and email address.

SAVE THE DATE:
Seminarian Night,
Saturday, June 6, 2015.
St. Mary's Church,
Los Gatos. More details to follow in May issue.

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Italian Catholic Federation Fifteenth Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

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

BANQUET

2:00 -

San Carlos Church Hall
500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 -

RAFFLE:

Sumptuous Four Course Dinner

PRICE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 17th, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2015

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____

Banquet only _____



Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 17th deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 17th.

The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



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The Ways and Means Committee announces
the Theme for the 2016 Fundraiser Calendar as:

“ Famous and Infamous Italian Americans Who Have Contributed to the Shaping of America”

The Ways and Means Committee will be planning and
designing the 2016 Calendar.

Included in the calendar will be pictures, biographies and
anecdotes about famous, (and infamous), Italian Americans.

We invite you to participate in several ways: First, share
special stories or biographies of your favorite Italian
American in history. You can research and provide
information and pictures if you wish, or just submit a name,
and we'll do the research! We will pick the most popular 12
names submitted.

We also invite you to participate in the listing of not only
birthdays

(yourself, your children, grandchildren, parish priests and
chaplains, or even friends) but also anniversaries (weddings,
Branch founding, Priest's ordinations, etc.) You may include
your branch and district events as well.

The price schedule will be as follows:

\$10.00 for one name/event; \$15.00 for 2 names/events;
and \$20.00 for four names/events.

Other numbers will be a combination of prices;
for example, 5 names/events will be \$30.00 (\$20.00 + \$10.00),
but keep in mind that 8 names/events would be \$40.00.

*The deadline for the names and payments will be
May 1, 2015*

*Please mail your information with a check payable to the
I.C.F. to:*

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

The Committee thanks you for your continued support!

Chairperson: Lisa Crudo

and Members: Franklyn Lopes Jr., and Leonard Rossi

For questions, please call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058 or Lisa
Crudo (510 861-9835



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What: 5K

Walk or Run

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Contact: Laurice Levine
Thalassemia Outreach
Coordinator

for more information
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llevine@mail.cho.org

Important Announcement!

NEW HUD DEADLINE!

Qualify before April 27, 2015

Starting April 27, 2015, HUD, the governmental body that regulates Home
Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) also known as a Reverse Mortgage
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This will include a review and analysis of your income and credit status.
This Financial Assessment could result in less cash available at closing
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Currently, a HECM has minimal income and credit qualifications.
The basics require you to be at least 62 years of age, own and occupy
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