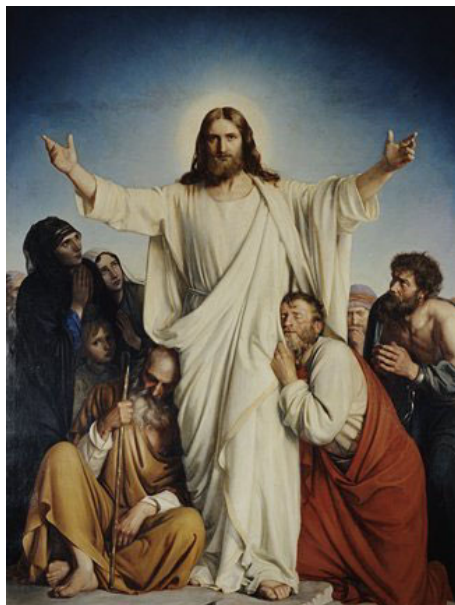




BOLLETTINO



He is Risen!

Buona Pasqua!

Central Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday February 11, 2012

**High Street Station,
Alameda CA**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Jane Dianda.

Opening Prayer: was led by Jim Acitelli

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: 2nd GVP Leonard Zasoski/GP Jane Dianda

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ICF Suffers the Loss of Great One in Past Grand President Dan Petrolino

Dominick A. "Dan" Petrolino, passed away on February 19, 2012 at Dominican Hospital. He was 83. Dan was born on August 25, 1928 in Long Island, New York, the son of Luigi and Ermalinda (d'Andria) Petrolino. He moved to New Jersey as a young child and after high school graduation moved with his parents to California, settling in Mt View. Dan attended Santa Clara University and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

A resident of Santa Cruz since 1963, he worked many years for Sylvania and later for G T E retiring in 1990. Dan loved baseball and grew up going to Yankee Stadium. He continued to love the Yankees throughout his life. He spent summers going to the Jersey shore and camping in the Catskill Mountains.

He was a devout member of Holy Cross Church. He was also a member of the Marconi Club and the Italian Catholic Federation. He spent many years deeply involved in the Italian Catholic Federation and he served as Grand President of the ICF from 1990-1993. He traveled extensively with the ICF and through the organization met many dear and life-long friends.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Diana Petrolino; two daughters, Patricia McNeal and Cori Gabbert; son-in-law, Mike Gabbert; two grandchildren, Alyssa McNeal and Alexis McNeal; sister-in-law, Betty Del Chiaro and nephew, David



Del Chiaro. He is also survived by several cousins in California, on the east coast and in Italy.

The family wishes to express their sincerest appreciation to Dr. Surinder Kumar, Dr. Neil Sawhney and to the staff of Dominican Hospital Telemetry Care, ICU and Satellite Dialysis Center for their wonderful care and support.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church or to your favorite charity.

Gifts of Love Committee Announces Creation of Another Deaf Program

*Andy Pappani
Gifts of Love Chairman*

I am very happy to let you know that in my recent travels to Chicago I have found out that the Archdiocese of Chicago has a Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program.

The deaf community is coordinated and supervised by Fr. Joseph Mulcrone, who is the director of the Archdiocesan Office of the Deaf.

Every Sunday at 10:30am, Holy Mass is celebrated in American Sign Language in the chapel.

The community also holds signed bible study, catechetical instruction and senior group meetings. In addition, the community holds fundraisers and other events. One of their outreach efforts is collecting school supplies for children who have suffered abuse.

The Catholic deaf community has been at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Chicago since



Members of the Deaf Program in the San Jose District receiving their First Holy Communion in 2011.

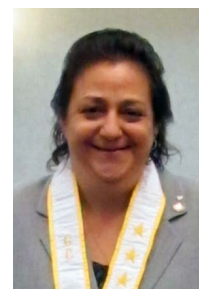
1983. Deaf people from all over the archdiocese of Chicago, along with their family members, gather each week to worship there.

In continuing with the works the Gifts of Love Committee began in the San Jose Diocese, we are extending our support of the deaf program by now including the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are excited to follow their progress!

Grand President's Monthly Message

The Federation lost one of its greatest in February. As a tribute to the late, Past Grand President, Mr. Dan Petrolino, I would like to share with you, his following message.

-- Jane Dianda



GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(by Dan Petrolino, August 1991)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Religious Climate: Are we, as an organization, getting away from the original concepts of our faith, as was intended by our founders? Are we becoming too much a social and political body? Are we readily accepting the disintegration of our moral standards, and becoming too materialistic? Are we really getting involved in the social issues of today?

Economical Resources: Are we, as an organization, truly contributing to the poor and other worthwhile issues according to our branch resources? Are our financial resources being used for the right causes? Do we place too much importance on our finances as the only way to serve people in need?

Membership: Do we get new members just for the sake of collecting their dues or do we try to gain membership for the sake of strengthening their moral and religious values? Are we looking for quantity or quality?

Programs: In our monthly branch meetings, are we offering programs which are useful for our religious and moral needs, or are our meetings the same drab business-like gathering, with no thought to our spiritual needs, but just to socialize?

My dear friends, these questions are being asked of us. The answer I can give, at this time, is that we are only human, with our imperfections, but neither is the Church itself perfect. We have made mistakes, but we are trying to do our best. That is all anyone can ask of us. Our Apostolic/Charity program and other programs prove this. In the future, we will try to do better. If the clergy have some special ideas or programs that can improve us, please let us know. We look forward to their spiritual guidance. We accept constructive criticism, but we could also use concrete suggestions or programs to improve our spiritual life.

I can say, that the Italian Catholic Federation, is second to none when it comes to the support of the Church and community

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Love is Easy... Or Is It?

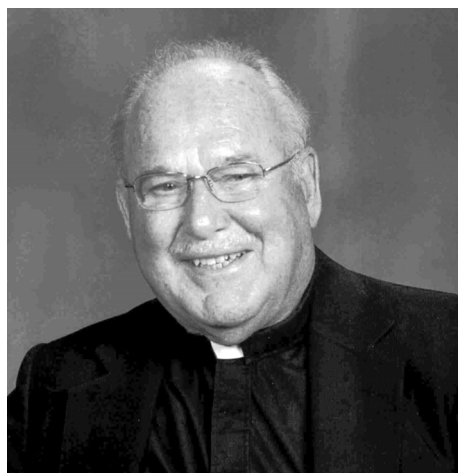
Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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Some people, even close relatives and friends, don't speak to each other for years on end. Grown children who played together and lived in a happy home nurtured by parents become as strangers. Misunderstandings, accusations, and jealousies often split families and long-time friends. They hold grudges about issues, whether true or not. They share these grudges with others, thereby affecting the opinions and friendships of those involved. They go to Mass, pray to God, are involved in charitable works, and are very good people. However, because of deep hurt feelings, they have a blind spot where the perceived injury and injustice just does not go away. This is, indeed, sad.

The answer to this problem is simple, but could be difficult to apply. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest

commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:36-40) We do all this for the love of God. In Scripture, Jesus also said to his disciples: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:16-18)

When we pray, we ask God to forgive us, and not for one moment do we think he will not forgive us. We know he loves us no matter what. At the same time, we are not willing to forgive others who injure us in some way. We cannot help how we feel, but we can intellectually make an act of the will to forgive and to love. Jesus says we must "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,



pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27) This is not easy to do. It takes a lot of effort. To love someone we do not like is more valuable in the eyes of God than to love someone we like. It takes little effort to love some we do like. Every time we pray the *Our Father*, we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We need to practice what we pray. How can we expect God to forgive us if we are not willing to forgive others? **Help us, Lord, we pray, to love as you would want us to love!**

Lenten Dinners Help Increase Membership

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Membership Committee Member

During this Lenten season, I am reminded of all the dedicated ICF members who don their red and green aprons to prepare their branch Lenten Dinners. Preparations often begin in early January, and much time and effort is put in by the dinner coordinators and branch members to provide "restaurant"-style meals for the six weeks of Lent.

Not only do the various fish-frys and soup nights support the branches, but they are also a time to bring members together and provide an opportunity for the branches to introduce parishioners and members of the community to the ideals of the ICF, to the charities it supports, and to the assistance

ICF gives to the local parishes.

Lenten dinners are a major fundraising opportunity for all branches; but equally as important, are the chances they provide to promote ICF and increase membership.

Learning about the good works done by ICF locally and through the Gifts of Love and Scholarship programs have moved many people to become new members. In my own Branch 227, Capitola, the fish frys have made it possible to bring new members into the branch from parishes where no branches exist.

To those whose hard work makes these Lenten dinners possible, we thank you for helping to grow the Federation and to spread the ideals of ICF. May we continue to grow! Buona Pasqua!!

Membership Stats as of February 2012

Members beginning July 2011:	11,698
Membership as of March 1:	11,459
New:	752
Reinstated:	13
Transfer in/out:	86
Deceased:	161
Non-payment:	307
Cancellations:	536

High Five!

Top Five Districts/Areas with Increased Membership:	
Chicago	+114
Santa Rosa	+33
Los Angeles	+28
Congratulations to Marin and San Gabriel who also have increased membership.	

The Gift of Giving

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate Committee Chairman

When and where did we first learn about giving to charity? Remember when Mom or Dad used to give us a few pennies or a nickel to put into the collection basket at church? Then as we grew older and earned money, we were expected to produce our own money for the collection basket. As youngsters we saw the Salvation Army bell ringers at the different stores and on street corners and we had to put money in their red kettles. We gave to the March of Dimes, the Red Cross and it was all in the spirit of charitable giving. At Lent, we were encouraged to drop coins in the little Lenten Giving boxes that were for "the poor" who had less to eat than we did.

We were taught the money we gave went to help others less fortunate and we never thought of ourselves as poorer for it but richer for the experience of being able to give our little bit. We were also building up "Graces" but then it became a habit — a

good habit that we continue even today.

When we joined the ICF we learned that this was a religious, charitable and social organization and the most important thing about being a member of the ICF is being able to give to the different charities. From our own Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, support of the seminarians, and the scholarships to educate our youth; to the charities on the local level such as our Food Banks, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for less fortunate, and gifts to our church and our religious; THIS is why I am a member of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Let us never forget that we are servants of God and it is our obligation and duty to take care of the less fortunate. When we became members of the Italian Catholic Federation, it became our duty to do the best that we can with what we have; to become tireless workers in the vineyard of God. As chairman of the Apostolate/Charities Committee, I think we are doing a good job and I feel it is an honor to witness the generous giving of our members to help others.



From The Mother Cabrini Shrine

Patients are often brought by police and ambulance drivers because they know other hospitals will not accept them. Daily Mass is telecast in each patient's room, and many patients report that Mother Cabrini's intercession helped them get well. What will happen next?

To be continued...

Heritage Around the ICF

Louise Vento
Heritage Committee

Did you know Easter eggs are special eggs that are often given to celebrate Easter or springtime? The oldest tradition is to use dyed or painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs or plastic eggs filled with jelly beans. The Easter Bunny hides these eggs for children to find on Easter morning. The eggs can also be put in a basket with straw and a stuffed bunny. The chicken egg is widely used as a symbol of the start of a new life, just as a new life emerges from an egg when the chick has hatched out. An Easter egg hunt is a common festive activity where eggs are hidden outdoors and the children run around to see who can find the most

eggs or that one special egg. As a child I can remember my father would hide eggs in the yard then set a rabbit down on the ground and he would help us find the eggs. Happy Easter.

Did you know Easter is the time to use Easter eggs on a bread ring or loaf? In Italy Easter Bread is called Popo Olivio, the eggs represents a new life and the cross made of dough is a reminder that he has risen. In Sicily the Easter bread is called the Sicilian Easter Ring Ciambella Siciliana Pasquale. The bread is braided with dyed Easter eggs. The Portuguese call the Easter loaf Folar Da Pascoa They arrange six eggs on the loaf of bread covered them with a cross made of dough. As the name suggests this is the traditional Easter Bread.

New Name Badges Are Here!

Branches may now order a customizable name badge for their members. A template to create your name inserts will be emailed with each order. All your branch needs to do is edit, print and insert. Name badges may include titles such as President, Chaplain, Deputy, Charter Member, Committee Chairperson, etc. They can be worn at meetings, events, masses, festivals and other activities.



Consider ordering for your branch. Name badges are available from the office for \$1 each, plus shipping.

Grand President

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in relation to its total membership and resources. We are not perfect, but who on God’s Earth is!

*Fraternally yours,
Dan Petrolino, Grand President
His words still ring true today. May you
rest in peace Mr. President.
Jane Dianda
Grand President*

Children’s Hospital Activities (Desferal Activities) in Need of Funds

Jim Acitelli
Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2011 and ends in August 2012. 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, Oakland Children’s Hospital sponsors several activities for the Cooley’s Anemia patients which they treat. The hospital has redesigned their program to better fit the needs of patients and families as they deal with changing demographics and an aging population. Due to your generous donations in the past, we have participated as a sponsor for their wonderful programs. Last year we were able to donate \$1,500.00. This money is used to help with a Patient BBQ in July and a Teen/Adult Weekend Retreat in the Fall. There are also small gatherings at the Day Hospital for when the children receive blood transfusions. This year we want to continue our

program whereby we offer them support, but we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to take part 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, 2012.

Thank you.

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Marie Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
3/2	Dan Triglia	139	Manteca, CA	\$30
3/3	Larry Masi	433	Tucson, AZ	\$30
3/4	Bob Biale		Napa, CA	\$30
3/5	Rosa Radicchi	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
3/6	Chris & Mike Leong		Daly City, CA	\$30
3/7	Elsie Borgonovo		San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/8	Rick Wyatt		Gardena, CA	\$30
3/9	Roseann Contreras		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
3/10	Maxine Scatena	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/11	Tim Santich		Alamo, CA	\$30
3/12	Dorothy Stratmeyer		Martinez, CA	\$30
3/13	Nick & Mike Migliore		San Anselmo, CA	\$30
3/14	Roland & Katherine Codiga	28	Fish Camp, CA	\$30
3/15	Janay Chan		Pinole, CA	\$30
3/16	Roxanne Perry	317	Hacienda Heights, CA	\$30
3/17	Ben Imprescia	28	Gilroy, CA	\$50
3/18	Gerri Goin	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
3/19	Pat & Frank Spallino	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$100
3/20	Fr. Joe Vanthu		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
3/21	Dori Blefari	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
3/22	Carmelita Aguilera	118	Montebello, CA	\$30
3/23	Marie Canale	18	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
3/24	Bob Zoccoli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
3/25	Mary Clare Affonso		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
3/26	Rebecca Mitchell	266	Plumas Lake, CA	\$30
3/27	Gene Altobella	367	Henderson, NV	\$30
3/28	Lucy Orsi	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
3/29	Diane Dias		Richmond, CA	\$30
3/30	Bettina Strongoli	161	Sausalito, CA	\$30
3/31	Phyl Buonsante	285	Livermore, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Dan Petrolino
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Get well wishes for Mike Cannady
Deborah and June Rodondi
Get well wishes for Annette Novi

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In memory of Dan Petrolino

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the Santa Clara Valley District from their District Fundraiser - A Day At The Races 2.

— Live to Give —

Cooley's Anemia and Blood
Do You Know Thalassemia?

Laurice Levine
Outreach Coordinator
Children's Hospital Oakland

Thalassemia is a genetic blood disorder that causes severe anemia. Patients with Beta-Thalassemia Major are required to have routine blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks. In one year, a person with Thalassemia needs approximately 36-48 units of blood to survive.

Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant is the only known cure for patients with Thalassemia. However it is not universal because a person needs an exact bone mar-



row match and the procedure is invasive and can be fatal. A bone marrow transplant recipient may use 20 units of red blood cells and 120 units of platelets.

One of those lifesaving units could be yours...



Announcing the 11th Annual Blood Drive in Honor of World Thalassemia Day
World Thalassemia Day is a day to celebrate those living with Thalassemia and sadly those who have passed.

When: Friday, May 11, 2012
8:00am-2:30pm
Where: Children's Hospital Oakland
747 Fifty Second St. Oakland, CA 94609
Sign-Up: Please Contact
Laurice Levine at
510-428-3885 x5427
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"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
~ Aesop ~

In Loving Memory

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Cooley's Corner

The Painted Turtle Camp

A life-enhancing summer experience for children with transfusion-dependent thalassemia

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

The Painted Turtle Camp is a beautiful 173-acre camp and family-care center in Lake Hughes, California is offering a free six-day camp experience this July-August for children ages 7 to 16 with transfusion-dependent thalassemia.

The Painted Turtle provides a year-round, life-changing environment and authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. The camp supports children's medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illnesses, and provides care, education and respite for their families.

The Painted Turtle was founded in 1999, opened its gates in 2004 and operates in collaboration with a group of 16 California nonprofit children's hospitals, the Founding Partner Hospitals. It's also a member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps founded by actor Paul Newman. Hole in the Wall Camps are considered the finest multi-disease medical

camp and family-care centers in the world. They have served more than 100,000 seriously ill children. Each camp is responsible for its own fundraising and has its own board of directors. In 2006, the Painted Turtle was accredited by the American Camp Association.

Several Thalassemia Patients have attended the Painted Turtle Camp these past 3 years. The amount of happiness, confidence and joy it brings them is beyond anything I have seen. I wanted to experience this camp first hand so last summer I volunteered and was the Cabin Counselor for boys ages 7-10. It was a life-changing experience and I intend to return as a counselor again this year.

While Painted Turtle is free to campers, we at CHO fundraise to be able to provide free transportation to our campers. Without that they would not be able to afford the cost of an airplane ticket. Would you like to sponsor a patient to attend??

To learn more about Painted Turtle Camp: www.thepaintedturtle.org

Experience at The Painted Turtle Camp

by Rammeet Kaur

Hi, I am Rammeet Kaur, and I went to the Painted Turtle Camp in the summer of 2010. My experience in camp was amazing and very enjoyable. The Painted Turtle Camp is its own special world. I did many fun activities, such as flying through the air on a zip-line, singing songs near the campfire, dancing under rainbows, eating spaghetti with no hands, fishing, boating, riding horses, practicing archery, swimming, and much more. We had Stage Night to show off our talents, and we even had Silly Olympics, where counselors and campers splatter each other with oatmeal, chocolate syrup, and other soft or liquid food that made us all get dirty.

I made many friends at camp who are still in touch with me. I will always remember sharing good time with them. We ate three



meals a day at the grand dining hall. The food was healthy, as well as tasty. It is very safe there, because doctors and experienced counselors are there to help us and comfort us 24 hours a day. Each cabin had its own nurse and four counselors to take care of ten campers.

This camp was founded by people such as Paul Newman, an Oscar-winning actor, who wanted to help children with chronic illness. Thanks to generous donors, the Painted Turtle is full of life. This camp gives kids with chronic illness a chance to escape from the hospital and have fun just being a normal kid for a whole week. Going to this camp was an everlasting life experience which will be cherished in my memory, because I learned a lot from group involvement with my fellow campers in all the activities I did.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 4	Pat and Louie Cordich
Branch 4	In memory of Richard Greco
Branch 21	Eleanor Frusetta
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vote	In memory of Margaret Piedemont
In memory of Nuni Radicchi	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Roger and Kathy Santos	In memory of Mary Cutter
In memory of Louisa Lepera	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Roger and Kathy Santos	In memory of Richard Greco
In memory of Richard Greco	Roger and Kathy Santos
Roger and Kathy Santos	In honor of the 99 th Birthday of Bernice Kiser
In honor of the birthday of Roselie Moresi	Pat and Louie Cordich
	In memory of Mary Cutter

News From Gifts of Love

Gifts of Love Helps Those in Need

The Gifts of Love Committee recently met to award money to the following people.

Ron Jaramillo received \$1,000 to cover medical bills as he takes care of 11 year old grandson.

Robert Zeppa was awarded \$1,500 to go towards speech therapy to help evolve his vocabulary and improve speech clarity. Two sons have Crohn's Disease and one son with Down Syndrome.

Dominic Zeppa was awarded \$1,500 so he can cover expenses of his IV infusion that he received every 8 weeks. Dominic has Crohn's Disease and is currently in college.

Leslie Sepulveda was awarded \$250 to pursue a singing coach. Leslie has respiratory papylomas which impede her ability to breathe properly while singing. Her dream of a degree in church music.

Maverick Hanecaks received \$700 to attend Camp Krem in Boulder Creek, CA. This is a special camp for autistic children where he will receive 1:1 care. Maverick has autism and ADHD.

Michael Elliott for Brian Elliott was awarded \$3,000 to help cover medical expnses, orthopedic dvices, special diet and wheelchair maintenance. Brian was born with DEIS. Has no abdominal wall and his bladder is on the outside of his body. He has spina bifida and cannot sit or walk on his own.

Meghan Eileen Grafer received \$500 to go towards vision needs including eyeglasses and special eye drops. Meghan was born with congenital cataracts in both eyes and has developed glaucoma and corneal edema.

Tyler Vitiello was awarded \$1,000 to help cover therapy expenses. Tyler broke his neck in November of 2011 while playing football. After hours of surgery and therapy can now walk again, but has lost feeling in portions of left side of body. He plans to go to college and get a degree as an athletic trainer.

Michele Casari received \$1,000 to purchase an iPad and apps to assist her clients in their therapy. Michele is a developmental therapist.

Gifts of Love Donations

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Branch 4
Branch 408
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Helen Dianda
In memory of Angelo Gardella
Marianne and Lea Petroni
In memory of George Disperati
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Teresi
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Officers/Members of Br. 47
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Tony and Geri Hrepich
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Tony and Geri Hrepich
In memory of Nuni Radicchi
John and Judy Janini
In memory of Richard Greenway
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Jane Dianda
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Officers/Members of San Mateo District
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Harold, Virginia and Steve Fuentes
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Harold, Virginia and Steve Fuentes
Get well wishes for Hope Baird
Harold, Virginia and Steve Fuentes
Get well wishes for Annette Novi

Harold, Virginia and Steve Fuentes
In memory of Hugo Mei
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and Tom Pollicita
Get well wishes for Mike Cannady
Tom and Marisa Poggi
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Mr. and Mrs. A. Del Carlo
In memory of Rose Nardi
Patti and Walt Phillips
In memory of Dick Greco
Officers/Members of Branch 403
In memory of Rose Nardi

John and Toni Sorci
In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Rich and Joan Della Maggiore
Al and Fran Teglia
Thinking of you wishes for June Rodondi
Al and Fran Teglia
In memory of Dan Petrolino
Barbara Firpo
In honor of Jeanne and Peter Bencharksky's Retirement
Bob and Joan Bianchi
In memory of Edith Ciarlo
Officers/Members of Br. 291
In memory of Nicholas J. Annecchini
Susie Filice
In memory of Dan Petrolino

Reminder:

Deadline for submitting an ICF award is quickly approaching. Don't forget to honor someone in your branch or district who is most deserving. Applications can be found at: www.icf.org

BOOK REVIEW VINCE PIRO

ALSO ONLINE AT ICF.ORG

Magazines and Newspapers

A couple of years ago, I wrote a column featuring a variety of magazines and newspapers about Italian and Italian-American culture, history, and cuisine. In this column, I thought I would provide you with an update, adding a couple of interesting online magazines that I hope you will enjoy.

I've provided a description and the website address of a number of magazines so that you can decide which you would enjoy.

All these magazines contain Facebook and Twitter links so that you extend your experience into social networking.

Italy Magazine

<http://www.italymag.co.uk/>

The editors of Italy Magazine describe their mission as "... to create a long-lasting conversation with lovers of Italy across the world, acting as the 'bridge to Italy.' We achieve this by connecting with Italy lovers across the web through our website, our newsletter, social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter and print and e-book publications."

Along with a news and feature stories section, this online magazine contains sections on lifestyle, food & drink, art & cul-



ture, and sports. Recent stories included an article on "Five of Italy's Most Influential Women - In Honour of International Women's Day," "Fish Markets in Palermo," and "My 'Secret' Trieste." I particularly enjoyed the sports sections where I could read about different sports not usually featured in American newspapers. Recently, I read an article entitled "The New Ferrari F12Berlinetta Breaks Records." The Food & Drink section recently printed a Venetian Carnival Galani recipe. My favorite article in the magazine, however, is about how "Italians Refuse to Renounce their Gelato for Austerity," which explained how despite serious economic woes, Italian Gelato consumption showed no change from previous years.

A useful feature of this site is the index that lists different regions of Italy. One can click on any of the regions listed and reach a web page full of features about that region. Besides the online magazine, Italy magazine offers a free monthly newsletter that "keeps you updated with the latest developments in Italy and our website and

sends out additional, exclusive, travel offers to our readers."

i-Italy

<http://www.i-italy.org/>

i-Italy is a digital magazine that is part of the Italian American Digital Project. It is an interactive, multi-media site with articles and discussion on current, social and cultural events. It also contains "Op-eds" and "Special" sections with opinions, comments, columns, analyses, and reviews. The website also features social networking areas - blogs and community discussion forums - in which "all readers ... freely present their own experiences and opinions with personal pages, forums, discussion groups, mailing lists."

The magazine includes front-page features, stories, arts & culture articles, life & people sections, and editorials & reviews. The most recent issue contained an article entitled "How New York City's Outer Borough Italians Cook and Eat" by Anthony Paonita and an editorial entitled "The Madonna Paradox: How I Learned to Love Cleaning Commercials" by Anthony Dion Mitzel.

The multi-media section contains video and audio features. One video was highlighted the New York Wine Expo while another interviewed Rosanna Di Michele who discussed her experiences moving from Abruzzo to the Bronx. In English and Italian, this is a brief, high quality production.

And even though this online site has a definite New York focus, those interested in Italian American culture will find it an en-

tertaining and interesting place to visit, full of intelligent and thoughtful content.

Italia Magazine

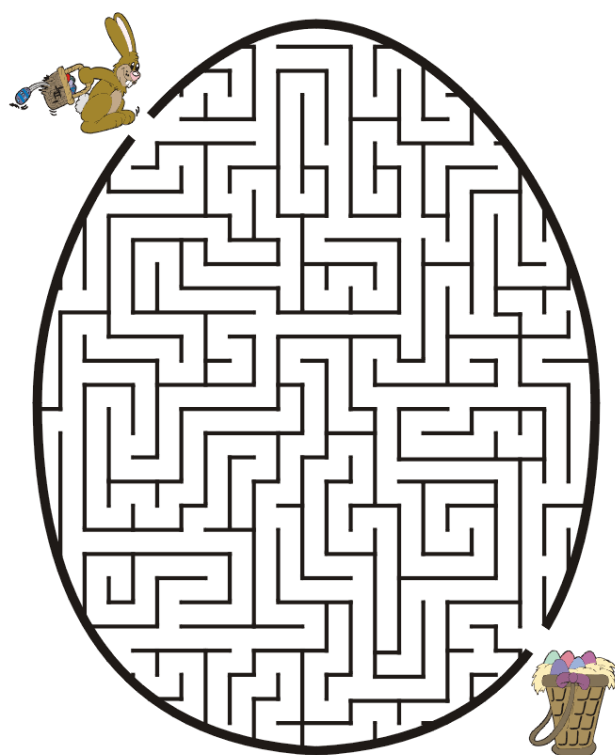
<http://www.italia-magazine.com/>

Italia magazine online is a supplement to its print magazine. The website is described as "Packed with tips on the best Italian travel and advice on buying a home in Italy, and with features on Italian culture, food and drink (and more!) there's something for everyone." Italia is a best selling magazine for those who wish to vacation in Italy, who own or wish to purchase homes there, and for those who love Italian culture, food, and drink.

On the website, one can find sample articles, recommending places to stay in Italy, detailing various recipes, and exploring various other subjects. It also features a property spotlight and a vacation spotlight. One can also purchase Italia! Guides, special editions guides to regions and cities like Venice, Rome, Tuscany and The Lakes.

Italia also has an app for your smart phone or tablet. The Italia app allows you to read the Italia Guides electronically and are full of "stunning photography, intelligent writing and packed with up-to-the-minute information and advice to inspire your travel plans."

La Celebrazione di Gioventù -- The Celebration of Youth Easter Symbols



The rabbit fittingly serves as a sign of the abundant new life of spring. In German tradition the rabbit delivered colored eggs at Easter to only the good children, a reminder that the just person will rise with the Lord who has the power of giving life to all.

The egg has long been a symbol of birth. We decorate eggs at Easter to remind us of Jesus' rebirth. The egg is like the tomb, cold and hard, but containing life within its shell. We color the outside of the shell as a sign that we believe in the life that is inside the shell.

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Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused: Msgr. Daniel Cardelli, Mike Cannady

7 CC Life Members Emeritus present: Bob Acquistapace, Jody Balestrieri, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Bob Dianda, Jim Jones, Carmen Kilcullen, Larry Marsalli, Nello Rossi

1 Member Emeritus Jerry Delfino, Michelle Feldman Bollettino Editor

Introductions: GP Jane Dianda welcomed guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2011 were approved as corrected.

Communications

· Thank you from the Vatican for the gift presented at Convention to the Holy Father. He is most grateful for the devoted sentiments and the assurance of prayers expressed by the members of the Federation. His Holiness will remember all of us in his prayers and invokes God's abundant blessings on us and our families.

· Thank you from the Diocese of Tucson for the contribution to the seminarians presented at Bishops Day.

· Thank you from Nina Malone, for the get well donations to the Providenza Fund.

· Acknowledgement for the get well donations to the Providenza Fund for Fabiola Di Paolo.

Reports

Grand President – Jane Dianda

· Bishops Days attended: Santa Rosa, Fresno, Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles.

· Bob Basuino attended Santa Clara and Monterey Bishops Days. Andy Pappani attended Reno Bishop's Day.

· Installations attended: Santa Clara Valley, Stockton, Blessed Sacrament, East Bay, Larkspur and Novato, San Mateo, San Gabriel, San Diego.

· Bob Basuino attended Installations in San Francisco, Tucson, Central Coast, Contra Costa, Santa Rosa. Leonard Zasoski attended San Bernardino and Los Angeles Installations. David Botta attended Phoenix Installation. Bob Acquistapace attended Arcata/Eureka Installation

· Other events attended: San Mateo District Chaplains Night, Jim Jones Testimonial, opening of Branch 440 Long Beach, Holiday Party at Children's Hospital Oakland, and hosted Executive Committee Christmas Party.

· Attended Committee meetings: Live to Give, Convention Director's, Finance, Hospitalization, Public Relations, By-Laws, Field Director and Task Force.

· February 11 conducted Central Council Meeting.

· Future Events to attend: Fresno and Chicago Installations; San Francisco and Chicago Bishops Day; Executive Committee meeting; 50th Anniversary of the Stockton District; Night for the Seminarians.

· Rose Jarrett to attend Las Vegas Installation; Leonard Zasoski to attend Orange District Installation; Vince Piro to attend Santa Barbara Installation.

Grand Treasurer – George Bacigalupi

· Reviewed 2011 Finances and 2012 Budget.

· Cugia Scholarship Fund has only \$23.29 in it.

· The Silva Trust fund is in renewable CD's. Per the Trust a percentage to be used for Cooleys Anemia and The Gifts of Love Program annually.

· Voted on the Providenza Fund donation schedule for 2012.

Deputy Chairperson – Bob Basuino

· Made three changes in District Deputies. 1) Jody Balestrieri has retired as District Deputy of San Diego District, Forrest Price has accepted the appointment. 2) Combined the Chicago area under one District Deputy, Ruben Rodrigues has accepted the appointment. 3) Nina Malone has accepted the appointment of District Deputy

to the Blessed Sacrament area.

· Bob Basuino working with several Branches.

· Suggested we send new Presidents a package with instructions/information. Mailing to branches in mid January is late for some branch meetings, can they be sent earlier?

Field Director-Lou Mages

Three areas of responsibility: new branches (and follow-up), increase membership, and branches in trouble.

· Working on possible new branches at St. Ignatius, Antioch CA; Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, Chicago IL; several possible sites in San Gabriel area; St Luke Parish, El Cajon CA; Carefree AZ; reestablish-

ing Branches in Las Vegas area; Scottsdale AZ; St Frances Assisi Parish, San Jose CA; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview IL

· Working on increasing membership at Br 433, Tucson AZ, Br 185 Sacred Heart, Fresno CA, Br 169, San Buenaventura, Ventura CA

· Possible closing of Branches: Br 137, St. Dominic Savio, Santa Barbara CA; Br 340 Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon CA

· Pointed out that there are many in this room today that personally know Pastors that we can approach...we should be the ambassadors of the Field Director. The Pastor is the key to opening a Branch in a Parish.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

Breakfast: 7:00am / Shotgun tee off: 8:45am

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: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 20th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2012

*****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 (\$135 per player plus \$35 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 20th.

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, 8393 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 • 888-423-1924 • FAX: (510) 633-9758 • Web Site: icf.org • E-mail: info@icf.org

2012 Convention in Reno, Nevada

Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 to Monday, Sept. 3, 2012

Theme: IN GIVING WE RECEIVE

HOTELAND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

Grand Sierra Reno, NV (Phone: (775) 789-2000 / Reservations: (800) 648-5080
2500 East 2nd Street, Reno, NV 89595 — Visit the link to hotel reservations on our website for ease in reserving your room for the Convention.

Room Rate: \$109.00 Single/Double Occupancy plus 13% tax

\$10 - Resort Fee Waived

\$119.00 Triple/Quad Occupancy plus 13% tax

Use Group/Convention Code “ICF12”



Free Parking

Complimentary Hotel Shuttle to/from Airport

A complimentary airport shuttle is available from the hotel front entrance every half hour between the hours of 5:00am and 11:30pm. Pick-up from the Grand Sierra is on the hour and the ½ hour; pick-up from the airport is ¼ to and ¼ after the hour, starting at 5:15am with the last pick-up at 11:45pm. The shuttle is first come-first served and is for individual transfers.

Reservation Deadline is Saturday, August 4, 2012. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability.

*****AIRLINES - NO CONTRACTS - JUST GO ONLINE OR CALL DIRECT*****

Here are a few:

Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792
www.southwest.com

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322
www.usairways.com

United Airlines: 1-800-241-6522
www.ual.com

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522
www.alaskaair.com

American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300
www.aa.com

Taxi Service

Taxis depart from the designated taxi zones located at the far end of (north side) Baggage Claim next to the same area as the Shuttle Bus pick-up.

Shuttle Service

Free Hotel Shuttle service can be found outside the D doors located at the north end of Baggage Claim. Look for the Grand Sierra shuttle.

For more information on flights and approx. prices/contacts for services, if you choose not to take the shuttle, visit www.renoairport.com.

Railroad Service ***AMTRAK***

*Our Amtrak code is X39J-943. It will give a 10% discount off the best available fare to Reno, NV between August 27, 2012 and September 6, 2012. The reservation number is 1-800-872-7245. The Amtrak station is 2 miles from the hotel. ***Please note: This code is valid for reservations made by phone only. It is not valid for reservations made online. There is no shuttle service but there is taxi service and city bus service (Route 14) - the bus terminal is 1 block away. Visit www.rtcwashoe.com for bus info and schedules.*

PLEASE SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR DELEGATES!

If you have any questions, please call the I.C.F. Office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924

GRAND SIERRA RENO
2500 East 2nd Street
Reno, NV 89595
775-789-2000

Italian Catholic Federation August 31, 2012 to September 3, 2012 Reservation Form

Group Room Rate: \$109.00 for Single/Double Occupancy
\$119.00 for Triple/Quad Occupancy
(Rate is exclusive of 13% Occupancy Tax)
(\$10 Resort Fee Waived)

Your reservation must be received no later than August 4, 2012. After this date, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate based on availability. Group rates are effective three (3) days before and three (3) days after conference dates, subject to availability. Please Note: Guest room reservations may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Hotel is a non-smoking hotel.

You can make reservations at: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=7042430

*Use Group/Convention Code: ICF12

This form can be faxed to: Grand Sierra Reno
Fax: (775) 789-2130
ATTN: Reservation Department

Email (scan) to: reservations@grandsierraresort.com

Call for Reservations: 1-800-648-5080

Check-In Time: 3:00pm Check-Out Time: 12 Noon

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____
DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Number of: Adults _____
Number of Children _____

Additional Names on Reservation: _____

ROOM TYPE REQUESTED: (1) King Bed _____
(2) Double Beds _____

METHOD OF GUARANTEE: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Discover _____ AMEX _____ Diner's Club _____

Card# _____
Expiration: _____

Name on Card _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

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Committee Reports

Workshop – Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

- Asked Central Council to promote workshops in their District.

Ways and Means – James Friebe

- Night for the Seminarians April 14 in Thousand Oaks, coordinated by Pat Mages. If you wish to be a sponsor contact Jim Friebe.

- 2013 Calendars: so far 6 people are putting in articles (200 words) on the town their family came from. Will probably fit two towns per month, the ones that don't make the calendar will be used in the Heritage section of the Bollettino. Will still put birth dates in for \$10. 2012 Calendars sold 18,015.

Task Force – Michael Rossi

- ICF Strategic Plan is on hold for now.
- GP Jane Dianda has made the creating of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) a priority for the Task Force. 3 subcommittees have been created to handle 3 areas: Financial, Administrative and Bollettino. This is to supplement the ICF Employee Manual.

Scholarship – Deborah Rodondi

- Putting ad/article in next Bollettino promoting memorializing a loved one in a scholarship.
- April 18 to judge first year scholarships.

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski

- CC needs to help promote sending in applications for the ICF Awards. Leonard Zasoski to coordinate applications and finalize with the committee for the June Central Council meeting.
- Bollettino: members pay about half the cost of the Bollettino...must get ads to defray costs. Articles must be in by date requested by editor. If error found please contact editor.
- Looking into creating: procedures for the Bollettino (Something other Committees should consider doing); a quarterly Field Director report; keeping color in the Bollettino.
- Website constantly changing, let Vince Piro know of any changes. Looking into a CC area on the website with password protection for some reports (to save on cost of printing). No sensitive material will go in. Possible children's section.

- Conference calling guidelines passed out. For 3-6 months Leonard will keep the schedule and then move it to the office (unless GP feels it should stay with the committee).

Membership – Rose Jarrett.

- ICF Facebook has 204 members, a great tool to share info with other members.
- Many have shown interest in Business cards – checking out pricing and/or possibly setting up template for individuals to print their own.
- Name badges are helpful in letting others know who you are. Of the 1000 tags we ordered we have 460 left. Committee made a motion that we keep the name badges in supply and order them as needed. PASSED
- Membership training class available to

Districts interested. About 1 hour long.

- Looking into ICF placemat, some branches print their own using 11x17 paper ...maybe have a kids placemat.
- Use your local papers...for event advertising or putting in an article about the Branch.

Live to Give – Nina Malone

- "Live to Give" truly reflects the mission and vision set before the committee.
- Initially one of the objectives of this program was to include organ donor awareness. However, learning from Laurice Levine that organ donations are not really of help to Thalassemia patients and concerns have been raised by several members regarding the stance of the Roman Catholic Church on this issue we will consult with Msgr. Cardelli and further research this aspect.
- This committee will be working to increase understanding and knowledge regarding a bone marrow and core blood stem cell registry, and setting up local blood drives to support our National Charity (Cooley's Anemia). Laurice Levine stated that 95% of the general public will need blood in their lifetime, but only 5% give blood.
- Eventually hope to set up District Chair people.
- Suggested that maybe the program should be called "Give to Live". The committee will take it into consideration.
- May 8th is International Thalassemia Day, they will be doing a major blood drive.

Hospitalization – Patricia Mages

- 3 primary goals...1) create up to date brochure; 2) more aggressively promote program to get more members; 3) recommending the allocation of funds to the General Fund from the Hospitalization Fund
- As of February 1, 2012 there are 517members.
- Accumulated gains from 12/31/2002 to 1/31/2012 are \$331,595.00 (compared to \$312,105.00 on December 31, 2010); assets are \$814,000 as of Jan 31, 2012.
- Committee recommend, for the year 2012 only, \$30,525.00 (3.75 %) be transferred to general fund. This is in keeping with the memo dated October 13, 2008, stating we are able to transfer funds from the Hospitalization Fund to the General Fund when it is for the benefit of the ICF. Passed.

Heritage – Vince Piro

- Events participating in: Sutter Creek, 1st weekend in June; Santa Rosalia Festival, 2nd weekend in September; San Jose Giants Italian Night in August; Morgan Hill 2nd Annual Festival, 2nd weekend in September; San Genarro Festival in Los Angeles; Italian Festival in San Jose, 1st week in August; Sacramento Italian Cultural Society, 1st weekend in August; Major Leagues Italian Night.
- Will ask Branches to submit a brief description (250 words) and picture of a unique heritage/Faith project the Branch does for future Bollettino articles.
- At convention will have the table of books etc. Have asked for a workshop. Will do video in the lobby after workshops asking members to share their heritage, and why/how they joined the ICF.
- To continue video interviews on ICF Heritage and will place on website; future

interviewee's David Botta, Carmen Kilcullen, Bob Acquistapace, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Jody Balestrieri, Guy Masciotra.

- To create a PDF of 50th and 75th anniversary heritage books for CD; to put 1940 and 1950 pictures on CD.

- To create a Heritage Calendar for website, will include Bishop's Days and Installations.

Gifts of Love –Andy Pappani

Met December 8, 2011, 17 applications reviewed: 13 rejected, 4 awarded for \$3,250.00.

- Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program has three students this year. They have sign language masses 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 10:00am Mass. The last Sunday of the month, at a special 1:30pm Mass, the San Jose Diocese provides a sign language Priest to facilitate the Mass.
- As of January 9, 2012 have received a total of \$36,674.63 from the Wanda Antonelli Trust (past member of Branch 343 Castro Valley).
- So far from the Shirley Silva Trust (member of Branch 28-Gilroy and 435 Morgan Hill) the ICF received \$300,000.00. The Trust directions are that we may use a maximum of 5% of the fund income or \$30,000.00 annually whichever is greater to be divided equally between The Gifts of Love and Cooleys Anemia.
- Plan to work with Laurice Levine at the Oakland Children's Hospital and Nina Malone (Live to Give Program) to see how Gifts of Love can help.
- Special Thanks to Andy Pappani (Santa) and Jim Jones (Head Elf) on making the Thalassemia Christmas party a success.

Finance – George Bacigalupi

- Rose Jarrett reported that not all Branch Treasurer reports are being submitted. There are times we need the information or if we are audited the info needs to be in the office. For the past two years 55 branches were found to be past due on sending in reports. Sent out a postcard as a reminder that reports are due. Of the 55 past due 28 are now current. In the April mailing to President and Financial Secretary will be asking them to submit their IRS returns with the 2nd quarter report.
- Motion from committee to accept plan for Central Council members mileage/expenses set up according to distance traveled...PASSED.

Convention Directors – Steven Fuentes

- Financial report and survey results handed out for review.
- No change in registration fees for

2012.

- Will be meeting with Reno Branch tomorrow regarding 2012 convention.

By-Laws and Rituals – Leonard Rossi

- Will be making some changes to the membership application.
- To review By-Laws chapter 11 regarding elections, will bring results to the Executive Committee.
- GP Jane Dianda requested that the committee present a mandatory workshop for all CC members at the June Central Council Meeting. Workshop will focus on protocol, entitlements of CC members, refresher on By-Laws, Rituals and CC Statutes.

Apostolate/Charity – James Acitelli

- Future article in the Bollettino asking Branches to promote the Celebration of Communion Sunday.
- The Committee is also focusing on "charity and giving".

New Business

Next CC meeting June 9 1pm at St Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Oakland. Mandatory CC workshop at 10:30am for the 24 CC members, Emeritus Members encouraged to attend.

Good of the Order

Bob Acquistapace shared the March 1981 Bollettino, showing that on February 7, 1981 Sir Luigi Providenza passed away, urges us to dedicate closing prayer recognizing him for all he did to start and keep Federation going.

Jody Balestrieri – being here and a participant has meant so much to her.

Nello Rossi maybe we should have a portable microphone so that our guests can hear those members speaking from the floor.

Nettie Descalso-DelNero - Complimented Jane Dianda on a job well done.

Nina Malone - Thanks for well wishes, it means so much; this weekend received AA degree in science.

David Botta keep praying for Mike Cannady's recovery.

Vince Piro - GPs message to help other branches works...wants to thank Andy and Sid Pappani for coming down and helping with polenta dinner.

Closing Prayer: led by Jim Acitelli. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm by GP Jane Dianda

Next Meeting: June 9, 2012

*Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Rodondi
Grand Secretary*

Things to Ponder

"When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long in the first place."

~ Unknown

BENVENUTI MEMBRI NUOVI

DIANE DU PLESSIS	Branch 319	KATHRYN E MESSINA	Branch 052	JOSEPH SALMERI	Branch 291	JACK D TAVOLARO	Branch 425
JEANETTE DU PLESSIS	Branch 319	VINCENT (JIN) J MESSINA	Branch 052	SUSAN J SALMERI	Branch 291	ROBERT V BARKER	Branch 432
PATRICIA A BRISCO	Branch 326	VINCENT P MESSINA	Branch 052	PAMELA-ANNE B ROEMER	Branch 317	BRUNO BARTOLINI	Branch 432
NINA M STARITA	Branch 352	BARBARA L MIKSIS	Branch 052	JULIA SCALISE	Branch 317	DONNA COKER	Branch 432
ANN SCHLICE	Branch 368	GARY F MIKSIS	Branch 052	JACQUELINE COOK	Branch 319	DAVID M FULLER	Branch 432
ROBYN L SCHLICE	Branch 368	HANNIBAL C MIKSIS	Branch 052	ALFONSO T VILLANUEVA	Branch 319	JENNIE L FULLER	Branch 432
CHARLES CACHIA	Branch 382	JULIETTE P MIKSIS	Branch 052	NELLIE VILLANUEVA	Branch 319	GEORGE T HENEBURY	Branch 432
MARGE CACHIA	Branch 382	LEONETTE F MIKSIS	Branch 052	CHARLES J COLLIER	Branch 332	JUNE M HENEBURY	Branch 432
ALFREDO ABATE	Branch 392	VICTORIA A MIKSIS	Branch 052	LISA K COLLIER	Branch 332	ROBERT J HOFFNER	Branch 432
CARLO ABATE	Branch 392	IAN PLUM	Branch 052	NICOLE E COLLIER	Branch 332	ED SPANO	Branch 432
EVAN ABATE	Branch 392	LOLA PLUM	Branch 052	SAMANTHA COLLIER	Branch 332	TERI SPANO	Branch 432
FRANCESCO ABATE	Branch 392	SARAH PLUM	Branch 052	JERRY C CULLEN	Branch 332	DOMINIC E FALLUCCA	Branch 436
LISA ABATE	Branch 392	ELIZABETH TRAVERSO	Branch 052	JOHANNA C CULLEN	Branch 332	HOLLY T FALLUCCA	Branch 436
LORI ABATE	Branch 392	HUGO G TRAVERSO	Branch 052	ROSEMARY C GENTILE	Branch 332	JOHN J FALLUCCA	Branch 436
MIA ABATE	Branch 392	ISLA TRAVERSO	Branch 052	AL GIKKAS	Branch 332	ROLAND F DI GRAZIA	Branch 438
RHIANNON ABATE	Branch 392	MICHAEL A TRAVERSO	Branch 052	ALYSSA GIKKAS	Branch 332	MARIE RITA SCHILLIN	Branch 438
CARMELA ACCURSO	Branch 392	ABIGAIL WETZEL	Branch 052	ISABELLE GIKKAS	Branch 332	ALBERT L SMITH	Branch 438
JOSEPH ALIA	Branch 392	HARRY H WETZEL	Branch 052	ELTON LANDI	Branch 332	JANET R SMITH	Branch 438
LOREN ALIA	Branch 392	HENRY WETZEL	Branch 052	DAYNA MC EACHERN	Branch 332	ANGELA SULLIVAN	Branch 438
FRANCO CARANFA	Branch 392	REBECCA A WETZEL	Branch 052	EILEEN MC EACHERN	Branch 332	ANTONIA SULLIVAN	Branch 438
MARY LYNN CARBONARA	Branch 392	THERESA BASORE	Branch 067	GAVIN MC EACHERN	Branch 332	DAVIDE SULLIVAN	Branch 438
CATERINA CULLOTTA	Branch 392	ROBERT EMERY	Branch 067	GREG MC EACHERN	Branch 332	ELAINE WILLOUGHBY	Branch 438
ENZO DE BARTOLO	Branch 392	BRUNO L GIOVACCHINI	Branch 072	JACLYN A TRELLO	Branch 332	W JACKSON WILLOUGHBY	Branch 438
FILIPPO DE FRANCESCO	Branch 392	EVA MASCIOTRA	Branch 102	MARK D TRELLO	Branch 332	ILARIA SPADA	Branch 439
VINCENZO DE FRANCESCO	Branch 392	GAETANO MASCIOTRA	Branch 102	MARY B TRELLO	Branch 332	MIRIANA SPADA	Branch 439
MARIA DI PAOLO	Branch 392	MAUREEN A DALEY	Branch 103	THERESA A COOK	Branch 342	TINA SPADA	Branch 439
UMBERTO DI PAOLO	Branch 392	THOMAS DALEY	Branch 103	BENJAMIN GILLIO	Branch 368	NATE BAVARO	Branch 441
LILIANA IZZI	Branch 392	ALEXXA VASQUEZ	Branch 111	DANIEL GILLIO	Branch 368	ROSE MARIE BERG	Branch 441
NANCY JACKSON	Branch 392	ROCIO CAMPOS VASQUEZ	Branch 111	JAMES GILLIO	Branch 368	PETER A CANGELOSI	Branch 441
DELFINA PENSA	Branch 392	RUSSELL R BRADFORD	Branch 115	JOSEPH GILLIO	Branch 368	FRANCESCA CONCIALDI	Branch 441
MILA SANT'AGOSTINO	Branch 392	PASQUALE A DI MASSA	Branch 115	KATHLEEN GILLIO	Branch 368	GEORGE R CONCIALDI	Branch 441
ENZA VICARI	Branch 392	ANNIE ALLENA	Branch 127	MICHEAL GILLIO	Branch 368	LUCIANA M CONCIALDI	Branch 441
MARK R DEIRO	Branch 395	HELENA MROWKA	Branch 130	SAMUEL GILLIO	Branch 368	ARLINE D DANTE	Branch 441
GERI WUELFING	Branch 428	JANINE M D'AMATO	Branch 139	EGREN GOMEZ	Branch 374	MARZIO J DANTE	Branch 441
DAVID J MARAGIOGLIO	Branch 436	NANCY A KOTUAL	Branch 139	JENNIFFER KIESSLING	Branch 374	DANIEL A GRAZIADEI	Branch 441
NATALIE A MARAGIOGLIO	Branch 436	LORRAINE ACUNA	Branch 154	STASIA J CONTI	Branch 380	DEBORAH GRAZIADEI	Branch 441
ROSA NIGRO	Branch 439	BARBARA T PIPKIN	Branch 154	SANDY MANZO	Branch 380	DOMINIC A GRAZIADEI	Branch 441
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JEFFREY G CROFT	Branch 010	BEVERLY E WILHELM	Branch 195	KELLE PISTONE	Branch 380	JIN INSOLIA	Branch 441
FREDERICK J FOSTER	Branch 010	DENNIS J WILHELM	Branch 195	RALPH PISTONE	Branch 380	BERNICE JONES	Branch 441
GINA M FOSTER	Branch 010	ANGELA C MATTHEWS	Branch 209	GENEVIEVE SNEED	Branch 380	JENNIE LATHAM	Branch 441
THOMAS J FITZSIMMONS	Branch 014	JAKE A MATTHEWS	Branch 209	MARION C MC CLATCHY	Branch 387	ROSALIE LOGSDON	Branch 441
MARGARET LEHRE	Branch 014	JESSICA H MATTHEWS	Branch 209	HAL STRAABE	Branch 387	PAULINE MACLENNAN	Branch 441
RAYMOND J LEHRE	Branch 014	REV GUILLERMO MARTINEZ FLORES	Branch 210	LINDA L BYER	Branch 390	PAT PAETSCH	Branch 441
BRUCE A PEDROTTI	Branch 014	MSF	Branch 210	CARL GABBERT	Branch 390	LORRIE PARENTI	Branch 441
VINCE A PISTELLO	Branch 014	ARIC L DEETZ	Branch 215	GAIL GABBERT	Branch 390	FLORINDA PARTIPILO	Branch 441
ELENA ADAMS	Branch 036	DIANA F HILL	Branch 217	JOANN M HIEB	Branch 390	MARISA G PERNA	Branch 441
NORMA ARISTOTELOUS	Branch 036	PATRICIA A THOMPSON	Branch 217	LORAIN TERRA	Branch 390	GERRY RONDONI	Branch 441
BARBRANNE BARTON	Branch 036	VERNE S WHITE	Branch 217	ROBIN L DEIRO	Branch 395	LEE R SLICER	Branch 441
BETH FRIDLEY	Branch 036	KERRI L DI MICHINA	Branch 218	ANN M COTE	Branch 406	MARIANNE V STRZELECKI	Branch 441
JOSEPH R LO MANTO	Branch 036	JOANN HUDSON	Branch 218	BARBARA HLYWA	Branch 406	ROBERT S TERRACINA	Branch 441
SHARON A LO MANTO	Branch 036	GIULIANNA CASTILLO	Branch 227	LAUREN HLYWA	Branch 406	ROSEMARY THOMPSON	Branch 441
SANDRA M LEON-ALFARO	Branch 039	DONALD K ODERMANN	Branch 227	JUANITA ORSETTI	Branch 413	JOSEPHINE TOZZI	Branch 441
JAMES L DE VITO	Branch 045	LUISA M ODERMANN	Branch 227	CLAIRE E BAYLES	Branch 418		
FORREST FRAZIER	Branch 045	JAMES A HILL	Branch 230	RACHEL E BAYLES	Branch 418		
LIVIA M HAMRAH	Branch 045	MARTHA N HILL	Branch 230	SCOTT J BAYLES	Branch 418		
DIANE L KING	Branch 045	FRANK PIMENTEL	Branch 250	ANNA MARIE FERRI	Branch 423		
MIMI YSTURIZ DOUGHERTY	Branch 050	KAREN M FLEURY	Branch 261	STEPHANY G BROWN	Branch 425		
PEGGY J DANIEL	Branch 052	MARCELINA ARIAS	Branch 281	ROBERT A BURDICK	Branch 425		
LEN HAMMOND	Branch 052	GLORIA J FABBRI	Branch 281	JOHN INCHA	Branch 425		
KARLA LIPPINCOTT	Branch 052	JULIE M FIDLER	Branch 281	DONNA M METHOD	Branch 425		
LIAM LIPPINCOTT	Branch 052	DEBBIE M GARTON	Branch 281	KATHY M PIRAINO	Branch 425		
OLIVIA LIPPINCOTT	Branch 052	DON R GARTON	Branch 281	MICHAEL H PIRAINO	Branch 425		
ROB LIPPINCOTT	Branch 052	LANCE LOWERY	Branch 281	JOANNE SAPP	Branch 425		
TREY LIPPINCOTT	Branch 052	ALICIA OLEJNIK	Branch 281	MITCHELL J SAPP	Branch 425		
CYNTHIA F MESSINA	Branch 052	CYNTHIA TUJAGUE	Branch 285	LYNN A SIMMS	Branch 425		
		MARIANN A CIRELLI	Branch 291	BETTE J TAVOLARO	Branch 425		

Chicago

**Franklin Park
St. Gertrude, Br. 181**

Happy Easter every one.

Bouquets to Gene and Chris Melone who celebrated their 56 anniversary. Happy April birthdays to Angie Campabosso and Father Carbo. Congratulations to Chris and Gene Melone Who won on the Feb. calendar drawing.

Angie Pascagio finally returned from Florida after a three month stay.

Important Dates

April 15 — branch Mass and breakfast

April 26 — district meeting 7:30pm

April 29 — Bishops dinner dance at the Abbington banquet hall

Please continue to pray for all our sick members, families and friends, and give them a call or visit- Many people know Eleanor Luiezzi wh is at Villa-Scallabrini room 212 and would love to hear from you.

Pray for world peace.
Barbara Miller

**Calumet City
St. Victor, Br. 195**

This article is all about our St. Joseph Celebration on March 18. The TAVOLA was a heartwarming success starting with our beautiful Mass at 10:30 with Bishop JOSEPH Perry, the main celebrant. Concelebrants were our Chaplain and Pastor, Rev. Len Dubi, Rev. Alejandro Marca, and Rev. Dan Torson. Our Deacon Dan Ragonese was on the altar as Aide to Bishop Perry. We were blessed to have Rev. Kosinski from All Saints, Rev. Ignatius from St. Jude, Rev. Talarico from Holy Ghost, Rev McFarland from St. Ann's, Rev. Dada from St. Andrews, Rev. Freddy Washington from St. Ambrose and Sister Alban from Our Lady of Knock, as guests at our TAVOLA dinner. Our program recognized Dr. James Merlo, charter member of Br. 195. He became a member in 1965, along with his parents. We thank him sincerely for his "silent support" for several years of our St. Joseph celebration. Many of his family and friends were guests this year. This event would not be possible without the hard working members of 195, whose labor of love made this one of the best ever - with more than 500 guests. We are so grateful to all our members. Please pray for Gino Ruggeri and Alfred Jacques.

God Bless,
Jo Merlo

**River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358**

What the colors of the Jelly Bean mean:

Red is for the blood He gave. Green is for the grass He made. Yellow is for the sun so bright. Orange is for the edge of night. Black is for the sins we make. White is for the grace He gave. Purple is for His hour of sorrow. Pink is for our new tomorrow. An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet is a prayer, a promise, a loved one's treat!!

This Easter we at Br 358 pray that the love of God is resurrected, reborn, and renewed inside your heart – God Bless You!

Anniversary Greetings to: Teresa & Frank Cairo
Birthday Greetings to: Deacon Robert Sassetti & Michelle Gillette

Bouna Pasqua
Cathy Neri
Branch 358

**Chicago
St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392**

Tantissimi saluti da Chicago! It seems spring have finally arrived! Hopefully it will last.

We take this opportunity to welcome our friends at the newly opened ICF of St. Zachary in Des

Plaines – Branch 441. "Benvenuti" to the ICF family. The March 3 installation at St. Zachary was a truly heartwarming experience. Representatives from the ICF of California Central Council, the Chicago District Council, and many of the local branches participated in the festivities.

At this time, although a little late, we would like to extend our wishes for a successful year to our 2012 officers as they begin their term. May the Lord provide His guidance and assist you in fulfilling your apostolate works throughout the year. Our prayers go to: Antonietta Gerardi – President, Teresa Helfand – 1st Vice President, Vincenzo DeVito – 2nd Vice President, Aurora Pensa – Recording Secretary, Teresa Romeo – Corresponding Secretary, Maria Perna – Financial Secretary, Concetta Caranfa – Treasurer, Concetta DiPiazza – Sentinel, Adalgisa DeSantis – Orator, Rosetta DeFrancesco – Trustee, Giovanna DeFenza – Trustee, Nicola Lepore – Trustee, Clotilde Cozzone – Vice President Emeritus, Angela Autieri- Trustee Emeritus, Eleonora Bertolli – Trustee Emeritus, Rosaria Brocato – Trustee Emeritus. May your joint efforts be rewarding and productive!

Please circle the following dates on your calendars:

Thursday, April 26 Installation of Officers at St. Bernardine Church Mass at 6:00pm followed by a reception in the school cafeteria;

Sunday, April 29 Bishop's Day Dinner Dance cocktails at 5:30pm/dinner at 6:30pm at the Abbington Elegant Banquets in Elk Grove Village.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!
Aurora Pensa

Recording Secretary

**Itasca
St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418**

Congratulations to Carmen and Sharon Pacelli on birth of grandson, James Edward, on Feb. 23rd. to Jim and Mimi Pacelli. May God bless this growing family!

Get well wishes to member Giovanni Favuzzi, after knee replacement surgery on Feb. 20. May God bless you, Giovanni, with a full and speedy recovery.

Welcome new members Scott Bayles, and daughters, Rachel and Claire. We hope you will enjoy being members of our branch. This is our fourth family membership and we're happy to have you as part of our branch.

We are all looking forward to the 31st. annual Bishop's Day Dinner Dance on April 29, at the Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. This should be a fun filled evening, while renewing friendships, and enjoying great food, and wonderful music. Call Rita (630) 936-2652, or Lydia (847) 774-0145, for tickets and/or additional information.

Ciao,
Rita

Fresno

**Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

Our annual I.C.F and Y.M.I Corned Beef and



Polenta Dinner success at Los Banos, Br. 31.



Branch 33 Bakersfield celebrates 80 years of dedication to the Italian Catholic Federation at a dinner hosted by Branch 281 Bakersfield. Branch 33 - Installation of Officers Back: Mike Cerri, Joseph Passaglia, Allen Watts, Fresno Dist. Pres., Leonard Zasoski, Grand 2nd VP Middle: Barbara Crear, Rita Bertolucci, Janice Rimmer, Maria Steele Seated: Martha Ball, Mary Marchetti, Catherine Dounies, Gertie O'Neil

Cabbage Dinner was a huge success. The food was prepared by the Y.M.I with a few of our members assisting. The decorations and the cakes were provided by us. Round tables were lavishly decorated in a St. Patrick's theme creating an atmosphere of lively Irish appeal. Music rang out throughout the evening which was performed by a professional Irish trio. They music they played and sang capped off a wonderful and festive evening!

The outstanding work of our March committee made the event possible. A big thank you for a job well done goes out to the following - Jim Barsotti (Chairman), Dr. Cecelia Massetti, Gloria Massetti, Fred & Diane Massetti, and Don Cappelutti.

On a sadder note, we lost one of our faithful members, Dominic (Dick) Dal Cerro. He will be missed and our condolences go out to his wife Mary and family. Our condolences also go out to Tom & Ila Schoettler for the loss of Tom's brother, Dr. James Schoettler. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

As always, we are praying for our sick members hoping they have a quick recovery.

April is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to a wonderful Easter.

God Bless all!
Louise Chiarelli

**Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31**

Our chicken/polenta dinner, held on Saturday, February 25, was a great success! Italian decorations adorned the Sportsmen's Club and tables created a festive atmosphere. The food was delicious and abundant, and the desserts were outstanding. Everyone worked together in a spirit of friendship and good will. Motto grazie per tutti! At our March 6 meeting President Gary Carpresso thanked everyone who worked so hard on the dinner and also the merchants and

members for their generous donations. Thank you notes will be written. Bills were paid and discussion followed regarding next year's event. On April 29 we will have a no-host breakfast following Sunday Mass. We will meet at 10:00am at Country Waffles. Call Gary for reservations. Next meeting set for May 1, 2012. As we walk together with Our Lord on the Way of the Cross, let us reflect and rejoice in the joy of His Resurrection.

Ciao-Germaine Orlando

**Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32**

Our Lady of Victory's second Lenten Soup was hosted by our branch. It was a great success with a large attendance of parish members. Natalie Clark was chairperson and soups were provided by Evelyn Nieto and Kathy Vitali and Elaine Lenconini

Jim Clark, Elaine Lenconini, Yvonne Saldubehere, Becky Wright and her daughters who were servers for the evening. A special thank you to all who donated for this event.

Tuesday, March 27, 6:00pm is our regular meeting. This will be the St Joseph's Table Pot Luck. As always, at our regular meetings Tony Ceppaglia amazes us with one of his great stories. Eleanor Andreotti was elected to be a Trustee as Peggy Barbato resigned due to health problems, Please call Jim Clark (559) 977-0190 to sign up for the Third Annual Backyard Bocce Tournament, Saturday, May 5, 2012, 9:00am San Joaquin Memorial High School.

Our regular Meeting, April 24, 2012, 6:00am will be sandwiches provided by Evelyn Nieto and Fran Ceppaglia.

Please keep Peggy Barbato in your prayers.

God Bless

**Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33**

Thank you to all the members of Branch 281 who hosted our branch's 80th Anniversary. The cooks prepared a "wonderful" steak dinner with all the trimmings. Members also enjoyed visiting with their friends from Br. 281.

Elsie and Tom Collins and family prepared another delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner for our March meeting. It was enjoyed by all.

Grand Second Vice President Leonard Zasoski and District President Allen Watts were on hand to install our new officers for 2012.

Visitors to our meeting were Karen Cerri, Joseph Zasoski, Shirley DeRuchie and Lorraine Abbott. We hope that you will join us again at future meetings.

Fresno District to Hold Third Annual Bocce Ball Tournament

Family Fun! Good Food! Prizes!

The Fresno District of the ICF is hosting a Backyard Bocce Ball tournament on May 5, 2012. All are welcome to attend and participate, children and seniors, beginners and experienced players, and families and friends.

As many of you know, Bocce is a sport closely related to lawn bowling with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire. Developed into its present form in Italy, it is played around Europe and around the world. People of all ages play the game and find it is a great way to spend a relaxing morning or afternoon.

The Fresno District tournament will be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno) and registration fees include a Tri-Tip lunch and prizes for the winners. The registration fee is only \$80 per team of four. (Non-players are welcome and can purchase lunch for only \$10/adult and \$5/child.) Registration opens at 8:45am with the first games beginning around 9:00am.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun filled day.

All proceeds go to support the events and charities of the ICF Fresno District.

For more information and registration forms, contact Allen Watts 661-363-3803 by May 2, 2012.

Our sick members are Roberta Teglia, recuperating from knee surgery, and Madeline Ceccarelli, recuperating from a bad fall. We hope that you're both doing well and that we'll be seeing you soon.

Gertie O'Neil was our lucky drawing winner of \$50.00. Monsignor Craig Harrison missed out on winning our member drawing due to absence. Our meeting next month will be a Pizza/Salad dinner. Someone in attendance will win \$50.00.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!
Barbara Eyherabide

Merced St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Lenten Activities began with Members and Parish Guests attended Saturday, February 25, Fr. Piro's Lenten Talk & Lunch. Officers attended the February 26 District Installation in Fresno. Wednesday, March 14, Father Andrew came to begin our Day One of Triduum with a Mass and Dinner (Corned Beef & Cabbage) Meeting. Thursday Fr. Anderw visited sick and confined members. Day Two, Friday, Stations of the Cross & Soup. Day Three, Sunday March 18,

Mass and St. Joseph's Table were celebrated by a Meatless Pot Luck. On Sunday, March 25, 9am, members celebrated a Mass for the Living.

"Day at Chukchansi Casino", Monday, April 2, 2012. Leaving Merced at 9:00am. Departing from 23rd and M Streets, (across from Post Office.) Cost: \$27.00 per person. Bring driver's license or photo ID to receive \$10 refund and \$5.00 voucher. Free bingo, raffle, prizes, and refreshments on the bus. Bus departs casino 3:30pm. Call Nettie, 383-4819 or E-Mail Natalinas@comcast.net. Deadline: March 28, 2012.

Wednesday, April 11 — Dinner Meeting (Tri Tip & Risotto) and Installation of new members at 6pm.

Sunday, April 15 — St. Patrick's Church Open House, Visit our ICF Br. 39 Table

Sunday, April 29 — Mass for the deceased, 9am, St. Patrick's Church.

May 5-6 — our Biscotti and Bake Sale. Please contact Janet 723-6400 or Nettie to donate Ingredients, Bake or Sell.

Wednesday, May 9 — Dinner Meeting 6pm.



Members of Branch 185.



Branch 281 Bakersfield celebrated its 39th anniversary heading towards the big 40 next year.

Pray for our members and their families: Margaret Spinardi, John Bommarito and Ana Fishcher's Son.

Sanger St. Mary, Br. 70

Fresno District held our annual installation of officers in Sanger's St. Mary's new church. We thank Father Philip and Father Loren Blessing for officiating the Mass. Installation of officers followed the Mass.

President Michael Quiroz welcomed all the dignitaries and introduced the Master of Ceremonies Grand Trustee Andrew Pappani. He also introduced Grand President Jane De Anda, Jim Jones, Michael Rossi and Fresno's District President, Allen Watts. Sister Thomas Marie Heavey gave the blessing. A special thank you to chairman Josie Lopez and her committee for a fantastic job coordinating the banquet. Sue Merlo also gets a special thank you for the fantastic appetizers. The food was great. In all, it was a wonderful day. We wish you all a very Happy Easter!

God Bless you,
Orsolina Ca

Fresno Sacred Heart, Br. 185

As we welcome in the Spring weather we also welcome new members to our branch. Mr. Mike Caglia, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Ledsema and family and Sherri Peters are our newest members.

Our branch members are so very happy to have them all join us! Mike Caglia has volunteered to chair our St. Josephs Table this year. Thank you Mike!

Congratulations to Betty Burns on her 90th birthday! Her wisdom and kind heart has certainly been a blessing to our branch family. Happy Birthday Betty and many more healthful years to come! You are so appreciated and loved by many! Also, a birthday shout out for Pete DePasquale who is also loved and appreciated by many!

Jerry and Luceen Lopopolo have been busy this month with their new grandson and the announcement of the engagement of their son, Jerry Lopopolo, Jr. to Anika Sakovich who reside in Manhattan Beach, Ca. and will marry in Hawaii in the fall. Congratulations to the happy couple!

We have missed seeing Chris Ferrare, Angelo and Mary DeBennetto and all who were not able to attend our meetings. Get well wishes to Lee Monges, Vince Giorgini and all who are not feeling up to par.

God's Blessings to all throughout the Easter Celebrations!

Ciao,
Jaye

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

At our February meeting we served spaghetti, polenta and homemade sausage. Our newest member, Frank Pimentel, made the sausage, and it was delicious.

On March 4, we attended 6:30am Mass for the living and deceased members and met for breakfast at a local restaurant following the Mass. We are planning for our annual take-out dinner in next month.

Our youngest member, 5-year-old Vincent Rodriguez, is already reading three-letter words and will enter kindergarten this fall.

Prayers are requested for one of our members, Virgil Maze, who passed away peacefully February 5. May his soul rest in peace. And please remember his wife, Colleen, and his family in your prayers. Also pray for all our members who are ill. It makes a difference.

A small party of family and friends celebrated Julius Abate's 80th birthday at his home on February 11. Those who are celebrating birthdays in April are; our president Jeanette Shriver on the 4th, Mary Beth Mueller on the 6th, Jennifer Campopiano on the 7th, and Mary Zonarini on the 9th. Happy Birthday, Everyone!

"All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar." (Helen Hayes)

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to a restful (albeit, dry) month of May.

Ciao!
LeAnne Lavagnino

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Wow! What a party we had for Branch 281 and Branch 33's anniversary. Branch 281 hosted Branch 33 on their 80th anniversary with a steak dinner. About 101 members attended and old friendships from branch to branch made for a really great reunion. Thank you to all the members of Branch 281 who made this event a great success. Charter members attending from Branch 281 were June and Tony Papasergia, Marian Zasoski, Maria Parks, and Mildred Papasergia. Pancake breakfast and Sausage Sandwich lunch on March 11 was well attended. We will be having corporate communion and breakfast on April 22 when the Knights of Columbus has their breakfast.

Please remember to mark your calendar for the OLPH Parish BBQ on May 3 and our Bocce Tournament at OLPH on May 12. Congratulations to Msgr. Michael Braun, our chaplain, who will be celebrating his 45th anniversary of his

ordination and 25 years at OLPH parish.

Happy Spring
Mindy White

Fresno St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

ICF members that attended Wednesday's March 14 Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm enjoyed delicious salads, side dishes, breads, and a variety of desserts along with the tender corn beef and savory cabbage. A big thanks goes to Angelo Pecora who cooked the corn beef and worked since the early afternoon.

The Heritage Report was done by Frances Berdinella on Saint Joseph whose feast day is March 19, as requested by President Antoinette. He is the patron saint of the universal church, carpenters, fathers, real estate, social justice and of the dying because, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him. Antoinette told us of the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Miraculous Staircase, that has been attributed to St. Joseph.

President Pecora reported that the Installation of Officers at St. Mary's in Sanger, was very nice with a delicious luncheon and Fr. Blessing delighted us with his humorous anecdotes.

Father Loren Blessing will be doing the WALK FOR LIFE, so please sign-up to support him in this cause.

The Bocce Tournament will be in Fresno, on May 5, at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Get a team of four, sign-up to participate, and have a delicious tri-tip luncheon.

Continual Prayers for all our ill friends and members, especially for Ralph Vatalaro, Irma Ginini, Barbara Hioco, Charlotte Girado, Louie Greco, and Livia Pukish.

Have a Blessed Easter Everyone!

Maria E. Juarez~Garcia

Los Angeles

Los Angeles District Council

Buona Pasqua a Tutti! Wishing you all a very Happy Easter Season from the LA District Board.

On February 12, 2012, the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee welcomed speakers Joe Bonino (Donor) and James Giallo (Author) at the Mother Cabrini Chapel Board Meeting in Burbank. Joe donated historical film footage of several Pilgrimages to the Mother Cabrini Chapel "on the hill" during the 1950s and 1960s along with film during the 1970s at the present Chapel location on the St Frances Xavier Church property.

On Sunday, April 15, 2012, come visit the next Open House at the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library to be hosted by ICF San Fernando District from 9am to 1pm. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to stop by and learn more.

All Members are invited to the next ICF Los Angeles District General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012 beginning at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in the Saint Joseph Center. Please call 626 403-6102 if you are interested in attending this Meeting.

Save The Dates:

April 15, 2012 - Mother Cabrini Chapel and



Members of Holy Family, Branch 108 enjoying an outing and its annual St. Joseph's Day.

Library Open House in Burbank hosted by the ICF San Fernando District from 9am to 1pm.

April 15, 2012 - Mother Cabrini Board Meeting at Mother Cabrini Chapel Library in Burbank at 1:00pm

April 21, 2012 - Branch 362 Casino Night at St Raymond Church

April 21-23, 2012 - Branch 237 Laughlin Trip, 2 nights. \$95 per person double Occupancy; \$110 single Occupancy. Call Connie at 310 516-7222 or Rose at 310 516-0480.

April 22-25, 2012 - Branch 115 Laughlin Trip, 3 nights. \$110 per person double Occupancy. Call Pauline 310 832-0563.

April 28, 2012 - ICF & Holy Family Men's Club host the "Holy Family Derby" (Night at the Races) April 28th 7pm Parish Hall \$15.00 light hors d'oeuvres, no host bar at Holy Family Hall. RSVP 626 403-6102.

Ciao!

Carmelo Sabatella, President

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South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

On Saturday, February 18, Members, families, friends and Parishioners enjoyed the 8th Annual ICF WineTasting and 1st Annual Beer Tasting Fundraising Event in the Parish Hall.

Members of Branch 108 held their March Lunch and General Meeting at the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. Former Branch 286 Members, also eating at the Winery, stopped in to visit Branch 108 Members in the Heritage Room.

On March 17 and 18th Members of ICF along with five other Church Ministries coordinated the Saint Joseph Table in the Holy Family Parish Hall. Thank you members, family and friends for making this a successful event.

Grazie Members, Families, Friends and HF Parishioners for your support of the ICF and it's related events.

Our prayers go out to those Members and parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward and to sick members, family, friends and parishioners for a speedy recovery.

Save The Dates:

April. 15, 2012 - Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library Open House at 3801 Scott Road, Burbank hosted by ICF San Fernando Valley District

from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Board meeting immediately following Open House at 1:00pm in the Chapel Library.

April 28, 2012 - ICF & Holy Family Men's Club host the "Holy Family Derby" (Night at the Races) April 28 7pm Parish Hall \$15.00 light hors d'oeuvres, no host bar.

May 7, 2012 - Branch 108 Fundraiser at Jake's Roadhouse BBQ in Monrovia from 4:00 to 9:00pm. Come and join members, friends and family for great BBQ!

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President - ICF Branch 108 -

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Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

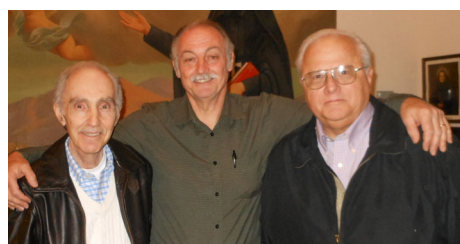
Ciao a tutti,

It is with my deep sadness to inform the ICF community of the sudden passing of Leonardo Salomone on March 6, 2012 at the age of 88. Leonardo is the father of Branch 111 President, Franco Salomone and members Estera Veneziano and Domenica Orofino. Nonno, as he referred to by family, joined the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111 at St. Benedict Church in 1972 and has been a continuous member for 40 years. Because of his passion for the Federation, and all the good things it provides for its members and the community, he was able to have 3 generations of family members join.

For several years Nonno took on the position of Correspondence Secretary and even though he was not proficient in English, he managed to write Branch articles to the ICF Bollettino providing updates about our branch. I am proud to have taken on the role that my grandfather once held. He always proudly wore his watch with the ICF logo.

Congratulations to our March Birthdays: Estera Veneziano (9), Margaret Valdez-Gallardo (12),

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Members of the LA District at the Mother Cabrini Shrine.



Branch 111 member Leonardo Salomone with his children.

and Tanina Sergi (20). We wish all members and families who have Birthdays in March a Big Happy Birthday!

A final quote from Shannon L. Alder... “Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.”

Thank you and God Bless.

*Buona Fortuna,
Giuseppe Veneziano*

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

Dear members:

I hope all are is well. The Crab Dinner-Dance on March 3 was a great success. We served 435 people. The dinner went well, thanks to all the workers both in the kitchen and on the floor for doing an outstanding job. Thank you to all the tickets sellers doing such a great job in selling the tickets early and bringing in all the monies one week prior to the dinner. This was the Branch major fundraiser for the year with most of the proceeds going to Mary Star of the Sea Church,



Branch 111 March Birthdays Margaret Valdez-Gallardo (middle) and Tanina Sergi (right) with Esperanza Chavez (left).



Leonardo Salomone of Branch 111.

Elementary School and High School. Cooley’s Anemia and Seminarian program and other charity programs will also benefit for this event.

April 22-25 Trip to Laughlin-Riverside Casino. 3 nights, 4 days. Cost \$110 per person, \$135 double occupancy. Call Pauline for reservations (310-832-0563) Please if you have an e-mail address send it to me at: ndileva211@aol.com. I will be notifying you on upcoming meetings and events. Our long time member Ercolino Buono went to the Lord last month. Lets pray for his soul and all the souls of all the departed I.C.F members.

Lets also keeping in mind and pray for all our

sick members for a speedy recovery and to join us soon. I want to wish you and you families a Happy Easter. I hope to see you soon at one of our meetings.

*God bless you all,
Neal Di Leva
President Br. 115*

**Gardena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237**

Happy April!!! Happy Eastertime!!! Happy Earth Day!!!

Rose Moore, Special Events’ Coordinator, is in the process of verifying last minute details for our yearly trip to Laughlin.

April 22-23-24 — Edgewater Hotel and Casino Double: \$95.00 per person. Single: \$ 115.00. One Buffet Free

This “fun” Fundraiser is always a tremendous success!

Those interested in going should contact Rose Moore, President Connie Bohannon, or Angie Publico.

Dates to Remember:

April 1 — Palm Sunday

April 2 — St. Francis of Paola

April 5 — Board Meeting

April 8 — Easter Sunday

April 15 — General Meeting

April 16 — Pope Benedict’s Birthday: Feast of St. Bernadette

April 22 — Earth Day: 22-23-24: Trip to Laughlin

April 25 — St. Mark

April 29 — St Catherine of Siena

May 3 — Board Meeting

Branch 237 is already making plans for our October 13

Columbus Day Dinner-Dance. Please circle this date on your Calendar. It is always a special event!

Congratulations to Mrs. Jude Campbell for her



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of San Giovan Giuseppe della Croce, native and patron saint of the island of Ischia with a Mass and a Crab Dinner-Dance. The Mass on March 5 was well attended and so as the Crab Dinner with 435 people attended. It took place in the Mary Star of the Sea Church Auditorium on March 3. The menu included antipasto, salad, linguine with clams, shrimps, crab, spumoni and wine plus music and dancing which was typical of a true Italian Feast. Branch President Neal Di Leva thanks everyone that volunteered for a job well done.



Members of Branch 440 Claudia and Gina setting up heritage and membership table.



(Above) Branch 440 members Stephanie and Gina Sprinkling Cannolis.

(Top right) Br. 440 Master Chef Sia Di Iorio and helpers the Campos Family.

(Right) Br. 440 St Joseph's Table.

Calendar win !

Gloria Castaneda and John Moore enjoyed their March 30 Birthdays.

April Happy B-day wishes go out to: Francisco Ramirez (4-2), Marietta Passaro (4-12), and Aurora Jaurequi (4-13)!!!

Special prayers are needed by ICF members: Aurora Jaurequi, Angie Publico, and Theresa Aguilar. Let us also pray for long-time parishioner Tony Barba. Prayers go out to the family of Edyth Castro.

Keep the Faith, Live the Word, and Rejoice in our Savior!!!

Ciao,
Eleanor Rose Bersano

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

The word has gotten out and the kitchens are in full swing. The Italians are cooking and we are expecting a crowd. The Saint Joseph table is scheduled for March 18. Our baking crews have their ovens full of those tasty treats, that you can



Pictured here are members of the leadership committee of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 374 at St. Bede the Venerable Roman Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge who were the organizers of a successful St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 18 at St. Bede. Left to Right: Sherene Abbay, branch president, with leaders Denise Koeppen, Jennifer Kiesling, and Paula Clinnin.



Long Beach St. Cornelius, Br. 440

Saint Cornelius "McTaliano Dinner Dance" a huge success!!

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 440 Saint Cornelius co-hosted their first event on Saturday, March 17, 2012 with the Long Beach Young Adults group; the Irish-Italian dinner, "McTaliano Dinner Dance", where the Gaelic meets the Garlic for St. Patrick & St. Joseph day. We (ICF) fed 200 people with 2 kinds of pasta, sausage and peppers, antipasto salad, garlic bread, and homemade cannolis. We had a Saint Joseph table with bread for sale, and a membership table decorated with artifacts from the branch members own heritage and ICF Calendars for sale. Live music was provided by the Audiogirls and Wooden Nickel band, and the Long Beach Young Adults group conducted the 50/50 raffle.

Job well done!

Monica Abbott

San Gabriel Valley Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

A huge thanks to all that helped out for our wonderful St. Joseph's Table and especially to Jo Anne Howell for chairing the event. She did a great job and is to be commended for taking on this event.

Our next meeting is April 15 at 1:00 in the hall.

Watch for Jean's newsletter as to the details. Our May meeting is early, the 6th, and there will be a luncheon after in honor of Mother's Day. Karen Berardi will oversee this.

Jean Bernabei has volunteered to be in charge of all the luncheons after the meetings and will need our help. If you have any ideas for the lunches, please let her know.

Everyone have a wonderful Easter and to all the Moms, a very happy Mother's Day. See you at the meetings!

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar St. Denis, Br. 317

April 8 - Happy Easter

April 13 - Dinner/ General Meeting

April 14 - City of Diamond Bar Birthday Celebration- ICF is participating

April 29 - Arts & Craft Faire at St. Denis

We really had a busy month - Day of Recollection on March 24, Holy Cannoli's, the Diamond Bar birthday celebration and Arts & Craft Faire. Thanks to all who assisted, participated and worked hard to contribute for successful events and our fundraisers. You all did an outstanding tribute to our endeavors.

We had very good attendants for the Luncheon soup meal. All proceeds go to the Operation Life Bowl. Thank you to the six members that cooked and donated the various kinds of soups, Rose Esposito, Laura Giello, Josefina Schiavon, Roxanne Perry, Julia Scalise and Pattie Santillo and also thank you Pamela Roemer and Eliseo Schiavon who made the homemade bread. Also bread donated by Ann Fusano and Terry Calcagno.

The branch gave Patricia Santillo a nice farewell cake, flowers and various other gifts because she is relocating to Pennsylvania. She has been a member for 3 years and a Corresponding Secretary for 2 years. We thank her for her dedication and hard work with ICF and her love and friendship. We wish her well and we will keep in touch.

We have a lovely branch and will continue to be loyal to ICF and the parish activities. More details will be available in the April Newsletter as to the dinner and future plans for our branch.

Have a Blessed Lenten Season and Happy Easter.

God Bless,
Roxanne Perry
President

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Easter To All Of Our Members!

St. Luke Parish Annual Fiesta & Car Show will take place on April 20th, 21st, & 22nd. Come and show your support!

Our next General Meeting will be held on April 25 at 7:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The menu has not yet been decided.

May 6 is District Communion Sunday hosted by St. Luke Branch 326 and will be celebrated at the 10:00am Mass. There will be a luncheon immediately following Mass in the hall. More

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details will be announced.
Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially; Rose Costa and Mary Girillo. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members. We ask for special prayers for Eleanor Cuneo who is recuperating from back surgery and a fall.

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

Happy Anniversary to: Sally and Tony Farinella (45 years)

"Everything is possible if we truly believe. There are miracles and blessings that we can receive. ... Faith is an internal fountain that flows through our veins; ... Everything is possible if we truly believe." (Clay Harrison)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

San Fernando Valley
Burbank
St. Francis Xavier, Br. 102

April showers will bring May flowers!!
We had a beautiful St. Joseph's Table in March, thank you Josie Galante and her loyal team.
On Sunday April 8 Blessed Easter to all
April 15-President Don Lee & Dottie will host the Cabrini chapel open house from 9am-1pm
April 18- Shakey's Pizza Party fund raiser from 5-8pm. join the fun.
April 21- Mario & Dina Tomei celebrate their 72nd Anniversary
Our sincere congradulations to to you both.
Please keep in prayer Phyllis Davalgo, Josie Galante, Rose Goselin, Ann Centoni

Ciao
Joy

Santa Barbara/Ventura
Ventura
Sacred Heart, Br. 169

February 18 our branch traveled to Thousand Oaks Saint Pascal Baylon, Br. 380, for Mass and a joint installation of new officers. Installing Officers graciously traveled from San Jose area for the occasion. Thousand Oaks hosted a buffet from Viva La Pasta following the ceremony. A very pleasant time was had by all present.
Up coming events include St. Joseph's Bake Sale on the 18th; Heritage meeting celebration March 22 and 49th Branch Anniversary on April 22.

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Branch 380 held it March meeting and celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 3 at St. Paschal Baylon Church Hall. We enjoyed a fabulous meal of corned beef and

cabbage cooked by our members Della Spinelli and Jean Bridges. We enjoyed a great performance by a local Celtic Dancing Group.
During our meeting we finalized plans for our upcoming St. Joseph Day Celebration which will take place on Sunday March 18. Lindo Paliani will cook a pasta dinner and our branch will hold our very popular Bake Sale with many delectable Italian delicacies prepared by our members. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and everyone works so hard to put it together. We look forward to a fun evening with friends.
On Saturday April 14, our branch will host the 3rd Annual "Night For The Seminarians". Cocktails and a catered dinner followed by live entertainment and dancing will be held at the Church Hall. This is a Black Tie Optional Event. tickets are \$50 per person. Please Contact Pat Mages for Tickets at 805-492-9658. This will be an excellent event benefiting the Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund please attend if you can!
Ciao,
Jean Fontana Bridges
Corresponding Secretary Branch 380

Monterey
Central Coast
Santa Cruz
Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

We were saddened by the passing of our beloved Past Grand President, Central Council Life Member Emeritus, Dominic "Dan" Petrolino. The evening Mass was held at Holy Cross Church followed by the reception at the Parish Hall. We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to his wife Diana and family; he will be sorely missed.
The "Fat Tuesday" dinner celebration was held in Holy Cross Parish Hall on February 21. It was a big fat success! Good food, good vibes, and a good beginning for the Lenten Season.
Hosted by the Wong, Wilson, Shanks, Shaffer & Meisser families, "The 9th Annual St. Joseph's Day Table Celebration" held on March 18, was great! After expenses, ALL proceeds go to the St. Francis Catholic Soup Kitchen and the Holy Cross Food Pantry. "Thank you" to all host families, volunteers, guests and our donors: Gilda's, Hoffman's, Kelly's, Iveta's, who helped make this event possible!
Upcoming events include:
The "Let's Go Hawaiian" event is planned for April 27...plan to join us for an evening filled with fun, fantasy and a Kailua Pig!...and even the Hula!!!
The 2nd District meeting will be held on April 29, hosted by Salinas Branch #200. All members are welcome! Come to the next General meeting at Holy Cross Hall, on Tuesday, April 3 for more info. We begin with a social at 5:00pm: pedro, conversational Italian, bingo; followed by

a lite supper at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. All are welcomed!
We wish you all a most Holy and Happy Easter ~ Buona Pasqua!
Patty Morelli
Recording Secretary/Branch 21

Salinas
Nostra Signora Del Sasso, Br. 25

There was a good attendance at our branch meeting March 13. We welcomed a new transfer to our branch, Rita Dominy. Glad to have you with us.
Linda Hoffman provided a picture and description of the basket of food and drink which our branch donated for a raffle at the Sacred Heart Dinner Dance March 17. Thanks to Linda and Gia Usery for their contributions in making a wonderful item for the event.
The Central Coast District minutes indicated that they made a profit of \$525.35 from our District Picnic. Many were involved in that effort...kudos to all who helped.
The raffle books for the Convention are now available for purchase. They are \$2 a ticket or a book of 12 for \$20. For all tickets sold by August 15, our branch will keep \$10 for each book of tickets sold. Help if you can by selling and/or purchasing tickets.
Our date for our Polenta fundraiser is still not determined but should be available soon.
Branch 25 is one of many organizations associated with Sacred Heart which have been asked to support Sunday hospitality days this year. The time has not yet been established, but watch for future comment as to the date for our branch. We will need servers.
Hope you had a great Easter.
Coming Events:
July 27 — Central Council Golf Tournament
August 5-4 — District Meeting & Barbeque
October 27 — Bishop's Day
Ciao
Roy Frontani

Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Our Lenten dinners are over for another year and, as always, leaving us with a great feeling of accomplishment and pride for all of our wonderful volunteers who come year after year giving of their time, and they also bring desserts, even our dinner guests and non-members bring desserts! Without our volunteers and supporters none of this would be possible, God bless all of you.
St. Joseph's Day is always a day to remember. A beautiful Mass at 2:00pm at San Carlos Cathedral with St. Joseph (Eli Bettencourt), Mary (Grabriella Graziano), Baby Jesus (John Joseph Campo). Then to Cathedral Parish Hall for a delicious dinner and dancing to Anthony Lane Band and Mike Marotta Jr. The surprise for the evening was guest singer, Vince Vultaggio, fabulous singer and entertainer, Vince sang as a surprise for his mother Clara, he got a standing ovation!
Our members made beautiful breads and Italian candies, we had a full capacity crowd ready to have a good time, and they did.
We are sad to report we have lost another loyal, long time member, Rose Salimento, our deepest sympathy to her family, and to Diana Petrolino on the death of her beloved Dan.

Calender:
April 5 - Dinner meeting – Moose Lodge
April 8 - Have a blessed Easter
May 3 - 81st Anniversary/Initiation of new members
June 7 - Dinner Meeting - Cathedral Hall
Life is not tied with a bow, but it is still a gift.
Peace be with you,
Bettye Sollecito

Castroville
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

The first quarter of the year is behind us and we look forward to Easter and Spring. This Winter brought sadness and loss as many old friends passed away. Dan Petrolino, our longtime friend and mentor is gone. Though he moved up the ladder of the Italian Catholic Federation, serving as Grand President for 3 years, he was always kind and humble. He was a strong supporter of Branch 51. When we were in discord and ready to fold, he came with ICF leaders to strengthen and support us so we could carry on. He attended our meetings, bringing Edith, Diana, and Julie to build up our branch. With his help, we were able to continue. He will be missed.
A recent trip to Marina to attend the Centennial of Monterey Co. Free Libraries, was a history lesson. Head librarian, Jayanti Addleman, rode in on a mule, simulating the first county librarian who regularly rode a burro from Greenfield to Big Sur, toting books to the five public libraries she had established. Books were delivered up and down the coast so people could become educated. It was a great celebration with county and state officials espousing the strength of our seventeen county libraries and the education brought to our children and people of all ages.
Our own Castroville Library was founded in 1914 and will soon be celebrating 100 years. It has had a colorful history, serving our town in homes, stores, fire station and post office. We now have a new library, highlight of our community, with many programs serving and educating our youth. There are computers, meeting rooms, and the after school homework center where students come daily. Our coordinator, Sally Childs, brings in college students each semester to help students with their homework and serve as mentors to the town's youth. Our library is a special place and we are proud of it. It brings people together in a positive way where education is reinforced as a fun, rewarding experience.
Please join Br. 51 for our Polenta & Stew fund raiser dinner April 22 from 4 to 7 P.M. at La Scuola in downtown Castroville.
Marie Tonus

Salinas
Pope John XXIII, Br. 200

Our February meeting featured a potluck prior to our regular meeting.
President Paula Matelli reported we have received "Thank you" notes from St. Vincent de Paul Society and Meals on Wheel for our charitable contributions. She also reported that Dan Petrolino has died. He was a pioneer of the ICF and will be greatly missed. Also, we sent a "get well" card to Alice Albertino and will remember her in our prayers.
Last minute preparations were finalized for our "Soup Nights" which will begin February 28th. Fliers were distributed to our members who will hand hand them out at all the Masses this weekend. Our members will also make deserts and weekly prizes.
The members discussed our hosting the District Meeting on April 29. Those who attended the meeting in Paso Robles reported a good time was had by all.
We wish everyone a prayerful and holy Lent.
Mary Donatoni

Capitola
St. Joseph, Br. 227

Many thanks to all who have supported and participated in our Lenten Fish Fry's. They have been a great success and it gives us great pleasure to do this work for our community during this season so focused on outreach. We will continue to cook and serve the fish dinners on Fridays for the duration of the Lenten period, except for Good Friday. The leaders of this huge endeavor, Ellen Pauley and Heidi Ambiel are doing their usual wonderful job of organizing and coordinating. Thank you, thank you to both of them for their relentless pursuit of excellence in the kitchen and for their generous donation of

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Branch 291's fish fries were such a success thanks to its dedicated workers and all those who showed up in support. Thank you!



time and talent in God's name.

We have a number of members who are experiencing health challenges and we ask that our fellow branches remember them in your prayers, as we pray for our fellow members far and wide during this time of reflection on Our Lord's suffering.

The Wine Tasting held in February was a success, and we thank those who joined us to enjoy the great food provided by our members and fabulous local wines brought to us by our own treasured Bruce Minaldi. Proceeds go to Perlino scholarship fund, and to Cooley's Anemia Fund. Upcoming events:

Wed., April 4 — 5:30pm. Board Meeting, Stewart's Floral

Sun., April 15 — 2-5:30pm. Branch meeting, St. Joseph's

Sat., April 28 — 11-3:00pm. District Meeting, Salinas Br. 200

Wed., May 2 — 5:30pm. Board Meeting, Stewart's Floral

Thurs., May 17 — 11:00am. Anointing Mass and Luncheon

Andate in Dio
Mary Lou Weidlich

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

We approved three new members at our February meeting — Kathleen Sullivan, Gloria Dean and Christine Muscarella. Four new members were initiated — Mike and Stephanie Grogan, Kathleen Sullivan and Gloria Dean. We welcome our newest members to Branch 291!

Our February meeting was our last General Meeting before our first Fish Fry on March 18. Members were encouraged to sign-up and help where needed. President Pete Gallagher shared with us a flyer that Lorraine Spargo had found from the 1994 fish fry. Prices in 1994 were \$5 for adults, so our 2011 price of \$9 isn't too bad! We have booked the Madonna Inn for our 2011 Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4. Prices will be the same as last year with the Branch paying for half of each lunch.

Our Branch will be donating a gift basket for the

St. Patrick's Dinner raffle on March 12. Members were asked to make a cash or gift donation for the basket.

Members were reminded that if they know a graduating senior in the Lucia Mar School District (including Nipomo) to encourage them to apply for an ICF scholarship!

Upcoming events:

April 8 — Fish Fry

April 15 — Fish Fry

We will not have a General Meeting in April. Happy Easter everyone!

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Oakland East Bay District Council

Kudos and Grazie tante were offered all around to the chairpersons and their committees for jobs well done over the past few months. Lisa Crudo was in charge of a very well received Christmas party in Dec. Then in Jan. Pat Pasquinelli did a super job with the installation of officers at the Fratalanza Club. And in Feb. Leonard Rossi lead the way to a successful Crab Feed that benefits the scholarship fund.

Our deputy, Pat Mueller, reminded us that during this season of Lent, that one way to prepare for Easter, is to reach out and forgive those with whom we are having problems.

Also if you want to have a successful fund raiser, see Pat about Bingo Bash.

Chance books for the Convention raffle are here, they are \$20.00 per book this year but the prizes have increased and the branch keeps \$10.00.

Upcoming events, seminary night is April 14 in Thousand Oaks, there are 29 seminarians, Day at the Races is June 7 and Bishop's day is June 16.

Wishing all of you a Blessed, Joyful Easter.

Pat Grasso

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

At the March 8 meeting, five new members were initiated into Branch 10 by District Deputy Pat Mueller and President Pat Pasquinelli.

They are Gina Foster, Josh Foster, Jeffrey Croft, Sheila Doan and Sandi Manzo.

Gina and Jeffrey are grandchildren of the very long time members, the Mariani family.

Congratulations to you and we are so pleased to have you as members of our Branch.

The meeting on April 12 will be held at St. Albert's in Alameda, address is 1022 Holly Street. Pizza will be served at 6pm and meeting to follow. Adults \$5, kids 12 years and under are free. Anyone is welcome to join us.

This is a great opportunity for the St. Alberts and St. Philip Neri parishioners to get acquainted.

Please call Jean McElroy, 510-523-9086 by April 10 if you plan to attend.

Have a glorious Easter

Jean McElroy

Fremont St. Francis Di Assisi, Br. 215

Remember: March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00pm.

All members should have received a letter with all the information for our upcoming Salad/Luncheon Bingo fundraiser on April 19, 2012. Don't forget to let Fran La Torre (887-1509) know what salads you will be donating. Bring your Bingo and Raffle prizes to the March meeting or call Fran to make other arrangements.

Make plans to attend our 45th Anniversary Dinner/Dance on November 3, 2012. Invite you family and friends. More Info will follow after the Luncheon.

Congratulations to Adrian and Joan Lampe who will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on March 11, 2012. Best wishes for many more years, Adrian and Joan.

Get well wishes for a speedy recovery to all members under the weather. Keep the Benjamins, Cathy Ferrante, Al Grassechi, Adrian Lampe, Brad Senge and Genevieve, who recently broke her wrist, in your prayers.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to members celebrating in April. Come join us and play Bocce on the fourth Sunday in April and May. Get to know your members outside the meeting environment. Call Adrian for more information 657-9487.

Alleluia, He is risen. Rejoice in the Lord. May the Blessing of the Risen Christ remain with you and you families always. Happy Easter to all members and their families.

Pray For Vocations
Norma

Oakland St. Lawrence O'Toole, Br. 91

Thank you to Betty Tully for organizing our delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was truly a feast. We also

had a cake in honor of our past president, Jan Carp. Thank you again Jan for your leadership and hard work.

We were all saddened by the passing of our dear member, John Rafael in February. Please keep him in your prayers.

Grand President, Jane Dianda reported that the Pancake breakfast was a success with the help of central council member Nancy Corsi and her husband, John. There was a good turnout and one of the participants joined our branch as a new member!

Bob Dianda recommended that we reinstitute the bi-monthly branch member attendance at Sunday mass, displaying the ICF banner in order to promote the organization.

Membership badges are now available for all members. Contact President Bob Dianda.

Our next monthly meeting will be on April 12 at 6:30pm.

Sincerely,
Donna Santich

Oakland St. Theresa, Br. 223

There will be no meeting of Br. 223 on April 5 due to the Easter holiday schedule.

We will, however, have a speaker on April 19. The speaker will be Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, who is the Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator at Children's Hospital. The lecture will take place at the St. Theresa Church Event Center in one of the meeting rooms at 7pm. Parking will be in the St. Theresa Church parking lot. Anyone is welcome to attend. Enter either from Mandalay Rd. or Clarewood Dr. If you wish to attend, please call Yoli at (510) 547-3800. Refreshments will follow.

Don't forget to come to our Br. 223 Bake Sale on May 6. We will be selling lovely homemade items such as cakes, pies, biscotti, cupcakes, tarts, breads, etc, in front of St. Theresa's Church, 30 Mandalay Rd, Oakland, after the 8:30 and 10am Masses. These delicious baked goods are sold at very reasonable prices.

The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive.

Happy Easter/Buona Pasqua
Yoli Moglia

Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our lord has risen! Alleluia! He has given us Easter as a celebration of his return to us. Let us rejoice and be glad. April also brings us Spring. This is a time of rebirth and renewal of all life. Let us take in a deep breath and enjoy the fresh air and all that has been given to us by the lord.

Our "Bingo Bash" event was a wonderful success. Special thanks to Philomena Buonsante for making this all happen with the help of all our ICF volunteers. Thank you: Joe Buonsante, Pat & Chuck Bellavia, Elaine & Chuck Meier, Carlotta & Dale Schauer, Mary & Bob Merucci, Mike & Anna Yocham, Gail & Ed Rocca, Pat Mueller & Ed Sacca, Janell Bartolo & Gary



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(Above) Branch 14, Crockett's St. Joseph's Table which consisted of meatless dishes shared with each other and blessed by Father Dillon. St. Joseph's Table at Branch 14 with Cliff Parr, Pat Mueller, Pauline Cardoza, Carl Heller and Father Dillon all helped in the blessing of the food and the celebration of the St. Joseph's Table.

Wall, Melanie & Ray Calabrese, Evelyn-Hall Martinelli, Bobbie & Carl Farrington, Betty & Dick LoVoi and Kathy Elm. You all did a great job to help make this fun and profitable for a very worthy fund raising event. Monies were raised for "Cooley's Anemia".

The upcoming events for May will be our "Primavera Dinner Dance" on May 5 at St. Michael's large hall. There will be a delicious Buffet dinner and dancing later in the evening. Tickets are \$35 per person. Paid Reservations are required, as seating is limited. This is a fund raising event that will prove to be a very enjoyable and fun evening for all who attend.

In closing, may the lord watch over you and keep you in his care. Let us pray that our world will become a better place for all mankind to live and thrive.

*God Bless
Ciao!
Pat Bellavia*

**Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343**

"Twas a grand time at our March meeting! We feasted on corned beef and cabbage prepared by our regular cooking crew and their spouses. Thanks, all. Next month we will discover how many other good cooks are amongst us as we will be having a pot luck dinner on April 12.

This may be the season of Lent but we are busy making plans for upcoming events. Perhaps working on one or more of these could be a form of penance for some.

It is important that as many as possible attend the April meeting on the 12th as that is our last meeting before our 33rd anniversary dinner dance on April 21. Also please mark your calendars for the meeting on May 10, not only is it our Ravioli dinner, but we will have a guest speaker from Children's Hospital.

Bishop's day will be here at OLG on June 14. Raffle tickets are here for the Convention in Reno, Labor Day weekend. They are \$20.00 this year, but the prizes are bigger and the branch gets to keep \$10.00.

One big announcement, Lisa Crudo is "tossing her hat in the ring" and will run for Central Council. Go Lisa!

May you all have a Joyful, Blessed Easter.

Pat Grasso

**Contra Costa
Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13**

Our short March meeting was held at the Parish Hall on March 2. Set up for the Pasta, Bingo 50-50 Raffle dinner followed the meeting. The Pasta Bingo, 50-50 Raffle was a huge success! The room was filled with good food, fun and laughter. Some attendees submitted their new membership applications. Other attendees offered their services at future events. The Saint

Catherine's 6th graders and parents served the meal wonderfully. Thank you Saint Catherine's 6th graders and parents! Thank you to everyone who volunteered your service, working so well together and making this event such a pleasurable experience!

In the past there had been requests to do something with the meetings to make them shorter in meeting time and longer in social time. There have been requests to help our Branch work better with our parish and other organizations. As the new president Orlando has taken your requests to heart and is moving forward to shorten the business/operational side of the club meeting by establishing Officer Meetings to work out some of the business/operational issues and planning for upcoming social activities. He is looking for your ideas of the social activities you would like to participate in at the branch meetings. Please let him know your ideas. Through working together we can help him achieve his goals.

Being mindful of Lent and Good Friday, our next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 6:30pm at the Parish Library.

There is still time for you to offer your services for the upcoming Pentecost Celebration at Saint Catherine's on May 27. Please let Bianca Olson know of your interests. Thank you Bianca for coordinating our participation in this Parish event!

*Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Conti*

**Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14**

This is an ICF #14 News Alert! A group is attempting to take over the Polenta Dinner's #1 status. Italians have been challenged! Seems the Irish in our group, with their famed Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, enjoyed their first sold out, capacity event. Awesome job, everyone! Lead Chef Jim Thomas and his wife, Kathleen, have been involved for 36 years, and with the help of many other members, Irish and Italians alike, had the most successful Corned Beef Dinner ever.

Thanks to Father Dillon, Pat Mueller, Cliff Parr, Carl Heller and Pauline Cardoza, and to all of our amazing cooks. You made our St. Joseph's Table a memorable, jovial feast.

Benvenuto to Rodeo resident Vince Pistello. Vince is past president of the Fratellanza Club and is an active member in the Colombo Club and the Elks. We are pleased to welcome him to our Branch.

Election of Convention Delegates will take place at our April 10 meeting. Mass 5:30, dinner (free) 6:30, and meeting at 7:30.

On April 27, attend the always fun Card Night, at 7:00. Light refreshments and the card game of your choice, \$2.00. Actually, there may be no cost.

Get well prayers to Mike Cannady, and our sympathies to Jon and Linda Wolthuis on the passing of Linda's sister, Renee Griffin.

Plan ahead and don't miss our May 8 meeting, when guest speaker will be our beloved Laurice

Levine, Children's Hospital Research Center and Outreach Coordinator of our national charity, Cooley's anemia. Laurice is amazing!

*Easter Blessings,
Diane Bottini Thomas*

**Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72**

Everyone enjoyed the St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day celebration followed by our meeting. Our Irish members led us in singing Irish songs.

Bus trip chairperson Joann Thilgen has three exciting trips planned this year. In July there will be an over night trip to the Atlantis hotel in Reno. A day trip is scheduled in September to the Santa Rosalia festival in Monterey. In October we will enjoy Reno's Italian festival. Watch for information. Your payment reserves your seat.

Upcoming:

Sunday, April 22 – Polenta Luncheon at 1pm. Flier will be mailed with all details.

Sunday, April 22 - Branch meeting and election of Convention delegates at 2:00pm. Meeting date was changed due to Easter.

Thursday, April 26 - District meeting in Danville at 7:30pm.

Sunday, April 29 - 5th Sunday Communion Mass at Good Shepherd at 12pm.

Sunday, May 6 - District Communion - 9am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Brentwood followed by breakfast. Contact Patty at 925-228-0810 for details.

* There will be no branch meeting in May *

Convention raffle tickets will be mailed soon. Chairperson is Jane Russo. Our branch keeps half of the sales. Help support us and you could win in return!

*Happy Easter,
Helen Politakes*

**Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154**

The corned beef and cabbage menu as always was a hit thanks to Walter Costa, Vickie Christophe, Toni Reeder and Dick Ventin. Kelly green decorations brought the Irish to the forefront.

Were pleased to have Martinez Branch president, Orlando Conti, and his wife join us.

Gloria Martinucci announced 2012 plans for scholarships: a Salesian scholarship honoring Steve Arnaudo, a Salesian scholarship from De Mattei, general fund, and five one-year Branch scholarships.

Have invited all branches to join in celebrating the belated 50th Anniversary of the Branch.

Chicken and risotto plus trimmings will be featured for only \$7. Reservations should be made with Terry Ventin at 524-6093. The semiannual polenta dinner is always a sell-out so make reservations with Gino Martinucci at 526-8749 by April 10. Cost is \$22 and children, \$6.

Were pleased to have first time visitors, Beth and Mark Rietdort, apply for membership and were unanimously accepted.

Drawing winners: Attendance – Eusebio Aedo, May Barbano, Art Chavez, Gloria Martinucci, and Sherri Marado; Birthday – Ruth Vietti; 50/50 Drawing – Connie Gatto, who then donated it to St. Cornelius School.

Prayers were extended to ill members: Nick Iacobetti, Mike Giovannini, Dee Rosier, and Mike Cannady. Condolences were extended to Mel Accornero and family on loss of his wife, charter member Alma Falcioni Accornero.

Happy Easter to all

*God Bless
Joyce Peterson*

**Concord
St. Agnes, Br. 214**

Members enjoyed a beautiful St. Joseph's Table at our last meeting organized by Diane Lorenzette and Eileen Vonk. All members brought meatless dishes and a bit of family history. Special treats provided by Mia Basarich (canolli's) Anna Raefield & Mary Ann Furco (Italian cookies).

Vice President Eileen Vonk led the meeting. Congratulations go to Franca Shepis for winning Feb. monthly drawing (\$75)

March 21 Carol & Rich Peters and Earl & Karan Head made soups for our lenten "soup meal" at church. Guest speaker Laurice Levine from Children's Hospital spoke about Cooley's Aemia.

April 14 is our Pasta Pedro Tournament \$30per person -11am-4pm. Contact Rich Peters (925)827-3717. What a great way to spend your Saturday.

May 5 is our Annual Tea Party & Raffle, \$15 per person please Contact Christina Artale (925-827-3713) for tickets.

Happy Birthday to Mary Santoni, Gerald Lombardi, Michelle Feldman, Rina Waddell, Gracie Feldman. Thoughts and Prayers to our elderly and sick members also for our President Roberta Healy.

*God Bless & Happy Easter
Christina Artale
correspondence secty.*

**Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352**

Our April meeting will be the 16th at 7:30pm. Final preparations for our Festa Primavera dinner will be discussed. Pizza will be served at 6:30pm prior to the meeting. Five dollars per person, children under eight free. Call or email Pres. Tony, or respond to Evite for reservations.

For the past few months we have been receiving beautiful flyers announcing Branch events. St. Isidore's graciously publishes them in the church bulletins. Gianetta Bocchicchio prepares these wonderful flyers. During recent years our P.P. Joe Flores prepared attractive flyers. They were generally published for major functions such as fund raisers. Gianetta has further improved on the format to include relevant religious facts and information and prepares them for all Branch functions including our meetings. Thank you, Gianetta.

Our Contra Costa District is sponsoring a Communion Brunch on May 6.

It will be hosted by Branch 432, Brentwood. Mass will be at 9:00am at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 501 Fairview Ave. Brunch menu and cost will be announced when it becomes available. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Happy Birthday to all our April birthday members.

*Ciao
Gordon Brasseur*

**Orange
Fullerton**

St. Juliana Falconieri, Br. 387

Branch 387 hosted the Installation of Officers for the Branches in our District on February 18, at St. Juliana Falconieri Catholic Church in Fullerton. The events included a Mass, followed by the Installation, and finally a delicious lunch at Marie Callender's. It was a great opportunity to fellowship with all the officers of the different branches.

Our first Casino Trip for the year was also held in February, as well as our first Communion Breakfast at the Elks Club in Fullerton. It was so spiritually uplifting and emotionally fulfilling to attend Mass together as an ICF family, and partake of the breakfast afterwards.

Our Branch diligently planned the St. Joseph's Table celebration on March 31 and April 1 under the very capable and efficient leadership of our own Nina Visconti, with the participation of many other outstanding members of the Branch. February 26 was a very productive day for our Branch. It started with a presentation by our President Dolly Church at the 9:00am Mass, of two checks to St. Juliana's Pastor Fr. Frank Falco. One of the checks was our contribution to the Building Fund; the second check represented also our contribution to the School Education Fund. The day ended with our February General Membership Meeting at 6:00pm. The members were treated by the Branch to a delicious home cooked meal, followed by the business portion of the meeting. Afterwards, the membership enjoyed a wonderful presentation by our own WWII Veteran Toni Visconti, recounting his experiences during that war.

Stay tuned for more news from Branch 387!

Dolly Church

Mission Viejo St. Kilian, Br. 393

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. We have a few things in store for us. We will attend Orange-wood(home for displaced children) We bring them an Italian dinner. We make meat balls and spaghetti for nearly 80 children and adults. Then we will have a garage sale at Lois Houlihan's house the first week in April. Then our dinner dance coming up. We attended the Palm Spring Follies. last week. This coming Friday March 16 we will attend the fish fry at St. Kilian's. They usually have a huge crown and the money goes to the church at St. Kilian's.

Congratulations to Manny LaTorre and Mary Matranga for winning each \$30.00 from the calendar raffle. Also we were sadden to hear of the death of one of our members. Mary Strickroth. We call her the balloon lady as she always got the balloons for our dances. She was always there when we needed her. She was always there to help She will be surely missed.

Let us all look forward to Easter after a holy Lent.

Mary

Irvine St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Our branch was busy finalizing all the details of our upcoming St. Joseph's Table during the weekend of March 17 and 18. We will be selling baked goods, freshly made cannolis, Meal-In-A Bag, and sausage and meatball sandwiches.

The funds raised will help to fund various charitable organizations during the year.

Cris Gianantonio gave a heritage report about The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). This non-profit organization encourages and promotes Italian American culture, works to improve the image of Italian Americans in the media, and to serve as a resource to Italian Americans. Cris shared this information about this organization to encourage us to learn more about the Italian culture and heritage. NIAF's website is www.niaf.org.

For our June meeting, we are planning to have a movie night after the meeting. In addition, we will have our ice cream social. More details to come.

Dolly Lewis talked about going to Pala Casino in San Diego County. Pala will provide a free bus ride to the casino and give each person \$5 upon arrival. Dolly needs 45 people to attend. Please contact Dolly if you are interested in attending.

Please keep Anne Volpe in your prayers. She is recovering from oral surgery.

Phoenix

Glendale San Tommaso More, Br. 436

Greetings,

March has been a very busy month for us. A busy life is a good life! We will celebrate our Italian version of St. Patrick's Day at this month's meeting. Fr. Nathan will give us a little lesson on St. Patrick. We will also be celebrating for the 3rd year St. Joseph's table. Praise God every year is better and bigger than the last. We have been planning this year's calendar and looking forward to working together with all our new officers. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, dedications & love for our church, the ICF and of course our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To HIM be the glory.

God Bless us all.

*Ciao,
Stephanie Cannizzaro*

Reno

Reno St. Albert, Br. 135

On Sunday March 18, 26 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful corned beef & cabbage dinner prepared by Vonni Ramos, Romi Frediani, Lydia Brunelli, and Carolyn Smith. Many thanks for such dedication, service and terrific food. As it was a cold and weather-threatened evening, were surprised and pleased with how many members braved the weather to come to the meeting.

We lift up continued prayed to our Lord for His great healing power for 9-month old Ella Marini (granddaughter of Bob and Suzanne Capurro) whose limbs were paralyzed several week ago. While some improvement has been shown, this precious child appears to have a long road to recovery. Also, Eugenia Hovland sent a letter asking for prayer for her husband Ron Hovland

who is suffering from pneumonia, with complications to his lungs, reducing his breathing capacity to less than 50%. We pray to our Lord Of All to deliver Ella and Ron.

At the business meeting, President Carolyn Smith covered the following: a) correspondence from Central Council thanking the branch for faithfulness in our scholarship support efforts; b) members voted for two \$500 "tuition assistance scholarships for Manogue High School; and c) members voted for three \$250 "continuing education scholarships for our three Catholic Elementary Schools – Lady of Snow, Little Flower, and St. Alberts.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 15. We ask the Lord's blessing on all our members and their families. And, Happy Easter – Buona Pasqua.

*Submitted by,
Tony DiGuglielmo*

Sacramento

Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

On Sunday, March 11, our Branch hosted the Second Sunday Social after each Mass. Thanks to Mary Ann, Emerson, Bonnie, and Maria for helping me with this event. It was great to talk with Parishioners about the ICF. Donations totaled about \$62, which the Branch will match and send to Fr. James.

Our next meeting and dinner will be held on Sunday, April 15 in Giovanni Hall. Chicken and polenta are on the menu. The meeting is at 4:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. For reservations, please call Bruna at (916) 457-1244 or me at (916) 714-6967 by April 9. Cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Calendar at a Glance:

Sunday, Apr. 1 - District Meeting hosted by our Branch at 1:00pm

Saturday, Apr. 14 - Night for the Seminarians in Thousand Oaks, CA

Sunday, Apr. 15 - Meeting and Dinner in Giovanni Hall

Sunday, Jun 3 - Italian Benevolent Society Parade in Sutter Creek

Buon Compleanno to Members in April: Marvin Bernardi, Annji Ebert, Ralph Isola, Frank Perri, Kay Pesce, Kristina Tallman, and Victoria Vardanega.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of member Mabel Viglione who passed away in March. Mabel was a member of the Branch for 32 years. May she Rest in Peace.

*Ciao,
Janine*

Roseville San Vito, Br. 73

The evening of 18 February, Branch 73 served a successful polenta/chicken dinner to some 275 guests. Thanks are due to all responsible for the evening's success: Tony and Kathi Barsotti and their kitchen crew; and those who ordered the food and other supplies, cleaned the chicken, set up and decorated the hall, sold dinner, bar, and raffle tickets, tended the bar, and served the food. We also thank those who provided the raffle prizes. Profits were almost \$3,000.00, of which \$500.00 were donated to the St. Rose Church building fund. Once again, the successful outcome showed what can be accomplished when members work together toward achieving a goal.

Reserve the afternoon of Sunday 20 May for attending the Branch picnic at Woodbridge Park. There is no cost to members and guests, but the former are asked to bring a gift for the raffle with the proceeds to be donated to the Cooley's Anemia Fund. More information will be sent in a mailing as the date nears.

Buona Pasqua a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 l'8 aprile. Che possano festeggiare l'occasione con un bel prosciutto o arrosto di agnello sulla tavola, ed intorno questa i loro familiari.

Se piove durante l'aprile, dobbiamo ricordare il proverbio italiano: Pioggia di aprile, ogni goccia un barile. Buon compleanno a tutti i soci nati nel mese di aprile, ed anche tante belle cose.

Robert Delpippo

North Highlands St. Lawrence the Martyr, Br. 236

On Saturday, March 3rd, our general meeting was held in St. Lawrence Hall. Members enjoyed a potluck dinner where the branch provided the main course (roast beef) and members brought in the side dishes and dessert. Congratulations to Virginia Becker who won this month's membership drawing and to Vera Beine who won this month's 50/50 drawing.

Convention raffle books were handed out to members, don't forget to sell, sell, sell as the more we sell the more money goes to our branch, which we desperately need!

On Saturday, March 17th our branch will host a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, which will be our first fundraiser of the year. The dinner will be held in St. Lawrence Hall. We pray that our first fundraiser is a successful one!

Happy Birthday wishes to Jo Bertolucci (April 13th).

Please continue to pray for all of our sick members and their families.

Happy Easter, may it be a blessed occasion!

Margie Burke

Yuba City St. Isidore, Br. 266

On March 2 the members of the ICF brought soup and bread for the parishioners after the station of the cross. It was a great success and the soups were delicious.

Our regular meeting was held on March 24 at Bishop Quinn Hall, the food was cornbeef and cabbage.

Let us remember all our sick members in our prayers including Father Batch.

Upcoming Events:

April 29 — Semi-Annual Mass, 10:00am Mass, lunch following

*Ciao,
Pietrina (Aliotti) Moscuza*

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

At our March branch meeting, our heritage director Marisa Borba shared the following thoughts: It has been more than 500 years since Christopher Columbus traveled to the Americas. Have you stopped to consider what kind of influence our Italian brothers and sisters have had on the American culture?

The three way light bulb was invented by Alessandro Dandini.

Plumbing was a concept perfected by the Romans.

Vince Marotta invented "Mr. Coffee" machines which were popularized by Joe DiMaggio.

The cough drop was invented by Vincent R. Ciccone.

Lee Iacocca saved Chrysler in the 1980s.

Antonio Meucci invented an early model phone years before Bell.

The American shopping mall was created by William Cafaro and Edward deBartolo Sr.

Banking was codified in Renaissance Italy.

A.P. Giannini created Bank of America.

Frank Sordello created the tachometer (which speeds up info on the computer)

Subways (sandwich stores) was created by Frank DeLuca.

Broccoli was developed by the Broccoli family. More to follow soon!

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Branch 217's Annual Installation Dinner. The officers are President, Craig Cremer; 1st Vice-President, John Guerin; Financial Treasurer, Sandy Martin; Recording Secretary, Barbara Keough; 2nd Vice-President Brenda Dahlmeier; Orator, Carmen Hynds; Sentenial, Johnny Walker; and Trustees, Brenda Dahlmeier, Matt DiMaria and Barbara DiMaria.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen, Bollettino Contributor

**Sacramento
Holy Spirit, Br. 419**

April may contain the day for fools, but it is a month of serious business for Branch 419. Beginning on the anniversary day of the branch and Palm Sunday, April 1, the branch will celebrate together with a Lenten Mass and Communion Breakfast. Following the 8am Mass, the branch will gather together at the Elk's Club for breakfast. If you leave hungry from the breakfast, it is your own fault!

Planning is in full swing for what is becoming an annual Pasta Dinner to be held on Friday, April 27. The cost of the dinner will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. Take out will be available; as well as an evening of entertainment, food, and raffle prizes. Get your tickets in advance, and bring your appetite!

In other news:

1. Name tags will be purchased for all who want them.
2. Scholarship donation amounts have been determined for the high school and grade school recipients.
3. Sampino's Towne Foods continues to serve up the best cuisine at the branch meetings. If you are not coming to the meetings, you are missing out!

Happy April Fool's Day, and Happy Easter too!

Ciao,
Becky Farina

San Bernardino

**Fontana
St. Joseph, Br. 210**

Well we had a good crowd to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Corned Beef supplied by our Branch. Florence Zorelli, Tony Selvaggi, Dan Venditti, and our President Mauro Romagnoli, prepared and cooked the Beef, Potatoes and Carrots. Nan Judge baked her delicious bread and decorated the tables. The members supplied the salad, various vegetable dishes and desert. Delicious as usual! We had a return of last month's guests as well as Santa and Jaime Janesta. Hopefully they will join.

It was moved and passed that after two times attending as guests, attendees that do not join will pay \$5.00 for their meal. The guests agreed that that was fair. We would rather have them join.

Members signed up to work the hot dog/ pop corn booth at the St. Joseph Festival.

Our Treasurer reminded everyone that the Raffle tickets for the Convention are here to sell. Our Branch will send Central Council \$400.00 for a

scholarship again this year as well as \$50.00 to be applied to our District Scholarship.

Remember next month Easter falls on the second Sunday of the Month so we will have our meeting on April 22, the Third Sunday instead. Linda Carosa and Martha Nagy will provide the hams and Angie Teal will notify the members what to bring on the Meeting notices.

Tony and Maria Trumpeta, came back from Italy so they attended this Month. Hopefully they will rejoin.

He Has Risen Alleulia! Celebrate Easter with the family by attending Mass .

Ciao,
Jack Grisafe

**Redlands
The Holy Name of Jesus, Br. 217**

With Christmas behind us and Easter on the horizon, Branch 217 has experienced significant growth in its membership. We celebrated our installation on January 21 and welcomed our new President, Craig Cremer; 1st Vice-President, John Guerin; Financial Treasurer, Sandy Martin; Recording Secretary, Barbara Keough; 2nd Vice-President Brenda Dahlmeier; Orator, Carmen Hynds; Sentenial, Johnny Walker; and Trustees, Brenda Dahlmeier, Matt DiMaria and Barbara DiMaria. The scrumptious meal, fabulous desserts and loving company created a great time for all.

Branch 217 made gracious donations to Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Blessing Center, Sacred Heart Academy and Mary's table, and our contributions were recognized by our local newspaper in a recent article.

We have some activities planned for the upcoming months, one of which is a bus trip to Pala Casino on May 21, 2012.

As many may know, The Holy Name of Jesus will be building a new church. At the present time, we have two separate churches of worship, one on Olive Avenue and the other on Columbia Street, about a mile or so apart. We celebrate nine Masses each weekend, many of which are back-to-back.

We send out happy birthday wishes to our oldest and longest-serving member, Matt DiMaria, who turns 94 on March 30. We also send out birthday wishes to our March babies, Carmen Hynds and Verne White.

**Cathedral City
St. Louis, Br. 303**

It is still glorious in the desert, the birds are busily building nests and happily singing and chirping. We might get some rain on Saturday but don't dust off the umbrellas until you see that you can't walk between the raindrops. What marvelous days the Lord has made.

Our Fish Fry Dinners continue to be successful. The success is due to the great workers who



continually show up and do their job. It is a great team effort especially during the Lenten Season when every Friday is committed to the Fish Fry. Our customers know that they will get their food hot and delicious and continue to come and bring friends.

Our " Breakfast With Saint Joseph", bake sale and raffle was also a great success. Again thanks gang, you are terrific. Not everyone is able to work serving, cooking etc., and so several of them baked and some brought guests to enjoy our delicious breakfast. It was a hectic and worthwhile morning.

At the meeting the membership voted to include a new charity," Birth Choice of the Desert" will be receiving some financial support from Branch 303. It was also voted to continue "Get On the Bus Program" and to fund one 3rd year scholarship, a first year scholarship, and our share of the District scholarship. This makes all of our hard work have meaning.

Let us pray for our sick and recovering.

God Bless Us All
Dora Buchner

San Diego

**Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229**

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the gift of HOPE You gave to us on Easter morning,

because of You we know that no problem is too difficult and even death does not have power over us.

Thank You for the gift of JOY You gave to us when You resurrected,

because of you we know that no matter how challenging life may be in the end we will rejoice again.

Thank you for the gift of LOVE You gave to us when You laid down Your life,

because of You we know that there is no sin too great to separate us and we are incredibly valuable to You.

Thank You for the gift of LIFE You gave to us when You left the tomb,

because of Easter we know this world is just the beginning and we will spend forever in heaven with You.

We celebrate You, JESUS, with hearts full of praise and gratitude for who You are and all that You've done for us! by: Holley Gerth

Happy Easter ~ He is Risen ~ Alleuia!

May the God of HOPE fill you with JOY and PEACE as you trust in Him. Romans 15:13

**San Diego
Our Lady Of The Rosary, Br. 230**

Cari Amici,

Buona Pasqua! Truly He has risen!

Branch 230 held its annual Fish Fry on Feb. 24, the first Friday in Lent. The event was extremely successful - the proceeds will go to Our Lady of the Rosary. We thank all who made donations especially our benefactor who donated the delicious fish and the many people who donated prizes to the drawing run by Emily Mulligan. Thanks also to the many, many people who attended the event, and to our upstairs hostesses, Carolann Pollan, Francesca Sumner, and Roberta Mohn, who attended to our diners many requests throughout the hectic evening . Thank you Theresa Cutri and Mary Lou Terramagra for all those days spent at the parish hall preparing, and for having Lorrie, Lisa, Linda, Diane, and Ben work at our event.

Get well wishes to Mary Lou who might have overdone it at the Our Lady of the Rosary BINGO! Party. Thanks to Domenico and Girolamo Carini.

Branch 230 hosted the ICF San Diego District Meeting on March 12-thanks to Theresa Cutri, Carolyne Koebrich, and Sherry Thurston for making a fine meal for our guests.

Sherry and Carolyne have accepted their appointments to be our Branch Delegates to the San Diego District.

Don't Forget- ICF Breakfast Fundraiser for Scholarships Sunday, April 15 -8am- 12Noon. Our next General Meeting Friday ,May 18, 2012 6:30pm.

Please remember to pray for our lawmakers and our servicemen and women.

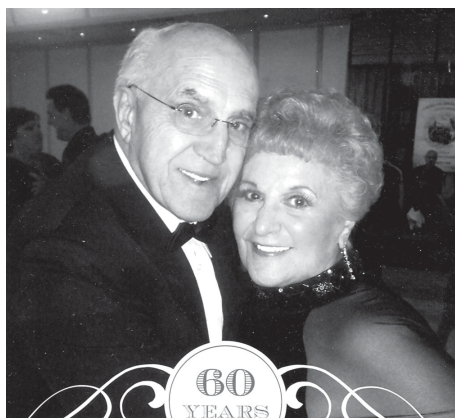
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**San Diego
St. Vincent de Paul, Br. 246**

Join us for our annual Msgr. Peter F. Mimmagh Scholarship Fund benefit Saturday, April 28, 4:00-7:00pm at St Vincent's Church Hall. Our good friend, Phil Pace/Phil's BBQ is providing the BBQ Chicken and the sides. Adeline Wood-



Br. 261 President, Irene Zens, presenting a \$3,000 check to Father Bruce Orsborn at our Annual Spring Dinner.



Jim and Mary Alesi of Branch 416 will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a celebration on Easter.

Congratulations!

ward and Steve Walter are co-chairpersons for this very special event. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children over 5.

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported our St. Joseph Table providing auction items, raffle prizes, Italian breads and produce. We deeply appreciate the hard work of Chairperson Adeline Woodward. Thank you Cathy Campagna and Dawn Seden who designed our beautiful raffle baskets. Thank you Janet Cooper, Adeline Woodward for the produce; Tom Gabaldi/Frank's Bakery for the Italian specialty breads; and auctioneer Peter Gallagher. The proceeds are providing much needed help for our favorite charities that serve the poor.

Please keep the Ladies of the ICF, Esther Navarra, Edie Hunt, Nan Ray and Marjorie Mitchell who are ill, in your prayers.

Happy Easter to all our members. Help us to focus on the reality of God's love in our celebrations of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Ciao,
Patricia

St. Therese San Diego, Br. 261

Our March 4, Spring Dinner was greatly enjoyed. All enjoyed the delicious meatball and spaghetti, salad, rolls, and drinks. The dessert bar displayed a tempting collection of baked goods, and the refreshments were enjoyed. Three baskets filled with wonderful goodies were raffled off. The highlight of the evening was a presentation of a \$3,000, proceeds from our December dinner to our Pastor, Very Reverend Father Bruce Orsborn. He was delighted to receive the check, as it will help with the parish's needs.

St. Therese Parish held a Lenten Mission with Father John Puodziunas, OFM, conducting on March 12- 14th. It was well attended and our spiritual life was greatly enriched.

Easter is just around the corner and it is hoped that all have had a very Holy Lent. May the Risen Lord, on Easter Sunday, Bless you all. Please remember all who are ill in your prayers.

Dolores Krcmaric

El Cajon Our Lady Of Grace, Br. 340

Lent, with its somber message has passed.

The flowering trees and bushes have brought sunshine into all our lives, a wonderful gift from God that precedes the glory of Easter.

We have made a nice contribution to our church hall remodel from the proceeds of our last sausage sale. To all who helped a hearty thank you.

Our St. Joseph's Table celebration on March 18, always a special event, was a very satisfying one. We thank all who worked so hard on it.

We have lost a long time member, Jim Pascarella. We are all saddened and offer our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Elena and their family.

Jim and Elena were recently honored guests at a pancake breakfast with other charter members of Our Lady of Grace parish.

Coming Events

An Italian Night, a combined effort of several church clubs — date to be announced.

Ciao

Rita Porto - Branch Reporter

San Francisco

San Francisco District Council

San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Districts Archbishop's Day will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am at Sts. Peter and Paul. Following Mass, a banquet will be served at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club across the street.

Menu: Antipasto, salad, Pastas, 1/2 roasted chicken and vegetables, bread, butter, dessert, coffee or tea with a bottle of red and white wine per table \$40 per person. All checks must be in by April 6, 2012. Check with your Branch President to make reservations.

No District meeting in April. Next meeting: May 10, 2012 at Corpus Christi at 7pm. Host: Br. 38 We wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

San Francisco Maria S S Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Our March Spuntino was enjoyed by all.

Please note the upcoming dates:

April 22 - Branch Mass, 10:30am, ICC

May 2 - Mother/Father Spuntino and Raffle, 6:30pm. Cost \$15.00 Reservations- Pres. Vic Arnaudo (650)755-1369 - Please bring a Raffle prize.

Prayers and Get well wishes to Pat Arnaudo and Inez Ertassi.

Welcome to new member Julie Giovannoni.

Happy Easter to all!

Ciao

Toni Morsello

San Francisco Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our March meeting went really well. We went through our business agenda, and then we honored St. Patrick's Day with a Corned Beef, Cabbage luncheon with all the trimmings.

What would we do without you? Also present at our meeting were 2 new members to our branch Jose and Luciana Montalvo and guest Pasqua Tarantino. We hope to see you often at our meetings. We ended the day with a fun game of Bingo.

However, we have sad news too this month. Our dear member Roberta Lucchesi died on March 4. She was a faithful ICF member in our branch for 42 years. We will miss her very much. Our sincerest condolences to her son Romando, daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren. Rest in peace dear friend.

The ICF has several things going on in April, besides our monthly meeting, the Annual Archbishop's Day will take place on Sunday, April 15.

Mass will take place 11:45am here in North Beach at SSPP Church and will be followed by a Banquet at the SFIAC. Cost will be \$40.00. Please let Madeline know by April 6 if you are going to the luncheon.

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 14. Please Note There Is A Change: "NO" Brown Bag Lunch!! In its place we will have Take Me Out To The Ball Game themed luncheon. Hot Dogs, beans, and Giants stadium food will be served. Wear orange and black! The cost will be \$10.00. Please let Madeline know if you are coming so we can prepare accordingly.

Ciao!

Mara

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

On April 18 we will be going to Red Hawk Casino. We hope we can hit some big winnings.

We welcomed our new members to our Feb. 27 meeting. We were happy to have you join us. Please keep coming to our meetings. On May 30 we are going to Vacaville's Opera House. Franc D'Amrosio will perform. This also includes lunch. If interested call Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764.

Happy to see that Barbara and Sil are doing well. Please keep our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Ciao

Eva Perata, President.

San Francisco Corpus Christi, Br. 290

Congratulations to our members who prepared and attended the successful March 3 Champagne Bingo luncheon. A highlight of the event was Katie Folino's 101st birthday. God bless you, Katie!

We are looking forward to seeing our members the April 19 General Meeting. Prior to the 7:30pm meeting, a catered polenta and sausage dinner will served at 6:30pm. Price of the dinner is \$15.00. Please call Mary Rowe, and let her know if you are coming.

Please continue to pray for our sick members.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Jeannette Beeler

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Due to bad weather, our St. Joseph celebration had only a few attendees. However, those that did attend had a great time. Thanks, Liliana, for the beautiful altar setting and for your dedication as our 2nd Vice President. Our supply cabinet has never looked so good.

Branch 365 has not had a fundraiser in quite some time and we will not be able to take care of our donation obligations without one. Therefore, we will soon be having a "no bake" bake sale. Mary DeMartini has graciously offered to send out the letters and take care of the entire process. When you receive the letter, please do not set the request aside, but respond as soon as you can.

Don't forget Archbishop's day. Call Ann or Joe at 564-7254 if you wish to attend.

Plan on coming to our April 11 meeting. We will be serving our ever-popular polenta dinner, followed by a short meeting. The price is \$8.00 per person. Mail your check to Florence O'Malley, 520 Vicente, San Francisco, CA 94116.

Our sick members still need your prayers, especially during this Lenten season.

Best wishes for a Blessed and healthy Easter.

Ann Basuino

San Mateo District Council

Greetings! Wishing you all a Blessed Easter!

At the last district meeting a motion was made and passed, after a long discussion, to turn our Quarterly Communion into Semi-Annual Communion, and also to have a Lenten Night of Recollection and eliminate the one during Advent.

A motion was made and passed to give a First Year Scholarship in honor of Father Frank Murray.

Mark your calendars:

Bishop's Day — Sunday, April 15, Mass at

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11:45am at Sts. Peter and Paul, 666 Filbert Street., San Francisco, hosted by San Francisco District. Lunch at San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. No-host cocktails 12:45pm, Lunch 1:30pm. Price \$40.00. Reservation deadline for the dinner is April 6 so please let your Branch President know you would like to attend. The District voted to pay \$600 toward a bus. Since this will not cover the cost for the bus, we are asking each passenger to pay \$4 per person. The first stop will be at St. Mark's in Belmont 10:30am and the second stop will be at Duggan's in SSF around 11:00am. Please call Barbara Firpo 650-323-0189 and send your check to 1518 Bay Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Your payment is your reservation.

The next District Communion will be August 19 at St. Charles, San Carlos, Branch 327. Mass will be 11:00am.

Convention raffle tickets for 2012 were picked up by Branch Presidents and are now available for sale. Price \$20.00/book. The Branch keeps \$10 for every book sold. This is a great way to make money for your branch.

Keep in our thoughts and prayers:

Father Frank Murray, Rick Murray, Annette Novi, Hope Baird, Past Grand President Michael Cannady, and the Family of Past Grand President Dan Petrolino.

*Peace and Love.
Anne O'Brien*

**South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

At our dinner meeting in March, we all enjoyed a wonderful dinner by Chef Sam Bonanno. He prepared his "Pasta alla Bonanno" and always does an outstanding job. A big thank you to the cooks and helpers. Your efforts are always appreciated.

On March 24, we had our Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser. Thank you to all that participate and all the outstanding workers.

April 4 will have our monthly dinner meeting. Please plan to attend and stay connected to you organization. Remember," United we stand and divided we fall!"

Welcome to our new members Anthony Parenti and Myrna Enano

So, until next time, a little chuckle for your day.... "A grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" She mentally polished her halo and said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both

old," he replied.
May you have a very Happy Easter!
*Sempre Avanti
Laurie Masetti*

**Colma
San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19**

Annette Novi chaired our St. Joseph's Table pot luck on March 12. Thanks to Annette and the members who contributed such a delicious and varied selection. Our president Kathy Trevizo Heckman would like to hear from members willing to chair or co-chair upcoming Branch dinners. Branch officers and members are always willing to pitch in and help any volunteer dinner chairperson. Why not give Kathy a call at 650 993 8336 and discuss a possible date?

Mark your calendars:

April 9 — Soup night-remember to bring your own bowl and spoon.

April 15 — Bishops day hosted by S.F. District at St. Peter's & Paul's 11:45am Mass

April 19 — Mass for Living and Deceased members of Br 19 at Holy Angels 7:30am Mass

April 23 — Mother's and Father's Day Favors at 7:30pm in Holy Angels Hall

Please remember to pray for our ill and deceased members.

Branch 19 wishes you all the Blessings of Easter.

Ruth Lapachet

**San Mateo
St. Matthew, Br. 163**

Salutations! Wishing everyone a Happy Easter! Many thanks to Virginia Fuentes for the delicious Minestrone Soup that she cooked for our March Meeting Dinner. Also many thanks to Anne Guerin, Eda Rossetto and Michele Casari for the delectable refreshments.

Mark you Calendars:

Thursday, April 12 — Paella Dinner, Meeting and Cake Auction. Dinner 6:00pm followed by Meeting at 7:00pm and Cake Auction. Members \$9.00, non-members \$11.00. Bring Cake or Cookies for the Auction and come join the fun.

Sunday, April 15 — Bishop Day hosted by the San Francisco District. Mass 11:45am at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 666 Filbert St., San Francisco, lunch across the Street at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club following Mass.

Price \$30 for members. Our Branch voted to subsidize \$10 of the \$40 price.
Wednesday, May 16 — our Thunder Valley Trip. Price \$36. Leaving from St. Mark's church, 325 Marine View Way, Belmont at 8:00am. For reservations and information call Virginia Fuentes, 650.591.3545.
Please remember in your prayers: Anne Gonella and Hope Baird. We send our sympathy and prayers to the families of Filbert Pombo and Mary Colombo, long time members of the I.C.F.
*Peace and Love.
Anne O'Brien*

**Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173**

Our branch honored St. Joseph with a feast of some of the most delicious food donated by our members. Our room looked so festive with tablecloths and winners at each table receiving a bottle of wine. Thanks goes to Linda Small who organized the event and decorated the St. Joseph's altar. What made the evening special was the extra effort that went into having a program with prayers devoted to St. Joseph handed out to everyone and the wonderful tradition of giving out fava beans.

Upcoming events: Bus Charge:\$4.00

Bishop's Day 4-15-12 - a bus has been reserved but space is truly limited. Call Dorene Campanile 650 -344-7870 to check if seats still available. Mass at 11:45am St. Peter and Paul's Church S.F. North Beach Lunch 1:30pm \$35.00 our branch members served at the Italian Athletic Club.

Our Branch Fundraiser - Spaghetti & Meatballs — Sunday, 4-29 Cocktails 4pm, Dinner 5pm. Raffle and Silent Auction. All donations and helpers welcome. Contact: Norm Bennett - Chairman 650-697-4279.

Ravioli Dinner - June 9 -more info to follow

Wishing a Holy Easter to one and all! Please pray for any sick members

Rosalind C. Emery

**South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Our March 13 branch dinner meeting began with a special Lenten Mass celebrated in our Parish Hall by our Pastor and Chaplain, Father Rene. Thank you, Father Rene, for the beautiful Mass celebrated in memory of our recently deceased members. And our thanks to Joe Flores for arranging for Father Rene to celebrate this Mass for us. After Mass, we all enjoyed a Lenten Soup Supper provided by Jackie and Roberta.

Reminder: Don't forget to send in your reservations for our 45th Anniversary Luncheon on April 29 at the Terrace Café in Millbrae. Deadline is April 21 or bring to our April 10 meeting.

Thanks to all of you who signed up to help at our June 23 Champagne Bingo. Flyers will be available at our April meeting. Remember to invite your family and friends. We need people to make this a success! Also, if you are able to help us with prizes for our raffle, please call President Jackie at 992-3505.

A warm welcome to our new member, Barbara Gabriel. We all enjoyed meeting her and are happy she joined our branch!

Please continue to pray for our sick and deceased members.

*Happy Easter!
rf*

**San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327**

HiAll!

As promised the Meat Loaf dinner made by Mike and Martha Young was great! The attendance was equally great, more than 50 people enjoyed it—as well as the meeting. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Youngs!!
Our Corned Beef Anniversary was wonderful as usual. Thank You to all who attended! We

met our goal of 200 and "puffed" up the money needed for the on-going charities. The Gianuario family cooked the dinner and we were overseen by Gayton De Rosa who has been doing this for many years. Thank You to Jim Sawyer who performed many Irish songs for us. Thank You's also go out to the many people who helped in any way. Our Youth members served and were appreciated by all who attended. No regular meeting this month.
Next meeting will be April 17, as usual. The dinner will be a surprise to all!

We lost our Charter member last month, Hugo Mei. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was a great inspiration.

*Ciao,
Carole*

**Menlo Park
St. Patrick, Br. 351**

April - **No Meeting** - **Holy Thursday**
Wednesday, April 11 - 5:30pm Mass at Nativity for Living and Deceased members

Sunday, April 15 - Bishop's Day in San Francisco at St. Peter and Paul's Church - 11:45am Mass - Lunch will follow across the street at the Italian Athletic Club - \$40.00 per person, our Branch members pay \$30.00. Transportation by bus may be available... Call Cory ASAP 650-867-8946

Thursday, April 19 - Black Oak Casino Trip \$30.00 per person - total refunds \$20.00. Everyone Is Welcome! Call Theresa Geneviro AT 650 324-0421

Sunday, April 29- Branch 173 - Our Lady of Angels Burlingame - No Host Cocktails at 4:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm - Spaghetti and Meatballs \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12 years. Call Cory ASAP at 650-867-8946

Thursday May 3 - ****NOTE**** MASS DAY CHANGE - 5:30pm MASS for Living and Deceased members followed by dinner at 6:30pm, then meeting. Reservations A Must!!! No Reservation No Dinner!!! Call Cory AT 650-867-8946

Please remember to pray for our many sick and deceased members.

Happy and Holy Easter to you and all your families!

Cory

**Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Our 22nd Anniversary Dinner on March 4 was well attended by over 120. Special thanks to the District members who joined us in our celebration. The corned beef and cabbage dinner was expertly prepared by Carla & Adolfo Del Carlo and their tireless crew.

Our annual St. Joseph's Table Potluck Dinner held on St. Joseph's Feast Day was enjoyed by all with an abundance of delicious food on a beautiful flower decorated table. All left over food was given to San Bruno Catholic Hospitality House for the homeless.

Upcoming events:

April 3 - Monthly Dinner Meeting at 6:30pm in the Parish Center, honoring the Basilicata region of Italy, presented by the Italian Heritage Committee.

April 15 - Bishops Day - 11:45 Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul in San Francisco. Lunch to follow at the Italian Athletic Club.

April 22 - Branch Communion Brunch following 10:00 Mass at St. Dunstan. Our Branch will be joined with Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels. Brunch will be served at the Terrace Cafe at the El Rancho Inn, Millbrae. The cost for members is \$16, guests \$21, children 6-10 is \$8, and 5 and under is no charge. The brunch includes juice, fruit, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, sweet rolls and coffee. Mail checks payable to ICF #403 to Dan Capodanno, 325 San Jose Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030, by April 17, 2012.

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The Santa Clara Valley District shared a Day of Recollection.

(Bottom Left) Father George at Santa Clara Valley Day of Recollection

(Bottom Right) Br. 5 President Matt Dutra, Past Grand Presidents Jim Jones and Mike Rossi at Santa Clara Valley Day of Recollection

(Top) Members from various Santa Clara Valley branches help serve lunch at our Day of Recollection.

Buono Pasqua to all from our Branch to yours.
Corresponding Secretary'
Rose Marie Morando

Marin Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

On March 20 we had our meeting with guest speaker Laurice Levine from Oakland Children's Hospital. We also had a St. Joseph's Table with the proceeds from the baked goods given to Laurice for the Thalassemia program.

Bishop Day will be April 15 at St. Peter and Paul Church and then to the Athletic Club for dinner.

On April 17 at 7:30pm will be our monthly meeting in Healy Hall.

Plans are under way for our 50th Anniversary on June 9 at Deer Park Villa. For more information contact our President, Marlene Farber.

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

Wishing you a very Happy Easter. Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Ciao,
Anna Biggio

San Jose Santa Clara Valley District Council

A big thank you to Father George Aranha for sharing his spiritual reflections during our district's Day of Recollection and Mass. 112 members also enjoyed a delicious meal prepared Br. 5, St. Clare's.

Our next district meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at St. Francis Cabrini, San Jose. Pre-meeting dinner information will follow via e-mail.

Dates to Remember will be updated each month:
April 14 — A Night for the Seminarians fundraiser for the Providenza Seminary Fund in Thousand Oaks, CA - Jim Friebe 408-595-0444

May 5 — District Golf tournament and dinner in

Gilroy- Pat Cordich 842-6065 — Even if you don't play golf, come on out for the dinner.

June 24 — Our Lady of the Peace Mass at 11:00 luncheon at Michaels, a great opportunity to celebrate our faith as a community.

July 21 — Italian night -San Jose Giants — more info. To follow

Aug. 24— Italian night - San Francisco Giants versus Atlanta- 4:00 meet at St. Martin of Tours - \$60.00 Bob Basuino 408-929-1968

Sept. 23 — Chaplains' night at the Outlook, Sunnyvale Golf Course. Don't forget to invite your Chaplain.

Oct. 6 — Bishop's Day at St. Nicholas

If you are interested in any of these events, please contact your branch president and don't forget to check out individual branch activities. I feel so blessed to have made so many great friends from around the federation and the district. Attending these functions is a great way to support our charities, eat great food, and make new friends.

*Much love to all,
Marcie Rossi*

San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4

The Lenten Season is underway and this is a good time to reflect on our lives.

Apr 4- Dinner Meeting - \$9.00

May 2- Dinner Meeting- Mock Enchilada \$9.00 Nomination and election of Convention Delegates.

June 6- Fund Raiser - Baby Back Ribs Get all of your friends together to enjoy a great BBQ dinner! \$25.00 per adult. \$12.50 Children 6-12 years old.

Dinner is at 6:30 in Holy Cross Hall. Call Ann Fitzgerald, (408) 266-2549 for tickets.

Congratulations to Natalie Danna who has a new Granddaughter. All Children are a gift from God. To all our sick members, you are in our prayers. We send our prayers and sympathy to the family of Josephine Pannattoni who recently passed away.

"Thoughtfulness is Heaven Sent"

*God Bless,
Ann Fitzgerald*

Santa Clara N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Upcoming:

April 8, 2012 — Easter Sunday

April 26, 2012 — Dinner/Meeting, Meatloaf and all the trimmings. Join us for fun, friendship, laughs, and raffle prizes. Costs: \$12.00 members and \$14.00 non-members. Call Bea Cunha for reservations.

Happy Birthday to all members who have Birthdays in April. May you all have many more to come, and healthy ones, too.

Help — We need more new members to join our great organization. Please

Invite relatives, friends to join us.

Pray for all sick members and those who are deceased members all during the month.

May you have a Blessed Holy Week and a Blessed Easter. Drive carefully.

*Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo*

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiglatrice, Br. 28

Buona Pasqua everyone.

April 16 — Dinner meeting Cullen Hall 6pm

April 22 — Scholarship Breakfast, Cullen Hall 7 to 11:30am

May 21 — Dinner meeting Cullen Hall 6pm

On April 22 we will hold our first of the year Pancake breakfast. This is one of our fundraisers for the scholarship program. Please come and support this. We have a wonderful kitchen crew and they serve up a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, salsa, coffee, milk and juice. The price for adults is \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children under 12. Bring your family and friends for a place to meet and greet each other and visit over a great meal. We need our members to support these fundraisers. Also we need help to serve so sign up at our next meeting.

Speaking of scholarships, do you know our branch donates two scholarships to graduating seniors from the high schools, two scholarships to two students graduating from St. Mary School? And one second year scholarship to a student who has received a first year award and continues to do well in College.

That is what you accomplish through all your help and support you give to our fundraising. Keep our sick or homebound members in your prayers.

Ciao,
Anna Barberi

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

Our 1st Polenta Dinner will be on Saturday, April 28 at Doyle Hall at 6:30 the price \$15.00. Congratulations to Gracie Butler, Skylar Blaise, Taeya Gonzales, Abigail & Madeline Riley. They



Gloria Rodenborn Garcia and Aldine Grisenti helped prepare food for the Br. 191 polenta dinner/dance on February 18.

won the national champions for mini cheer level I, at the Jamz National Championship in Las Vegas. They attend St. Joseph School. The proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Blaise. Mr. & Mrs. John Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Butler & Mr. Mrs. John Riley. We will serve only one night Friday, May 18 at the Parish Festival at St. Joseph School Grounds. We wish all a blessed Holy Week & Easter.

Happy Birthday to Concetta Di Fazio, Kara Howe, Robert Mancini, Craig & Lynn Noah, & Sabrina Stephens.

Please pray for our sick members.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph J. Teresi*

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

A meal of pizza and salad preceded our March 8 meeting. Next meeting, April 12, Marie Antonowicz plans to cook pasta and meatballs. Come join us, then stay for the meeting. We welcomed new member Janet Mannina. Hope to see more of you there.

Plans are in place for our "Fiori e Amore" - appropriate theme for our April showers month! Saturday, April 21, is the date of our Polenta - Chicken Cacciatore Dinner-Dance. Reno Di Bono will provide music for your dancing pleasure. Hope you have your tickets - call Don Arnaudo - 354 4017. We ask you to please bring a baby layette item, size 0 - 6 months, unwrapped.

Denise Antonowicz has agreed to be our full time president. We had planned to alternate terms. Thank you Denise for making this a less difficult year.

Enthusiasm is building for our October Auction-Dinner. Wonderful prizes have been collected. We ask for your help in obtaining unusual and desirable gifts for this auction. Donna Pfaff's husband Richard will be the "auctioneer", and there will be a silent auction as well.

Please keep Dom Norcia in your prayers as he recuperates from carpal tunnel surgery. Also, pray for Gianni Valez.

*Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Lucy Amico*

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<i>We look forward to seeing you there.</i>	
Branch Secretary	

Los Altos St. Nicholas, Br. 186

For everyone that helped on the successful Polenta Dinner we thank you!!

Many hands made all the work much easier. Special thanks to Chuck Tapella and Joe Carroll's kitchen crews.

We are very proud of our new deputy, Matt Dutra. Even though he has retired from the Sheriff's Dept., he recently came upon a burning building and rescued two people before help arrived. He has received a well earned commendation for his gallant effort.

Books of Convention raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. The amount of prizes has been increased to 6 instead of the 3 in previous years. The cost is \$20.00 and the branch will keep \$10.00. Please send check to Bernadette Tapella with the stubs.

Reni Felice reports all is going well at the Tuesday Bingo, at Villa Siena. There are more attending because of new residents moving in. She can always use candy bars and pocket kleenex for prizes.

Keep in mind — June 24 will be the District outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Statue in Santa Clara. Lunch will follow at Michels.

May 3 - Branch Meeting - Elaine will make enchiladas for dinner. 6:30pm. Bring dishes and utensils.

"Each day is a resurrection, from the shrouded veil of night. An affirmative declaration that God still turns on the light!"

*Happy Easter
Elaine*

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

This year's polenta dinner/dance was a huge success. The morning of the dinner/dance the hall was filled with activity as volunteers set up tables, decorated, and prepared food. The evening festivities were made extra special by the delicious dinner. Students from St. Frances Cabrini School and Religious Education did an excellent job serving. The raffle baskets that Esther Ramonda and Aldine Grisenti created were a big hit.

A special "Thank you" to Fr. George Aranha for presiding over the Day of Recollection at St.

Clare's Parish on February 25. He spoke on Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Repentance and how Lent is a time for us to become closer to God by silencing noise around us and looking for the beauty that God created.

Members and their families have been invited to attend Palm Sunday breakfast on April 1 after the 8am Mass. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage links, eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Children will have the opportunity to decorate a bag which they will use for the Easter egg hunt.

The Bocce court is being spruced up for the Thursday night Bocce gatherings. This social event begins with a pot luck dinner followed by a casual game or two of Bocce. Those who don't care to play spend time enjoying each other's company. All are welcome.

As we Catholics celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, let us remember the ICF members, family and friends who are rejoicing in His resurrection in the presence of the Lord.

*Happy Easter
Rosemary Janis*

San Jose Santa Teresa, Br. 368

A Happy St. Pat's Day was celebrated with Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes. How lucky was that! Thank you to our March hosts: Pat Cordich, Carmela Cosimano and Tina Vecellio.

Aldine Grisenti our Branch Deputy gave a brief explanation of a few more ICF recognition awards and encouraged those who would like to nominate someone.

Mike Nunziata distributed scholarship applications to our local schools and encouraged members to spread the word about our scholarship program.

Ed Wendler gave a spiritual talk about trust and how sometimes we have to lead and other times we must be lead.

Noreen Gillio gave a talk on St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain (she stated this might very well mean he was Italian-LOL). He was captured and enslaved in Ireland and later escaped back to Britain. In Britain he was ordained, became a Bishop, and returned to Ireland to minister to the people of Ireland.



Morgan Hill, Branch 435 had a great turn out for its Festa Fiori.

Thank you Ed and Noreen for your interesting and informative talks.

We can't thank our membership enough for all they do. A special thanks to Joyce and Phil Robba for their untiring work at the Santa Teresa Annual Crab Feed.

Save the dates:

Branch 368 Annual Chicken/Pasta Dinner — April 20

Golf Tournament — May 5

Cheryl Sanchez

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Branch 391 recognized Ireland at our March meeting by feasting on tender corn beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Diana and Al Vallorz and Mary Lipari prepared the wonderful meal. Thank you everyone who set-up, cleaned-up, and served at the event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The district deputy, Jerry Delfino, spoke at the meeting and Steve Lencioni presented the heritage report, which focused on his family's history with the ICF and immigration from the old country to America. Our Chaplin, Father Abe, addressed the branch with an inspiring speech concerning his work with the sisters from Calcutta. Jessie Ramero and Pete Sanchez reported that we made \$3,371 profit from this year's Valentines Dinner Dance. Thank you Jessie and Pete for heading the event every year! The 2012 budget was prepared by Steven Lencioni and passed without a hitch.

Upcoming events: We are having a fundraiser for St. Martin's Celebration of Life at Tony & Alba's on Stevens Creek, April 23-25. 25% of the proceeds will be donated for the event. April 29 is the Pasta and Sausage fundraiser at St. Martin's. Save February 9, 2013 for next year's Valentine dinner/dance!

*Ciao for now,
Bianca Vallorz*

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

If you haven't submitted your dues for 2012 — please find the envelope that was sent to you and send them in! If you need a new envelope — please contact either Mary Jo DiMuccio or Ric Shimshock.

We had a good turnout for the First Parish Lenten Soup Supper in Lent. The ICF crew provided a wonderful offering of soups — and we collected a substantial donation for the Diocesan CCD Program for the Deaf at Santa Teresa's Parish.

Remember we have the big PASTA Dinner with the 5th Grade Class on Saturday, March 24. Get your tickets early! And support sending our school kids to Science Camp. For many of the children, this is the first time they get to "camp out" and explore the outdoors.

Please Pray for our sick members including Ray Badilla whose heart has collected additional fluids, Virginia Mirrione whose knees continue to trouble her, Olive DeFrancisci's son-in-law who has an aneurism and will have surgery and Vicky Jette who is still in Hospice.

Happy Easter!

Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Board Meeting March 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Guilia Gallego intoned the opening prayer.

Two hundred and ten people were fed at the Fiori d'Italia Dinner on Feb. 18-see above picture.

A motion was made and approved to give a \$100 donation to the youth workers club and to invite them to the March 15 dinner. And Jim Friebel will have Andy Pappani and Jim Jones assist in initiation of new members to the Branch 435.

Scholarship Counselors from the schools will be phoned regarding any applications. The article was in the Morgan Hill Times and the St. Catherine Bulletin calling for applicants.

April 13 is Bingo Night with a cash prize of \$250.00. Games start at 6:00 pm.

Night for Seminarians meeting is at Thousand Oaks on April 14 (Jim Jones is matching each branch \$100 donation). Jim Friebel will be attending.

Golf Tournament July 27 in Monterey

Next year's calendars will feature small towns and villages of member family heritage. Jim also said the current calendars are for sale for \$20 with the total to go to ICF.

Day of Recollection Sal and Denise Campagna, Eleanor, Donna and Marilyn attended

Loretta Wilson did not attend today's meeting because her family was having a prayer service for her son-in law Steve Britton who is gravely ill.

*Marilynn Tobias Secretary
Marlene Rinella Caredio*

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa Santa Rosa, Br. 18

We are happy to announce that we have donated two ICF scholarships in memory of our deceased members and are also supporting Catholic Charities with our annual donation.

It's not too early to make plans to join us for our District Day of Recollection, Host Branch 198, St. Eugene's, Santa Rosa, September 9, at \$10.00 for a day of prayer, reflection, information on the writings of St. Paul, and a fine chicken barbecue. Our District is scheduling an overnight bus trip, \$25.00 round-trip including a picnic lunch on the way up to Eureka and Arcata for Bishop's Day, Saturday, October 20 and a breakfast District meeting at the Samoa Cookhouse, Sunday, October 21. This is always a fun-filled affair and a great opportunity to be with our brothers and sisters to the north. Please pray for our sick members; Butch Bondi, Carmella Hanson and Edyth Regan's husband, Frank.

Many thanks to all who helped with our 84th Anniversary Dinner Dance held on March 31.

*Buona Pasque a tutti
Marie Canale*

Healdsburg San Francesco di Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

April 3 — Branch meeting, 7pm

April 14 — Polenta Dinner. Scott Cavallo will be the chef. Call Mary: 433-4372, Dee: 433-

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? If your Branch 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
e-mail: LLevine@mail.cho.org

5454 or Nancy: 433-4708 for reservations. Deadline: April 10. ICF Members: \$10. Non-members: \$12. Children 6 – 12: \$5.00. Under 5 are free. This will be the last polenta dinner until November.

April 22 — Pancake Breakfast. 9:00 – Noon. Our first Pancake breakfast was a success. Come by the Parish Hall after the morning Masses to enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice!

May 1 — Mother's Day Dinner/Meeting. Parish Hall, 6:30pm. We will take the picture for the Convention Souvenir Book at this dinner. Check your email for more details.

Congratulations to Gail Pippi, who is our new Corresponding Secretary.

Happy Mother's Day!
Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Our March dinner was a celebration of St. Patrick's day with a wonderful meal of corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings, including soda bread. As usual our kitchen staff excelled. We had an outstanding number of members and guests at our February dinner meeting and we are seeing the results of the efforts made to advertise our organization through the church bulletin as well as word of mouth. We initiated 2 new members at the meeting, Carol De Lagnes and Mary Hollis, welcome to Branch 103.

Hopefully everyone has paid their annual dues, if not please do so as soon as possible. There are still some calendars for purchase, they help our branch financially and you could be a big winner!

The April dinner is stuffed Pork loin roast, scalloped potatoes, salad and dessert. Please call Lila for reservations at 707-996-3448 by April 6.

We had our quarterly Mass and communion on March 11, hoping to increase attendance for our next one which is on June 10. Please consider joining us for Mass and breakfast at the Palms. Our branch will have its 60th anniversary dinner celebration on May 8. There will be a special menu to be announced, this will be our scholarship fund raiser, please plan on joining us for this special anniversary dinner.

We are planning to offer 3 scholarships this year and are currently awaiting the applications of applying seniors in the Sonoma Valley.

Our prayers continue for those who are ill or suffering at this time.

God Bless you all during this Lenten season,
Margo Kosta

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

How fast this year is going already. We're going into Springtime. I love this time of the year, when I can watch all the leaves coming out on the trees, blossoms everywhere and the beauty that God gives us in nature.

Coming up will be our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. It will be on April 28 in St. James Church Hall. Cost: Adults \$16 Children under 12 yrs. \$5. Reservations can be made with Spence Burton - 763-9082. Plan to come and ask your friends as well.

April 9 - Regular Meeting Room 9

May 7-8 - Reno Overnighter. Kathleen Walker needs people for the bus trip. We will be staying at the Peppermill Hotel/Casino. It is a great trip. For further information and to make reservations call Kathleen - 763-7354.

Our thanks to our First Lady Cathy Burton. Cathy has been teaching an Italian class and has donated money from this class to the Bocci Ball Court Fund. We thank her as it gets us closer to the goal of building the site.

Sick members this month are: Roseanna Cresci, Rita Boynton and Carolyn Strange. They all need our prayers and get well wishes.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to members celebrating this month. Easter blessings to

everyone. We are thankful to our Lord for all he does for us and all he gives us and for all the prayers he has answered for us.

That is all I have to report at this time, remember to be nice to someone, you always get it back in return.

Ciao
Louise Vicino

Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Vice President Gene Senestraro presided over our March 13 meeting. Secretary Dianne Luzzi read the minutes of our last meeting which were approved as read.

Our January 21 installation dinner was a success. The food was delicious; we had a great time visiting with each other and the Arcata branch members who hosted the dinner. Thank you.

Jerry Colivas reported on our two Branch 145 first year college scholarships. The application forms for 2012 were distributed to the Eureka high schools. The information has been forwarded to the Eureka Catholic churches. Membership approved that we award two Br. 145 scholarships this year for \$750 each. Applications must be submitted by April 17 to Gene.

Our branch anniversary dinner will be on April 21. It will be held at the Samoa Cookhouse. Donation is \$18.00. Please be sure to call Josephine for reservations.

Our next Eureka branch meeting is April 10. come early and enjoy.

Please pray for world peace; good health and peace to all.

Happy Easter to all,
Nancy Paoli

Cotati St. Joseph, Br. 150

Our March meeting was our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef dinner. We thank Tom Daly who cooked the corned beef. Thank you to everyone who helped out since I was unable to be there. The dinner was very good.

Next month April is the International Potluck with Barbara, Pat H. and Shirley as the hosts.

A FYI reminder there will be no meeting April 5 due to the day being Holy Thursday. Our April meeting will be April 9.

Scholarship forms were finally mailed out. Please fill out your part, have the graduate fill in their part and mail it back to me.

Coming in May is the Mother's-Father's Day dinner at the 101 casino.

Please pray for all our ill members, our family members, and recuperating members.

Please have a wonderful Easter and Happy Spring.

Susan Daly

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For us as Catholics the celebration at Easter is rooted in the Resurrection, We believe that as Christ rose from the dead, we too will have life everlasting in heaven. Celebrate with your friends and family, it is a great day.

Many thanks to Ernie Giampaoli, Dick Carrera, Kathy Acquistapace, John Kennedy, Mike Milano, Nancy Azevedo, Marge Milano, Frank Costaglio and Lorraine Castelli for making our corned beef & cabbage dinner a huge success. REMEMBER our fundraiser on April 21 in the Becker Center. Prime Rib and pasta and cocktails for only \$ 20.00 per person. We need your support. Call RoseAnne at 525-8183 for tickets.

Please pray for Claire Giampaoli, Marie Lagomarsino, Marlene Scinto, RoseAnne Sikes, Charlotte Musio and all our members.

Our next meeting April 2 will be in the Parish Life Center at 7:00pm followed by dessert and bingo.

Put May 7 on your calendar as we host our scholarship winners and their families.

Buona Pasqua
Lorraine Castelli

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

The March meeting featured a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner which was fantastic. Thumbs up to Don Becchetti and his crew!!

Our guest for the evening was Bob Acquistapace, President of Branch 198, who also assisted Branch Deputy, Tom Saksa, in initiating new member, Angela Opperman. President, Barbara Bidia was unable to be with us this evening; therefore, 1st Vice President, Yvonne Watson, presided over the meeting. Great job, Yvonne!! The St. Sebastian's Parish Breakfast is scheduled for April 22. Each year Branch 209 donates an "Italian Basket" toward the raffle. Donations for this basket would be appreciated. Please bring your offerings to our April meeting. For additional information, call Pam McAlvain (829-1509).

On April 29, Branch 209 will host the Santa Rosa District Meeting. A workshop will be held from 10am until 12 noon. Subjects will include information on finances, history, offices and leadership. Lunch (no charge) and meeting will follow. For food preparation purposes, please call President Barbara Bidia (542-2993) if you plan to attend.

Our recent Polenta & Chicken Dinner was a huge success. Treasurer Lorraine Vannetti provided members with a detailed report. The event was a sell-out!

Ciao,
Lona Bertoli

Stockton

District Council

The next District meeting will be May 20, 2012 in Angels Camp at 1:30pm. It will be at St. Patrick's Church, 820 Main St.

Br. 413 is always very supportive and comes to our events here in the valley so put the date on your calendar and plan on attending the meeting to show them we appreciate their support. It will be a beautiful time for a drive through the mountains.

Reservations should be in to Wendell Barnes (209)736-2985 no later than May 14, 2012.

May 20 – District Meeting Hosted by Angles Camp Branch 413

Happy Easter!!

Cecelia McGhee

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Reminder: We will be holding out 75th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, July 21, 2012 with the social hour at 12:00 noon and dinner at 1:00pm. Anyone that would like to attend Mass after the dinner may do so in the new church at 5:00pm. Please mark your calendars with a save the date. Details will be in the bollettino in the coming months and invitations will be sent out.

We will have our bake sale coming up on the May 4 & 5. Get out those baked goods recipes and help out where you can.

Coming up:

Apr. 11 – Meeting 7:00pm St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

Apr. 1 and May 13 - Mass for our deceased members 8:00am at the Maze Blvd. Church

May 9 – Mother's Day Potluck and meeting 6:00pm St. Stanislaus Hall 7 & K Streets

May 20 – District meeting 1:30pm, Br. 413Angels Camp

Happy Easter !!

Cecelia McGhee



Branch 390 President Stephen Ridolfi (right) presenting check for \$2,500 to Msgr. Rocha for the building fund.

Manteca N.S. Del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Tickets are now available for our 6th annual Shrimp Dinner that will be held on April 14. The price is \$30. per person. Call Anna, 209 982 5458 or Ida, 209 982 5710 for tickets. We are asking all members to donate items for raffle prize baskets. We are also requesting that our members prepare a delicious dessert for our Dessert Auction.

At our last meeting, we welcomed two new members. They are Nancy Kotual and Janime D'Amato. We are very pleased to have them and their youthful energy join our club.

The Convention raffle tickets were passed out. Try to sell as many as you can. There are several awards available to the seller and our club.

The Stockton District will hold their next meeting in Angels Camp on May 20. We encourage our members to attend. The drive in the foothills is beautiful this time of the year.

Our next meeting is April 24 in the St. Anthony's School cafeteria where dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there, and do not forget to bring a raffle prize.

We wish all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Ida Queirolo

Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

Our Valentine Dinner Dance went very well! Many thanks to all the members for their hard work and dedication. The food, prime rib and fixings, had excellent reviews! The dessert, a lemon cake, was also very popular. The band played good music that caused many to get up and dance. The drinks were part of the ticket price, so no liquor license was needed.

The soup suppers are going along well. We have a good number of people coming for the Stations of the Cross, and they enjoy having the soup supper ready and waiting afterward.

St. Patrick's Day is almost here and we will be working with the Altar Society, again, to put on a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. One of our own members, Dan Darby, has been asked by the Altar Society to do the cooking. I know it will be a delicious meal!

Bishop's Burse Dinner is May 25 for our Stockton District, and we are looking forward to seeing many of our sister branch members there.

To top off this busy month, our branch has been invited to join others in a clean-up day at St. Patrick's in Angels Camp on March 31. Lent is a very busy time for Branch 413!

We hope all of you have a blessed and beautiful Pasqua!

Ciao
Annette Pachinger for Amy Schmid
Correspondence Secretary



Branch 425.

Tucson

Green Valley Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Greetings from Sunny Arizona,

Well our St Joseph’s Table was a little disappointing. We didn’t have the turn out that we hoped for. The donations were good though, we did give the Food Bank three hundred dollar, (picture above.)

As I mentioned last month we tried something

different to get new members, we had a free dinner meeting for prospective members. Well it worked; we installed 9 new members at our last meeting, (picture above.) By the way we enjoyed a very good corn beef and cabbage dinner to celebrate St Patrice’s day cooked by new members Ed and Sue Simms.

Our cookie sale was another great success.

This month we will take our annul trip to St David to visit the mission there, go to Mass in their small church and have delicious dinner with the priest. We give them a generous donation, which they

really appreciate. They also like the wine we donate.

Next month we will have our annual picnic in Madera Canyon. We have a great covered picnic area with large barbeques, where we will make our hamburgers, sausages and all the members we bring goodies that go with a picnic. I’m sure we will have a great time as always.

*God Bless all our members,
Joe Vivaldi*

Tucson Fr. Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

Branch 433 is “under the weather” (cough, cough!). Even though it has been pleasant here, the viruses have struck our Branch and because so many of our members were ill, it was decided to cancel our St. Joseph’s Table planned for March 25.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish have been very welcoming to us and we are beginning to feel part of the Parish community. We have tentatively planned “A Taste of Italy” for Sunday, May 27 which is also Pentecost Sunday (we will be wearing our red ICF shirts). Mangia, Mangia!! Get well wishes to President Fleischmann and wife, Maria; Trustee Frances DeChaine and Bette Acitelli as all of them have been ill with upper respiratory infections.

President Henry Fleischmann will be sending out letters to members who are delinquent in dues payments. He also handed out the ICF Con-

vention Raffle books with each member receiving one with the request to purchase or sell the tickets.

Branch Deputy and ICF Central Council Member Jim Acitelli gave a brief report of the recent Central Council meeting held in February. He pointed out his Apostolic/Charity Committee article in this month’s “Bollettino” regarding Communion Sunday.

Our raffle winner of a lovely box of candy was Mary Pellegrino. We enjoyed her winnings as dessert (isn’t that what families are for?) when we all went to the “Macaroni Grill” for lunch after the meeting.

A Happy Easter to all - Christ is Risen!

Bette Acitelli, Recording Secretary

Tucson St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

Hello ICF! Spring has made its way to Arizona and it is beautiful! Our group here in Tucson just hosted a bake sale last weekend in 80-degree weather. So much food was made and everything was delicious. There were biscotti, cookies, brownies, bread rolls, brownie & cookie bites, and several different types of loaf cakes. We sold on a Saturday evening after Mass and again after Sunday morning Mass. Considering it is Lent and some of us (myself included) have given up eating chocolate, we managed to sell every last bit and made \$550.00! God is good and we wish you all a blessed spring!

What Kids Think About the Bible

The following were found online. You may have received them via email, but this are too cute not to share.

Lot’s Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, “My Mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole!”

The Good Samaritan

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, “If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?” A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, “I think I’d throw up.”

Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?” “No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms.”

Higher Power

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, “We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?” One child blurted out, “Aces!”

Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

“Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of

Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.”

“Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?” his mother asked.

“Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you’d never believe it!”

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible – Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task – but he just couldn’t remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, “The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.”

Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, “So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That’s very commendable. What does she say?” The little boy replied, “Thank God he’s in bed!”

Untimely Answered Prayer

During the minister’s prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy’s mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, “Tommy, whatever made you

do such a thing?” Tommy answered, soberly, “I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!”

Time To Pray

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. “Yes, sir,” the boy replied. “And, do you always say them in the morning, too?” the pastor asked. “No sir,” the boy replied. “I ain’t scared in the daytime.”

All Men/ All Girls

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, “And all girls.” This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, “Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?” Her response, “Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying ‘All Men.’”

Say a Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother’s house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

“Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.” said his mother. “I don’t need to,” the boy replied.

“Of course, you do,” his mother insisted. “We always say a prayer before eating at our house.”

“That’s at our house,” Johnny explained. “But this is Grandma’s house and she knows how to cook!”

Easter Love
On Easter we celebrate love,
love coming down from
heaven,
love blanketing the earth
in a transforming embrace;
unique and infinite love,
giving more than we can
imagine
for us, to cleanse our sin,
a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of
God,
the walking, talking Word.
He is teacher, role model,
friend,
this God in human form,
dying, then rising from the
dead,
proving all who believe
will also rise
to have eternal life, with Him,
Lord of all.
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!
By Joanna Fuchs

The Ways and Means Committee announces the Theme for the 2013 Fundraiser Calendar as "I Villaggi E Le Città Da Dove Siamo Venuti / The Villages And Cities From Which We Came."

The Ways and Means Committee would like you, the members, to send us articles written by you about the villages and cities your families emigrated from to come to the United States. The articles should be about 200 words in length and you can send us pictures that you may have so we can include some in the calendar. These articles do not have to be only stories about coming from Italy, but may also include other places in the world that our diverse member families have originated from.

Please use the following outline as a guide to your article:

My Village or City's Name, Location, Population, Elevation, Architectural Interest, Festivals, Popular Foods, Something Produced by the Town, My Favorite Memory from the Town and Something Unique or Memorable About the Town.

Also, we invite you once again to participate in the listing of birthdays - for a donation of \$10.00 (per name) we will list the names of members, your family or friends in the calendar

on their birthdays. The deadline for the articles, names and payments to

be sent to the I.C.F. office will be **May 1, 2012.**

The calendars are a big fundraiser for the Federation and we want to do all we can to encourage members and friends to purchase one with your help.

Mail your article, list of names with birthdates and a check made payable to the I.C.F. to:

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

The Committee thanks you for your participation. Chairperson: Jim Friebe and Members: Dante Galeazzi, Pat Mages, Andy Pappani and Leonard Rossi.

If you have any questions, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924 or Jim Friebe, Ways and Means Chairperson, at (831) 638-1742.



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GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

Breakfast: 7:00am / Shotgun tee off: 8:45am

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: \$135 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 20th, the price per golfer is \$150. Banquet only: \$35

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2012

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 (\$135 per player plus \$35 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: \$150 per player after July 20th.

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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Bocce In Fresno!

The 3rd annual Fresno District bocce tournament will be held On May 5 at San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno)



and registration fees include a lunch and prizes for the winners. The registration fee is only \$80 per team of four. (Non-players are welcome and can purchase lunch for only \$10/adult and \$5/child.) Registration opens at 8:45am with the first games beginning around 9:00am.

For more information and registration forms, contact Allen Watts 661-363-3803 by May 2.