

# BOLLETTINO

## Highlights



**Msgr. Cardelli:**  
What is the ICF and  
What Does it Do?



**Book Review:**  
"The Song of St.  
Francis", by Tomie  
dePaola



**Saintly Stories:**  
St. Teresa of Avila,  
The Mystical  
Carmelite

## Calendar Winners:

### November Calendar Winners

## Central Council Meeting Minutes Saturday October 16, 2010 Francesco's Restaurant – Oakland, CA

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Grand President Jim Jones.

Opening Prayer: led by Theresa Helfand  
Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: GP Jim Jones.  
Roll Call of Officers: CC Members excused –Michael Rossi, David Botta, Steven Fuentes, Vince Picciola and Spiritual Director Msgr. Daniel Cardelli. CC Members Emeritus - 6 in attendance. Introductions: GP Jim welcomed ICF members and guests from visiting branches.

CC Meeting Minutes: from 6-12-10 and 9-5-10 were reviewed and approved as written.

### Communications

· Thank you – Andrea Pimentel for donation to the Providenza Fund in memory of her husband George Pimentel

· Thank you – Rosemarie and family for donation to Gifts of Love Program in memory of Ario Gregori

· Thank you – Sid and Andy Pappani for donation to Providenza Fund in memory of Sid's mother Carmen Sanchez Cardenas

· Thank you – from the The Gubbio Project for donation on behalf of Mother Teresa Award recipient Fr. Louis Vitale

· Acknowledgement – donation to the

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# Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!

## Bishop's Day Celebrations Around the ICF

October was a very busy month around the Federation for Bishop's Days. ICF members, friends and members of the Central Council were hopping all over California to help the various districts celebrate their annual Bishop's Days.

The Central Coast District held its Bishop's Day on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at Madonna Del Sasso, Salinas Branch 200. A lovely Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard Garcia to the many members of the district, Central Council



Bishop Patrick McGrath at the Santa Clara Valley District's Bishop's Day.

members, family and friends in attendance.

Central Council Grand Trustee Jim Friebe presented Bishop Garcia with the \$4,000 Seminary burse donation. Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jane Dianda presented \$2,500 from the Providenza Fund to Bishop Garcia. A Spiritual Bouquet was also presented to Bishop Garcia from District President and

Central Council member Franklyn Lopes.

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Members of the Central Council and Santa Rosa District with Bishop Garcia at the Santa Rosa District Bishop's Day.

## ICF Mourns Passing of Past Grand President Richard Valli

Richard Valli, a dedicated and long time member of the Italian Catholic Federation died on November 15, 2010 in San Francisco after a brief illness. Richard was born on May 17 1937 to Mario and Rose Valli who were members of Branch 38 in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife, Lillian and a sister, Barbara Jean Di Grazia and husband Herbert as well as nieces, Karen Di Grazia Rossi and her husband Leonard Rossi, Donna Di Grazia, Valerie Pontarelli, Vickie Baiocchi and Paula



Boyd, and his great niece, Janet Rossi. Richard attended schools in San Francisco and graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He married Lillian Baiocchi on May 4, 1958 and they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary two years ago. He and Lillian joined, (as charter members) Branch 258 at St. Elizabeth's Parish in San

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## Grand President's Message



Christmas is coming; the geese are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do, if you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you.

The meaning that is conveyed in this English Carol is that each should give to charity according to their means, even if all you can give are your blessings.

Many of you know that Christmas is my most favorite holiday and time of the year. I love the music, the decorations, the festivities at our family gatherings and especially going to Mass together and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve.

In 1647, the exact year my forefathers left Hereford, England, to start a new life in America, the English Parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal. Christmas festivities were banned by Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry, on what was supposed to be a holy day of obligation, to be immoral. Obviously my family felt differently about that. The love of feasting and revelry along with the special meaning of Christmas has carried on in our household right up to this day.

The ban was lifted only when the Puritans lost power in 1660. Please don't get the wrong idea. The intimate social part of family gathering is important, but the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the reason for the season.

How to keep Christ in Christmas.

1. To keep Christ in Christmas, make it a point to write out the word Christmas, not Xmas. Do not fall into the trap of being politically correct and replacing Merry Christmas with Happy Holidays. Christmas naturally has Christ in it. Do not take it out.

2. Take your family and friends to church Christmas programs, musicals and living nativity scenes. Show them that Christ is in Christmas.

3. Sing traditional Christmas songs and teach them to your children and grandchildren. Most schools no longer sing them. They refer to the Christmas holidays as winter holidays or end of the year holidays. Refer to them as Christmas in order to keep Christ in Christmas.

4. Be sure to constantly remind your family and friends what the true meaning of Christmas is.

Janice and I want to wish each one of you and your family a blessed Merry Christmas and the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# What Is the ICF and What Does it Do?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director  
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Not so long ago, someone asked me, "What is the Italian Catholic Federation and what does it do?" I checked the ICF website, [ICF.org](http://ICF.org), and lo and behold I found the answer. I am impressed and proud of what the ICF is and what it does. See for yourselves below and share this with those who may not know and those who would like to join. "The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non-profit fraternal organization for **practicing Catholics of all cultures**. Founded in 1924, *the federation's mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among its members and to spread that spirit throughout the community. As Christians, we continue the tradition of love, hospitality, and works of charity as signs of Christ's peace among us.*

Members of the ICF enjoy the **fellowship of other Catholics and their families**. By praying and playing together, we enrich ourselves, strengthen our family and spiritual lives, and share our blessings with one another.

We are proud of our **assistance to parishes, pastors and local communities**. We often help local pastors with various parish projects and fundraisers. Our members are often active in parish councils, finance committees, and other Catholic organizations.

The ICF is an example of the laity's participation in the apostolic mission of the Catholic Church.

**Our Heritage Program informs and enlightens** each new generation about the many contributions Italian Catholic men and women have made to our society. At local branch meetings and at our local convention, you can learn about our rich Italian American heritage as well as other heritages that make up this great nation of immigrants.

Our **national publication, The Bollettino**, is filled with local and national ICF news and offers the reader traditional recipes, book reviews and historical and religious articles.

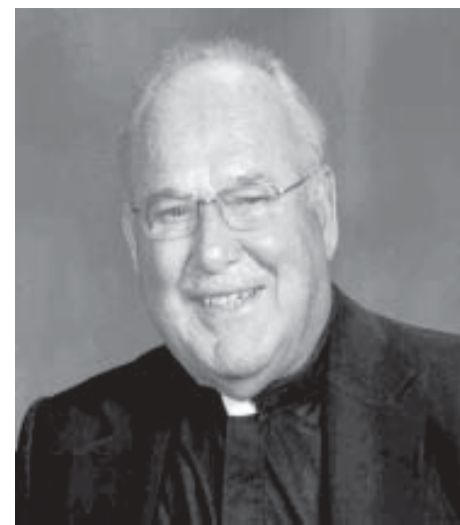
To **support the clergy**, the ICF offers prayers and monetary donations for the continuation of vocations and contributes to the education of young men training for the priesthood.

We **award scholarships** to Catholic elementary and high school students and grants to assist the developmentally disabled. Our Mario Cugia Scholarship promotes Italian studies.

We are a **major supporter of the Cooley's Anemia research and treatment program at Oakland Children's Hospital**, and we sponsor an Organ Donor Awareness program. Our Gifts of Love Program provides grants to individuals with disabilities so that they may develop academic, athletic, vocational and creative arts skills that assist them towards greater independence.

The **ICF offers various annual awards**. The Pope John XXIII Award is presented to an outstanding lay person who best exemplifies the humanitarian qualities of this exemplary pope. The Mother Teresa award recognizes and honors a priest, nun, deacon or brother for exemplary humanitarian work. We also honor a family of the year as well as a young adult who exhibits the qualities of leadership. We annually bestow the Grand President's Award to a member for exceptional community service in the spirit of the ICF.

**We welcome and extend our hearts to you**. Enjoy with us Italian cuisine, pedro and bocce tournaments, potlucks, travel excursions, and other events which allows us to worship and socialize together as well as raise funds to support a range of worthwhile programs.



If you are interested in the ICF, please contact a local branch and come to one of our many activities."

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

## BOOK REVIEW Vince Piro

**The Song of Francis**

Tomie dePaola

G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2009.

32 pages.



In *The Song of Francis*, Tomie dePaola, award winning author and illustrator, introduces young children to the story of St. Francis de Assisi. These simple words and lively illustrations will delight preschool children and teach them valuable lessons about their relationship with God.

St. Francis is so full of love for God that he wants to sing, but he is alone and there is no one to listen. This discourages Francis until a small angel, who follows Francis everywhere, tells him to sing anyway since God will hear him. So Francis begins to sing. His voice reaches the sky and the sun and moon come to listen to his beautiful song. Then the sky fills with birds – red ones, orange ones, yellow ones, green ones, blue ones and more – who want to listen to Francis' verses. Then, the birds join Francis in his song and "a more glorious sound – a more glorious sight was never seen on earth before." Finally, angels came to listen to this glorious song of love. As evening descends, Francis ends his song and is once again alone, except for the moon and angel. However, now Francis vows, "Tomorrow . . . I shall sing again."

The lessons in this seemingly simple text will appeal to children and adults, too. First, dePaola reminds us that we are never alone, for God is always present in our lives. As the angel reminds Francis when he feels alone and doesn't want to sing, "The loving God will hear you." What's interesting is that God never appears in the book as a character, but his angel appears to inspire Francis and once he begins his song of love to God, Francis' world fills with life. While one cannot see God, he is present everywhere in the life around us.

Children will also experience the power of love. DePaola writes simply yet forcefully: "Love, love, love," went the song." And the page explodes with life and color. Francis appears with his arms outstretched, accept-

ing and loving all things. And the sky fills with both the sun and moon. Birds of all colors – orange, blue, green – fly about, chirping as they accompany Francis as he sings. Brightly colored plants and flowers sprout from the ground and delight the eye.

The illustrations in this slim volume are vibrant, pulsating with motion and color that children will find attractive. Each page delights the eye and reinforces the text. For example, when Francis is alone, the reader sees a single Francis on the page with just a couple of plants around him. The pleasant colors are few and more muted, a light purple and burnt orange. Later, when Francis' song of love attracts the sun and moon, the angels and birds, the page bursts with bright colors: yellow, orange, blue, purple, green, and white in various intermixed hues. The page is awash in motion with flying birds and sprouting plants and the pulsating rays of the sun and moon.

This book is filled with the love of God and the life that springs forth from that love. The back cover best summarizes this fine book best: "Celebrate the joy of life."

For older children, DePaola has written *Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi* (Holiday House, February 1990), which retells the story of this adored saint's extraordinary life in a series of vignettes. It was an American Library Association Notable Book. It also includes an introduction, historical notes, and a list of dates that would serve useful for a research paper.

DePaola has been publishing for more than 40 years. He has written and/or illustrated over 200 books. He has written books involving the stories and characters of numerous cultures as well as his Italian heritage, including several books on *Strega Nona*. For his work, dePaola has received the Caldecott Honor Award and the Newbery Honor Award. To learn more about dePaola visit [www.tomie.com](http://www.tomie.com).

## November CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
11/1	Emily Hughetti		San Francisco, CA	\$50
11/2	Genevieve R. Vonnegut	25	Salinas, CA	\$50
11/3	Carolyn Carr		San Francisco, CA	\$30
11/4	Lorraine Sullivan	365	San Francisco, CA	\$40
11/5	Joe Dianda	91	San Leandro, CA	\$30
11/6	Lefty Serpa	14	Benicia, CA	\$30
11/7	Carol Chiarelli	27	Madera, CA	\$30
11/8	Dona & Bill Malkason		Bellingham, WA	\$30
11/9	Nancy Thomas		Merced, CA	\$30
11/10	Daniel McGhee		Bolingbrook, IL	\$30
11/11	Anne Gabri	419	Sacramento, CA	\$50
11/12	Maryellen Mazzei	39	Merced, CA	\$30
11/13	Janet Petrucci	27	Madera, CA	\$50
11/14	Betty & Sal Spingola	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
11/15	Nancy Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
11/16	Ralph Marinelli	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
11/17	Antonio Suarez		Oakland, CA	\$30
11/18	Joe & Betty Antuzzi	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
11/19	Catherine Bianco	91	Sausalito, CA	\$30
11/20	Katherine Vasile	303	Thousand Palms, CA	\$30
11/21	Giovanna Tanzillo	40	Piedmont, CA	\$30
11/22	Laura Monay	393	San Clemente, CA	\$30
11/23	Gloria Romano	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
11/24	Leonard & Karen Rossi	91	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
11/25	Hazel Fanucchi	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
11/26	Dianne Walton	428	Plymouth, CA	\$40
11/27	Pat Ramorini	413	Angels Camp, CA	\$30
11/28	Mary Ann Lauro	115	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	\$30
11/29	Katherine Strain	54	San Ramon, CA	\$30
11/30	Rev. Eric Swearingen	417	Fresno, CA	\$30

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## SAINTLY STORIES

by Clem  
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### Saint Teresa of Avila The Mystical Carmelite

**T**eresa of Avila was born in 1515, in Avila, Castile, Spain. Her parents were upper-middle class and raised a family of 10 children. Teresa was described by her biographers as a "bright, imaginative, extraverted and affectionate child." Her closest sibling and constant companion was her brother Rodrigo, with whom she prayed and took particular delight in reading the lives of the saints. As Teresa entered her teens, her mother died. The event caused a very noticeable change in her personality: she began spending much time alone, so much so that it alarmed her father, who placed her in an Augustinian convent where young women were educated.

After a year and a half in the convent, Teresa fell ill so her father took her home to convalesce. There, Teresa seriously considered the religious life. When she discussed it with her father, he opposed the idea. So, at the age of 20, against her father's wishes, she applied to and was received at the convent of the Incarnation of the Carmelite nuns outside Avila. A year later, no longer opposed by her father, she received the habit and began to give herself wholeheartedly to prayer and penance. Shortly after her profession, she again became seriously ill and failed to respond to medical treatment—in fact, her doctors gave up on her. As a last resort, her father took her to a famous woman healer, whose "treatment" also failed to cure Teresa's condition (which may have been malignant malaria). Teresa's ailment continued to plague her greatly for three years. Then, for no explicable reason, it diminished and Teresa regained some semblance of health.

Then Teresa experienced a period of time when she began to neglect mental prayer and spend too much time mixing with visitors to the convent. Shortly after her father died, her confessor called her spiritual slippage to her attention so she returned to intensive private prayer. During the next 18 years, Teresa reported that God visited her with intellectual visions and interior communications. These "gifts" brought mixed reviews from those few to whom she described them: some thought she was blessed with God-given mystical experiences; others cautioned her that these were figments of a runaway imagination; some others warned her that these were the work of the devil and that she should break them off promptly. On one occasion, Teresa stated that she was seized with a rapture in which she heard these words spoken to her within her soul: "I will not have you hold conversations with men, but with angels." Even though her reports of the raptures and divine messages caused her great distress, she continued to receive and welcome them for ensuing years.



Teresa was a reformer: both internally and externally. Internally, she resolved to follow the Rule as perfectly as humanly possible. Externally, she acted on a suggestion from her niece that since the nuns at the convent at Avila were too relaxed that a smaller stricter and more private monastery should be established. The proposal met with both strong support and with fierce opposition from religious and laity alike. Finally, in 1562,

an order came from the Vatican that authorized the establishment of the new monastery of St. Joseph. On August 24, 1563, the monastery was dedicated and during the ceremony four novices received the habit of Discalced Carmelites. Now that she had her monastery, Teresa imposed strict enclosure, perpetual silence and austere poverty on her community. Then fol-

lowed the five most peaceful years of her life during which she wrote the Way of Perfection and the Meditations on the Canticle.

In 1567, the Carmelite general visited Teresa's community and approved of her work. He commanded her to establish other convents along the same line. Within the next few years, Teresa founded seventeen convents, some for men, throughout Spain. Some of the convents were met with opposition, especially the monasteries established for men; however, after some political battles within the Carmelite hierarchy, the issues were resolved in 1580 when Pope Gregory XIII recognized Teresa's Discalced Carmelites as a separate province.

Teresa was endowed with great natural talents, one of which was writing. She described her experiences with remarkable skill in works that have become spiritual classics. Her autobiography, The Way of Perfection, and The Interior Castle have inspired and guided countless people in their spiritual lives.

Teresa was one of the great mystics and apostles of the Church. She was intelligent, practical, charming and deeply spiritual. She was also skillful enough to blend a very active life with a life of deep contemplation.

She died in October, 1582. She was canonized in March, 1622, by Pope Gregory XV and, in 1970, Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church—the first woman to be so honored.

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## Bishop's Days

Host Branch President and Event Co-Chair Paula Matelli, along with Co-chairs Dolores Melchisedoch, Peter Lucido and Frank Ditto made certain the arrangements of the day were just right. A catered lunch was served by the teens of Madonna Del Sasso. All in attendance also celebrated Betty Terminus 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by singing "Happy Birthday" and having cake.

Special guests in attendance included Central Council Member Vince Piro and his wife Robyn; Central Council Member Andy Pappani and his wife Sid; Central Council Sergeant-at-Arms Roselynn Jarrett and her mom Patty; Grand Trustee Jim Friebel and his wife MaryAnn; CC Life Member Dante Galeazzi; Grand Trustee Leonard Zasoski and his wife Betty; and CC Life Member Emeritus and Past Grand President Nettie Descalso-Del Nero and her husband Tom.

On October 24, 2010, the Fresno District held its annual Bishop's Day at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Fresno, California. The day began with mass celebrated by Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, filling in for an ailing Bishop Steinbock. Msgr. Wenzinger's sermon welcomed the members of the ICF and inspired members of the congregation. Members of the district and Central Council attended the mass. The mass was followed by a delicious luncheon in the parish hall hosted by Branch 308 and catered by Pardini's Catering and Banquets of Fresno. Maria Tollefson, President of the San Diego District, served as the Master of Ceremonies. President of the Fresno district, Allan Watts, presented Msgr. Wenzinger with a donation for seminarians of \$3,750. First Grand Vice-President Jane Dianda then donated \$1,500 to the bishop from the Providenza fund. Presidents, officers, and members from several branches in the district attended the event. Central Council members and family members attending the event were First Grand Vice-President Jane Dianda; Andy Pappani, and his wife, Siria; Steve Fuentes and his father and mother, Harold and Virginia; Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, and her husband, Tom; Leonard Zasoski, and his wife, Betty; Vince Piro, and his wife, Robyn; and Marco Galeazzi. Also in attendance were Lou Mages, the newly appointed ICF Field Director, as well as Father Loren Blessing, the branch chaplain, and Rev. Mr. Edward Valdez, the parish deacon. The event was a celebration of God's grace and the Italian heritage.

Santa Rosa District Bishop's Day was held on October 24 at St. Francis Solano in Sonoma. Branch 103 was the host. Everyone who braved the rainstorm enjoyed a wonderful lunch after attending the 11:00am Mass celebrated Bishop Daniel Walsh.

Past Grand President Bob Acquistapace was Master of Ceremonies. We were very pleased to have three members from Br. 144 Arcata, make the 5 hour drive to attend Bishop's Day.

Santa Rosa District President Linda Sherman presented \$2050 Seminary Burse



Branch 308 President Antoinette Pecora, at the Fresno Bishop's Day with Grand First Vice President Jane Dianda, Reverend Monsignor Robert Wenzinger, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua and Bishop John Steinbock's representative, and MC Maria Tollefson.

to Bishop Walsh. Grand President Jim Jones presented \$2000 from the Providenza Fund. District Orator Lorraine Vannetti presented the Spiritual Bouquet. Bishop Walsh said the Diocese has 6 men in the Seminary.

Central Council member in attendance included Grand Trustee Deborah Rodondi and her mother, June, Grand Sergeant at Arms Roselynn Jarrett, Past Grand President Michael Rossi and his wife Marcie, Life Member Dante Galeazzi and his wife, Julie, Life Member Emeritus Carmen Kilcullen and her husband Larry.

On Monday, October 25, 2010 the Blessed Sacrament District held its annual Bishop's Day at St. Mary's Church in Sacramento. Branch 45 was the host. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop William Wiegand presided over the day's events.

Although it was raining outside, the food and warmth were contagious. Many thanks are to be given to Branch 45 for a wonderful meal and gracious hospitality. The festivities were arranged by host Branch President and Co-Chair Janine Orsi and Co-Chair Tina Tallman. District President Lynda Cook presented the \$2,000 Seminary Burse Donation to Bishop Wiegand. Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Basuino presented \$1,500 from the Providenza Fund. A Spiritual Bouquet was offered by Maria Keller.

Special guests in attendance included Grand Trustee Jim Friebel and his wife, Maryann; Central Council member Franklyn Lopes; Past President of Branch 191, Frank Basuino; Grand Secretary Nina Malone and her mother, Natalie; and Father Francis from St. Mary's Church.

Under a beautiful blue sky on Sunday, October 31, 2010, the Santa Clara Valley District of the Italian Catholic Federation honored his Excellency, Bishop Patrick McGrath of the Diocese of San Jose at a luncheon held at Michael's Restaurant in Mountain View. The luncheon followed Sunday Mass held at St. Joseph Parish in Mountain View, with Bishop McGraw the main celebrant. The Mass and Luncheon was attended by Grand President Jim Jones and our Grand First Lady, Janice Jones and several members of the Central Council, members of the 11 Branches associated with Santa Clara Valley District, Diocesan Chaplain Monsignor Joseph Milani, District Chaplain Father George Aranha, Father Bill Pegnam in residence at Santa Theresa Parish in San

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## Bishop's Days

Jose and Father Peter Siemas from St. Joseph Parish in Cupertino.

Attendance of all 16 seminarians currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of San Jose was facilitated by the Diocese Vocation Director Father John Poncini, who also attended the luncheon.

The membership of Branch 47 in Mountain View headed by Joseph Teresi and his committee, hosted the beautiful day. Michael's Restaurant accommodated 142 people at the luncheon. The ownership group of the Restaurant did a wonderful job – great food, excellent service and was generous in reducing the bill by over \$500. We thank them for their generosity.

This year, despite the hardship with the economy, God blessed the District with successful fundraisers thereby allowing the District to donate \$10,500 to the Diocese Vocation Program. This money goes directly to the seminarians for support of their education. To see the appreciation and excitement in the eyes of these young men made it all worth the work and effort. Grand President Jim Jones presented the Bishop with a check from the Providenza Fund in the amount of \$2,500. Pier DelFrate, Orator of Branch 47 presented the Bishop with our Spiritual Bouquet, which was gratefully accepted by Bishop McGraw.

## The Bollettino... Moving Forward

The Public Relations Committee has been looking for ways to streamline the effort required to format the Bollettino and keep expenses down. First, for efficiency, beginning with the January 2011 issue, only electronic submissions of branch articles and photographs will be accepted for publication. There is a lot of time and effort in converting any handwritten articles and printed photographs into the format required for printing the paper. During the Public Relations workshop at the 2010 convention, it was mentioned that sending articles or photographs by email in the future would be the only acceptable method. Several of you have made the adjustment and we thank you. For those of you that have not, you will need to have either someone within your branch, a family member or a neighbor help you send your article and associated photographs by email to the *Bollettino* Editor. The December 2010 issue will be the last time that any handwritten articles or printed photographs will be accepted for publication. If you have any questions with how to send an article or photograph, please contact Michelle Feldman, the *Bollettino* editor, and for any other concerns, please contact me, Leonard Zasoski, Public Relations Chairman.

Leonard Zasoski  
Public Relations Chairman

## Richard Valli

Francisco. Richard held many offices in Br. 258 and also served as president of the San Francisco District. At the time of his death, he served as branch deputy to Branch 161 in Larkspur. He rarely missed one of their meetings. Encouraged by other Central Council members, he campaigned and was elected to serve on the Central Council in 1976. He served three years as a Grand Trustee, three years each as Second and First Grand Vice President and served three years as Grand President from 1987 to 1990. A few years later, he was elected to the office of Grand Parliamentarian. He chaired the Task Force, Bylaws/ritual and Organ Donor Committees. He was a past Director of the Transplant Recipients International Organization and member of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. He often traveled to branches to encourage organ donations. He was a member of the Military and Hospitalier Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and bore the rank of Commander. Richard's 37 years as a Federation member and 32 years as a Central Council member, meant a great deal to him. He often mentioned that the Federation was an intricate part of his life. He joined because he believed in the fundamentals and purposes of the Federation. Because of his firm belief in the organization and his experience in the business world, he felt he could be a viable member of the governing body. He was that, and much more. Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, Spiritual Director of the Federations remembers, "*Richard Valli, a true friend with a friendly roar and a banter with a wink who truly loved the ICF. Like John the Baptist he made the crooked paths straight. I will miss him.*" A dear and close friend, Past Grand President Larry Marsalli is quoted, "*Richard Valli was a man of integrity, was kind and generous and a devoted Federation member. He was a strong believer in proper protocol and doing what was right. I had the privilege of working with him on many committees since we first met in the early seventies. I will miss him as I thought of him as a brother.*" Our love and sympathy go out to his wife Lillian. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

## CC Minutes

Providenza Fund from the Bella and Eddie Leonard Family for the 2010 Family of the Year Award

- Acknowledgement – donation to the Gifts of Love Program from Central Council in memory of Ario Gregori

- Acknowledgement – donation to the Providenza Fund from the Central Council in memory of Carmen Sanchez Cardenas, Sid Pappani's mother

- Invitation – NIAF 35<sup>th</sup> Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Reports

**Spiritual Director** – Msgr. Daniel Cardelli

No report

**Grand President** – Jim Jones

- Sept. 25 – Br. 4 San Jose's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Sept. 27 – Celebration of Life for Ario Gregori

- Sept. 29 – Office Staff meeting along with Mike Rossi to review Employee Handbook

- Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 – vigil and funeral for Santa Clara District Deputy Giovanna Rosso

- Oct. 8 – Finance Committee Meeting and Heritage Meeting

- Oct. 15 – Task Force Meeting

- Oct. 16 – Central Council Meeting

- Oct. 16 – Jane to attend Br. 50 San Francisco's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Oct. 17 – Bishop's Day in Glendale, AZ; Jane to attend Central Coast; Bob will represent in Las Vegas, NV

- Oct. 23 – Br. 51 Castroville 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Oct. 24 – Santa Rosa Bishop's Day; Jane to attend in Fresno, Bob in Sacramento

- Oct. 26 – Highland, CA meeting with Lou Mages – Jane to attend

- Oct. 27 – San Bernardino Bishop's Day; Jane will represent the Grand President

- Oct. 30 – Msgr. Daniel Cardelli's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

- Oct. 31 – Santa Clara District Bishop's Day

- Nov. 6 – Santa Barbara/Ventura Bishop's Day

**Grand Treasurer** – George Bacigalupi

- General Fund Budget for Jan – Sept. 2010 was reviewed

**Deputy Chairperson** – Jane Dianda

- Appointed Jody Balestrieri as District Deputy for San Diego District effective Sept. 1

- Appointed Jerry Delfino as District Deputy for Santa Clara Valley District

- Due to serious health issues, Tony Zanotto, District Deputy of the Blessed Sacrament District has resigned; working with Nina on suggestions for his replacement

- Br. 217 Redlands – President Michael Mangino did not show up for convention, although his registration and banquet was paid. Several messages have been left with no response.

- Br. 286 Alhambra is starting the process of closing branch; members willing to transfer

- Presenting Deputy Workshop for East Bay District on Oct. 10

- Scheduling workshops for San Mateo, Santa Clara Valley, San Bernardino and San Gabriel Districts

- Completed the latest issue of the "In Touch" Newsletter

- Br. 323 Chicago asking to rescind decision of convention fine based on new information. Since this information came late and the fine was voted on by the delegates, nothing can be done to rescind this decision.

**Field Operations Director** – Louis Mages

- July 1 - Orientation meeting w/GP Jim Jones, Dave Botta & Carmen Kilcullen

- July 5 - Contacted Joe Donato regarding Las Vegas; will contact at convention.

- July 7 - Meeting w/Br. 143 North Hills Board of Directors

- July 9 – Meeting w/Br. 143 North Hills Executive Committee Meeting and pastor

- July 11 – Meeting w/Jody Balestrieri in San Diego regarding expansion

- July 15 – contacted Leonard Zasoski – new parish in Bakersfield; will schedule meeting in the fall. Br. 436 Glendale meeting postponed until July 22

- July 20 – Meeting w/ Br. 102 Burbank

- July 22 – Meeting w/Br. 437 Surprise, AZ with Bob Aquistapace, followed by a meeting w/Br. 436 Glendale with David Botta

- July 26 – Contacted Archbishop Charles Chaput in Denver, CO.; will meet Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

- July 28 – Contacted Nina Malone, Tony Zanotto in Blessed Sacrament District regarding new branch in Redding, CA

- Aug. 3 – met w/Sr. Lucille – Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

- Aug. 6 – Attended Italian Festival in Redding, CA; spoke w/Fr. Lawrence, pastor of St. Joseph Parish. ICF interest was from previous pastor who has since moved.

- Aug. 11 – Br. 143 North Hills; officers meeting w/Fr. Alex on hold due to a funeral

- Aug. 17 – Br. 102 Burbank; Branch President requests meeting with all board members

- Aug. 19 – Contacted Br. 137 Santa Barbara

- Aug. 25 – Participated in organization of Cabrini Chapel in Burbank for convention tour

- Aug. 31 – Br. 137 Santa Barbara; meeting. Branch has no parish home and older members. Will establish more monthly meetings and attend district functions

- Sept. 2 attended the ICF Convention

- Sept. 9 – Br. 102 Burbank; board meeting. Will schedule meeting w/pastor regarding a membership drive at weekend Masses.

- Sept. 13 – Post convention meeting of Cabrini Chapel Committee in Burbank

- Sept. 16 – Br. 326 Glendale; meeting along w/Dave Botta to discuss first Bishop's Day in Phoenix Diocese. Pastor Jim Turner suggested this as a good opportunity to re-introduced ICF to the parish

- Sept. 21 – Br. 137 Santa Barbara BBQ luncheon meeting

- Sept. 23 - Br. 437 Surprise, AZ – met w/branch for first meeting and election

- Sept. 24 – Participated in the San Gennaro Festival booth w/Los Angeles ICF District

- Sept. 26 – Contacted Leonard Zasoski regarding new parish in Bakersfield

- Sept. 27 – Attended Celebration of Life for Ario Gregori at Br. 19 Colma

- Sept. 28 – Received info. from Bob Osorio regarding Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga; schedule to discuss new branch

- Oct. 1 – Attended funeral for Mary Volente, charter member of Br. 102 Burbank and currently Br. 380 Thousand Oaks

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## CC Minutes

- Oct. 5- Meeting w/Msgr. Kidder at Holy Spirit Parish in El Dorado Hills (Blessed Sacrament District)
- Oct. 12 – Meeting w/Archbishop Charles Chapeau in Denver, CO to discuss expansion
- Oct. 13 – Contacted Rita De Tomasi; provided list of possible parishes for expansion
- Highland, CA – Dave Botta and Carmen Kilcullen will be following through with Lou to see if a new branch can be established.

### Committee Reports (in reverse order)

#### **Workshop** – Bob Basuino

- East Bay District Workshop was very successful. Planning on more workshop in the San Mateo District after Joint Installations
- Positive response to convention workshop

#### **Ways and Means** – Jim Friebe

- Ann Interrante is member at large on committee this year
- Golf Tournament net profit was \$8094.55
- Convention Bingo made a profit of \$972
- Seminary Night – will be held in Monterey on June 18; working on entertainment
- Calendar theme – regions of Italy; feature one or two each month. Possibly open up to having members publish birthdays for \$10 each and other sponsors

#### **Task Force** – Mike Rossi

- Focus on operations on the federation structure, troubled branches, heritage, hospitalization, mission statement, etc.
- Developed an employee manual, cross-training, job descriptions
- Projection that by 2012 membership will be down to 10,000

#### **Scholarship** – Dante Galeazzi

- Committee asking branches to select a scholarship program chairperson for fundraisers
- Branches should have green cards readily available at branch and district meetings

#### **Public Relations** – Leonard Zasoski

- Reviewed the convention workshop and felt all necessary information was covered.
- Convention awards – reminder to start looking within branches and districts now instead at the last minute, since it takes time to prepare the packet. All applications for awards are now on the ICF website
- Bollettino – information after convention seems to take awhile to get to Michelle. Software needs an upgrade; not compatible with other programs. Money is available. Advertisement – need help from everyone to get more ads to collect more revenue. The committee feels that the ad should be placed within the district; this may be more of an incentive to the advertiser.
- Changes are still being made to the website; forms being added, etc.

#### **Membership** – Roselynn Jarrett

- Central Coast and Fresno District membership training has been completed
- Convention – set up a Membership table to present posters and additional information
- Several projects in the future include; branches and districts to appoint membership chairperson, submit articles from the youth in the Bollettino encouraging our younger members, ICF placemats that advertise the organization, eliminating post-card portion of the brochure, since few are

being returned to the office.

- Investigate and follow up on cancellations and non-paid members
  - 2011 membership awards; committee moved to follow proposed scheduled annual budget of \$695; motion passed.
  - Additional membership posters will be available from the ICF office for \$1 each
- #### **Hospitalization** – Deborah Rodondi
- The committee is coming up with ideas to educate members on the benefits of the plan
  - As of Sept. 30, 2010, there are 588 active members in the plan
  - As of Oct. 8, 2010, the total assets are \$816,000
  - Plan increase of 6.76% in the third quarter compared to only .88% last quarter
  - Accumulated gains from Dec. 31, 2002 to Sept. 30, 2010 is \$278,464
  - Committee will be reviewing investment with UBS to see if any changes are needed

#### **Heritage** – Vince Piro

- Jean Bridges will serve as a member at large on the committee
- Reviewed the responsibilities of the committee, including Sutter Creek Parade, Morgan Italian Festival, Los Angeles San Gennaro Festival and San Diego Little Italy
- Committee would like to develop a DVD for convention featuring interviews with members who worked with Sir Luigi Providenza; Al Teglia & Nello Rossi will continue the project of archiving old pictures.
- Heritage Award winners will be published in the Bollettino in the coming months
- Create a pictorial history on DVD of the ICF that can be handed out to members at the convention; video presentation can be presented as a link on the website
- Bi-monthly online newsletter on the website, including stories from heritage book

#### **Gifts of Love** – Andy Pappani

- \$25,746.98 total available with \$7,317.50 allocated for the Deaf Program
- 10 awards given at last meeting on July 17, 2010 totaling \$10,400

#### **Finance** – George Bacigalupi

- June 2009 – motion was made to reimburse CC members to include second night lodging if participating in CC dinner if traveling at least 100 miles each way. The policy was to be reviewed regarding details of distance and revisited at the CC meeting in Oct. 2009; no follow-up occurred. The finance committee recently reviewed this policy; discussion ensued. The motion stands and should be notated as such on the expense voucher.
- Bank accounts will be updated to reflect removal of old information and current signers
- Draft Budget and Finances for 2011 was reviewed; discussion ensued. Motion from committee to accept the budget as presented; motion passed.

#### **Convention Director's** – Steven Fuentes (absent) -- No report

#### **By-Laws & Rituals** – Leonard Rossi

- Branch by-laws and CC statutes have been updated to reflect recent changes
- Encourage submission of amendments from membership to committee
- Dual membership issue will be discussed this year

#### **Apostolate & Charity** – Theresa Helfand

- Newly formed committee met this morning to discuss ideas for the year

#### **Unfinished Business** - None

#### **New Business**

Providenza Fund Donations – a motion from the Finance Committee to accept the report as presented was passed.

#### **Action on Communications** - None

#### **Good of the Order**

- Deborah extended thanks for all the prayers and support given to Rosemarie and family of Ario Gregori
  - Prayers for Joan Delfino who is seriously ill
  - Leonard Rossi asked for prayers for his father Nello, who is in the hospital
  - Prayers for Santa Clara Valley District Deputy Giovanna Rosso upon her passing
  - Prayers for Janice Jones, who is recovering from surgery
  - Deadline to file IRS form as non-profit has passed; branches must have form filled out
  - Larry Marsalli expressed his optimism for the new CC members and their enthusiasm
- Closing Prayer was led by Theresa Helfand and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.  
Submitted by Grand Secretary Nina Malone