



BOLLETTINO



January is Membership Month!

Vince Piro
Grand 2nd Vice President
Membership Chairperson

The Central Council has declared January 2017 membership month and is asking each local branch to hold an event that recruits new members. Membership recruitment can be an exciting time for a branch as new members can provide a branch with new ideas, renewed energy, and a variety of friendships.

Recruiting new members can take place in a variety of ways – from a traditional membership drive to a less formal activity – but it is important that each branch make a commitment to a focused effort to recruit new members

in January.

To aid you in this effort, we have reprinted Nina Malone's column on membership recruitment ideas in the December issue of *The Bollettino* and placed several resources on the ICF website at <http://www.icf.org/membership/members/>.

I personally want to thank you for your assistance on this matter and to offer any help that you might need from the Central Council. If you need membership recruitment materials – such as promotional materials – please contact Charlene in the Federation

office. If you need help with a membership event, please feel free to contact me at 209/756-4817.

Bishop's Day in Reno



(Left to right) Charlyne Pacini, Branch 135 president, Bishop Randolph Calvo, ICF President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., celebrating Bishop's Day.

ICF Mourns the Loss of Past Grand President George Bacigalupi

Past Grand President George S. Bacigalupi, from Branch 50, Santo Stefano in San Francisco, passed away on November 22, 2016. George was 76 years old.

George became a member of the Italian Catholic Federation in 1982. He moved up the ranks through his branch and district, where he remained very active until the end.

In 1995, George was sworn in as the Grand President of the ICF. George was also well known for his many years of service as the Grand Treasurer

of the Central Council

Beloved husband of Diana Quaresma Bacigalupi. Adored father of Stephanie Peterson, Denise Blum and Gina Clee. Dear stepfather of Daniel Quaresma. Proud grandfather of Kellen and Kyle Peterson, Brian and Megan Blum, Christopher Clee and Emma Quaresma. Loving cousin of Cezanne Tocchini and James Flannigan.

In addition to his volunteer work with the ICF, George was the Past President of SFIAC, long time member of Il Cenacolo, Scacciapenseri, Leonardo di Vinci Society, Salesian Boys & Girls Club, Madonna della Guardia and the Monte Cristo Club of San Francisco.



The family would like to thank Westlake Divita Dialysis Clinic for their 20 months of special care and the Medical and Nursing staff of 8 West St. Mary's Medical Center for their extraordinary care during his last illness.

Memorial contributions to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club preferred.

George will be greatly missed.



A recent photo of Branch 50 President George Bacigalupi, with his wife Diana, together with Anstell Ricossa and husband Ronald with the WARRIORS TROPHY! A wonderful event at the Salesian Boys and Girls Gym at Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

I would like to start off by saying Happy New Year to all ICF members' family and friends.

This past year my wife and I have again had the privilege of meeting so many kind, dedicated and loyal members in the Federation while attending your Bishops Days and Branch Anniversaries.



Our organization has been a vital part of many members' lives for several years, decades and for others who recently joined; it is now becoming an integral part of their life and of their parish community. I know that I have spoken several times about keeping the ICF going for the next generation and the ultimate goal for all of us is to make sure that it is a main priority in each and every branch.

The original heart and soul of the ICF was to bring the Italian immigrants back closer to their Catholic faith and to support the local parishes. Today the Federation has become so much more than our original forefathers had envisioned at its inception by becoming an integral part of many parishes and communities. We are also to not only keep Italians close to their faith but also the many different ethnicities such as German, Polish, Irish, Mexican, etc. as well. This is something that we are charged to do as Catholics is to keep our faith close to our hearts and to bring others closer to God. I know what it means to be close to our Catholic faith. When I was married a little less than a year, my father passed away from cancer. I was only 22 years old and had to deal with the loss of my father, the needs of my mother and that was a lot to bear at the time for us, the newlyweds. Having our faith helped my wife and I through the challenging times and becoming an ICF member helped reinforce our longing to help others and remain close to our faith.

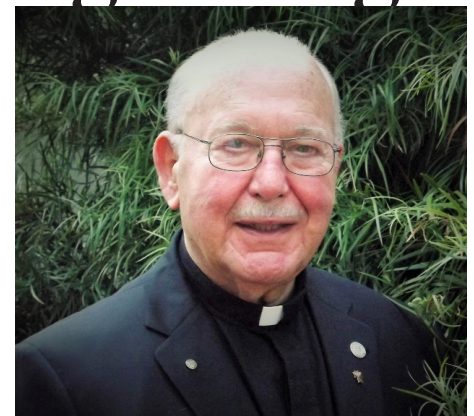
I would like to thank last year's officers for their dedication and leadership for without their commitment and guidance we would be at a loss in each of our branches and districts. As new branch and district officers for the year 2017 are being installed, we, as members, need to give them the support they need to keep your local branch active, and in the recruiting of new members so that we can continue the great works of our Federation and remain that tie to our faith for the next generation.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

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We will all have many chances in the New Year and beyond to show mercy



Happy New Year to all!

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

Feb. 26 Fresno

Quirky Reasons Italian New Year is Awesome

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

This is Italy, so food is of paramount importance, and although the traditional New Year’s menu might seem like a random selection of foodstuffs, it’s carefully thought through.

Lentils symbolize wealth and prosperity. Then you’ve got the sausage meat, replaced in some parts of Italy by stuffed pig’s trotters, which again means good fortune for the coming year, because it is a rich food symbolizing abundance.

Finish your meal with grapes. These ensure you will be frugal with your new-found wealth, because it was thought that only someone with excellent willpower could save the grapes from the spring harvest time until the New Year meal.

In many parts of the world, card games and bingo are associated with the seniors, but at Italian New Year’s Eve parties everyone settles around the table for a game of ‘tombola’ - like bingo.

Tombola was created in Naples in the 1700s as an alternative to gambling, which the church did not approve

of. King Charles of Naples made a concession to the Catholics and said he would ban gambling during the Christmas period only. But those sneaky Neapolitans found a way to get around the new law by playing tombola at home during the holidays.

Watch out for falling objects – in some southern parts of the country, it’s traditional to throw possessions, particularly crockery, out of your window to show that you are ready for a new start in the new year, an alternative tradition is crashing pots and pans together at your front door, to frighten away evil spirits. True, this New Year custom isn’t unique to Italy, but while other nationalities may simply enjoy the bright colors, Italians have a different reason for setting off fire workers. Per superstition, demons and bad spirits don’t like loud noises, so this a way to ensure they’re all scared off before the new year begins. Some people even say the pop of champagne corks is the reason prosecco or spumante are favored over normal wines – it’s as good an excuse as any for a glass of fizz. Buon Anno!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation... Who is This Person?

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

Since January begins the ritual of District Installations, we thought that it would be appropriate to discuss the role of the Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation. It is the Grand President who presides at these installations.

The Italian Catholic Federation is run by a Board of Directors known as the Central Council. There are presently 20 members on this council. The presiding officer of the Central Council is the Grand President. He or she is elected at the Central Council meeting, held at the annual convention after the delegates have voted. The Grand President serves for no more than 2 consecutive years.

According to the Central Council Statutes, these are the duties of the Grand President:

- Supervise the administrative, financial and general welfare of the Federation.
- Preside at all meetings of the Central Council, Executive Committee and the Annual Convention.
- Appoint all Central Council committees.
- Call special meetings as necessary.
- Report on the condition of the Federation at the Annual Convention.
- Preside at District Installations

when possible or send a representative.

- Attend Bishop Days and make the presentation of the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Burse to the Bishop.

The Grand President, on his own, may attend other ICF functions and special occasions to which he is invited. He should be welcomed and introduced appropriately. At installations, a gift may be presented to him.

Dating from 1924, there have been 37 Grand Presidents. Most of them have been men, but four women have also joined the ranks. They are Carmen Kilcullen, Nettie Descalso-DelNero, Madeleine Vinci (deceased) and Jane Dianda. The first Grand President was John Musso, the owner of the former QFI stores, and the present Grand President is Leonard Zasoski, Jr.


Leonard Zasoski will soon be making the rounds of the 2017 installations. If you are attending any of these functions, introduce yourself to Leonard. He will be most happy to meet you and have a conversation. After all, these events allow us to “get close and personal” with our Grand President. He should not be left standing by himself, but included in the general mix of conversation.


Hope you have a successful installation and many thanks for assuming an office for the coming year. Tanti auguri per l’anno nuovo!!!

DECEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

| DAY | NAME | BR | CITY | WINS |
|-------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|
| 12/1 | Valerie Vanni | 28 | Gilroy, CA | \$30 |
| 12/2 | Mary Jane Parrine Ehmke | 351 | Menlo Park, CA | \$30 |
| 12/3 | Judy Matranga | 1 | San Francisco, CA | \$30 |
| 12/4 | John & Stephanie Rossi | | San Jose, CA | \$30 |
| 12/5 | Julie Barberi | 28 | Gilroy, CA | \$30 |
| 12/6 | Branch 33 | | Bakersfield, CA | \$30 |
| 12/7 | Terri L. Franzoni | | SSan Francisco, CA | \$40 |
| 12/8 | Beatrice Yary | | Chino Hills, CA | \$50 |
| 12/9 | Kristine Conklin | | Bay Point, CA | \$30 |
| 12/10 | Mara Amato | 38 | San Francisco, CA | \$30 |
| 12/11 | Mike Nunziata | 368 | San Jose, CA | \$30 |
| 12/12 | Dena Medeiros | 39 | Merced, CA | \$30 |
| 12/13 | Barb Delgado | 395 | Stockton, CA | \$30 |
| 12/14 | Russ Goodman | 10 | Alameda, CA | \$30 |
| 12/15 | Donna Basilin | 435 | Morgan Hill, CA | \$30 |
| 12/16 | Lynn Cook | 191 | San Jose, CA | \$30 |
| 12/17 | Barbara Gourley | 52 | Healdsburg, CA | \$30 |
| 12/18 | Michael Belluomini | 39 | Merced, CA | \$30 |
| 12/19 | Delfina Torre | 130 | Millbrae, CA | \$30 |
| 12/20 | Ayden Dupuis | | Bend, OR | \$30 |
| 12/21 | Dave Nannini | | Merced, CA | \$30 |
| 12/22 | James & Kristina McGee | 10 | Fremont, CA | \$30 |
| 12/23 | Beverly Compagno | | Larkspur, CA | \$30 |
| 12/24 | Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM | | Castro Valley, CA | \$50 |
| 12/25 | Jim & Martha Hill | 230 | San Diego, CA | \$100 |
| 12/26 | Leroy Dolph | | Longview, WA | \$30 |
| 12/27 | Jody Balestrieri | 229 | Chula Vista, CA | \$40 |
| 12/28 | Lou Dianda | 91 | Hayward, CA | \$30 |
| 12/29 | Kate DeMartini | | Rodeo, CA | \$30 |
| 12/30 | Louie DeRosa | | Gardena, CA | \$30 |
| 12/31 | Bob Fassett | 127 | Petaluma, CA | \$50 |

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Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia): An Overview

Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS

In 1925, Dr. Thomas Cooley first described thalassemia in Italian children with severe anemia, an enlarged liver and spleen, and changes in bone formation. Several years later, Dr. Whipple named the disease “thalassa anaemia” or “anemia by the sea”, because of its link to the Mediterranean region. The name later evolved to Thalassemia. With the large immigration of people of predominantly Mediterranean ancestry to North America, the devastating effects of this disease became known to the affected communities and their providers. Seemingly healthy newborns became pale, sickly, with most dying by three years of age.

Largely due to strong support from Italian advocate groups, major advances have occurred in the treatment and prevention of thalassemia. The initiation of monthly blood transfusion enabled children to live relatively healthy lives until their teen years when they began succumbing to iron poisoning caused from the routine blood transfusions. By the late 1970’s a medication was developed called Desferal, which is a medication that removes excess iron from the body. Unfortunately, Desferal needs to be administered through a needle infusion 12-15 hours every day. Fortunately though, with adherence to an intense medical regiment patients are surviving and often thriving into their adult years.

Quality of life now has become a major focus for patients and their families. People with thalassemia require specialized care needed to prevent complications. Each patient must be followed by a hematologist, endocrinologist, cardiologist, hepatologist, and a primary care physician. Nutrition, vision and hearing also need to be followed. Patients require access to specialized blood transfusions in order to avoid transfusion reactions. In the past, in order to monitor their iron levels, regular liver biopsies were necessary. However, now ferritometer (SQUID) and MRI technology (which started at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles) is available to assess iron in the liver and heart. Marriage, fertility, employment and medical insurance are issues adults with thalassemia now face.

Specialized thalassemia programs were initially developed in the North East, especially New York, because of concentration of Italian communities. Now, with migration to the West Coast and immigration, thalassemia is now more prevalent across the U.S., especially in California. All 50 States have adopted newborn screening programs which diagnose thalassemia



(and many other diseases) at birth, rather than waiting for symptoms to occur. Now there are six hospitals in North America that specialize in thalassemia, the one at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is the national charity for the ICF.

Despite the increase in numbers, the needs of patients in general are not adequately being addressed by government and many health care providers do not have knowledge of Thalassemia. Thalassemia care costs close to \$100,000 per year. The special services needed for patients are often not available; therefore it is highly recommended for patients to be seen at least once a year at a specialty center. There is no universal cure for Thalassemia; however a bone marrow or stem cell transplant is a cure for some patients. It is recommended that a patient needs an exact match (a sibling) and it is a very high risk procedure. Currently, research in gene therapy is being conducted by Blue Bird Bio which shows promise for a cure.

In 2005, the first oral pill to remove iron was approved by the FDA. A second oral pill was approved in 2011. For many patients these oral medications take the place of Desferal, however the come with a long list of side effects. More research is being done to develop new medications.

Thanks to the Italian Catholic Federation’s generosity we have been able to improve care for people with thalassemia. Research, the expansion of clinical services, and the outreach program are supported by donations by the Italian Catholic Federation. Patients know the support they receive from the ICF and consequently they feel for the first time the community really cares. Many no longer hide their disease due to feelings of shame and instead they are filled with a sense of hope.

On behalf of the entire staff at the Thalassemia Center at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, and most especially the patients and families, we wish to extend our gratitude to you the ICF for your ongoing support of our Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia) Program. We realize there are many charities that you can donate to and we are grateful that you continue to support our program.

Ten Reasons to Make Donating Blood Your New Year’s Resolution

Live to Give Committee

1. One person every 2 seconds in the U.S. will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, cancer treatments, or suffer from an injury and will need blood
2. An automobile accident victim may use 50 units of red blood cells.
3. An organ transplant recipient may use 60 units of red blood cells, 6 units of platelets and 50 units of plasma.
4. A person with Cooley’s Anemia/Thalassemia requires a lifetime of blood transfusions and needs approximately 36-40 units of blood a year to survive.
5. A cancer patient may use 8 units of platelets per week.
6. A bone marrow transplant recipient may use 20 units of red blood cells and 120 units of platelets.
7. Only 5% of the population donate blood; 95% of the population will need blood at some point in their lives.
8. There is a blood shortage in winter and summer.
9. You can save a life.
10. Donating blood is free!

2017 1st Year Scholarship Program

Materials on the 1st Year Scholarship Program were sent to high schools after Thanksgiving and have now been sent to the Districts and Branches in the January mailing.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is March 15, 2017. Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:

A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and

of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the “Italian Catholic Federation” - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Please visit or call your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the I.C.F. office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations Received by December 10, 2016

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

Scholarship Donations

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 2nd Vice President
Branch 39, Merced



Good Americans: Italian and Jewish Immigrants During the First World War

By Christopher M. Sterba
Oxford University Press,
2003. 288 pp.

In Good Americans: Italian and Jewish Immigrants During the First World War, Christopher Sterba explores not only the contributions of Italian and Jewish immigrants during World War I but also how the war accelerated the assimilation process for these two distinct cultural groups. To measure the effect of the war on these immigrant populations, Sterba studies the experiences of the Italians of New Haven, Connecticut, and the Jews of New York City. Far from being a dry academic study, Good Americans is interesting and engaging due in large part to the author's ability to weave the stories of these first immigrants throughout the book.

Sterba does an excellent job of both comparing and contrasting the experiences of the Italians of New Haven and the Jews of New York, offering a complex analysis of World War I and the assimilation process

of both groups. Of particular interest to readers of this newspaper are the experiences of the Italian-Americans from Connecticut.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Italians of New Haven formed a distinct colonia within the larger city. The Italian residents had built their colonia independently from the rest of the city and it formed a separate neighborhood in which the new immigrants would remain isolated from the rest of the New Haven community. The colonia had everything the new immigrants and their children could want: "religious institutions, mutual aid societies, newspapers, and ethnic businesses." Because they had formed an independent community, they rarely had a reason to interact with the federal government much beyond the post office. Also hindering their assimilation into the larger society, the immigrants faced discrimination and prejudice that prevented them from moving into positions of power within the city. However, as Sterba notes, these new immigrants "now viewed their residence in New Haven as permanent" and were ready "to move to the next stage of their settlement, from standing largely outside of the mainstream American public arena to asserting a major role in [American] politics and society." World

War I provided this opportunity.

The war effort required many more soldiers than were enrolled in the American armed services in 1917, so major recruitment efforts took place both at the local and national levels. The New Haven Italians responded to this effort by forming the "Italian Machine Gun Company," which was part of the Second Connecticut Infantry Regiment. The whole Italian-American community of New Haven – its leaders and its press -- supported the recruitment effort. Their recruitment efforts "eliminated any public criticism that Italians were not deeply committed to the war effort."

When the Italian-American men reached basic training, they were faced with discrimination and exclusion as they joined the all-New England Twenty-sixth Division. The Twenty-sixth Division had a proud "Yankee" tradition and did little to recognize or deal with the diversity in its unit. Sterba writes, "To a marked degree their experiences in the army replicated the segregated culture and society they had known in New Haven." However, as the Italian members joined the war and were merged into a new company, "The ability of the company's members to communicate in the same language (however broken an immigrant's English might be); their common knowledge of company practices and equipment; and their unfamiliarity with the people and ways of France helped to diminish, though certainly not erase, the cultural divide that previously separated Italian from non-Italian,

immigrant from native-born Yankee."

On the home front, the Italian-Americans of New Haven joined the national effort to support the war and this deepened their ties to their adopted country, but their support was due less to their loyalty to their new country and more to do with their ties to their Italian villages. This provincial loyalty, however, grew less during the war because Italian-Americans began to identify themselves more with an Italian national identity. Surprisingly, the popular mutual aid societies of the colonia, which often identified themselves with local Italian regions, joined ranks to support the war effort. By working together, the aid societies furthered the immigrants' sense of being from a unified Italy.

Upon returning home, Italian-Americans soon found that they faced renewed discrimination and prejudice, but too much had already changed. Their efforts and experiences during World War I had already begun to further their assimilation into mainstream American society. Feeling more part of the American fabric than ever, these Italian-Americans fought back and demanded their rightful place in society.

Because of his thoughtful and careful analysis, Sterba's book will be a welcome addition to the bookshelves of those interested in the immigrant experience and assimilation. From the experiences of the Italians of New Haven and the Jews of New York, we can learn many lessons as we attempt to integrate new immigrants into our country.

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand Treasurer

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas Season with family and friends. My December started out with the annual Rodondi Christmas party for about 40 people here at my house and concluded with a crab feed at my nephew Tony's future in-laws. Now is the time for New Year resolutions, college bowl games, the Super Bowl and taking down Christmas decorations. Well it is obvious to anyone who follows football that my team is definitely not in the playoffs for a spot in the Super Bowl. Yes, sadly the San Francisco 49ers had a VERY BAD season, the good thing is they can only do better next year! No matter who is playing in any of the games if you are throwing a party here are some great finger foods for the day.

This artichoke dip first came to my from a dear high school friend Diane and since then I have seen it in many variations.

Artichoke Dip

1 can artichokes in water, drain well and chop

1 small (13 oz.) jar marinated artichokes, drained and chopped

mix with:

1 cup mayonnaise

a little garlic powder

1 small can dices green Ortega chillies

1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese

Put into 8" casserole

Sprinkle with ½ cup cheddar cheese and paprika for color on top

Bake 20 minutes or until browned and bubbly at 325 degrees

Variation: Use sour cream instead of mayonnaise.

Be creative many cheeses would work.

Artichoke Spinach Dip

13 ounces artichoke hearts, drained and chopped fine

10 ounce package frozen spinach, chopped fine and thawed

1 cup mayonnaise

1 cup grated parmesan cheese

2 ½ cups coarsely grated Monterey

jack cheese

1 Tbls. freshly grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Mix above ingredients, place in 8" casserole dish. Top with ½ cup Monterey jack cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes until cheese melts.

Rather than cooking in a casserole this is great to spread on slices of French bread and broil in the oven until brown and bubbly.

Both the above are delicious with tortilla chips or French bread.

For a heartier appetizer there is nothing better than chicken wings. Easter 2009 my mom and I were tired of always making the same appetizers that the family always requested. So we decided to use the family as our test subjects for all new appetizers and we found some great winners that have now become some of our usual treats. Here is one of them.

Italian Mozzarella Wings

12 chicken wings, tips discarded and wings separated at the joint

8 ounces mozzarella cheese, cut into 24 cubes (I use pepperjack)

1 large egg

1 cup unseasoned bread crumbs

½ cup grated parmesan cheese

Salt

2 cups tomato puree

¼ tsp cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut a slit into meatiest part of each wing (I try to slide in behind the skin, so I can cover the slit with the skin)

Stuff each wing with a cube of cheese and pull meat and skin back over it.

In a shallow bowl beat the egg. In another bowl combine the breadcrumbs, parmesan and season with salt.

Working with one wing at a time, coat each with egg and then the breadcrumb mixture. Place on a greased rack set on a foil lined cookie sheet.

Bake until golden brown, about 40 minutes.

Meanwhile in a sauce pan, heat the tomato puree and cayenne over medium heat. Season with salt. Serve with wings. (I do not bother with the sauce)

Now what is wonderful about these is that I make a bunch of them and instead of cooking them I place them on a cookie sheet, freeze them and then store them in an airtight container in the freezer. Separate each layer with wax paper or plastic wrap. Ready to bake anytime you need a snack.

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

The last months of 2016 were busy ones. Officers were elected for 2017. Thanks to all who volunteered to continue being an officer and to new recruits who agreed to fill a position. President-Elect Steve Kiernicki will need everyone's assistance to plan and carry out activities and to grow the organization. We co-hosted a reception after a Christmas concert by two children's choirs and the South Holland Chorale, led by Maestro Albert Jackson. Many people attended in spite of poor weather conditions. Guests praised the efforts of the co-hosts as well as the huge variety of delicious goodies. Plans were finalized for the annual Branch Christmas Party to be held at Theo's Restaurant in Indiana. We will be able to choose one of three entrees. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded by drawing from stubs of raffle tickets sold during the year's monthly Branch meetings. The winner must be present. Four lucky members will each get a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. We will attend the play, Nunsense A-Men at the Towle Theater in Hammond, IN, during the month of March. Members' birthdays were celebrated with rousing renditions of "Happy Birthday". We took a group picture for a new church directory. Prayers were offered for all sick, struggling and deceased members. We know we are blessed and have much for which to be thankful. Happy New Year to all.



Congratulations Theresa Helfand for receiving the ChristosFidelis award.

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Hard to believe another year has come to an end. We are left with many memories, the good as well as the sad. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Our branch will have some officers in a different position for this year, namely, Judith Schweickert as branch president and Gene Gillette as 1st vice-president. We wish them well in their new endeavor.

Although we don't have meetings in December and January, we are kept busy with finalizing our plans for Mimosa Sunday in February and St. Joseph's Day Table in March. Don't forget to invite all your friends to the BDDD on Sunday, April 30, 2017. It will be held at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison, IL. All info will be on a flier sent to you shortly.



Let us improve on the past year to the best of our capabilities. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have rejected and/or neglected.

Leonora

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

I would like all members of the Catholic Federation to know that on October 23rd our former President and now member of the Central Council of the Federation Theresa Helfand was honored by receiving the ChristosFidelis award with a Certificate and a gold medal in a ceremony which took place at Holy Name Cathedral in beautiful downtown Chicago. The cer-

Branch 392 is happy to report that on November 13, 2016 it held its 19th annual event "THE MOTHER CABRINI AWARD" bestowed to Giovanna and Antonio Gerardi.

The event began with a Mass held at St. Francis Borgia Church, with the attendance of family members and friends. After the Mass a Dinner Dance followed at Porretta's Banquets. During the reception Teresa Helfand chairwoman Central Council Member, and Vice President of the Federation, presented the Honored Couple with several awards of recognition, from Pope Francis and political figures.

The evening continued with a sumptuous dinner and dancing to the enjoyment of all the participants.

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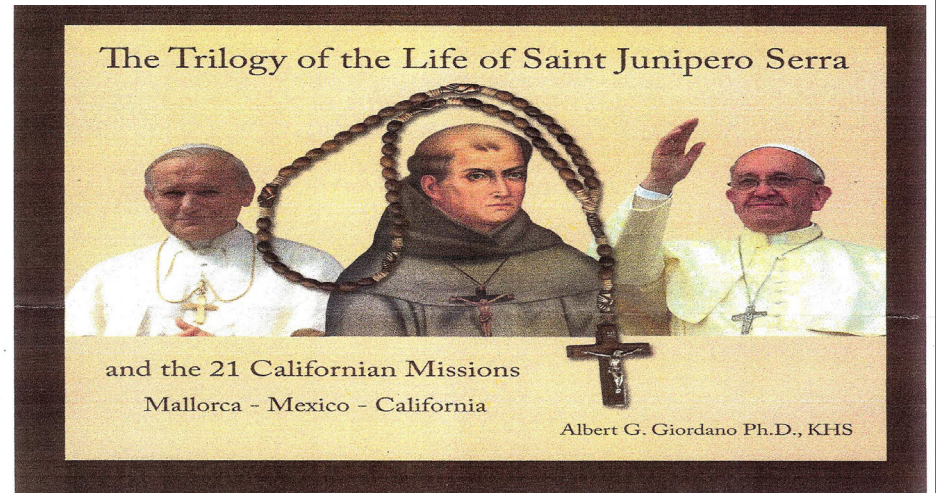
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emony was officiated by Cardinal elect Blaise Cupich and priests from all over the Chicago land area. The Cardinal-elect gave Theresa Helfand a special blessing which was extended to all the members of our Branch.

On the night of November 3rd 2016, a beautiful and mild October evening of November, the members of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 392 of Saint Francis Borgia located on the North West side of the city of Chicago celebrated a solemn mass of commemoration for the departed members of our branch, their friends and relatives. Some members (like myself) used this special occasion to thank God for our beloved and victorious Chicago Cubs for having won the World Series after a drought of 108 years!! The Mass was celebrated by the Scalabrinian father rev. Augusto Feccia, Director of the Italian Cultural Center in Stone Park, a suburb of Chicago.. The Mass and subsequent Holy Rosary was recited in Italian because most members of our branch are 1st generation Italian-Americans and still have difficulty with the English language but they are very comfortable with the language of their ancestors.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our Federation and their friends and relatives a great and



Members from Branch 27 attending the mass for living and deceased members.



Congratulations Giovanna and Antonio Gerardi!

prayerful Thanksgiving day. To all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation who celebrate their birthday this month we wish them a happy Birthday!! This month of November we remember All Saints, St Charles Borromeo, St. Martin of Tours, etc....

That is all for this month.

Vincenzo DeVito

Heritage Secretary

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The November 8th meeting was meatball sandwiches, salad, green beans, and dessert. A new idea and a welcome change of pace. Kudos to Art Berryman for the great idea. Thanks to the November committee, chairmen: Jim and Carol Espinola and the committee: Gary Cavallero, Rose Meister, Kathy Parrish, Theresa DeFrank, Marcia Valorosi and Jennifer Valorosi. Again, thank you to Gary Cavallero for the beautiful and festive table decorations. On November 27th 14 members attend the 5:30 mass at St. Joachim Church in Madera. The mass was for the deceased

and living members of ICF. December 6th found 10 members braving the traffic and cold to take a trip down Christmas Tree Lane. It was a beautiful drive and everyone admired the amazing decorations. Afterwards members met for a piece of pie and coffee. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party on December 11th! Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Bakersfield San Luigi, Br. 33

Now that the holidays are over, Branch 33 is settling down to plan activities for the New Year. Our Pasta Dinner fund raiser was a success and committee members are planning for an even more successful event in 2017.

Other events are being discussed and we will report on these as decisions are made.

It is with sadness that we report the death of one of our oldest and formerly most active members, Mary Marchetti. Mary was a faithful member, attending meetings and events from the early days of this branch's founding until her recent health confined her. Her absence will be felt by all our members as they grieve along side her family.

Branch 33 wishes all "ICF'ers" and their families, Buon Capodanno!

Roberts Cerri Teglia

Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our biscotti sale was a huge success as always. We made over 300 dozen cookies with about a \$2200 profit. Thanks to our hard-working co-chairs: Janet Pugliese and

Maryellen Mazzei, plus our many bakers, packers, sellers and buyers, and our amazing and generous members who baked cookies on their own and those who donated ingredients. You are all appreciated!!

A big shout out too to Lori Sutton, chair of our Christmas Party, and to all the officers who brought appetizers to share at this fun family event with Santa, gifts for children and collecting canned goods and warm clothes for Catholic Charities.

Join us at our January 11 meeting to welcome our officers for 2017: President Terrie Rhodes; 1st V.P. Lori Sutton; 2nd V.P. Gina Pugliese; Recording Secretary Debbie Giannone; Financial Secretary Randy Giannone; Treasurer Nanette Ontis; Trustees Anne-Marie Bandoni, Patti Simas, Janet Pugliese; Orator Michael Belluomini; Sentinel Carol Salmeri; and Chaplain Sr. Rachel Monteil. Our chefs Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes and Dominic Giampietro, will be serving their homemade Italian sausage with grilled peppers over pasta, a green salad, roll and butter. During our meeting, we will be distributing our branch's 2017 Calendar of Events. Don't miss it!

Please pray for the family of our member, Sandi Miller, who recently passed away. She was always at our meetings and will be greatly missed.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Courthouse Museum exhibit opening reception on March 16, 5-7 PM. The exhibit will showcase the local Italian-Americans' contributions to the growth of Merced County. A fundraiser dinner will be held the following Sunday, March 19, at the Italo Lodge. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Lucich 209-658-1897.

Felice Anno Nuovo,

Stephanie Lucich



LAADC

Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

On December 4th, the Annual Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon was held at St Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. The weather was beautiful and members enjoyed good food and friendship while honoring Mother Cabrini. During the year 2017 the Chapel will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the death of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. We welcome all ICF members to come visit the Chapel and Library in Burbank during the year and plan to join all the Los Angeles Archdiocese District Branches for the next Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon on December 3, 2017. Don't forget to bring your District and Branch Banners!

SAVE THE DATE

January 8, 2017 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House hosted by Villa Cabrini Academy Alumni Association members. Contact 626 372-7812 or cas1810@aol.com for more information or to schedule a visit.

Carmelo Sabatella, President

Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee



Celebrating Christmas at Branch 108.



Members of Branch 111 at the Bishop's Banquet.



Los Angeles

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District Council

Greetings from the Los Angeles District, we hope your Christmas season was surrounded by family, friends and joyous celebration.

It was a beautiful day for the 99th Cabrini Pilgrimage, Sunday December 4. A very special thank you to Monsignor Cacciapuoti, our District Chaplain, for celebrating Mass and Benediction at the Shrine. Also, a big thank you goes to the St. Frances Cabrini Committee, and all the participating Branches. We are grateful for Josie Galante's, Branch 102, Burbank, dedication and support of this special event. Josie has participated since she was a young girl and made the long climb up the mountain.

Next year will be the 100 year Anniversary of the St. Cabrini Pilgrimage. The Committee is asking all the Los Angeles District Branches and others to make this event a priority. The date will be December 3, 2017, beginning at 12:30 pm. Please put this on your 2017calendars now.

January will be a quiet month for the District. February 12, 2017, is the date of our Officer's Installation and luncheon. The day will begin with 11:00 am Mass followed by the installation at St. Bede the Venerable, La Canada-Flintridge. Lunch will be in the Church Hall featuring Monsignor Cacciapuoti's famous pasta sauce.

Our next District General Meeting will be Saturday, February 25, at the San Antonio

Winery, Los Angeles. Watch for details in the upcoming month.

Felice Anno Nuovo!!!

Pat Mages

LAAD President

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

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

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and host a Brunch at the Casa Italiana lunch room on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call 626 372-7812 to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATES

- ICF LAADC Communion Sunday Mass 11:00 (Church) and Brunch 12:00 pm to 1:00pm in Casa Italiana. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA

President Branch 67

Italian Catholic Federation

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On December 11, 2016, members and their families enjoyed celebrating the birth of Jesus with an excellent luncheon prepared by Eastside Market. Our annual guests (Santa and Mrs Claus) arrived in time to bring gifts to the young members of our branch.

Thank you staff members for making this an enjoyable and memorable event again this year.

Save The Date

January 8, 2017 - ICF Branch 108 General Meeting (4:00 pm) at Holy Family Parish Hall following 3:00 pm (lunch social). Mass at 5:30 pm. The Agenda includes 2017 Election of Branch Officers.

February 12, 2017 - ICF Officer Installation at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada/Flintridge.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

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

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com



Branch 111 celebrates its November birthdays with pie.

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Tanti Auguri per un Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! A heartfelt Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Joyful, & Prosperous 2017 to everyone!

At our November general meeting, it was voted to change the 2017 dates for our general meetings from the 2nd to the 3rd Thursdays of the month, therefore, our January General Meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Come join us! We would like to congratulate all the members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of January: Anthony DeLorenzo, Rose Mercuri, Cettina Mauro, Joey Wadzinsk, Frank Go-



San Pedro Branch 115 group of men ready to assemble to assist in the procession with the statue of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini around the block and up to the Shrine where mass took place.

Thirty five members from Branch 115 attended the Pilgrimage.



Msrgr. Antonio Cacciapuoto processing to the Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.



Altar server Isidoro Amalfitano helped at mass.

mez, Frank Salomone, Rita Estrada, and Carmelo Divincenzo. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2017 ICF Officer's Installation will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Church at La Canada Flintridge, on Sunday, February 12, 2017, Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed with installation of officers, and then lunch at the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars.

Mark you calendars - our St. Joseph Table this year will be held on Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19, 2017 at St. Benedict Parish Hall. The monies we will raise at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict Parish School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, to Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event! Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi - "Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, and your values become your destiny"

A Presto!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all our members and their families. May 2017 bring peace, happiness and good health to all.

Our branch Christmas Celebration on Dec. 10th was quite a success! We enjoy a tasty dinner, fun raffle and even a visit from Santa. We were introduced to our 2017 officers. Thank you for your service!

As we say Goodbye to 2016 we want to thank all our members and friends for their support of our branch. With your help our branch was able to donate to various charitable organizations including Italy's earthquake relief, Mary Star of the Sea Church, Elementary and High School. As we begin 2017 may we continue the work of the ICF.

Plan on attending our first meeting on Jan 19th at 7:30pm It is time to renew your ICF membership. Dues are \$36.00 and can be paid to Pauline Iacono at meeting .

At this meeting we will be discussing our



Santa's Elves are at it again! Br. 362 St. Raymond Downey are assembling their annual Christmas gift bags for Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

upcoming turnaround fundraiser to San Manuel Casino on Jan 26th. Cost is \$20.00 for members \$23.00 for nonmembers Casino will give \$10.00 in free play. Bus will leave from Boys and Girls Club at 10am Call Pauline for reservations (310) 832-0563.

Also up for discussion will be our Annual St John Joseph of the Cross Mass and Dinner Dance on Saturday March 4th. This year's menu will once again include Swordfish as it is questionable that dungeness crab will be safe to eat. This year's menu will include BBQ swordfish, shrimp, linguine with clams, wine, and Spumone ice cream for dessert. Music will be provided by Tony Ciaramitaro band. What a bargain for \$40.00 a person. We will need volunteers to help prepare this great meal. If you would like to help out or purchase tickets please call Neal (310) 433-1044.

At our Oct meeting we learned that due to low attendance that there is talk about eliminating our 4pm Italian Sunday mass. A decision hasn't been made . If you are interested in keeping the 4pm Italian mass going please attend and invite friends and relatives to attend.

Make plans to join us for our potluck meeting on February 16th at 6pm. Please call Carmela Gioiello (310) 8320953 to let her know what tasty dish you would like to share with the group.

Please pray for our deceased and sick members

Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer

San Gabriel Valley Region Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

January 13th Dinner/General Meeting

January 16th Board Meeting

January 21st City of Diamond Bar Snow-fest

Happy New Year! Congratulations to I.C.F. St. Denis Branch 317 for a wonderful 2016 . Our Holy Cannoli fundraiser was a huge success as well as Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Tree Lane. Also do to the dedication , love and generosity of our members we maintained our commitment for donations . they are as fol-

lows : \$500.00 to Scholarships \$500.00 to Seminary , \$300.00 to Cooley's Anemia , just to name a few. The L.A. District (St. Denis included) were blessed to donate to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo the great sum of \$10,000. Luigi Providenza was also included in the total amount.

We are looking forward to 2017. Thank you one and all. God Bless you with happiness , good health and continued I.C.F. enthusiasm.

Roxanne Perry

President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

HAPPY JOYOUS NEW YEAR

Another successful year for ICF. We were able to raise funds for our charities and a little extra for any future needs. We separated our St Joseph Table

and Spaghetti Dinner this year. We had many member with illnesses and having knee surgery. This turned out to be very successful and profitable, And really wasier forr all.) The Board after the conventions took the suggestion to have more "FUN"raisers. We started with dinner at a favorite Mexican restaurant El Rancho, invited the parish and friends. This business shared the a percentage with us. Everyone had fun, enjoyed a good dinner, and friends and we made some money.

We then followed with 2 other restaurants and will again follow thru throughout 2017 with others. This is great, little work with large profit.

February 12 will be Installation at St Bede, in La Canada. All board members will be attending with spouses. Menu will be provided at meeting.

March will be St Joseph Table on March 19, 2017. We will also try a sausage sandwich day at the church this year and possible another casino trip.

Let us pray for a peaceful and healthy year.

Andrea Linn

Corresponding Sect.

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy New Year to all of our members!

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on December 11th and it was fantastic! Everyone had a good time sharing each other's company. The food was fabulous! Thank you to Frances Scorsone for setting up and decorating the tables. I am sure the Friends of Foster Children enjoyed all of their gifts that members donated.

Our next General Meeting will be held on January 28, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.

Please continue to keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially: Mary Lou Lemoine, Roberta Nangelo, Mary Jacobs, Herminia Saez, and Ann Primising. And, let's not forget to pray for our deceased members.

Happy January Birthday: Andrea Scorsone, Jo Anne Disney, Gabriella Giannini and Gail Rector.

May the New Year bring us all health and happiness.

"Friendship is a special jewel that you choose to wear each day; it gives out a shine and sparkle in the things you do and say. Friendship is the little pebble that you found along the shore, that was different from the others, but you treasure evermore. Just as both the moon and stars are the friends of God above, friendship here on earth is precious for He blesses it with love." (Edna Fontaine)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney



Branch 25 Christmas Party Group Photo with our new Chaplain, Father Manny Recera (far left), and Branch 25 President, Julie Richards (center).

will be held on January 30th at Holy Cross with Father Occhuito celebrating the mass. The Branch 21 Officers for this Year 2016 are: President: Richard Puccinelli; 1st Veep: Richard Vote; 2nd Veep: Eugene Ghio; Recording Secretary: Patty Morelli; Financial Secretary: Norma Wilson; Treasurer: Rosa Radicchi; Orator: Rebecca Rosser; Trustees: Mary Jo Belli, Cynthia Schuette, and Valerie Vote; Sentinel: Madeline Crews; Branch Deputy: Vicky Howell. Come and support your Branch, and meet members of other branches, as well. Lunch will be served in Holy Cross Hall following the ceremony. Call Norma Wilson for reservations.

The No Bake Sale will begin on Ash Wednesday this year. Please call Valerie Vote with your questions and donations. Also, starting the last Sunday of this month (January 31st) and each subsequent last Sunday, ICF Branch 21 will be providing coffee and donuts outside Holy Cross Church following the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. The goal is to get the word out about ICF and its good works; and also what great fun we all have. See you there!

We were very sad to hear of the passing of two wonderful ICF members. Bernadine Dodson was a relatively new Branch 21 member but fell right in with attending meetings and ICF events. Ezio Mazzei was a long-time Branch 21 member who, last year, was honored as one of ICF's 90+ years-old. Both were well-loved and will



Branch 25 Christmas Party Dinner in the JM Ranch Dining Room.

be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to their families.

Things to remember: 1.) Lent comes early this year (Ash Wednesday January 10th) because Easter does, too! 2.) Our General Meetings are always on the 1st Tuesday of each month (with the exception of September when it will be on the 13th..... and no meetings in July and December). They are always held in Holy Cross Hall. 3.) And, if you're a bit 'nerdy' you might like to sign up to receive the Bolletino online instead of by snail-mail. It saves ICF lots of money and viewing it that way is a beautiful, new experience.

Ciao for niao....and God bless and protect us one and all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas

Name, Br. 25

Branch 25 hosted their Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the JM Ranch in Chualar, CA. Fifty members, including our new Chaplain, Father Manuel Recera, and guests were in attendance. Guests included: Central Council Officer/Grand First Vice President Andy Pappani and his wife Siria; Center Council Member Emertus Marco Galeazzi and his wife Diane; from Sacred Heart Parish, Deacon John Becerra, and Deacon Morton Zabala and his wife Carol; and friends of Branch 25 Jim Friebe and his wife Mary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

HAPPY NEW YEAR - The older I get the faster the years go by!

Keep this in mind - and please mark the dates on your calendar, Br. #36 will be very busy the month of March, we have five (5) Lenten dinners, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 - our 6th Lenten dinner will be April 7. For each of those dinners we need you - and a dessert each Friday for 6 weeks, whether you are coming to the dinner or not, please bring or send a dessert. God will bless you and so will the dessert table ladies.

Monterey

Santa Cruz

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso,
Br. 21**

Happy New Year! Another new year already? Well, Branch 21 is off and running with a year of great planned events starting in January....some of which will have passed by the time you get your Bollettino. On January 10th is the dedication of the newly renovated Holy Cross High School Building with Bishop Garcia celebrating 10:30 mass followed by an ICF Brunch. On Friday, January 15th, there will be an ICF Calamari Dinner and on the 23rd there will be the Holy Cross School Fundraiser Dinner & Auction; both will be held in Holy Cross Hall. For info et al you can call Rosa Radicchi, Roseann Costabile or Norma Wilson.

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Our Christmas Dinner-Dance was well attended, table decorations, fantastic dinner, Antonia & June raffled off a beautiful Christmas tree again this year and it brought in well over \$700. for our scholarship fund, all that and we still get to see everyone. Life is good!

The children's Christmas Party happens after this article is sent, I will report on the party next month, hopefully with pictures.

Our deepest sympathy to Tom & Carrie Griffin, whose daughter Cori Griffin passed away, there is no pain in the world like losing a child. Our prayers are with you.

Also, sympathy to John Picano on the death of wife Barbara Ann, John took very good care of Barbara for years while she was confined to a wheelchair.

Cori and Barbara Ann are both with God now, if we believe what we are taught they are in a much better place.

CALENDAR:

January 5 - Dinner meeting

February 9 - Dinner meeting

February 23 - Thank you dinner for Br. #36 volunteers

March 3 - 1st Lenten dinner (think dessert)

The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as is what direction we are moving.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to a new and fabulous year with various and maybe unusual activities. Our officers are hard at work planning events that we can all enjoy.

Our Branch decided to adopt a family this year instead of exchanging Christmas gifts. The response from our members was overwhelming, the family received all that they needed and much, much more. Our members are a remarkable and giving group. A big thank you and High Five's to all of you.

Our Christmas party will be celebrated after the Bollettino deadline, I will report on that the following month.

Hope to see you at the Installation on January 14th.



(Left) Theresa Curatolo and Antonia Ihnot with the beautiful Christmas tree that was raffled off at the Branch 36 dinner dance for its scholarship fund.

(Above) Bartender Turie Cavaliere and Branch 36's fabulous chef PJ Curatolo taking a break at their annual Christmas party.

Please keep in your prayers Wilma Cursi, Vic Sigala, Alice Soliven and all who need God's healing blessings.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Thanks to everyone who made the annual Christmas party a success, especially James Schaarschmidt, who was our Santa Claus again this year. Over 90 people attended and enjoyed a roast beef dinner.

On January 14 we hosted the Central Coast District Installation of Officers. Mass and installation were followed by a luncheon prepared by Linda Calciano. Many thanks to all who helped put this event together, especially those who brought appetizers and raffle gifts.

We were saddened by the death of our member Jeanne Day, who died on November 27. You may recall that her husband, Ted, passed away in July. Our sincere condolences to their family on the loss of these two devoted members of our branch for over ten years.

Prayers are requested for Ruth Datko, who is dealing with a serious health issue.

More disappointing news is that Father Paul McDonnell is unable to continue as our Chaplain. His duties as Provincial Superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph USA Province require frequent traveling throughout the United States and abroad. He was able to join us for the Christmas party, but is traveling to Brazil in January. Molte grazie, Father --we will miss you.

Officers for 2017 were elected at the November meeting. They are:

President – Ellen Pauly

1st Vice-President – Franklyn Lopes

2nd Vice-President – Mike Rios

Secretary – Deanna Musler

Financial Secretary – Jane Kotila

Treasurer – Jim Smith

Orator – Bruce Dunn

Trustee – Ron Castle

Trustee – Dolores McCartney

Trustee – Vicky Howell

Sentinel – Mary Harrison



Br. 291 held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Madonna Inn on Dec. 4th. Pictured here are some of our young members who attended, gathered around Santa (Jim Scudder.)



Br. 291 would like to thank our Christmas luncheon committee, who did a wonderful job planning our party at the Madonna Inn. Pictured here are the committee members: Kathleen Sullivan, Sylvia Nasholm and Joanna Van Blaricom, along with Santa (Jim Scudder.)

Happy New Year!

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Branch Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn was an afternoon full of fun, fellowship, good food, lots of raffle prizes and festive entertainment! Our Christmas Luncheon committee—Joanna Van Blaricom, Kathleen Sullivan and Sylvia Nasholm—did a wonderful job planning the party and we thank them for all their hard work again this year!

Our Branch Officers are looking forward to attending the Central Coast District Installation in Capitola on January 14th. It's a nice opportunity to visit with other branches in our district, plus a fun and relaxed time socializing with our own fellow officers outside of board/general meetings.

As we begin the New Year, it's time to start preparing for our ICF Fish Frys that run for five Fridays during Lent, from 4pm-7pm, beginning on March 3rd and running through April 7th (we will not have one on March 17th due to a St. Patrick's celebration at our parish.) The fish frys are very popular with our parishioners and local community, and they are our biggest fundraisers during the year. Please try to attend if you're in our "neck of the woods" this spring!

Please continue to keep our entire ICF Family in your prayers, especially those members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Homer Clees, Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Jim Mitlen, Lorraine Spargo and Jens Wagner.

Happy New Year!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

November was quite busy for our club; President David and wife Irma treated us to Hot Dogs and Apple Pie, celebrating Veteran's Day for our meeting.

Our semi-annual Pasta & Meatball Dinner was a huge success, over 500 meals served. Thank you to our Parish, members, friends, families, and to Father Roberto for their support. Students from Saint Rose Catholic School, Mission College Prep. H.S. and Paso Robles H.S. served the meals for us. A big cheer to the kitchen crew some of which weren't members, they worked diligently cooking and serving.

On Thanksgiving Day David and Karen Kudija, Joan Ryder and others volunteered their time at Centennial Park where 31 turkeys were baked & served with all the trimmings to those who had a financial or social need, over 850 meals. Thank you for spending your time with the less fortunate.

The yearly Christmas luncheon at the Madonna Inn on December 3rd was a beautiful celebration; the opportunity to enjoy the families and friends of our members and to exchange best wishes for this holiday season. District Deputy Pete Gallagher and his lovely wife Abby were our guests.

Our club will be celebrating our 25th anniversary in December with a buffet dinner at the San Antonio Winery being planned.

We are preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. May he provide us with good health, joy, and happiness during this busy time.

Henry David Thoreau wrote: Live each season as it passes; breathe the air, *drink the drink, and taste the fruit.*

Theresa **a Sollazzo,**
Correspondence Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

It has been a busy time of the year for the East Bay District. We ended November with election of officers: President, Leonard Rossi; 1st Vice Pres., Lisa Crudo; 2nd Vice Pres., Melody Klever; Recording Sec., Pat Grasso; Financial Sec., Dave Madej; Orator, Lei Genevieve Vanek; Trustees, Dave Rose, Maria Raphael and Ralph Marinelli; Sentinel, Rosalind Crudo. Thank you for stepping up and taking

the challenge!

Then we celebrated with our wonderful Christmas party at Buon Appetito, thank you Lisa Crudo. We all went home with a warm, wearable memento thanks to the cleverness of Melody Klever and Lisa Crudo.

Currently we are working on installation which is 1/15/17 at the Fratellanza Club. We will begin with Mass at 3 P.M., followed by installation, dinner will be served at 5:30. We are expecting all elected officers to attend installation, by doing so you hear again the responsibilities of your office.

Next on the agenda is our Crab Feed which will be held at St. Philip Neri church Hall on 2/10/17; cocktails @ 6:00, dinner @ 7:00. Remember you can have either crab or chicken, but the chicken must be pre-ordered, so let your reservation person know when you make your reservations. Dead line for reservations is 2/3/17. As always we will have an hors d'oeuvre table and a raffle for baskets valued at \$75.00.

We were sad to learn that Past Grand President and CC Life Member Emeritus, George Bacigalupi had died recently. May he rest in the peace of the Lord and may his wife, Diana, find comfort in this sad time.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events.

Hopethat2017isaHappyandProsperous year for all of you.

Oakland

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

The weekend of January 14-15 promises to be a busy one for Branch 10. On Saturday, January 14 we are hosting our annual Polenta Dinner in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street and Van Buren Street, Alameda. Festivities start with social hour at 6:00 p.m. The dinner of salad, polenta with chicken, dessert and coffee will be served at 7:00. Prices are \$22.00 for adults and \$12.00 for young people 12 and under. For information and late reservations, contact Jeanette Zugnoni, jeanette@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005.

On Sunday, January 15 we are co-hosting, with Branch 343, the East Bay District Installation at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. The event begins with Mass at 3:00 p.m. JoAnn Dorn, one of our trustees, will assist in the preparation of the liturgy. The installation ceremony follows. No-host cocktails will be served at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30.

Monsignor O'Brien Hall is the location of the East Bay District Crab Feed, which is scheduled for Friday, February 3. Members of Branch 10 will undertake many of the tasks associated with this major District function. For details, please see the District Council article above.

We will soon be preparing for our Lenten Fish Fry dinners, which will begin on March 3, the Friday after Ash Wednesday. The dinners follow Stations of the Cross at Saint Piliip Neri Church, which will start at 5:00 p.m. The doors of Monsignor O'Brien Hall will be opened upon conclusion of the Stations.

We welcomed 120 celebrants to our branch Christmas party on Friday evening, December 9. Maria Croft prepared a delicious dinner of penne pasta and meatballs. The children present enjoyed games and a visit from Santa Claus, who brought his bag of gifts.

Several members of Branch 10 joined in the Thanksgiving meal distribution organized by the Outreach Ministry of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, our sponsoring parish. Prepared dinners were delivered to the elderly, homebound and disabled across the city of Alameda.

We are looking forward to meeting lots of members of other ICF branches at our 2017 social functions.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year. At our November meeting we received 5 new member applications, all from the Muscardin Family. Thank you. We hope that the new year will see continued growth along with renewed activity and participation with in our branches planning and social activities. Please, come and join in on the fun. 2017 ICF dues are coming due. Anne Marie Grader will be sending out reminder notices by the end of January.

Upcoming:

January 2nd: Monthly Meeting, 7PM Sacred Heart Center. Surprise Attendance gift will be awarded.

January 15th: ICF Installation

February 6th: Monthly meeting 7PM Sacred Heart Center. Free Coffee and Desserts.

February 10th: District Crab Feed. Contact

Mary Ann Francis if you are interested. 510-655-4971

We wish a Happy Birthday to Mary De Vincenzi, Molly Grader, Catherine Kapper, and David Rose. God Bless you All.

Remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing, especially Irene Crosetti, Rosalie De Santi, Ernestine Pernecco, Marisa and Tom Poggi, Angie Rainero, June Ratto, Esemia Tabacco and Clemence Zanata. God Bless.

A prayer and wish that this Holy Season finds you and your loved ones Joy, Health, and Happiness. May your blessing be many and may they only increase during the new year.

Ciao,

M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Writing these articles almost makes me feel like a time traveler of sorts because the deadline is almost a month before the actual publication date. For example, I'm writing this article on December 7th, 2016 for publication in January.

So as I reflect on "the day that will live in infamy", 75 years ago and preparing for all the Christmas holiday celebrations, I have to think about 2017 and the coming new year's events. How crazy is that?

Let me start off by hoping that everyone had a glorious Christmas with family and friends and a safe New Year's eve.

At this writing branch 215 will have its Christmas celebration again at Giorgio's in Milpitas on December 13th and I'm sure that all that will attend will have a great meal and enjoy the companionship of our branch brothers and sisters. Thanks to Jack Navarra and Scott Schiechl for coordinating the event.

On January 17th, we are holding our Italian Catholic Federation Give Back Event at Chili's restaurant located at 39131 Fremont Blvd from 4pm to 10pm. Contact Ken Chiatello at chiatello@comcast.net or 510-657-8563 for a flyer. Enjoy your selection from Chile's delicious menu and Chile's will donate 15% to our branch.

NOTE: You will need to mention or present the Give Back Event flyer with each check for Branch 215 to receive credit for the sale. We hope to see you and your family and friends there. Bon Appetito!

Once again, Happy New Years to everyone, especially all branch members cel-

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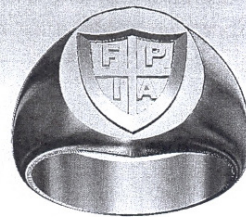
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Naughty or nice !!!! Santa (Johnny Valentini) having fun with Little ones at Branch 14, Christmas Party.

celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

We offer our prayers for those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

We shared our love and celebrated the "reign" of our President, Judy Wellbeloved, at our annual Christmas dinner. A warm and loving person, her year as President of Branch 285 was marked by her modest, competent style of leadership. The good news is, she will continue serving our Branch in other roles this coming year.

Good bye to Judy and welcome to our new President, Carolyn Cardinalli. A busy lady, Carolyn always seems to find time to serve others. Our thanks to her, not just for taking on this new responsibility, but for her many years serving Branch 285 in various roles. And, she has a lovely voice - maybe we'll be singing at our meetings?

With the new year, it's time to reflect on why we belong to ICF. Is it for the food, the presentations? I don't think so. Those things bring us together, but it's my feeling that each of us believes that we were put on this earth by God to contribute something of ourselves to others in His name. It's not the money that we give, but the time we give to help others that is our real contribution and purpose. So as we approach this new year, give your time by coming to meetings and sharing in the lives of all in our family. And give your time to make fundraising events successful so we can help those not in our immediate family, the unknown many who need our help. We are at a time in our lives when we need to find the time to give something of our ourselves. So make an effort to join with our ICF family, each meeting, each event. It is our shared moments together that will be remembered.

Ciao, a presto

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br.343

Our branch had 19 fun filled members at the district Christmas party and since our branch party will not be until the 6th day of Epiphany, 1/12/17, we are having a rather l-o-n-g Christmas season. Once again, we will be bringing new baby clothes for Birth Right.

In the meantime, a big thank you for all the nonperishable items that were brought in for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at our last meeting. And an added thank you to all those super bakers in the branch who contributed to our successful bake sale. ICF family at work again taking care of each other.

Also in January, installation of officers will be held on Sunday, 1/15/17, at the Fratellanza Club. We will begin with Mass at 3 P.M., followed by installation and then dinner at 5:30, deadline for reservations is 1/10/17. A gentle reminder from our district president, all elected officers are expected to attend installation.

Save the date! The Crab Feed is on, 2/10/17, at St. Philip Neri Church Hall. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, with hors d'oeuvres and raffle baskets to keep everyone busy prior to dinner. Deadline for reservations is 2/3/17. Please note, if you want chicken instead of crab, it must be ordered when you make your reservations.

Now with sadness we remember in our prayers, Carla Spalasso, who died in early November.

Let's continue to be an ICF family throughout the new year.

Contra Costa

District Council

The Contra Costa District will be having their Installation of Officers Jan. 23rd, 2017 at the Galalio Club in Richmond. There will be mass and Installation celebrated by Father Larry Young, followed by a delicious meal. We are so appreciative of those members who have volunteered their efforts to continue to make ICF a viable Federation.



Who says members of Branch 14, Crockett aren't lucky.



Members from Branch 14, Crockett enjoying a Casino Bus trip.

Here we are bringing our humble gifts to the manger on Jan 6th, with the Magi And I how do I know how pleased Jesus is? Because He told me so when He gave up His life for me. 2017, we will continue to bring Him our gifts, ups and downs

Hope to see you at our district meeting Jan.26,2017 at 7:30

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Before we welcome in the New Year, we really must mention our festive Christmas party. Santa (thanks, Johnny V) looked like he lost a few pounds, but he was jolly, the children were excited, and the adults were joyous. A special "high five" to Oberon, Amy Maricich's son, who perfectly sang three Christmas songs a cappella, and to Fr. Leo and Harold Burnett for sharing their Christmas spirit and talents.

And now, welcome 2017! We have survived "the most wonderful time of the year" and as usual, Branch #14 is on to another active year. This is a special year for us, as we will celebrate our 90th Anniversary! Reserve July 30th to celebrate in grand style.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th. As last year progressed, more seemed to attend mass prior to the meetings, and it was a welcome change. Mass begins at 5:30, and is always over in more than enough time to visit with friends and perhaps enjoy an adult beverage before dinner. And speaking of dinner, only a few

words are necessary...Gnocchi and Tom and Jerry's! If you can help, or would like to learn how to make this Italian pleasure, be at the Church Hall at noon on Sunday, January 8th.

Perhaps the most important part of the meeting will be the sale of the February 4th Polenta and Sausage Dinner tickets. This is the night everyone seems to enjoy the art of lively conversation as much as the polenta.

Will the New Year bring you luck at the Bingo and Hot Dog Night, Friday, January 13th, at 6:00 P.M.? Sure it will

This would be a good year to attend the Installation of Officers, as it is at the Galileo Club, where the food is always Italian, and always good.

Our Branch officers wish everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful 2017, filled with joyful times with family and friends, and our Lord's many blessings throughout the year.

Buon Anno a tutti!

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Welcome to our new member, Alaina Cameron. She is the great granddaughter of our first vice Jane Russo.

We have been busy with our meetings and attending various events in the District.

One very special event was our branch an-



Eight members from Branch 72 were present at the District Christmas party at Black Bear diner in Danville.

niversary dinner party. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and celebration. Next year, the branch will celebrate it's 70 th anniversary.

Our Christmas party was enjoyed by all. The Dinner, the gifts and the big hit of the night was the homemade Italian Cookies.

We had eight members from our branch and a guest present at the District Christmas party. It was held at the Black Bear diner in Danville. We enjoyed the huge dinners and everyone's company.

Save the date for the District Installation of Officers. It will be held on Saturday January 28 at the Galileo club in Richmond. Mass will be celebrated at 11:AM. The Installation and lunch will follow.

Watch for your branch newsletter in early January. It will include your branch 2017 Calendar, information for our January meeting and a flyer with details for the District Installation. The flyer will give the date to reserve your Installation lunch and where to send your lunch check. You will also receive your yearly dues ship. Dues can be sent to our Treasurer. She will give the address to send them.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Helen Politakes. Her Mother Marie suddenly died in November.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Merry Christmas to all. May the New Year bring much happiness, good health and peace.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti,

Patty



Celebrating the holidays together at Branch 352.

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352

The election results for our slate of Branch Officers for 2017 are as follows: President-Marianne Bordogna; 1st VP & Historian-Peter Torchia; 2nd VP- Marilyn Creighton; Recording Secretary-Judy Reynolds; Financial Secretary & Treasurer-Steve Gouig; Orator-Peggy McCarthy; Trustees-Rosemarie Ellsworth, Suzy Reynolds and Tony Rosellini (Tony is also Membership Chair); Sentinel-Paul Cowell, and Chaplain-Msgr. Cardelli.

Our December 12th Christmas Potluck & Bingo were thoroughly enjoyed by all. If there is one thing for sure, food was in abundance and no one went home hungry! John Chiorini was then assisted in cheerfully calling those Bingo numbers by his two angel-elves (Helen & Angie Rago) - he couldn't have done it without them! What a fun time, sharing Christmas cheer & comradery; the prizes where just a bonus!

As this year comes to a close, we'd like to thank all of the 2016 Branch Officers and our faithful volunteers who generously contribute their time and talent at all of our monthly dinners, events and fundraisers. The Branch could not function without you – and you are greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for more information on our "special" January dinner – you won't want to miss it! Until then, we wish you & your families all the blessings of the coming holy season. Buon Natale – and a very happy New Year to all!

Branch 352



A good time was had by all members of Branch 432 at their annual Christmas Party.



Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Br. 432

Happy New Year All.

As we start the New Year we should take time to reflect on the year just past and the many blessings that we received. By reflecting on the past, those experiences can be used going forward for our continued well being and success as an ICM Branch. At this time in our lives we are indeed blessed to be part of a community like IHM.

Branch 432 ended the year with a rollicking good time at our annual Christmas dinner. Well attended as always, we closed out 2016 in style. The dinner was held at Sweeney's restaurant in Brentwood. With thanks to all who attended, it was a great way to finish the year.

With little going on in December, we'll use this space to take a look at 2017 and what it holds. With no guarantees for accuracy, here is a thumbnail overview of the major activities for the coming year:

January -- Installation of Officers, Parish Breakfast

March -- St. Joseph's Table, The sale of Raffle Tickets begins, Parish Breakfast

May -- Parish Breakfast

June -- Scholarship Awards and Dinner

July -- Parish Breakfast

August -- ICF night at the Oakland Coliseum with the A's

September -- 8th Annual Festa d' Italia, ICF Convention, Parish Breakfast

October -- Nominations of Officers for 2018, Parish Festival

December -- Christmas Dinner, Parish Breakfast

There you have them, the 2017 activities. Start putting your thoughts together for the events you would like to work on.

Have a great year, full of good health, happiness and God's Blessings.

la vita è buona

Orange
Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Thanksgiving was celebrated early at our November meeting. We feasted on roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salads, and desserts. We all had much to be thankful for this past year. Our fund raisers during the year were very successful and we could donate to many of our charities.

Elections were held at the November meeting. Previously elected officers held their positions for the next year. Rosario, Bev, and Frank were chosen to be the new Trustees.

Bev and Helen visited the Ronald McDonald House to donate the soda tabs we collected during the year. They were very appreciative of our donation. They asked our branch to participate in serving dinner to their residents next year.

Our annual Christmas party was on December 4 at the Working Wardrobes facility in Irvine. A big thank you to Mary Ann for letting us the Working Wardrobes facility and Lupe for organizing the party. We nibbled on hearty appetizers and decadent desserts. A gift exchange game with two steals per gift rounded out the rest of the evening. It was a festive and fun night. Everyone had a great time!

Installation of officers will be at St. Bo-



Reno Bishop Randolph Calvo receiving the Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund check from President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.



Charlyne Pacini, Branch 135 President presenting our Seminary Burse to Bishop Randolph Calvo

naventure Parish in Huntington Beach on January 29. Mass will be at 10:30 am.

Bishop’s Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 18 at St. Thomas More Parish in Irvine, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Miranda Gibson

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

We were delighted to welcome 40 members and guests to our annual Bishops Dinner, Sunday evening, December 4. This dinner gives us an occasion to honor our Bishop and to present him with monetary gifts to fund the education of the Seminar-ians of our diocese. The evening began with Bishop Calvo celebrating Mass at 5:00 PM at St. Albert the Great Church.

Special thanks goes to Bob and Suzanne Capurro, Lydia Brunelli, and Mel Sullivan who prepared and served appetizers and a delicious dinner of barbecued pork tenderloin, ravioli with meat sauce, vegetables, salad and for dessert, homemade cup-cakes, by Rachael Ferrari in honor of Bob Ferrari’s birthday, pizelle, made by Darla McKenna, and spumoni ice cream.

Special guests attending included Leonard Zasoski,Jr., Grand President of Italian Catholic Federation and his wife BG Zasoski, and Bishop Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of the Reno Diocese.

Leonard Zasoski presented a \$1,000 check to the Bishop from Central Council’s Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund for the education of the Seminar-ians of our diocese. The gifts from Branch 135 presented

by President Charlyne Pacini were a gift of \$1,500 to Bishop Calvo for his seminary fund and a gift of \$300 for his TV ministry. Bishop Calvo said the Reno Diocese presently has 11 men in various Seminaries

Members attending this annual dinner event brought many “bags of food”, which were given to Saint Vincent’s Pantry, whose on-going mission is to feed the “homeless and hungry” in our Reno community.

Next meeting is January 8, 2017

We wish all our members and their families and friends a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Capo D’Anno a Tutti!

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

Since no dinner was held in November, and no Christmas party in December, due to the renovation of the Parish Hall, there is nothing to write about this month.

Siamo nel 2017; che il Signore ci benedica durante quest’ anno con buona salute e la felicità!

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di gennaio. Uno di questi e’ lo scrittore, il quale arriva al suo ottantesimo il 2 del mese.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

Happy New Year from Branch 342 in Auburn! We hope that this upcoming year brings you and your family much health and happiness. Our board members are currently working on the calendar for 2017 and we hope that you will be able to join us for the many fun activities we are planning. If you have not already submitted your dues for this year, please send them to Flo ASAP. Thank you.

If you have not already done so, please purchase your tickets to our annual Polenta dinner as soon as possible. This event is always a sell-out. For only \$20, you will be able to enjoy an absolutely delicious dinner of polenta, chicken, sausage, salad,



Members of the San Diego District at its Bishop’s Day.

and dessert prepared by Chef Rico and his crew. There will also be music, dancing, and an awesome raffle. Please call Dolores at 530-823-9125 for tickets.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

What a wonderful way to celebrate our Nov. meeting with a pork loin dinner and Initiation of 12 new members. Michael and Sandra Fuentes cooked one delicious dinner. Linda Paisley and Conchita Lizardi were their big helpers. So many members helped in various duties. A big thank you to all the helpers. District Pres. Paula Scarpelli did the honor of initiating our new members. A big welcome to all of you. After the ceremony we had a short meeting. Then we had a big surprise. Michael presented Angela DiGrande with a Leadership Award for publishing our branch cookbook. Yours truly received a Leadership Award for sponsoring the Sock Hop which helped us raise money for the Gifts Of Love and the Thalassemia Fund. It was more fun then work to chair this event.

We have so many members that need your prayers. Darrell Terry, Barbie Morrill, Bette Nicolai and Judy Perella. And many more. Please pray for them. Joe Fisher it is so good to see you back with us.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego

District Council

The San Diego District meeting was held on Monday, October 24th.

The officers and attendees were treated to a minor Thunder, Lightning, and short downpour before and during the meeting. San Diego is in a 5 year drought so all rain is very welcome.

Officer Nominations and elected are as follows:

President: Chris Murphy

1st Vice President: Jim Hill

2nd Vice President: Tim Smith

Recording Secretary: Marie Tollefson

Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Sharon Thurston

Corresponding Secretary: Pat Postal

Orator: Jodi Balistrieri

Trustees: Prudence Price; Tony Anthony; Toni Smith

Sentinel: Forest Price, Central Council Member Emeritus

The District’s Bishop’s Day Dinner was hosted on Sunday, November 6th by Branch 261, St. Therese. Mass was celebrated by Pastor, Fr. Peter Bosque, Response, Reverend Pedro Rivera, Diocesan Director, Priestly Vocations. Guests included: Grand President, Leonard Zasoski, Jr. and his wife “BG”. A smaller number of guests attended the dinner this year. Spiritual Bouquets were sent to Bishop McElroy.

District Deputy, Forrest Price will be retiring after serving for four years.

Membership was discussed, we need to have membership drives and strive to keep the members we have.



The Meatball and Sausage Sandwich Sale event that ICF Branch 229 Chula Vista held in November.

Condolences were sent to Jim Alesi, whose daughter Carmella passed away from cancer two years after her mother Mary Alesi passed away. Condolences were sent to Pat Mages, Central Council Member Emeritus, whose son Phil passed away. Our prayers were sent to each in addition to cards.

The District Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 19th at Our Lady of the Rosary Branch #230 in the Little Italy part of downtown San Diego.

Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2016.

Pat Postal

Corresponding Secretary

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

We congratulate our executives for initiating a new approach to our general meeting dinners....We have now had restaurants catering our meetings... The majority of members never realized that Troy's – Greek restaurant – El Polo Loco – a Mexican restaurant cater... The members enjoyed the meals... Costco lasagna at the last meeting was delicious...The pumpkin pie was a treat... Congrats to our President and her team for the dinner innovations...

Thanks to Forrest and Prudence Price for their report on the convention... We are pleased that our Cooley's anemia charity program will be continued at an LA hospital – LA's Childrens' Hospital... The \$75,000 ICF contribution was a milestone.

We are planning on two meatball/sausage sandwich sales - December 3 – 4 & February 4 – 5... These sales assist the branch in meeting its budget for scholarships - parish donations – and the administrative needs of the branch... The net profit from each event averages \$1000... The December profit will be given to the parish... We do appreciate the efforts of the cooks – the meatball rollers – and the Saturday/Sunday ladies sales team... The sauce – 60 gallons - the 60# of beef are cooked per an over 50 year old Italian recipe... The cooks and rollers are given a treat on Saturday... a spaghetti dinner...

The San Diego Bishop's Banquet was held at St Therese. We were happy to meet our Grand President – Leonard Zasoski Jr.....

Vic Tallarida #261

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Our recent Christmas Party was enjoyed by all!

Upcoming events :

January - No meeting

January 7: Installation of officers. Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Ave., San Francisco; 11:30am.

Jan. 22: Branch Mass, 10:30am, ICC Condolences to member Severino Alpi on the loss of his father Bruno Alpi; and also to Vic and Pat Arnaudo their brother.

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our banch #38 hopes all our "amici" throughout our ICF world had a "Buon Natale and a Felice Anno Nuovo." After all the December parties and excitement, our Br. #38 is ready to start the New Year. As I've often said, our branch members are few, but we are an eager bunch! We hope the New Year will bring our branch a few new members!!

At November's meeting our Thanksgiving meal was delicious. Dora Varacchi donated turkey from Central Station Deli, the green beans, & gravy. Cosmo prepared the stuffing, salad, yams, & the cranberry sauce. For dessert we had ice cream...by the time we left the PC we were all feeling stuffed...just like the turkey! Many thanks for the food preparations to Cosmo and Dora. Norma Tealdi's daughter Judy was a big help in setting up the PC and cleaning up afterwards. Grazie! An unexpected member also came to this Nov. meeting... Patrick Ramsey! It felt great having Patrick back with us...we miss you!

I had placed an announcement in the "Sts. Peter & Paul Church Sunday Bulletin" and the "Next Door Washington Square North Beach" app on the computer of our Nov. meeting, sadly, no one responded. We'll try again in Jan.! As George Pagni says, "Sempre Avanti!"

Maria Gloria, our Heritage chairlady, spoke to us about the "Italian American Citizens Club and Italian Unity." For Thanksgiving, Maria gave each one of us

a bag of Corn Candy & rules...yes, it's a game & the game never ends! Each day when you eat a corn candy you "Count Your Blessings." Grazie Maria...really perfect for this season and for every day! Maria also gave us a ballpoint pen with the words "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good." How could I forget...Maria gave us See's candy, too...Yum!

Fr. Al, we are sorry you missed our Thanksgiving feast, but we know how busy you are with all the Saturday weddings...you're a very busy/popular Priest. Hope you'll be at our Christmas Mini Meeting and Party.

Our December luncheon has not taken place yet, but our plans are made, lunch is ordered, goodies are ready, and the sheet music is printed. All you had to do was practice singing Christmas Carols. I'm not sure about Santa, but there will be probably 1000 Santas in Washington Square Park we could use, or, even better, we may have our very own Santa!

**Our next meeting will be January 14, 2017 12:00 Noon in the PC.

Ciao, Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

It is with a great sadness that we report the death of our President:

George S. Bacigalupi

February 22, 1940

November 22, 2016

At our last November meeting, George and Diana Bacigalupi informed us that all plans had been made for our December Christmas Party at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club, and that George also had contacted last years Accordionist, George Campi. Everyone had so much enjoyed his music at last years Christmas Party, George wanted us all to continue this tradition. After George's passing, his wife Diana, when asked if we would cancel the party, said definitely no, the party must go on, even though she would not be able to participate.

And so it did. There was a beautiful Mass on December 6, 2016 at SS Peter & Paul Church in North Beach, presided by the Pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Church, Rev. Kenneth Westray. Besides family and many friends there were representatives from the many organizations that George supported.

At the conclusion of the Mass, members of Branch 50 proceeded to the SFIAC banquet room for the Christmas - Luncheon Party. All members brought donations for

St. Anthony's, and Mimi Ysturiz Dougherty volunteered to deliver them. We want to thank Chairperson Nina Cimarelli and Reservation Chairperson Lucy Serafino for following Diana Bacigalupi's wishes and planning the wonderful celebration. It was a pleasant surprise for everyone that our past President, Liana Figone, was able to attend, and was warmly welcomed by all. she was kind enough to say a few words, expressing thanks for all the support she received during her long recovery.

And now we look forward to the New Year ahead, and may the Birth of our Savior bring Peace and Love to us all. Tanti auguri per un Buon Natale, e Buon Anno Nuovo !

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We want to wish our Officers, Members and their families a very Happy and Heathy New Year.

For all our January members having Birthdays, we wish you much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

Our sincere sympathy to the Maffi family. Gloria passed away on November 21, 2016. Gloria and Gene were always a big help to us for our Champagne Bingo, lunch or dinners. Gloria was a member of the Italian Catholic Federation for 15 years and held an Office position for many years. Gloria you will be greatly missed and you and Gene will be in our prayers.

Sincere symphony to Diane and the Bacigalupe family.

George passed away on November 22, 2016. We will miss seeing you at all the Officers of the Italian Catholic Federation meetings

George, you attended one of our meetings and you paid Br. 258 a lovely compliment as to how our meeting was conducted. Coming from you George, it meant a great deal to me, and I will always remember it. You will be greatly missed by all your friends at Br. 258. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Please remember all our ill and debased members in your prayers.

Dates to remember:

Officers meeting: January 9, 2017.

Mass: January 22, 1917.

Meeting: January 23, 1917

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Mateo

District Council

District Council

Welcome to the New Year 2017. Hope everyone had a joyful Christmas. Wishing you all many Blessings now and to come.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 21, 2017, Installation of Officers for 2017. Hosted by Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos. Mass, Installation and Lunch to be held at San Mateo Elks Club. Mass at 9:15 a.m. followed by Installation and lunch. Price \$40.00. Write checks to ICF San Mateo District.

Thursday, January 26, 2017, District Holiday Party at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Hosted by Branch 213, St. Au-

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gustine's, South San Francisco. Barbara Gabriel, President of Branch 213 will be contacting each Branch to see what they will bring to the potluck.

Below is a list of previously approved events:

Lenten Night of Recollection hosted by Branch 130, St. Pius, Redwood City.

Bishop's Day hosted by San Mateo District, April 23.

Semi-annual Mass for 1st half of year, Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. mass. Reception in lower hall after mass.

Semi-annual Mass for 2nd half of year, Branch 163, St. Matthew's Chaplain's Night, November 3, hosted by Branch 19, Colma.

District Christmas Party, hosted by Branch 327, St. Charles, Ssan Carlos Please remember our sick members in your thoughts and prayers.

Peach and Love! Happy New Year 2017!

Anne O'Brien

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Buon Anno to everyone.

Another New Year and a lot of more projects to do and be part of. We are starting off the New Year with a great set of Officers for 2017.

A HUGE thanks to the Officers who served so faithfully in 2016 and to those willing to serve this year. A HUGE thanks to all the members who chaired a project and those who helped with the projects; you are what keep us strong.

Coming Activities:

Monday, January 9th - Polenta dinner meeting hosted by Kathy Trevizo and Deborah Rodondi. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by 5th (650)755-0878 leave message or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation.

Saturday, January 28th - Champagne Bingo; Opens at 1:30, lunch at 2:30 with bingo following. Chicken, pasta, champagne and 1 bingo card \$16.00. Reservations call Deborah Rodondi (650-583-0805. No one under 21 allowed)

Coming Event:

January 21, 1017 - San Mateo District Installation of Officers at San Mateo Elks Club, Hosted by Branch 327, St. Charles Church in San Carlos, Ca.

God's blessings from Heaven above to make this a happy year, filled with joy and peace and love.

N. Thurman

San Mateo

St. Matthew, Br. 163

Wishing you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year 2017. Hope you are ready to begin another busy and eventful year.

Mark your calendar:

Thursday, January 12, 2017 – Dinner and meeting (Sandwiches and Salads). We will have a small fundraiser at this meeting, a New Year's raffle. Cost is \$5 for the 7 tickets you received in your December News-

letter. Tear them in half and send the half that says "ticket" back to Virginia Fuentes at 2414 DeKoven Ave., Belmont CA 94402 with your five dollars. If you want more tickets all Virginia at (650) 591-3545. There are many great prizes.

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – Installation of Officers for 2017 hosted by Branch 327, St. Charles, San Carlos at the San Mateo Elks Club. Mass at 9:15 am followed by the installation and lunch. Price for lunch is \$40.00

Please remember our ill members in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace and Love! Happy New Year!

Anne O'Brien

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We celebrated the last month of the year with a fun Christmas potluck dinner and as usual no one went

hungry. Special thanks to Jean and John Watterson for chairing our event as it was well attended. We are looking forward to enjoying the Christmas Season and many of us are glad the elections are over. Many may not be happy with the results but we all need to remember to be respectful of other's differences.

Our Officer's have already met to make up our calendar of events for 2017 and it will be sent out with our next monthly newsletter. Our events in January will be our monthly meeting on Thursday,

January 12, 2017 and our Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 21st at the San Mateo Elks Club. Please get a hold of our President Dorene Campanile if you plan on attending.

We are very fortunate to have Dorene as our President again for 2017. She is very dedicated and always works towards the best interest of all of our branch members. Also, we are proud of all of our Officers and are looking forward to a successful and fun new year!

Please keep our sick members in your prayers. Merry Christmas to all.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

A wonderful luncheon celebrating Christmas Season was held early in December at the Basque Cultural Center and enjoyed by our members. We look forward to 2017 activities, starting with January instillation of new officers that will be held at the San Mateo Elks Club.

Special thanks you to our parlor officers who kept the meetings interesting this past year and members who provided enjoyable dinners every month.

Branch 10 wishes everyone a Blessed and Joyful Holiday and Happy New Year and look forward to continuing 2017 ICF activities.

Merry Christmas to All,

Joyce James



Branch 327 President Tom Malaspina and all the toys donated for the St. Francis Center.

San Carlos

St. Charles Br. 327

Thank you to Kathleen Scully for providing a wonderful ham dinner for our November meeting despite taking a nasty fall two days earlier. And a thank you to Joe Sheehan for picking up the dinner and to Carmel Dufault and Carol Porter for the salad and dessert. It all came together for a lovely meal.

And thank you to all who shared with those less fortunate by providing toys and games for the children at St. Francis Center.

We have our new slate of officers for 2017:

President Carmel Dufault; 1st Vice President Joe Sheehan; 2nd Vice President Celeste Lennemann; Recording Secretary Barbara Borra; Financial Secretary Alma Brennan; Treasurer Marie De Rosa; Orator Rose Beall, Trustee: Irene Meany, Dick Hogan, Donna McKay; Sentinel Gloria Haars. Thank you to all for stepping up and providing us leadership in the coming year.

Please remember that our branch is hosting the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 21. Mass, installation and lunch will be held at the San Mateo Elks Club.

Mass is 9:15am; installation 10:00am; introductions and happy hour 11:00am; and lunch will be served at noon. Choices: Chicken Piccata, Sole Dore and Pasta Primavera. \$40.00

May we all have a happy, healthy and safe 2017!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Our Christmas Luncheon with Mr. & Mrs. Santa was a great success. The kids enjoyed telling Santa what they want for Christmas and getting a gift from him. Thanks to Lucia Della Santina and Jeanne Asdourian for organizing the event. Also thanks to everyone who donated money towards the basket raffles, and thanks to the ones who baked to raise money for the Gubbio project. Thanks to everyone who attended it was a wonderful day.

At our January 17th meeting Grand Presi-

dent Leonard Zasoski, Jr. will be installing the new officers.

Please continue your get-well prayers for Maria DellaSantina, Doris Onetti and Bob Goodwin and to everyone who isn't feeling well.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year 2017.

Buon Anno a tutti.

Anna Biggio

San Jose Santa Clara Valley

District Council

With Branch 408's completion of the Tri-fecta (Hosting District Installation, Bishop's Day and the Christmas Party) it now becomes Giulia Gallego and Branch 435's responsibility as installation is planned for January 28 at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill, reception follows mass at Mama Mia's. All branches should have provided Marie Yurosko a copy of officer nominees and a branch event calendar.

Denise Antonowicz's terms of office concluded very successfully (Buona Fortuna/I migliori auguri per te). Now Bob Bausino will begin the 2017 District Presidency. Gerry Delfino reported good news – the district gained 42 new members bringing the total to 1132. The bad news – we are losing 17 members for non-payment of dues. He urged all branch presidents to call delinquent members and determine the reason.

John Gillio stated that he would like to have a Mass at Our Lady of Peace and wants to keep the Mass before the District Picnic. Gennaro Felice reported Branch 28 Gilroy donated 550 pounds of food to St. Joseph's Kitchen, 800 Toys and \$4,000 to the Parish. Bravo Branch 28! Elaine Osario reported the Gifts of Love program awarded a total of \$3459 to four applicants.

Fr. George reminded us that the Year of Mercy has ended but encouraged us to continue cultivating the Spirit of Mercy.

District Officer Installation Mass: Saturday, January 28 at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill – reception following mass at Mama Mia's.

Mike Nunziata



At Branch 28's November 2016 Meeting, Anna Barberi's five daughters thanked the members for all the condolences and establishing a scholarship fund in honor of their Mother.

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Happy New Year to All:

At our November 14th meeting our Branch was able to present Pastor Father Robert Brocato with a donation for St. Mary Parish. This donation would not be possible without the generous contributions from members and our community who support our events.

Anna Barberi's family was also in attendance at our November meeting. They thanked our members for all the condolences and establishing a scholarship fund in honor of their Mother. Our hope is to have this scholarship continue in perpetuity to honor Anna's legacy and love of ICF.

Chris Andrade each year coordinates a "Christmas" for a deserving family in our community sponsored by Branch 28 in co-operation with St. Joseph's Family Center. This year the family selected will receive Christmas gifts for the children, and food and other needed items. Chris spends many hours making sure that the family receives these much needed items and gifts that are donated by our members.

Our toy and food drive was very successful for the holiday season. The donations were provided to St. Joseph's Family Center for distribution to needy families in our community.

We are blessed and thankful for all the support of our members. There are many tasks

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Our members are looking forward to an important fundraiser for our branch, the dinner/dance featuring the delightful entertainment provided by the "Blue Stars," a group of ladies who will be performing songs of the 40's and 50's. The event will take place on January 14th in the St. Clare Parish Hall.

The officers of Br. 5 are in the process of putting together the calendar for 2017. Please speak to a board member if you have suggestions for the upcoming year.

Dues are due. Mail them to Marlene Rotolo or bring them to the January meeting. Officers will be installed on January 28th, at St. Catherine's in Morgan Hill. Please make arrangements now for car pooling and dinner reservations. CALENDARS!!! We still have many to sell. Buy now!

A "thank you" goes to Janet Glaubke for all the great casino trips.

Our good thoughts and prayers go to the members who recently passed away - Ben Ybarra, Leonard Sandefur and Gene Pasquinielli.

May 2017 be a wonderful year for all our members.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo



Jo Bertaccini presented Debbie Piro with Branch 191's Service Award for 2016 at the November meeting. Debbie has participated in numerous branch activities as well as chair three dances. Her tireless dedication has been a blessing to the branch.



The ICF "Float" in the Los Gatos Christmas Parade 12/3/16. The float was entry #160 in a total of 250 entries. Represented in the photo from on the left, Eileen Fritsch, (in the car) Denise Antonowicz, Our Chicken Marie Antonowicz, and Michelle Antonowicz on the right.



The Antonowicz family, Denise, Marie and Michelle, enjoying the branch Christmas Party.



Marie and Joe Yurosko organized the gift "exchange"! It was a lot of fun!

Happy New Year!



Members of Branch 391 enjoying the Branch's Christmas party.

that need to be done behind the scenes for our meetings and events. If you would like to help, please contact Gennaro Filice at gfilice46@yahoo.com for more information.

Our January 2017 meeting will be held on January 23rd.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Our perky little chicken, Marie Antonowicz, again wowed the crowd at the Los Gatos Christmas Parade. Her energy is unbelievable!

Financial Secretary Michelle has mailed out Notices for Dues for 2017. Please respond.

Comments about our Polenta Dinner Dance have been very favorable. The committee worked hard to present a delicious chicken cacciatore with polenta. It was a huge success! Keep posted for our next event.

We enjoyed our Christmas Party at Harry's Hofbrau. The gift exchange was organized and a lot of fun!

There has been a change in Officer Installation. The date is Saturday, January 28 at St. Catherine Church, 17400 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill. There will be a Mass at 11 A.M. with Installation directly afterwards. The luncheon will be at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 275 E. Dunne Avenue, Morgan Hill.

It's hard to believe that we are beginning a New Year, 2017! We pray all members pull together and enjoy another year of faithful as well as fun filled events. Let's keep each other in prayer, with special prayers for Gianni Velez, grandson of Marie Antonowicz, who is undergoing yet another brain surgery.

Sending wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, full of peace and blessings.

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to our newest officially installed members, Al Antuna and Patty Capps. We are so happy to welcome all our new members of 2016!

We thank our branch members for the special Thanksgiving dinner that we thoroughly enjoyed at our meeting on November ninth. Robin Hayr, Rose Noack, and Nancy Royal did a wonderful job planning and producing a delightful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Thank you, everyone!

Pat Cordich and Joyce Robba, chairwomen for our Monte Carlo night, report that our successful October Monte Carlo night was our biggest money raiser yet, supported in part by our selling 190 tickets.

Another message of thanks goes to Joan Delfino, who made all of the arrangements for our catered Christmas dinner. What a fantastic way to greet the Christmas season, with great food that we did not labor over and with friends that we love! We miss those members who have not been able to share our fun at our meetings.

We wish you joy in 2017!

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and are ready for 2017!

In December, our members celebrated Christmas with an inspiring Advent Recollection led by Sister Jane Garrison. She reminded us of Jesus' message of love—"Love is the message of Christ, it's not exclusion of others." Donna Rossi and our ICF choir led us in Christmas Carols with Susan Busco at the piano.

Patrick O'Meara shared information on the 2017 Village House Project for the un-housed. Volunteers are needed in many areas—meal preparations/servers, overnight hosts, and set up.

It was an evening of giving with donations to St. Marin's Parish and Food Box, the Cel-

ebration of Life, St. Vincent de Paul, Gifts of Love, Nativity School and Layette Programs. Fr. Sergio Ovando thanked the ICF.

Again, thank you to Al and Diana Vallorz for our delicious Christmas dinner and to our servers—Cathy and Joe DeMaria, Linda Vallorz, Mary Lipari, and Arlene Norsworthy. Also, thank you, Russ Vento for our wine!

Santa came to visit our branch in disguise of our dear friend, Al Vallorz, who came bearing gifts for our fabulous volunteers.

Installation of officers will be January 28, 2017, 10:30 mass at St. Catherine's in Morgan Hill and lunch to follow at Mama Mia's in Morgan Hill.

Valentine's Dinner Dance will be held on February 11, 2017 marking its 30th Anniversary.

On January 11, 2017, Mildred "Millie" Lucido Sorci celebrates her 100th Birthday. She was born and raised in Monterey, California. She is the daughter of Angelina Enea Lucido and Joseph Lucido, a fisherman. After prohibition, her father opened one of the first liquor stores in Monterey. Many famous people, including John Steinbeck, frequented the business. Millie's fondest memory was when she was seventeen and John Steinbeck said "Who is this beautiful girl?" and kissed her on the cheek.

She was a graduate of San Carlos High School in Monterey. In 1937, she married the love of her life, Sam D. Sorci, a member of a prominent San Jose farming family. They were married for more than 60 years. Working alongside her husband on the ranch they bought in 1942, Millie took pride in cooking her "noon-time" lunches during harvest time. These were a treat for her family. Holidays were elegant and included her famous cuccidati and canoli.

She was a member of the Mothers' Guild at Sacred Heart School on Willow Street in San Jose, where her children attended. She also donated her time to the Holy Family Sisters, teaching children in the Evergreen district catechism. She gave of her time at the Kelly Park Historic

Note: The price of monthly dinners will be \$12 starting January 3, 2017.

Happy New Year!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Felice anno nuovo!

May God Bless us all in the New Year!

Thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Potluck a success, and to those who helped host the 2016 SCVD District Christmas Potluck.

Don't forget to buy your 2017 ICF Calendar to support our Branch. This is a great fundraiser. We have a few Calendars left.

We have scheduled our first Quartelry Communion Breakfast for 15 January 2017 at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Our SCVD Installation has a new date – It is now scheduled for Saturday 28 January 2017 @ St. Catherine's in Morgan Hill. Mass starts at 10:30 AM followed by lunch at Momma Mia's @ Dunne and Butterfield. We hope to see you there.

Please remember to include in your prayers the intention for the repose of the soul of Barbara Parker and for John Parker and the Family. Also please pray for our sick members – especially for Anne Lopez, Betty Deville, Susan Colon, Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

At our Nov.dinner meeting we enjoyed a meal made by some of our members. The ham was cooked by Vee Hudson, Giulia Gallego made a delicious sweet potato sweet pie casserole, and Josie Talamo



San Jose Park. During the early 1960's, Millie served as an officer for the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Branch 4, Holy Cross Church.

After selling their ranch in the Evergreen district of San Jose, Millie and Sam retired and moved to Morgan Hill in the 1980's. She became a charter member of the ICF, Branch 435 at Saint Catherine Church. Sam Sorci passed away in 1997. She is the mother of Deanna, John (Toni), Joseph (Cathy) and Thomas Sorci, all of Morgan Hill. The family includes six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

made a great salad. For dessert we savored pumpkin pie and ice cream.

We also elected our new officers for 2017. They are:

President-- Giulia Gallego

1st Vice Pres.--Mary Claire Sampagnaro

2nd Vice Pres.--Ken Ravizzo

Recording Sec.--Gloria Subocz

Financial Sec.--Catherine Ellis

Treasurer--Jim DiVitorrio

Orator-- Loretta Wilson

Trustee-- Sylvia Ritchie Sorci

Trustee-- Helga Brooks

Trustee-- Carol Tacci

Sentinel--Fran Scalzo

Branch Deputy--John Gillio

Fran Scalzo gave an interesting and informative talk on a traditional form of Thanksgiving held in Italy, with a religious content called various forms of "Len Graziamento".

Trinity Chester a home schooled student of St. Catherine's gave a little talk about the ICF and the middle school and parents working together to make the St. Joseph Table in March. It was a great success last year with everyone working together and it can be a success again.

The installation of officers for the Santa Clara Valley will be held at St.Catherine's on Jan. 28th.

Please keep in your prayers Gloria Subocz whose husband passed away and Ed

Enderson who is ill.

Wishing all a blessed Christmas,

Donna Basilin

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

Branch 445 hosted an evening with Msgr. Craig Harrison on Tuesday evening, December 13, at Transfiguration Church. His presentation, "Slow Down, Simplify and Sanctify," was well attended and well received by ICF members District-wide.

Our branch had its Christmas Party on December 15 and enjoyed both dinner and music by our talented musicians, Jean Avram and Sam Morocco. Our branch will have its first quarterly Mass on Saturday evening, January 21 (5:00 Mass), followed by an optional "faith & fellowship" dinner. President Donna Pfaff reminded all officers about the upcoming Mass and District Installation on January 28 at St. Catherine's in Morgan Hill.

At our last meeting it was voted to change our branch's meeting day from the 3rd to the 4th Thursday of the month. Consequently our first meeting for 2017 will be Thursday, JANUARY 26. Hope to see everyone at our first meeting of the New Year.

Dick Pfaff, Secretary

Branch 445

Santa Rosa

Healdsburg

St. Francis di Sales, Br. 52

Our Christmas Party was enjoyed by all who attended, especially the children who got to visit with Santa. We honored our outgoing President, Nancy Seppi, and distributed Christmas donations to the church and school. Thank you to Teri Rollieri and crew for cooking the wonderful pasta dinner. We hosted the Santa Rosa District Council meeting on December 11. Thank you to Teri for cooking that lunch, also.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 14: Santa Rosa District Installation of Officers at Petaluma. Mass: 11 AM with Installation and lunch to follow. For tickets call Carmen or Lauren: 577-7304.

Jan. 21: Polenta Dinner. Make your reservations early for the dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM and dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Price: \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members.

Our 2017 officers are: President: Richard Passalacqua, 1st VP: Teri Rollieri, 2nd VP: Mary Lou Jones, Rec. Sec.: Linda Sherman, Fin. Sec: Bill Jones, Treas: Dennis O'Neel, Orator: Rick Norman, Trustees: Barbara Gourley, Marie Butler and Sharon Cowley, Sentinel: Liz Mattos.

We thank outgoing branch president, Nancy Seppi, for her leadership these past years. Under Nancy's leadership, Br 52 has flourished. We've grown to over 300 members, strengthened ties with our parish and school and donated to many worthwhile ICF and local charities. Thank you, Nancy!

Happy New Year!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L'Annunciata, Br. 75

We're looking forward to new leadership in our branch! M.J. Dellaquila has accepted the Presidency and Nancy Demattei McKean will be our new Vice-President. Kathy Arreguin has taken on the position of sentinel; the rest of our officers will remain in place.

We've added some wonderful new people to our roles, the Kluesener family and Andy and Lydia Kotnik. They stepped up in a special way for our November Coffee Social. These Socials are vital to the spirit of St. Peter's Parish and are held in Reali Hall after the 9:30 Mass.

Our Dec.15th, Christmas Giving Party features a coordinated effort with the director of The Wallace House (homeless shelter) and CCOC (Cloverdale Community Outreach Committee). We will be bringing gifts for four families, a couple of senior homeless gentlemen, canned food with pop tabs for the homeless who camp out under the bridge and learning items for the low income children in the after-school program.

In addition to the giving we will "party" with home-made appetizers, wine, and Bob Aquistapace's hot toddies. Our members are encouraged to bring guests.

Several us will attend The District Meeting/Christmas Party hosted by Healdsburg on Sunday, the 11th!



Wishing all branches a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Patsy Buchignani

Outgoing President

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

With the start of a new year, the branch welcomed their new members and is working to continue adding members to our ranks.

As the weather gets colder and as a way to aid the community, the members donated a number of warm coats to FISH for the needy in the name of ICF.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

BRR!!! It's definitely Winter! The trees have lost their leaves, we're getting rain and its snowing in the mountains. My heater's been going all day and night long. I hate to see my gas bill this year. I have never been so cold. The good thing is we are having rain. People are busy returning gifts they got at Christmas and there is a lot of hustling and bustling about.

The Branch Quarterly/Communion/Mass and Christmas Party was very much enjoyed by all who attended. The dinner was good and the Sing Along was a lot of fun.

Bringing in the New Year was a quiet one spent with good friends. That's what its all about, friendship and love for one another. This year let your resolution be to bring loving and caring to each other and especially to those who are alone. The New Year brings with it the hope of peace and love throughout our Country and the World. My wish for all of you, my ICF family is the blessings of good health and much happiness. May this be a good year for our Branch.

Our congratulations and thanks to the President and Officers who served us so beautifully in 2016 and congratulations



BR. 144 Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Would you be so kind as to acknowledge "BR. 144 Christmas Breakfast with Santa"

Elena David enjoying Grandchildren, Toni Green and Nel Mills enjoying Santa, and Cooks are Ann Eanni and Larry DePeel.

and much success to our President Denice DiGirolamo and her Board of Officers who serve us this year of 2017. May it be a success in every way. Please try to attend the meetings, come for the friendship it offers, and try to help in any way to make our Branch the best.

Our President and the Board of Officers have a great year planned and we hope that all of you will participate in the events being presented to you. We are starting out with our Soup/Dessert Dinner Meeting on January 2nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Hall. The cost is \$5. This will probably have taken place by the time you get your Bollettino. We're sure that it will have been a great success, as it usually is, and we want to thank the Cooks and all who helped in any way.

Jan. 14th - We will have had the Santa Rosa District Installation of Officers. This year our Branch hosted the event. Thanks to all who chaired the meeting and luncheon and to all who worked to make it a success.

Feb. 13th - Regular Meeting

Feb. 18th - Crab Feed. For information and reservations call: Louise - 769-7389

Get well wishes to Judi Fomasi. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

Name, Br. 144

The Christmas Dinner Meeting was held at St. Mary's on December 8th.

There was a large variety of delicious foods and desserts. Well attended by members.

The business meeting reviewed, "Breakfast with Santa" held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus at Leavey Hall. The Good food and turnout for the fund raiser made it successful. Chefs Alfred, Pete, Bob and helpers did a great job. Cal-



Ann Zingarelli, from Branch 198, delivers four boxes of Christmas toys from Branch 198 members to Santa Rosa's Catholic Charities Family Support Center.

endars for Branch meetings and activities were circulated and acknowledged.

Befana will be celebrated in January with Social Hour and Potluck Dinner.

December birthdays include: Rosemary Melendy, Lena Dal Porto, Linda Spallino, Paula Proctor, Pete Stagnoli, Pat Damassa, and Larrry DePeel.\

A Happy and Holy New Year to all.

Larry DePeel

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the new year comes plans for a great 2017. Our 51st Anniversary dinner will be held on Monday, January 9 with hosted cocktails at 5:30 PM and a pork loin dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$0.00 per person.

Our new budget calls for our branch to sponsor a room at the Catholic Charities Family Support Center for one year at a cost of \$1200. Catholic Charities has thanked us for our generous contribution to help those in need.

Plan to attend our future meeting:
February 6 Meeting and Valentin
ie eCook-Exchange. 6:00 PM PLC.

March 6 – Corned Beef Dinner and Meeting. 6:00 PM Brinker Room.

Pray for our sick members and try to attend our monthly Mass for both living and deceased members.

Bob Acquistapace

Stockton District Council

Welcome 2017! The Christmas season has passed, but the spirit lives on. There are many exciting events coming up in all of our branches for the New Year. The Installation of the District and six branch officers for 2017 will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at St. Stanislaus Church, 7 th and J Streets, Modesto. Mass begins at 1 p.m. followed by the installation and

dinner. Roast beef, pasta, salads, veggies, bread and desserts will be served. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 12. Branch Presidents please call Ida Queirola (209) 982-5710 with the number of persons from your branch that will be attending and mail your check to the following address no later than December 30: Ida Queirola, 18424 Queirola Road, Lathrop, CA 95330. The next District meeting will be February 12, hosted by the Tracy Branch #390 at St. Bernard Church, Fleming Hall, Tracy. More details in the February Bollettino. **SAVE THE DATE! The Stockton Bishop's Burse Day will be held on Sunday March 12, 2017 at Church of the Presentation in Stockton.** Bishop Stephen E. Blaire will preside at the 10:30 a.m. mass followed by the banquet and program. Details in February.

Karen Rosson

Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Over five Saturdays during the holidays, about 15 branch members baked, packaged, sold and delivered 6,000 biscotti. All ingredients had been donated by the members and funds generated will be used for our scholarship program.

Our November meeting was honored by the visit of Felice (Phil) Rodoni and his wife, Norma. Phil was Branch 139's first president nearly 50 years ago. Dessert for the meeting was provided by Bernice Bartolucci (cake) and Carly Cunial's delicious lemon bars. Sunshine Committee chair Pat Pellegrino sent a birthday card, signed by all members present, to Bishop Stephen Blaire, who celebrated his 75th birthday on December 22. Judi Oliveria won our charity drawing and donated the \$100 to the local American Legion Post.

We concluded our meeting by singing the **Federation Anthem.**

Our annual Branch Christmas Party was held at Tony's Kitchen (AKA Cucina Queirola) on December 11. Along with a tasty dinner, we all enjoyed "Natale divertimento".

Ciao,
Mariano



Members of Branch 209 celebrated its anniversary with Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. and Past Grand President Bob Acquistapace.

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Happy New Year! Speaking of years, Branch 390 celebrated our 30th anniversary in 2016! Started by the great efforts of charter member Paula Re and Msgr. Ivo Rocha, the branch is still thriving after 30 years and many generations of families. We salute you Paula!

If anyone missed the November polenta dinner, they were able to make it up at our January meeting, which featured Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore. We ate until bursting, it was so good. Thanks again to Mike Bacchetti and crew for being the best in Tracy!

Everyone in our district, please remember that our Stockton District quarterly meeting will be held at **St. Bernard's Father Fleming Hall on Sunday, February 12.**

Hope everyone had a healthy, happy and safe Christmas holiday season and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Stay well and be happy!

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Church of the Presentation,
Br. 395

Branch 395 has had a busy couple of months. On December 10 we held our annual Christmas Luncheon. It was a catered event and well attended. Members and guests enjoyed playing Bingo and



Branch 413 hosting its annual Christmas Parish Breakfast 2016.

a number of prizes were awarded. We are now planning for our 2017 Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore dinner which will be held on February 9, 2016. Please contact Karen Rosson for information and tickets. It is always a sold out event! Branch 395 will host the 2017 Bishop's Burse for the Stockton District on March 12, 2017 and we are making plans for that event. The Stockton District is holding its Installation of Officers on January 8, 2017 at St. Stanislaus Church in Modesto hosted by Branch 48. Our new President for 2017 is Karen Rosson. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Upcoming Events:

January 8, 2017-Stockton District Installation of Officers

January 12, 2016 Branch Meeting

February 9, 2017, Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore Dinner

March 9, 2017- Branch Meeting

March 12, 2017 – Bishop's Burse

Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

Greetings from Angels Camp and Branch 413. We successfully hosted the ICF Breakfast for the parish on Sunday, December 11th. We served eggs, sausages, and pancakes for over 100 parishioners. This was a time for a happy family gathering. Everyone had a great time. The parishioners thanked the ICF for their work. This was a *perfect way to end the year.* We are looking forward to the New Year with the hope that our group will grow stronger.



The hall is ready

St. Bernard's
Branch 390
Tracy, CA



Time to eat



Raffle prizes



Desserts



Ready for dinner



Socializing



Thanksgiving Dinner



Our guests from Australia

From all of us in Branch 413, we wish you
all a very blessed Christmas and Happy
New Year. Caio.

Branch 413
Robert J. Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary



Branch 413 Pancake workers Susan
R. and Eddie C.

New Year's Word Search Puzzle

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Dont Forget: January is Membership Month Refer to the article on Page 1 for more details

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