



BOLLETTINO



A Once In a Lifetime Blessing



A once in a lifetime blessing was bestowed on Francesca Amato, daughter of Michael and Bianca. Michael, Bianca and Francesca, members I.C.F. Branch 391 of St. Martin of Tours of San Jose were watching the Pope come by while they waited to attend the Wed. Children's Mass on March 15th. As the Pope drove by one of the security guards plucked Francesca (named after St. Francis) from the crowd and brought her to Pope Francis. He proceeded to bless her and give her a kiss then blessed Michael and Bianca.

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

One of my toughest jobs since I have been your Grand President has been writing my monthly article. May sound a little funny; just simply write a 350 to 450 word article regarding our organization. For some, writing comes easy, I have lots of thoughts just putting them down on paper in a way that makes sense is a true form of art. Where is English Professor Vince Piro when I need him, (ha-ha)?



I can speak for a long time from the heart why I feel that the ICF is the best family organization in the Catholic Church, maybe I should put a live feed on our website.

Over the past year and a half I have written about our membership, becoming closer to God, family, friendship with members in our branch, engaging new members and the next generation. Why touch on all of those topics. Because I hope and pray that in some way I can inspire you, the members, to keep the ICF active in all areas where the Federation is currently active and to look for potential new parishes where we can bring others together to start up a branch.

I attended a seminar in the past where the speaker talked about the life cycle of an organization and how growth is the key to survival. He stated that you can go for years with either no growth or a down turn in numbers, but eventually you would fade away. I have said for years that the ICF is going through a transitional period along with other fraternal and charitable organizations. It is sad to see our numbers decline; however, we have been able to maintain the core of the organization which will sustain us, to again, a period of growth.

Have we passed our time as a useful organization for our members, parish and community, I think not. This is the time for all of us, young and old, to take a deep look into what the ICF has meant to us over the years and how much better we are for having been a part of this great organization.

Being members for over 25 years my wife and I have made great friends, we have been able to participate in activities that benefit our local parish and various charities, and even though it takes time and commitment we wouldn't have had it any other way. Talking to members throughout the Federation during events this past year most feel exactly the same way.

I have had the opportunity to attend sev-

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Want to Run for CC? Here is How...

Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2017 Convention

Application Process

1. Applications are available from the I.C.F. Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the I.C.F. Office by August 1st in order to be eligible to run for Central Council.
3. A candidate who is not currently a Central Council Member must be a branch delegate to the convention.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to

the I.C.F. Office by July 1.

2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the

Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."

3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.

4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.

5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.

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Convention By-Law Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, O.L.J.
Parliamentarian

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

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2017. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from the

Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

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

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

The Central Council through the Bylaws

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San Mateo & Marin)

Apr. 30 Chicago

Aug. 6 Monterey

Sept. 17 Oakland

Sept. 24 Santa Rosa

Oct. 17 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)

Oct. 22 Fresno

Interested in
being a delegate
to the 2017
convention?
Have someone
nominate you
at your branch's
delegate elec-
tion, which will
take place at the
April or May
general branch
meeting.

Alleluia, Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad!

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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Before Jesus came, people were bewildered, without a true moral guide. Without true love and without a solid spiritual life, they were without hope. When Jesus came, He showed us the way to live by His teachings, His healing, His gospel. His Life on earth was the personification of the Cardinal Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love.

He claimed to be God, "I and the Father are One." (Jn. 10:30) Then, He proved He was God by dying on the cross and rising from the dead on Easter. His resurrection validated him as the God and Savior. He restored to the human race that which was lost by Original Sin, namely, the life of God in our souls. (Sanctifying Grace)



Easter is the greatest feast day in the Church. Jesus rose from the dead into a new and glorious life. We rejoice! We are saved! We have redemption! We receive Jesus, body and blood, humanity and divinity in Holy Eucharist. What a wonderful gift to us! We are privileged to receive the body and blood of the resurrected Jesus.

This is the greatest of all great gifts!



We eagerly look forward to Christ's coming again to take us into complete and total happiness. How great is God's love for us. Lord, we give you thanks for this special gift of love, Amen. Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organizing a Membership Table at a Dinner or Special Event

Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand President
Membership Committee Member

Large dinners or other events that a branch has are great opportunities to set up a membership table. A membership table should be large enough to hold branch items and to give people a place to sign up as a member. Have some chairs around also. A membership table can include the following:

- Membership forms
- Packet of information on the ICF

- Pictures and charts of past branch activities, etc.
- Awards, certificates, commendations, etc. that a branch has received
- Map of Italy

Someone should man the table (membership chairperson?), especially at the cocktail hour and announcements made during the evening that memberships are available. Place the table where it will be readily seen by people entering the hall.

Also, place notes on the tables asking if

people enjoyed the evening and, if they wish to join or ask questions, to see one of the officers.

You may not get much of a response at your first attempt, but, if you consistently do it, people will join. Membership is on-going; there can be no let-up.

Talk up membership at every event.

Membership is a goal of both the Task Force and Membership Committees this year. It is hoped that at least 80% of the ICF branches will have some type of membership drive.

By-Laws

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

representation.

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

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

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

Grand President

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eral 50th and 80th anniversaries this past year and some of these branches still have charter members that attended. If it was not for their commitment to start from scratch and build a branch, we would not be here today. We need to keep that same fire burning today. Yes, it may be tough keeping things going and getting that next generation engaged, but this what we do as ICF members. We need to keep our members active and our Catholic faith close to our hearts.

May you and your family have a Blessed Easter.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Grand President

Candidates

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6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.

7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.

8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.

2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.

3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.

4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Catholic Federation Trivia #2

-- Little Known Facts

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

We continue this month with our ICF trivia (2) . . .

We hope that you found last month's trivia interesting. We have more for you this month.

- In 1937, the Mass at the Los Angeles Convention was held at the Los Angeles Coliseum!
- In January 1937, an article about the Federation appeared in the national magazine, America
- The first Seminary Burse was presented to the San Francisco Archbishop John J. Mitty in the amount of \$500.
- By August 1941, 15% of Federation members were serving on the Armed Forces. Conventions were suspended during WW II. The first ICF member to lose his life in the war was Elmo Brignole of Salinas, Branch 25.
- 467 members of the ICF served in the Armed Services, of which 6 died.
- At the 1940 Convention in Los Banos, CA, the banquet cost \$1.50 per person, while hotel rooms ran from \$1.25 to \$4.00.
- In 1945, the ICF joined a nationwide campaign to collect food, supplies and other relief materials for war stricken Italy. This program lasted for several years.
- After the Convention in 1947, Grand President Sylvester Andriano journeyed to Italy where he had a special audience with the Pope. He presented the Pope with a check for \$5,000 on behalf of the ICF for the Pope's charities. Since that time, other Grand Presidents have visited with the Pope, including one of your writers, David Botta in 19__

- In 1949, famed Jesuit priest and orator, Father Riccardo Lombardi, spoke at the 25th anniversary convention in San Francisco where an estimated 20,000 people heard him.
 - In June 1954, Father Antonio Lisandrini, OFM, preached on behalf of the ICF for the Marian Year. Father spoke all over California and had an electrifying effect on the all who heard him. One of your writers, Carmen, heard him speak at STS. Peter and Paul in San Francisco.
 - It was reported in 1960 that an Italian Catholic Federation had been formed in Australia by the Scalabrini Order. At a later date, some of their members made a visit to California and met with members of our ICF.
 - In 1959, the Hospitalization Plan was presented to the membership. The plan is still in existence today.
 - Also, in 1959, Cardinal Lercaro from Bologna, visited California and was honored by Federation members at a number of dinners. He greatly praised our apostolic work.
 - The year 1964 marked the start of the ICF charter flights to Italy. How many of you went?
 - The largest number of new ICF branches initiated occurred in 1966 with a total of 17!
 - In 1967, former Branch 116 in Fairfax started the Adoption Program where a branch was asked to "adopt" a child and take care of him/her. The program continued for a number of years and was most successful.
 - At the 1969 Convention, ICF co-founder, Luigi Providenza, retired from active work with the Federation. He would continue with special duties.
- To be continued . . .

Origins of Sicilians in Italy

Louise Vento
Heritage Member

How many ICF members think they are true Italian or Sicilian? Yes I know Sicilian are Italian. Did your Grandparents or Parents come from Italy or Sicily? If your answer is yes, than you would be interested to know that Italian and Sicilian are derived from many nationalities, cultures and civilization. The Phoenician and the Greeks were originally the inhabitants of Italy and Sicily up until the 3rd century BC. The Romans followed and formed the Roman Empire, than came the Byzantine craftsman. Around AD800 the Arabs dominated the lower half of Italy and Sicily. Later came the Norman's from France, followed by the Germans and than the Spaniards. For this reason Italian people differ from one another, some have dark

hair, dark skin and brown eyes and still others are blonde, light skin and have blue or green eyes. This is due to who may have ruled that particular region where your ancestors came from. So, you may be Italian, Greek, Phoenician, Arab, French, German or Spanish. The next time you visit Italy or Sicily look at the Moorish Spanish influence in the places and churches especially in Siena. The Arab influence in the Domes and Mausoleums like those found in the Umbria region. The Roman architecture found in the Coliseum and forum Rome. The Gold inlay mosaics laid by the Byzantine can be found in most churches through out all Italy and Sicily. In Sicily you will see the Greek Temples still standing and also the Greek statue found in the Villa and Gardens of Italy. Think of the region your ancestors came from and what time in History best represents what you are made of. Multi Bene.

Gifts of Love Program Ready for 2017

Next Review of Applications Occurs in June

Teresa Helfand
Gifts of Love Chairperson



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We are wishing everyone the Peace and Joy of Easter and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in June. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective church and/or school bulletins if possible. The application form is available

on the I.C.F. website (.www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the I.C.F. Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, emailed to the I.C.F. Office at info@icf.org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the I.C.F. Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

Happy Easter and God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

The Italian Catholic Federation
www.icf.org
Mission Statement of the Italian Catholic Federation:

"Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works, and celebrates our Italian-American heritage and all the heritages of our communities."

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Pamela Andersen	342	Grass Valley, CA	\$50
3/2	Richard & Marcie Fanucchi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/3	David Prudenciado		Daly City, CA	\$30
3/4	Branch 365		San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/5	Edgar Dias		Richmond, CA	\$30
3/6	Doreen O'Rourke	18	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
3/7	Margaret Bransen		Penngrove, CA	\$30
3/8	Branch 14		Crockett, CA	\$30
3/9	Patricia Faria	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/10	Melody Klever	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/11	Herb & Barbara Di Grazia		Livermore, CA	\$30
3/12	Carol Quinonez		Fresno, CA	\$30
3/13	Lea Murphy	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/14	Mary Onetti	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
3/15	Lisa Crudo	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/16	Sean & Peg O'Malley		Mountain View, CA	\$30
3/17	Fr. Jerry Amerando		Fresno, CA	\$50
3/18	Fr. Noel Sanvicente	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
3/19	Gloria M. Cardelli		Eagle, ID	\$50
3/20	Loretta Morris	442	Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
3/21	Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/22	Mike Maloney	444	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	\$30
3/23	Sr. Mario Raffael		San Leandro, CA	\$30
3/24	Leonard Rossi	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/25	Sue McMillin	391	Campbell, CA	\$30
3/26	James Barrett	47	Mountain View, CA	\$30
3/27	Anthony & Natalie Miranda		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/28	Christy Shaw	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
3/29	Charles Linnenbrink	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/30	Norma Wilson	21	Scotts Valley, CA	\$30
3/31	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30

Italian Thalassemia Associations

Laurice Levine
MA, CCLS

As an Italian person with thalassemia, I thought it would be fascinating to see what is going on in Italy for thalassemia care and support. They are very advanced compared to the United States, both in research, community awareness, and patient support. The following are national Italian support groups for people with thalassemia. The U.S has one national support organization, Cooley’s Anemia Foundation, based in New York.

Note: translation (google) will be required if you do not read Italian.

- [Associazione Ligure Talassemici Onlus \(ALT\)](#)

<http://www.althonlus.org/>

- [Associazione lotta alla Talassemia di Ferrara](#)

<http://www.althonlus.org/>

- [Associazione Talassemici e Drepanocitici Lombardi Onlus \(ATDL\)](#)

<http://www.atdl.it/>

- [Associazione Talassemici di Torino Onlus](#)

<http://www.atdl.it/>

- [Associazione Talassemici Sardi](#)

<http://www.talassemicisardi.it/>

- [Cure2Children](#)

<http://www.cure2children.org/>

- [Fondazione Italiana ”L. GIAMBRONE”per la Guarigione dalla Talassemia](#)

<http://www.fondazione giambrone.it/>

- [TALASSEMIA –Associazione per la Ricerca Piera Cutino Onlus –Guarire dalla Talassemia](#)

<http://www.pieracutino.it/>

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations Received by March 10, 2017

IN MEMORY OF: Luigi and Ines Sabatella Ruth Aguirre Charles Clees	DONATED BY: Fulvie and Mark Kern Officers/Members of Br. 308 Joanna C. Van Blaricom
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BRANCH & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:

Branch 54
Branch 135
Branch 144
Linda Coffee

GET WELL WISHES: Marie Mungai	Richard and Valerie Vote
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BIRTHDAY WISHES: Lee M. Wills	Joanna C. Van Blaricom
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General Fund Donations

Donations Received by March 10, 2017

IN MEMORY OF: Anthony (Tony) Taormino Anthony S. Taormino, Jr. Anthony Salvatore Taormino, Jr.	DONATED BY: Cathie Wicks and Family JoAnn Schiro Stuart Ranch Employees
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In Loving Memory

Report Date: 03/13/2017	PETE MESSANO	Branch 115
IDA BETTUCCHI	MERVYN DAVIS	Branch 154
EMILY BOITANO	CARMEN D PATANE	Branch 173
ROSEMARY PRICOLO	KRAIG KEELER	Branch 218
JOSEPHINE COLOMBANA	JOSEPH FRANKINA	Branch 391
	SADIE R TAINTER	Branch 391
PHYLLIS J WELTER	PHYLLIS M BENBROOK	Branch 416
FRANCES DI COSTANZO	VINCE GARRA	Branch 416
PROVIDENZA Y MACCHI	BILL WEISGERBER	Branch 425

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2017

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Donna and Richard Pfaff
In memory of Anthony Taormino
Anthony Geraci
In memory of Joseph Trovato
Aldine Grisenti
In memory of the 90th birthday of Albert Lavezzo

Gifts of Love Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2017

IN MEMORY OF: Joe Trovato Rolando Belluomini Pat Osuch Annette Grimaud Armando and Adilia Perez Anthony S. Taormino, Jr. Tony Taormino Joe and Rose Frankina Jennie Flag Joe and Rose Frankina Lorraine Spargo Charles Clees	DONATED BY: Fred and Linda Rapisarda Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo Officers/Members of Br. 291 Officers/Members of Br. 291 Bob and Elaine Osorio John G. and Kim M. Filice Dean and Jeanette Hudson Anthony and Lillian La Pres Joan and Jerry Delfino Lori Prud’homme Officers/Members of Br. 291 Officers/Members of Br. 291
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GET WELL WISHES: Carla Del Carlo	Marie Amoroso
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INDIVIDUAL DONATION:
The Wanda Antonelli Trust

CONGRATULATIONS:
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the 61st wedding anniversary of Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the 55th wedding anniversary of Noreen and John Gillio
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In honor of the wedding anniversary of Don and Rose Arnaudo

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF: George Bacigalupi Ermaline Silipigni William E. Wilkinson Dick Roza Imelda Profio Imelda Profio Marlene Hintzman Vibiana Schaarschmidt Frank Millang, Jr. Joe Frankina George Bacigalupi Fr. Efre Trettel, OFM Virginia Fox John Meany Betty Bonvicino	DONATED BY: I.C.F. Spouses Association Officers/Members of Br. 308 Ann F. Antuzzi Officers/Members of Br. 327 Mary Rossetto Officers/Members of Br. 191 Officers/Members of Br. 343 Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Officers/Members of Br. 191 Officers/Members of Br. 258 The Kilcullen Family Russ and Louise Vento Officers/Members of Br. 327 Officers/Members of Br. 327
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GET WELL WISHES: Mark Wright Nina Malone	Susan Mencarini and Jay Newsome Officers/Members of Central Council
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THANK YOU FOR OUR INSTALLATION:
Leonard Zasoski, Jr. Officers/Members of Los Angeles
Archdiocese District

HAPPY 50TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:
I.C.F. Br. #214 Officers/Members of Contra Costa District

HAPPY 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Roberta and David Madej Bob and Theresa Dianda

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

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 03/13/2017

CLAUDIA MC CABE	Branch 014
MASON HURLEY	Branch 031
PRISCILLA HURLEY	Branch 031
MARA L MC DANIEL	Branch 039
KAREN STEINHAUER	Branch 070
NATASCHA C HOWELL	Branch 075
ROBERT GORMAN	Branch 103
MARY R IACONO	Branch 115
MARILYN SHAFF	Branch 135
MICHELE M HOFFMAN	Branch 138
JOHN ROSSI	Branch 138
MARIE ROSSI	Branch 138
PAUL A VASQUEZ	Branch 138
COLLEEN ALFIERI	Branch 139
JIM ALFIERI	Branch 139
EDWIN FICHTER	Branch 139
PATRICIA FICHTER	Branch 139
MARK BISSIRI	Branch 161
TINA BISSIRI	Branch 161
KATHY A DELLA SANTINA	Branch 161
PAUL R DELLA SANTINA	Branch 161
REV MSGR C MICHAEL PADAZINSKI	Branch 161
EDWARD T BATMAN	Branch 169
SANDRA R BATMAN	Branch 169
MICHELE D KIPP	Branch 169
FRANK BENVENUTO	Branch 173
ALBERTO CANINO	Branch 173
STELLA CANINO	Branch 173
SHIRLEY CROSETTI	Branch 173
LINDA L MUSTACHIA	Branch 173
WILLIAM TOGNOTTI	Branch 173
KATHRYN L OLIVER	Branch 191
PAMELA J OLIVER-ELLIS	Branch 191
MARY ANN ROA	Branch 191
ROSEMARIE SCLAFANI	Branch 210
DAVID J SCARMINACH	Branch 218
ANTHONY BUONO	Branch 230
ANTONIA BUONO	Branch 230
MARLENE SCHOLL	Branch 230
JAMES STEIDL	Branch 230

JULIAN VILLOTA	Branch 230
JULIAN A VILLOTA	Branch 230
LEONORA ZIZZO	Branch 230
SALVATORE ZIZZO	Branch 230
LINDA K MOORE	Branch 237
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SANDRA J VASQUEZ	Branch 332
MARK J CHIORINO	Branch 342
JOHN D ARCHIMEDE	Branch 352
AMBER CAVAZOS	Branch 362
JENNIFER QUINONES	Branch 362
LUIS A SOLIS	Branch 362
ALZIRA V MARTIN	Branch 390
JOSEPH MARTIN	Branch 390
LORI A MARTIN	Branch 390
FRANK MARTY	Branch 390
DANIEL G PARRILLO	Branch 390
ALVIN TRAVAO	Branch 390
GIUSEPPINA SPAGNOLETTI	Branch 392
APRIL A HURT	Branch 425
KEVIN M HURT	Branch 425
NICKI J LUPO	Branch 425
PAUL M LUPO	Branch 425
REV RUSSELL ROIDE SJ	Branch 435
MILLIE CHIARANI	Branch 438
RAYMOND CHIARANI	Branch 438
BERT R DONLON	Branch 438
JOAN A DONLON	Branch 438
ANNE FINN	Branch 438
ROBERT FINN	Branch 438
GENARO I TIONGSON	Branch 438
KATHRYN H TIONGSON	Branch 438
HAROLD ECHEVARRIA	Branch 445
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Central Council Meeting Minutes **DRAFT** Saturday, February 11, 2017 San Jose, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Opening Prayer: led by Jim Jones.

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge: Salute to the Flag was led by Andy Pappani. Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr led the ICF Pledge.

Roll Call of Officers and CC Members: Excused: Msgr. Cardelli, Nina Malone, Franklyn Lopes, Anne Interrante. Absent: Jane Dianda.

Central Council Life Members Emeritus and Members Emeritus present: Carmen Kilcullen, Jerry Delfino, Bob Acquistapace, Pat Mages.

Introductions: Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr welcomed guests from visiting branches.

Central Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes for October 15, 2016 were approved as

written.

Communications

- Thank you from Pat and Lou Mages for a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of their son
- Thank you for birthday greetings from Bishop Blaire.
- Thank you for winning \$30 on the calendar raffle from Leroy Dolph
- Christmas Card from Cerafin and Diane Castillo Br. 47
- Discernment Retreat for Men for Diocese of San Jose announcement
- Thank you from Diana Bacigalupi for the donation for George Bacigalupi
- Thank you from the Salesian Boys and Girls Club for donation for George Bacigalupi

Reports

- Grand President – Leonard Zasoski
 - Grand President Leonard Zasoski gave his report of events he's attended and those he's planning on attending.
- Grand Treasurer –Deborah Rodondi
 - Deborah Rodondi discussed the final budget for 2016.

Deputy Chairperson – Andy Pappani

- Andy Pappani sent a letter to discover if branch presidents have been in longer than 3 years. He is trying to determine if branches that haven't changed

presidents are the ones having trouble. Andy said we are trying to get ahead of the problem. Bob Acquistapace said that Central Council members could help. Vince Piro said that over time that branches who have presidents for a long time haven't developed leadership for the long term health of the branch. David Botta said that their branch has had the same president and is doing well. Mike Cannady said that many of the branches that have long term presidents are being kept open because these people are being presidents. Bob Acquistapace said if we're using this information as a tool to assist the branch, it makes sense. If we're going to enforce the by-law of three years we would run into trouble.

- There are 3 new district deputies: Chicago – Theresa Helfand, San Diego – Maria Tollefson, Fresno – Burney Squeo
- Andy Pappani presented the proposed statute change to change the name from "deputy" to "mentor". Mike Cannady asked for the rational. Andy Pappani said that it came from the deputy workshop and deputy meetings. They feel "deputy" is a "harsh" term and mentor would be a better name. Deborah Rodondi commented that the District Deputy isn't being changed and the overall program is still being called deputy program. Deborah said then we're using "mentor" in the membership program, Amici de Cuore. Mentor is being used for two different programs and could be confusing. Denise Antonowicz said why don't we change the whole program to the Mentor Program, so it's consistent from top to bottom. Deborah Rodondi asked about changing the scarves from "D" to "M", at a cost of \$23 per scarf for 140 branches would be \$3100. Andy Pappani is tabling the statue change until the June meeting.
- Andy then discussed troubled branches.

Committee Reports

Apostolate Charity – Laurice Levine

- Laurice Levine gave an update with Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). CHLA will be starting a newsletter and this year they will have a holiday party. CHLA is doing a transition program, as there aren't enough people trained to take care of adult thalassemia patients. CHLA is working on a multi-million dollar project "Passages Program" to train doctors to collaborate with Dr. Coates and take care of adult patients.

Workshop – Andy Pappani

- Roselynn Jarrett sent Andy Pappani the survey forms from the convention from the districts who said they want a workshop.

- Anne Interrante has been using PowerPoint officer training for expansion. The workshop and executive committees will go over the PowerPoint and then they will be placed on the website.

Ways and Means – Lisa Crudo

- The theme for the 2018 Daily Raffle (Calendar) will be "Our Stories, Our Recipes". It will focus on all the ethnicities of the ICF.
- Nite for Seminarians – wine tasting, appetizers. June 17 after 5:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley. The Oakland Diocese has their own winery, Bishops Vineyard, and won't charge us for the wine. If people purchase the wine, 5% of the sales comes to us. Price will be \$30 in advance. \$35 at the door. Motion made to advance \$500 to purchase wine glasses. Motion by Bob Basuino/Dante Galeazzi. Passed.
- Golf Tournament – July 28. We don't have a set venue, yet.
- Lisa Crudo talked to Colette Travel about a trip to Italy in June / July 2018. The ICF will earn 7% for every booking.

Task Force – Vince Piro

- The committee discussed evaluating the strategic plan. The task force committee and the Grand President will meet on March 31 to evaluate the plan. On April 1, there will be a meeting at the ICF office for the task force committee, executive committee and officers to develop a new strategic plan at 12:30 PM. The strategic plan recommendation will be brought to the Central Council at the June meeting.
- The committee wants to know the number of closed branches and how many people were transferred. They want to do exit interviews of people who cancelled.

Scholarship – Franklyn Lopes Jr.

- Deborah Rodondi gave the report.
- All the paperwork for the 2017 1st year scholarships has been mailed. April 22 will be the 1st year judging.
- Deborah Rodondi also reminded us not to forget the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships. Encourage our branches to vote on donations to them now.
- Bob Acquistapace said that Br 198 has been successful in seeking memorial scholarships in their branch. It's a good way to memorialize someone in our family.
- Deborah Rodondi encouraged leaving something in our wills for the ICF. Roselynn Jarrett said to put out donation cards with the guest book at a funeral.

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 2nd Vice President
Branch 39, Merced



Don't Give Up, Don't Give In: Lessons from an Extraordinary Life

Louis Zamperini and David Rensin

Dey St. Publishers, 2014. 238 pp.

Louis Zamperini, whose life story was made famous by the book and film *Unbroken*, has lived an extraordinary life - from son of Italian immigrants to Olympian to WWII bombardier and prisoner of war to Christian Evangelist. From his varied experiences, he has gathered many lessons on life, and in this book, co-written with David Rensin, he offers advice on life and its many challenges. Written as part autobiography and part advice column, it is an intriguing read for both its narrative of an extraordinary life and its practical, real life lessons.

In this book, Zamperini offers such advice to always "be prepared" by trusting what you know, keeping your mind sharp, and not forgetting to laugh. He also advises "don't give up, don't give in" as he reminds us that we "are the content of [our] character," that we should never let "anyone destroy [our] dignity," and that "hate

is a personal decision." Each of these aphorisms is the focus of a brief chapter that contains Zamperini's personal philosophy illustrated by his own experiences.

For example, in the chapter entitled "Hate is a Personal Decision," Zamperini shares his belief that "Hate destroys - but not the object of your hatred. It destroys you. Hate is more damaging than alcoholism. Alcoholism is disease. Hate is a personal decision." He then goes on to tell the story of a fellow WW II veteran who lost his leg as a prisoner of war in Japan. Despite the fact that a prosthetic leg allowed the man to "go out on the town" and live life to its fullest, he was "falling apart inside, and it became apparent from the outside" because of his hatred for the Japanese. As Zamperini tells it, "He had his whole life ahead of him, but he couldn't embrace the present or the future. His hate had destroyed his spirit."

Zamperini's philosophy of forgiveness and a positive attitude come from his deep-seated Christian faith, which is apparent throughout the book and a good

reminder of how our faith should affect every aspect of our lives. In one chapter on contentment, he quotes an imprisoned St. Paul: "Whatever situation I find myself in, I have learned thereby to be content." As example of this philosophy, Zamperini goes on to explain that he was "stuck in a raft in the middle of nowhere [after his plane was shot down.] . . . I accepted my situation and let my training take over. I was in control of myself because I accepted things; to begrudge them was a waste of time and energy." While he was not yet a born-again Christian during his ordeal, by quoting Apostle Paul, it is clear that he now puts it into a Christian perspective.

After many years of revengeful nightmares in which he murdered his prison camp torturers, Zamperini found peace after listening to a talk by Billy Graham, evangelical preacher, and turning his life over to Christ. Zamperini's life "was transformed by a spiritual rebirth that would guide him through . . . his long and happy life."

Don't Give Up, Don't Give In has a lot to offer the reader: sound advice, fascinating real life stories, and a solid religious perspective that reminds that a faith in Christ calls for us to forgive others, even our worst enemies, to live our life with hope, not despair, and to give back to our communities. It is these principles that infuse the book and have led Zamperini to a content and fulfilled life.

Live to Give: Everything You Need to Know About Plasma Donation

Live to Give Committee

Plasma is the liquid portion of blood - a protein-salt solution in which red and white blood cells and platelets are suspended. Plasma is 92% water and makes up 55% of blood volume. Plasma contains albumin (protein), fibrinogen (aids in clotting) and globulins (including antibodies). Plasma serves a variety of functions, from helping maintain blood pressure and volume to supplying critical proteins for blood clotting and immunity. Plasma is the medium for exchange of vital minerals such as sodium and potassium and helps to maintain a proper pH (acid-base) balance in the body, which is vital to cell function. Plasma is obtained by separating the liquid portion of blood from the cells.

Plasma is frozen quickly after donation (up to 24 hours) to preserve clotting factors, can be stored up to one year, and thawed shortly before use. Plasma is commonly transfused to trauma patients, patients with severe liver disease, cancer patients, burn victims, or people with multiple clotting factor deficiencies.

During a plasma donation, blood is drawn from one arm, goes through an apheresis machine which separates blood components, collects the plasma, and returns the remaining blood through your other arm. If you are blood type AB you are an ideal candidate for plasma because type AB plasma is universal which means your plasma can be received by anyone, regardless of their blood type. People who donate plasma can donate platelets at the same time because the same machine is used for both types of donations. You can donate plasma every 28 days, up to 13 times per year. The average donation takes 1 hour and 15 minutes. Contact your local blood bank or 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Source: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/types-donations/plasma>

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi Grand Treasurer

Yesterday I was browsing through the recipe files (a vintage 6 drawer index card file box) looking at the gnocchi recipes my mom accumulated and ran across this "Green Olive Risotto" recipe. It has been sitting neglected for years, I figured it was time to try it or toss it. I love green olives so I had no doubt it would be tasty. Of course my favorite taste tester, my brother Robert, was in for dinner. Perfect time for trying a new dish. This dish is served in a San Francisco Restaurant.

Hope you enjoy it.

Green Olive Risotto

4 Tbls. extra virgin olive oil

¼ cup finely diced yellow onion

1 cup Arborio rice

¼ cup white wine

3 to 3 ½ cups chicken broth, simmering

¼ cup finely chopped green olives, such as Picholine (when I looked this up it said our traditional cocktail olives and showed a picture of pimento stuffed olives, so I used the large Spanish olives)

2 Tbls. chopped Italian parsley

1 Tbls. grated Parmesan cheese

lemon juice to taste

Salt and pepper (freshly ground) to taste

Heat 1 Tbls. of the olive oil in a saucepan/pot over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the rice and cook, stirring, until it is hot throughout. Add the wine and cook, stirring, until it evaporates.

Begin adding the broth, ½ cup at a time, stirring constantly and adding more only when the previous addition has been absorbed. After 10 minutes, stir in the olives. Continue cooking until the rice is creamy and al dente, neither soupy nor stiff; the total cooking time is about 20 minutes.

When the rice is ready, remove the pan from the heat and stir in the parsley, cheese, remaining 3 Tbls. of olive oil. Season to taste with the lemon juice, salt and pepper.

This will serve 4 as a first course/side dish.

Since this was our main dish tonight, with sausage on the side, I doubled the recipe for my brother and I. It was enough to serve 3-4 people. I did not double the olive oil and squeezed ½ of a lemon in.

I am thinking this would be really good with garlic stuffed green olives, just not as colorful.

The dish was a success. Rob raved about it and informed me it was different, with great flavor and a keeper.

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

Buon Appetito!

LOOK FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING EVENT

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS

WINE TASTING

MID JUNE OR JULY



Italian Catholic Federation Facebook Page

Join us on our Facebook page. Like us and let us know what your branch is doing. This is a great way to let others know of events happening in their area.



Eureka!

**Italian Catholic Federation
2017 Convention
Hotel and Travel Highlights**

"Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage"

September 1 - 4, 2017

Hosted by The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts

DoubleTree by Hilton – Sacramento

2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815 Direct phone: (916) 929-8855

Hotel Accommodations

- Call: (800) 686-3775
 - Book online @ www.doubletreesacramento.com
 - Group Code: ICF
 - Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
 - Room Rate: \$115 plus 15% tax (tax rate subject to change)
 - Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 15
- Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights. Reservations are available until sold out or until August 14, whichever occurs first. After August 14, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Reservations can be made for Wednesday, August 30 – Tuesday, September 5. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- Complimentary self-parking
- Sacramento International Airport– 12 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X26E-966 For travel between 08/29 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure we have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) 423-1924. Please refer to the Bollettino, ICF website and Facebook page for additional convention details.

See you in "The Gold Country."

"Take Me Out to the Convention Ballgame" Italian Heritage Night

The San Francisco Giants Triple-A affiliate, the Sacramento River Cats, will be hosting the Las Vegas 51's (New York Mets) at Raley Field. The team has made this game their annual Italian Heritage Night to welcome the ICF convention attendees to Sacramento. This event is an ICF convention first!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, August 31, 2017 • 4pm Carpools depart hotel • 5pm Group Wine Tasting • 6pm Gates Open • 7:05pm First Pitch • Admission includes an exclusive ICF baseball cap. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICF will throw out the first pitch • ICF will sing "God Bless America" • ICF will present our annual Cooley's Anemia donation on the field before the game. • Enjoy Italian performances • \$2 Miller Lites during the game |
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\$29 Admission - First Deck Seats

To sit with your branch, district or specific group, please purchase your tickets on one reservation form. Tickets are first come, first honored. Carpools of 4 or more will receive a free parking coupon.

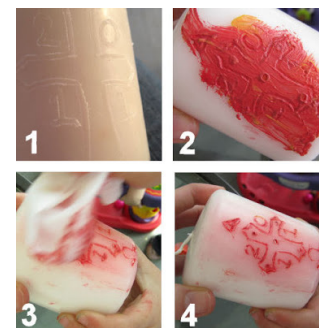


La Celebrazione di Gioventu -- The Celebration of Youth

Submitted by Roselynn Jarrett

Create Your Own Paschal Candle

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



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

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



IRS and State of California Franchise Tax Board

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

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the state. The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2016 is the following:

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

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2016 is the following:

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

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

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

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2017. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2016. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

If you have any questions, or need help filing, please call the I.C.F. Office at 1-888-423-1924.

Thank You,

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

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Roselynn also suggested talking to local businesses who might be looking for a way to donate a scholarship.

Public Relations – Lauren Kilcullen

- The committee met and decided to increase the advertising rates for the Bollettino as a way to generate more income. Members who sign up new advertisers will receive a commission on the advertisements.

- The committee decided to charge branches \$50.00 for a ¼ page advertisement about upcoming dinners, bocce tournaments, etc.

- The committee made a motion to spend up to \$500 on convention advertising in the Sacramento and/or Stockton Diocesan papers. Motion passed.

Membership – Vince Piro

- January was membership drive month. Eddie Leonard spoke about what Monterey, Br. 36 did for a membership drive. They gained between 12 – 18 new members.

- Vince Piro reminded us that membership is an effort. When we put in the effort, we gain members.

- It is important to emphasize the connection between the branch and parish. This brings members in, what do we do for the local parish.

- 22 people have sponsored 1 or more new members. One person has brought in 5 members and received \$30.

- The committee wants to focus on branches with 25 – 50 members. Carmen Kilcullen will write the April and May Membership columns.

- Regarding retainment of members of closed branches, suggestions are to promote member at large or associate member, automatically transfer them into another branch, keep them as District members. Ideas will be discussed more at committee.

- Amici De Cuore – buddy program. Branches should assign long term members to new members to make them feel welcome and get them active.

Live to Give – Michael Cannady

- The committee met this morning. Most of the work in the past years has been done by Laurice Levine. For the convention blood drive, the committee wants to change the hours to 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

- The committee wants to bring back the awareness of the organ donation program, which was the original purpose of the committee. Laurice Levine is going to investigate bone marrow donation.

Hospitalization – Denise Antonowicz

- There is \$854,535 in the fund. The hospitalization fund will transfer \$35,000 to the general fund. The committee is looking at increasing the transfer from 4% to 6%.

Heritage – Denise Antonowicz

- The committee discussed the parades we're going to be in this year. The San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade is October 8. The float will be decorated on October 7.

- Heritage books are \$5 each. Russ and Louise Vento have them for sale.

Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand

- The committee awarded \$12,000 to 13 applicants. Since 1997, \$477,077 total has been donated.

Finance Committee – Deborah Rodondi

- Deborah Rodondi distributed the UBS report.

- The committee met yesterday, Friday, and discussed the ICF dues. The committee will meet April 1 to develop a proposal(s). In 2016, we collected \$174,000 in per capita, and our operating expenses were \$278,000, leaving us with a \$101,000 deficit. Per capita is not covering our operating expenses. Hospitalization plan transfer, money from closed branches and fundraisers make up some of the deficit. Providenza Fund receives \$22,000 from branches and individual donations, however the Fund distributes \$25,000. The Bollettino brings in \$58,000 and costs \$95,000. While the transfer from hospitalization helps us, we don't want to zero out hospitalization. To do everything the ICF wants to do, we're going to have to look at a possible dues increase. Deborah Rodondi would like our ideas regarding dues and finances by mid-March, so she has it for the April 1 meeting. Deborah said the committee looked at the last time we had a dues increase and about 200 members cancelled, however it's unclear if it was the dues increase was the cause of them cancelling. Mike Rossi asked to have a simpler dues structure, as the current structure is difficult to explain to new members. Roselynn Jarrett suggested having a quarterly dues structure.

Expansion – Anne Interrante

- Mike Rossi reported on expansion.
- Last year, we had a successful program and opened 5 new branches. This year is more of a struggle.

- The goal is to open 3 new branches by Convention.

Convention' Director's – Roselynn Jarrett

- The committee met yesterday, Friday.

- Roselynn Jarrett recapped the 2016 Convention budget. Total profit was \$22,000. Roselynn decreased our fine at the hotel from \$9,850 to \$2,761.

- For branches not paying their registration fees by June 30 (the deadline), there will be a late fee.

- Awards now fall under the Convention Directors Committee. All the forms have been updated. They are on the website and will be sent out to the branches. The committee is asking each district to pick a category and nominate someone for an award.

- Thursday night – A Night at the Rivercats Stadium. It will be Italian Heritage Night. Grand President Leonard Zasoski Jr. will throw out the first pitch, we can sing God Bless America, we will present our charitable donation to CHLA, and we can go on the field in between innings to do an activity, maybe have our chicken lead the chicken dance. Pricing for a ticket is \$23. Roselynn is looking at getting an ICF hat. Transportation is between \$15 - \$20 per person on a chartered bus. We will encourage people to drive, as it's about a 15-minute drive, and parking is \$10.

- The Local districts will handle the Sunday night banquet at the hotel.

- Friday evening, everyone is encouraged to wear gold or yellow to the opening. Msgr. Harrison will be the keynote. Following the opening, we

will have the Meet the Candidates in the ballroom. We will have food, this year. Mistress of Ceremonies for Friday evening is Lauren Kilcullen.

- For the Saturday night banquet, the Mistress of Ceremonies is Pat Mages.

- Roselynn is looking at locations for 2020 and 2021. It is not cost effective for us to end the convention on Sunday, so we are keeping the convention Friday – Monday. We need to keep the Sunday night guest rooms and banquet to make us attractive to hotels. We've received a lot of declines because we are too space intensive and our requested room rate is low. We need to be more appealing to the hotels.

By-Laws & Rituals - Leonard Rossi

- The committee met and reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and brought them up to date. Motion to update the Articles of Incorporation from committee. Denise Antonowicz asked if our lawyer has looked at the new articles. Leonard Rossi said this is the next step and needs to be notarized. Motion passed.

New Business

- Roselynn Jarrett made a motion to pay for an associate membership and pay the hospitalization dues for the two office

staff. Deborah Rodondi seconded. Motion passed.

- Bob Acquistapace asked about the 2017 Las Vegas Providenza donation, since there is no branch. Deborah Rodondi said the diocese will not receive a donation, since there is no branch.

Good of the Order

- Mike Rossi said October 21 is the Santa Clara Valley Bishop's Day

- Bob Acquistapace said that someone stole Br. 75, Cloverdale's, banner, stand, etc. He thanked Deborah Rodondi for taking a banner from a closed branch to re-embroider it for Br. 75

- Lisa Crudo said that on June 11, St. Isidore is having a 60th anniversary for Msgr. Cardelli being a Monsignor. Roselynn Jarrett made a motion to spend \$250 on a gift for Monsignor including a Providenza Donation. Denise Antonowicz seconded. Motion passed.

- Karen Rossi suggested putting Roselynn Jarrett's explanation regarding paying fines, convention, etc. in the Bollettino. Please remember Bob and Theresa Dianda in our prayers.

- Lou Mages thanked everyone for

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The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2018 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Our Stories, Our Recipes"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a special story or anecdote about your family heritage and history.
- Share a family recipe that holds a fond memory you think others might enjoy.
- Sell! Sell! Sell!** The "Daily Raffle" is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your branch!

List special family occasions such as family birthdays, anniversaries, graduations...branch and district events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

**\$10 – one name/event; \$15 – 2 names/events;
\$20 – 4 names/events**

(Additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above)

Example: **\$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20
+\$10 or**

**\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20
Deadline for names and payment is:
May 1, 2017**

Mail information and checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621



The Committee thanks you for your continued support!

Chairperson: Lisa Crudo

Members: Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Leonard Rossi,

Denise Antonowicz, Patricia Mages, and Nina Malone

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

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

We had 5 potential members at our first meeting of 2017 and when the meeting was over, they joined our branch. Welcome to Elaine & Mario Dato, Mary Jane Oliver, Sylvia Corcoran & Paul Calabrese. Most of our meeting centered on final preparations for our St. Joseph's Day table. The event on March 19th turned out well and many of the less fortunate people will profit from our work. Our relationship with the poor takes on new meaning when we realize that Christ often comes to us cloaked in poverty.

We are looking forward to the installation of officers and our Bishop Day Dinner Dance at the end of April. We enjoy visiting with the Central Council officers that attend these events. Hope the weather cooperates so they can enjoy sightseeing in Chicago. Everyone has their raffle books -- try to sell as many as possible. It's a way of adding money to our treasury as only \$10 per book goes to California. Carmen Rodriguez is enjoying a birthday this month. Hope it's one of the best!

Spending today complaining about yesterday won't make tomorrow any better! Talk to you next time.

Leonora

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Event planning for 2017 is under way--here is a list of events so far:

Sunday, April 30 -- Bishop's Day Dinner Dance. Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. 3:30 p.m. cocktails, 5:00 p.m. dinner.

Monday, May 29 -- Our branch will again proudly march in the Memorial Day Parade in Itasca- 9:30 a.m. start

Sunday, June 2 -- Dedication of our new St. Peter the Apostle Church, Itasca. Our branch included in the festivities.

Sunday, Branch picnic, July 16th, Madison-Meadow Park in Lombard, 12:00 noon, till ????

Flyers with additional information will be mailed out shortly. Please save the dates for above events. Also, a reminder, annual dues are due now, same amount as last year. Please make check payable to I.C.F. br. 418, and mail to: Lydia Modugno, 121 Rose Drive, Bloomingdale, IL. 60108.

From everyone at br. 418, we would like to wish all I.C.F. members, their families and friends a very Holy, Peaceful and Blessed Easter. May God Bless you all.

Rita

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The February 14th dinner meeting was a Valentine's Day themed event with beautiful red and white flowers at every table. Members attending were treated to a delicious dinner of salad, bread and amazing homemade vegetable beef soup. Thanks to Marcia Valorosi who took the time and energy to make the soup which



(Top) Branch 27 Officers at the Fresno District Installation.

(Below) Branch 27 officers and members enjoying lunch at Holy Spirit Church.



was a special treat. Thanks also to the chairmen Jerry and Angie Kelzer, and the committee: Marge Avellar, Elsie Bottorff, Leila Meadows, and Betty Scalise. Ten officers and friends attended the Fresno District Installation of Officers at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno on February 26. Father Patrick gave an inspirational Homily and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch afterward. Thanks Holy Spirit for all your hard work in getting the venue ready for the event and the outstanding lunch and service. Our table had two lucky winners in the raffle. Members are getting ready for the next meeting which will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 14. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

"Maria's World" came to Br. 32 in February. What a hit! Good work Maria.

We potlucked it at our March meeting. What an array of delicious dishes. Paulette Volpa shared some information on St. Joseph's Day. Maria led us in praying the rosary.

Our main focus is Br. 32's Family Style Italian Dinner. Stephanie Griffith is our Chairperson. Much of the planning is complete. We are looking forward to serving our guests, the best meal around. The menu: antipasto, green salad, bread and butter, spaghetti, green beans, chicken a la cacciatore, and dessert. Great food -- great friends. April 8, 2017 is the date. Call Elaine (834 2278) for tickets.

Monica Ficher has been gathering raffle items. There's lots of great prizes. Great work Monica.

The Fresno District Family Picnic and Bocce is planned for May 20. It's always a good time and good food. District President Allen Watts is the organizer.

Treasurer, Patricia Vivenzi, wrote out five (5) checks for scholarships. Br. #32 sponsored two first year, one second year, one third year, and one fourth year scholarship for educating our future.

Prayers are requested for Dan and Annette Husak, and Nancy Hinds. Our sincerest sympathies to Cle'Estria Lett on the loss of her husband.

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

February was a busy month for Branch 33



Branch 39 top row: Alfredo Ortega, Michael Belluomini, Ruth Redondo, Michael Bandoni
bottom row: Rosie Ortega, Vince Tomasetti, Pattie Simas, Frank Simas.

which joined with Branch 281 to host a Night at the Races fund raiser. This event was held in the new St. Francis Parish, StanleyAntongiovani Hall. A Chicken and Tri-tip dinner from Chuy's of Bakersfield was served by Leonard Sakowski, Michael Cerri and Kathy Scatena. Tom Steele, as the evening's bartender, kept a steady hand on the libations. Allen Watts of Branch 281 planned and executed a great evening of fun for all.

Branch 33 members are now in the planning stages for our Columbus Day pasta dinner fund raiser.

Members and guests will enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner in honor of St. Patrick later this month.

In closing: "May your days always begin with a prayer in your heart. May your life be filled with joy and laughter. May you always have a friend in need. And at the end of the day, when you prepare yourself for a night of rest, may there be peace in your home and a prayer on your lips..." Excerpt from a prayer in honor of St. Patrick.

Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

Such a fantastic evening at our March dinner meeting! We had an array of activity. The evening started at 5:30 with a Lenten service by Deacon Chuck Reyburn. We ate an amazingly delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner thanks to Maryellen Mazzei and her kitchen crew. The hall was festively decorated in St. Patrick's Day green. Our initiation ceremony of eight new members was led by Vince Piro and Nettie Descalso-Del Nero. Initiated were: Michael Bandoni, Michael Belluomini, Rosie and Alfredo Ortega, Ruth Redondo, Pattie and Frank Simas and Vince Tomasetti. Welcome All!! We will see you at our dinner meetings and events. Last, Terrie led a very productive meeting which included honoring our 42-year member, "young" Anna Fischer.

Carol Salmeri won first place for calendar sales and our branch won first place for our branch size. Thanks for your hard work and organization, Carol!

The Italian American exhibit opening



Branch 417 was honored to host the Fresno District Officers Installation on Sunday February 26, 2017 in Logan Hall at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Central Council members who were present are: Life Member Emeritus, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Br. 39; Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr.; Grand 1st Vice President Andy Pappani; Grand 2nd Vice President Vincent Piro; and Central Council member Anne Interrante, mistress of ceremonies.



80 members attended along with workers from Br. 417 who enjoyed the dinner cooked by our cooks: Fred DeRienzo, Vito Grieco, and Frank Parisi.



reception at our Merced Courthouse Museum was a huge success, as over 300 people attended. It was a year of planning and work for the committee, but the time and effort put in to it was worth the accolades received for such a formidable display showcasing the accomplishments and contributions by the Italian immigrants to Merced County. If you have not seen it yet, please drop by. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 1-4 P.M.

Our next meeting is April 12, with a potluck dinner at 6 P.M., so dust off those recipes and bring one of your favorites to share. Social hour is at 5 P.M. Join us!

Our always popular Biscotti and Cookie Sale will be on May 6 and 7 after the masses. Thanks to Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei for chairing.

Remember our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers.

Buona Pasqua,
Stephanie Lucich

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

On Sunday, March 5, we had a mass said for the deceased and living members of ICF Branch 250. Afterwards about 20 members, including Father Mike and Deacon Athanasius, met for breakfast at a local restaurant.

We were sad to say 'farewell' to Father Adrian Kim who was transferred to Fowler. We already miss him. However, he will still be ministering to the Korean community here at OLPH.

Two of our members have lost close loved

ones this past month: Shirley Mitchell lost her daughter due to declining health and Linda Stockwell, her father. Linda's father was featured in our article in January. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

We will soon be assigned a new deputy because our past deputy, Flora DePasquale, has transferred to our Branch as a member. Welcome, Flora.

Angelo and LeAnne Lavagnino's grandson, Jordan Lavagnino, appeared with the Jordan Feliz band at the Savemart Center on March 12 in the Rock and Worship Roadshow. They are among the top 10 bands in the country that play Christian music. Grandma's and Grandpa's hearing should return in a month or two.

Happy birthday wishes go out this month to: Jennifer Campopiano (4/7); Mary Beth Mueller (4/6); Dee Schultz (4/6); Nathaniel Schultz (4/25); Jeanette Shriver (4/4); Catherine Weatherly (4/11); and Mary Zonarini (4/9).

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." (Martin Luther)

Happy Easter, Everyone!

Ciao!!

LeAnne

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

A very Happy Easter to all ICF members! Alleluia Alleluia!

March is always a special month for our branch—at our last meeting we celebrated our 44th anniversary serving the parish community! The steak dinner was delicious

as always; thanks to Grand President Leonard Zasoski, District President Allen Watts, and Branch 281 Trustee Walter Scott for exercising their culinary skills!

On April 23, our branch will hold the annual Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner. Come on out to try the legendary pasta sauce. To buy dinner tickets in advance, call Allen Watts. A sincere "thank you" in advance to all who will help cook, serve, and clean up! We could not have such a successful event without you.

Our April meeting is the 13th—don't miss it! We will be discussing BOCCE! Branch 281's Annual Bocce Tournament will be held on May 27. This event puts the "fun" in fundraiser! Imagine how much more meaningful and enjoyable it could be if each member participated and put a team (or two) together. Let's make this year's tournament the best one yet!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Watts

Fresno

Holy Spirit, Br. 417

The menu was minestrone soup, green beans and sausage in a red sauce, bow tie pasta in a roasted garlic cream sauce with chicken breast, mushrooms, and sun dried tomatoes. Food was wonderful as usual.

Other members helped with set up, decorations, salad preparations and serving the food. Thank you all 417 workers.

In lieu of Lenten meals, Br. 417 is looking into other fund raisers. Our first event is our trip to Tachi Casino on March 20th. In May we are planning a restaurant fund raiser. We hope to report more on fund raisers next month.

Our members also are busy helping The Knights of Columbus with desserts for the Lenten meals. The K of C graciously took over this event for our branch since are members are fewer and older now. Several members of Br. 417 helped them through the first dinner. It was a success.

We are also helping the Knights with the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Sincerely,

Pat Duncan,

Br. 417 Vice President

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District District Council

A Blessed and Beautiful Easter to all our families and friends!

The District's next general meeting will be May 20, 2017, Saturday, 11:30 am to 3 pm. As with the last meeting in February, which was at a winery in LA, this too will be at a restaurant. This meeting will have a special guest and agenda. We will meet at Matt Dennys, in Arcadia. Laurice Levine will present her ideas for this year's Christmas party at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Lunch will follow the meeting. We would like to invite the surrounding districts to join us on the

20th, especially if your district would like to be part of the Christmas festivities. For additional information, either call or email me at: (805) 428-4623; pat.lou.mages@gmail.com.

I also, want to remind everyone that the District continues to support St. Peter's Italian Church, in Los Angeles, by attending the 11 am Italian mass every fourth Sunday. The Padre Pio Society will also be attending. If you're in the area on a Sunday why not attend 11 am mass, especially on the 4th Sunday.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!!!

Pat Mages

LAAD President

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

Buona Pasqua a tutti! Happy Easter to all as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with our families and friends.

ICF members joined the other Italian Societies at Saint Peter's Church in celebrating the annual Saint Joseph Table on March 17th, 18th and 19th. All proceeds from this event continue to support the efforts of Saint Peter's Church in helping the needs of the homeless.

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](tel:6263727812) for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners for Brunch at Casa Italiana on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call [626 372-7812](tel:6263727812) to RSVP.

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

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table "Thank You" pre-meeting dinner dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table! After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays



Branch 111 celebrated March birthdays.



Members of Branch 111 attending the Los Angeles Archdiocese Installation of Officers.



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrating the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross with a BBQ swordfish Dinner-Dance on March 4, 2017.



Congratulations to the LA Archdiocese Deputy of the Year-Nancy Dolci.

and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote of the month for Attitude: "Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out".
A Presto!

Frank Salomone

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

On March 4th our branch celebrated mass in honor of St. John Joseph of the Cross. Refreshment were shared after the mass in the auditorium. After a lite breakfast our many volunteers started preparation for the night festivities. Our branch is so fortunate to have so many talented chefs and volunteers. Thanks to all who helped and worked all day to produce the delicious meal and make this dinner a success! Profit from the dinner go to help fund our many charitable organizations, ICF and to Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Please join us for our next monthly meeting on April 20th at 730pm. Bring a Friend!

It's spring break for our branch! Please join us on our 2 day to Laughlin April 23rd to the 25th. The 2 night stay at the Aquarius will run \$140.00 per double occupancy \$185.0 for single occupancy Please call Pauline for reservations at 310 832-0562.

Plan on attending the 5:15pm mass on April 22th which will be held in honor of La Madonna del Arco. Please join Neal in



Branch 326 officers at the installation.



the procession and bring flowers to present to the blessed Mother.

Please keep in mind the 2018 Alaskan Cruise leaving from San Pedro. What an opportunity Maria Letiza presented to our branch. Call Maria for further information 310 831-1123

Have a Blessed Easter May Christ's peace and joy reign in your hearts today and always

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Our Bingo in honor of the Mardi Gras was a huge celebration. We had lots of fun and festive cupcakes. Our upcoming event is the St. Joseph table and we hope to have many baked goods and a Blessed time. Thank you and God bless!

Rancho Palos Verdes St. John Fisher, Br. 444

As the winter rains subside and we begin to see hints of Spring's blossoms, we are reminded how blessed we are to be part of a community that welcomes each other with an open hand and a caring heart. The



first quarter of this year was filled with activities that have been focused on working to extend a hand to those in need. We did not forget to have fun along the way.

In the month of February, ICF Chapter 444 members had a fundraiser for Italian earthquake victims. Prosciutto from the afflicted region was sold during the meeting as we watched earthquake footage from the areas of Le Marche, Umbria, and Lazio. A total of \$500 was raised to contribute to the Italian Red Cross.

Ongoing, the branch continues its larger effort to raise money towards installing a well that will provide a sustainable source of drinking water to a community in Ghana. Thus far, we have raised close to \$500.

In the month of March, we enjoyed a fun filled evening with an Italian Trivia night. The competition was fierce but fun was had by all!

The branch wishes a happy birthday to all of its members born in March: Marianne



Members of Branch 362 enjoyed festive cupcakes at its Mardi Gras celebration.

this month: Dante Terramani, Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, and Nancy Dolci. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!! Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile ICF charities. Heartfelt congratulations to Nancy Dolci, a member of Branch 118, Montebello and a Branch Deputy to Branch 111, Montebello, for several years, for being awarded the 2017 Deputy of the Year Award at the 2017 Officer's Installation. Congratulations Nancy, and Thank You for your valuable contributions to Branch 111 and for all you do for the ICF. May God Bless you abundantly. Please mark you calendars and make plans to attend the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, May 7, 2017 - the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass! We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts

Canetti, Maria Aurora Bettio, Marilyn Camisa, John Taylor, David Tomblin, and Patrick Payne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Piccirillo

Corresponding Secretary

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Once again our St Joseph's Table was an enormous success, thanks to Matt and Audrey Luchetta and Frank and Karen Berardi and everyone that helped out in one capacity or another. The final figures will be announced at our next meeting.

Our next event is the 50th anniversary gala on April 22nd. Matt Luchetta will also be chairing this and it promises to be a wonderful celebration of our branch's 50 years of belonging to the ICF. This will be held at the hall and will be catered. As of this writing, the details are still being worked out, but will be clarified at our next meeting.

One of our past members, John Prigitano, passed away recently. Our condolences to his family. He was always known as "Johnny Vino" as he always helped out selling the wine.

April is the month we will be having a mass said for Rocco Sanello. Everyone is encouraged to attend and wear your red shirts.

To everyone, have a wonderful Easter and we hope to see everyone at our anniversary party.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

April 2 -- Holly Cannoli Fundraiser

April 7 -- Dinner/General Meeting

April 16 -- Easter Sunday- Happy Blessed Easter

April 30 -- Arts and Craft

We thank all of our generous hard working members and the St. Denis community in celebrating to the success of our Holy Cannoli fundraiser. A special thank you to Toni and Laura for being there for I.C.F. with the expertise and charitable spirit.

The menu for the April 7th dinner meeting will be in the newsletter. The April 8th City of Diamond Bar Birthday chaired by Patti. great job Patti. April 3th Arts and Craft Fair will be chaired by Pamela. We know it will be successful because of her motivation and dedication.

Happy Blessed Easter everyone. once again, I.C.F. Branch 317 has accomplished so much!

Grazice - one and all. You're the greatest.

Until next time - Roxanne Perry, President

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Easter to all of our members!

Don't forget to attend the St. Luke Fiesta.

Our next General Meeting will be held on April 29, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting room next to the church.

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

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

Happy Anniversary to: Sally and Tony Farinella (50 years)

God stretches out His loving hand His blessings to bestow, and guides us in our daily lives because He loves us so. He fills our hearts with joy and peace, we're always in His care, He knows our every need and want and answers every prayer. He heals all pain and solves all ills which often come our way, His grace shines down upon us all to create a perfect day. (Dolores Karides)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Valley Region

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Finally, we see some sunshine! But, remember, all that rain makes for a lovely Lenten Season. And speaking of Lent, Branch 21 tried something new; we scheduled two "Soup Suppers" mid-week. The first, on March 9, was very well received. Gary Castiglioni made a traditional minestrone soup and Valerie and Richard Vote made a split pea soup with ham. Both were delicious and were served with green salad and garlic bread. We will have the second "Soup Supper" on Wednesday, April 5. No reservations are needed. Just bring your soup bowl and

try both soups for a mere \$8. We want to thank the wonderful cooks and those who helped set up the tables and stayed for the clean-up. As always, we couldn't do it without you.

Watch for our up and coming events. On Friday, April 28 there will be the Spring Fling Dinner. Then on Tuesday, May 2nd, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo at our General Meeting and we will use this opportunity to initiate our newest members.

It seems the New Year was just a bit ago and now we are fast approaching Spring and Summer. Author Michael Altshuler once wrote "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." So fly yourself to one of our monthly meetings and/or events. Our General Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross hall beginning at 4:30 with cards (pedro) and appetizers, then the meeting begins at 5:30, and dinner at 6:30....with the exception of our June Meeting which will be Tuesday, June 13. Remember that doing God's work can also be fun! See you there.

Patty Morelli

Secretary-Branch 21

Salinas

N.S. Del Sasso, Br. 25

Branch 25 reminds all ICF members that their annual membership due and hospitalization program renewal fees should be in now. Our Branch continues to work on our strategic plan and our updated activities calendar. Two college scholarships were donated to the ICF program to be awarded to High School Seniors from Salinas Valley High Schools. Branch 25 donated an Italian themed gift basket to the Sacred Heart Parish St. Patrick's day dinner/dance on March 18, 2017. Our thanks to Linda Hoffman who made the beautiful gift basket. Branch members are invited to attend the District Meeting on April 22, 2017, jointly hosted by the Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande Branches. Please let an officer know if you will be attending and if a ride is needed to this meeting. More information will be provided at the next meeting on March 14, 2017 and again at the April 11, 2017 meeting at the Salinas KC Hall. Please pray for our Branch President, Julie Richards, who lost her beloved mother on January 31, 2017. We wish everyone a blessed Lent and Easter Season.

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

We had our first Lenten dinner on March 3rd and had well over 700 come and enjoy a fabulous dinner and camaraderie. Everything went so smoothly because we have the very best hard working volunteers ever, our student help are the greatest, a huge thank you to Mary Manuguerra for always getting these outstanding young people to help, not just during Lent, we are lucky enough to have them volunteer at all of our dinners.

I just read my personal article I sent in for the March issue and discovered I wished everyone a blessed Easter on March 16, so unless it got changed when getting ready to be put in the *Bollettino*.

I am wishing everyone a blessed Easter on April 16, and I will try not to have another "senior moment" when typing these articles.

Mark your calendar

Thursday, May 4th - Our 85th Anniversary/Initiation of new members/Scholarships awarded. Telephone callers will contact you to get a "head count".

Thursday, June 1st - Monthly Dinner Meeting

Thursday, July 13th - 85 and older birthday party for all of our paid up members who are 85 and older.

This year Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano are in charge of the party, and it will be great.

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Delfino on the death of her son, Alan Peter Delfino, and to the family of Marguerite Salomone.

Our deepest sympathy to Marcella Sokolich on the death of her husband, John.

Marcella and John used to come to all of our functions, they were a beautiful couple are in the celestial dwelling of peace, joy, and love, and one day they will be reunited with their families.

May the blessings of the Risen Christ remain with you always. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina da Siena, Br. 51

Happy Easter!

After all the rain we are now having some beautiful Spring like days----Thank you Lord.

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(Top Left) Br. 291 President Pete Gallagher and Fr. Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario) pose with Father's fancy squid hat a parishioner made for him. "Fr. Mario" entertains the customers, wearing a different hat each week, while he delivers dinners at our fish frys!

(Top Right) Bartenders Dave Sanchez and Casey & Billy Reynolds served up ice cold beverages to customers during Br. 291's Fish Frys each week.

(Left) Our cake ladies, Suzanne Kress, Sonia Wagner and Barbara Musalo, kept the dessert table fully stocked during Br. 291's Lenten Fish Frys.



On March 11 Paul and I will attend a district board meeting in Salinas. Rosa will be giving an update about upcoming events in our District.

Our Branch meeting and Potluck will be held on March 21 (flyers have been mailed). The Meeting/Potluck will be held at La Scuola at 6:00 p.m. We will be going over the plans for our annual fundraisers and other events for the year.

The Fundraiser will be held on April 30 (changed from the April 23 date) at the Parish Hall. Information will be mailed to branches.

Please keep in your prayers Wilma Cursi, Delores Tottino and Pat Stefani's son Ron and all who need God's healing blessings.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Fry dinners are off to a flying start. Thanks to all who are volunteering their time and talent. The dinners will continue each Friday through Lent. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Welcome to new members Danny and Shauna Scott and their children, Sativa and Zachary.

Our March meeting featured corned beef and cabbage prepared by Bill and Monica Crowley, Manuel and Magdalena Martinez, and Linda Calciano. We also had a well-received presentation by Captain Ryan Peters of the Aptos LaSelva Fire District about ways to prevent falls in the home.

Reminder No. 1: So that we can prepare

and enthusiasm they will bring to the ICF!

We are looking forward to co-hosting the Central Coast District Meeting with Br. 354 on Saturday, April 22nd at St. Rose Parish in Paso Robles. Br. 354 always serves up a delicious meal and provides many great raffle prizes! Hope to see everyone there from the Central Coast District!

Br. 291 recently lost a dear friend and longtime member, Lorraine Spargo. Lorraine had been bravely fighting cancer for a few years with a positive attitude and her strong Catholic faith. In the end she decided to quit her chemo treatments and was placed on Hospice. She was ready for the Lord to take her home and to be with her dear husband, Dave, who passed away a few years before her. Please keep Lorraine's family in your prayers during this time of grieving. Also, please continue to pray for our other members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Homer and Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Jim Mitten and Jens and Sonia Wagner.

Have a Blessed Easter celebration,

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Saint Rose Catholic school ordered and received the new I-Mac computers for the teachers at St. Rose School that were funded by our branch's November Pasta Dinner. The school asked us to hold the funds to purchase the new student I-pads until the start of the new school year in August, when they will have a better count of the number of students enrolled.

Our March 4th pasta dinner was very successful as we served over 500 dinners. We had the students from the St. Rose Catholic School greet the customers, collect their tickets, deliver them their food, clear the tables and set the tables up for the next group of customers. The students do it as community service, we let them keep the tips and provide them with a free meal at the end of the evening.

The proceeds from the dinner will be used towards Saint Rose Catholic School and the local area High School Scholarship programs.

Our branch voted to make a donation to the ICF Central Council Scholarship program to provide a lucky student with a full 1st year scholarship.

Our members are working on tray favors for the patients at Vineyard Rehabilitation Center for Easter. The tray favors will add a little brightness to the patient's day.

The Central Coast District meeting is scheduled for April 22 in Paso Robles and is being hosted by Arroyo Grande Branch 291 and Paso Robles Branch 354 at the Saint Rose Parish Hall.

"A focus on effort can help resolve helplessness and engender success" - Carol S. Dweck

Respectfully Yours,

Jorge Olveda

Our Lenten Fish Frys are underway and we've had huge turnouts each week! Our last fish fry for the season is on April 7 from 4pm-7pm in our parish hall, so please join us for a delicious fish & chips dinner if you're in the area.

We had several guests/prospective new members attend our February meeting and we plan to initiate new members/families at our March 26th General meeting. We are excited to welcome these new members to our Branch and look forward to the talents

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Oakland East Bay

District Council

Welcome to Spring! We can certainly use some warm weather and flowers after our long rainy season.

The District has been busy getting ready for our membership/deputy presentation and hope that many of you were here to participate in it.

We were able to support scholarships for all four years once again and are very pleased to do so. Pres. Leonard shared with us a Certificate of Merit for our Apostolic/Charity report.

Please note that our quarterly Communion will be at Sacred Heart parish on May 21st at the 10:00 Mass. Also Bishop's Day will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th, more information to follow. The date for the district Christmas party is 12/2/17, more information later.

Keep an eye on the Bollettino for plans for Night for the Seminarians.

As we close this solemn season of Lent, a Happy and Blessed Easter to All.

Let us rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are proud to announce that Father Anthony Madanu, mf, Parochial Vicar for our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great of Alameda, has joined Branch 10.

We welcomed more than 75 Italian- and Irish-types to our annual Saint Patrick's Irish Social on Saturday, March 11. Chef Ben Ratto prepared his usual delicious meal of salad, corned beef and cabbage and dessert. We need to thank our sentinel, Ernie Poggi, for organizing the set-up of Monsignor O'Brien Hall and the kitchen crew of students from Saint Philip Neri School and Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School for serving the dinner and for cleaning up afterwards.

Next up was our Saint Joseph's Day Table on Sunday March 19. A special Mass was said in the late afternoon at Saint Philip Neri Church. As Italian tradition dictates, members of Branch 10 brought desserts to be shared by all in attendance. Michael Marcheschi, who teaches Latin, the root language for Italian, to high school students, chaired the event.

We were pleasantly surprised that about 100 members and guests of Branch attended the first of six Fish Fry dinners on Friday night, March 3. The dinners followed Stations of the Cross in Saint Philip Neri Church and were scheduled for each Friday night through April 7, the last Friday before Palm Sunday.

Our next social event will be our 91st Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, May 20. We expect to mark this milestone with less fanfare than we did last year for our 90th, but we nevertheless hope to see members from other branches of the Federation. Information regarding prices and reservations will follow in the May Bollettino.

Karen Harrington, our treasurer, reported



ICF Branch 215 was happy to participate in Corpus Christi's "Soup Night" on 3/22/17. 46 adults and numerous children were served delicious soups provided by our members and donations at the dinner yielded \$161 for the church. Pictured L-R facing camera: Julie Ferrario, Amelia Ferrario, Rosalinda Ponsaran, Carol Zilli, Cathy Critchfield, Nadine Mattier, Claire Chiatello and accordionist Floyd Nesper.

at our March 2 meeting to that point 110 of our 118 members had submitted their 2017 dues. It was also noted at the meeting that the 2017 District Crab Feed, which we hosted, turned a greater profit than did last year's event (which we also hosted).

John Zugnoni, Publicity

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Easter to you all and your family. Our branch will be hosting the District Mass and Communion on May 21st at Sacred Heart Church for the 10 o'clock mass. A social will be held after the mass. All district branches will be invited. This will be a great opportunity to meet members from other branches. Please try to attend.

Members:

Upcoming:

April 3 -- Monthly meeting 7PM.

May 1 -- Monthly meeting 7PM.

May 21 -- Sunday Sacred Heart Church 10 AM. District Mass and Communion.

Happy Birthday to Rita Avery, Vanna Cesarello, Irene Crossetti, Rita Marie Dykes, Judy Franco, and Francisco Gonzales.

Remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing of our branch. Especially Rosalie De Santi, Vito Muscardin, Marisa and Tom Poggi and Angie Rainero.

Thought: Never say an unkind thing-Even if it is True

Ciao.

M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis, Br. 215

April already! This year is speeding by so fast, and I'm sure everyone has been planning for the baseball season to start, summer vacations and other family activities.

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

- ICF Branch 215 Bingo Salad Luncheon: Thursday, 4/20/2017 at Corpus Christi Hall.
- District Quarterly Communion: Hosted by Branch 40 – Oakland, at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 5/21/2017 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- East Bay District Day at the Races: Thursday, 6/8/2017 at Golden Gate Fields. \$40/person – Flyers will be sent to all branches.
- Bishop's Day: Hosted by Contra Costa ICF District on Sunday 9/17/2017. More info to come.
- Corpus Christi Flea Market: 5/20/2017, Noon – 4:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Church in Fremont. President Fran LaTorre & Vilma Romo will once again help in the collection and selling of donated items. We would like to invite all members to come to the festival and to check out the Flea Market.

Thanks to all members, family & friends who attended the Chili's Give Back Night on 1/17/2017. Branch 215 matched the money raised, and made its Annual \$400.00 1st Year College Scholarship.

The Lenten Soup Supper hosted by Br. 215 at Corpus Christi Church on 3/22/2017 was well supplied with minestrone soup with pesto, prepared by Nadine Mattier, Vilma Romo and Shirley. A tomato based minestrone soup also was prepared by Fran LaTorre, Claire Chiatello and Genevieve Vanek. Special thanks to those members who helped with the clean-up.

Once again, Happy Birthday/Anniversary to everyone, especially all branch members celebrating this month.

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

Ken Chiatello

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

'Twas a corned beef dinner that any Irish cook would have been proud of thanks to our co-president cooks, Karen and Melody. It was a great way to begin March with many activities still to come. Our St. Joseph's table was once again a success so we were able to make a financial donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration parish. Our historian, Al Bronzini, gave a full report on what the St. Joseph's table means. He also tried to report on the origins of the corned beef dinner, but no one would "fess up" to that.

Once again we will be supplying Lisa's luscious Minestrone for the soup meal the end of March.

We have taken out our family recipes and are in the process of baking Biscotti to raise funds to support our charities. So far we are committed to 100 plus dozens, orders are to be picked up on Palm Sunday after Mass. What a super Easter treat!

Since Holy Thursday is the date of our regular meeting, there will be no meeting in April, however, our 38th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be Saturday, April 22nd so we are looking for a big turnout. We will be making up the raffle baskets on April 18th, all donations and assistance welcome.

Here's to a Blessed, Happy Easter to All.

Contra Costa

District Council

Contra Costa District branches met on Mar 2nd to began preparing for the upcoming events. We will be looking forward to the Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland Athletics Friday August 25th Tickets are first come, first serve, and will be \$30.00 per person. There are Phamplets that will give all the details. Contact Rose Jarrett 925-381-4709 or Angels8199@aol.com

There will also be a Italian Heritage Night Thursday, August 31, 2017 at the Raley Field, Sacramento. This will be the opening event for the ICF Convention, and its first. It will be the ball game between the Sacramento River Cats{Giants Triple A} and the Las Vegas 51's{New York Mets} Rose Jarrett is the contact for this event. She has a phamplet that will give all the details. She will tell us more about the convention as time goes on

We want to congratulate Branch 214 for having celebrated their 50th anniversary as a ICF Branch. You are really doing a wonderful job, and we want you to know

that we reconize that you are. Thank You We know that Easter is almost here, and we have changed our ways. We gave up what we really liked, or maybe we added something positive. Like being kinder to our neighbor. Like Oliver Wendell Holmes said "What lies before us and what lies beyond us is tiny compared to what lies within us"

Happy Easter

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

We are in the midst of our Lenten journey and look forward to a blessed and holy Easter. We send all of you blessings.

In June the Branch celebrates its 90th Anniversary in the Federation. All are invited to attend 8:30 AM Mass together for a blessing at St. Catherine Church on Sunday, June 11 and breakfast afterward at a local eatery.

Our first function of the year was a joint venture with the Knights of Columbus: a pancake breakfast on January 15. We thank ICF Chaplain Deacon Dave Holland and the St. Catherine Youth group who joined us in setting-up and serving the delicious breakfasts. It was a well-attended event.

The branch continues to receive donations toward the purchase of an AED (automated external defibrillator) machine for the vestibule of the church sparked by an anonymous donation for this purpose. Parish organizations and individuals are invited to make contributions toward the goal of \$1500. We are over the half-way mark and look forward to its installation and training on the use of this life saving equipment.

Two branch members, Peggy Aiello-Hagerthy and Rosemary Cook, recently traveled to Italy. Peggy joined a diocesan pilgrimage in October and returned with a blessing from Pope Francis for herself and all of her friends. As part of an academic experience, Rosemary studied in Rome in January. She shook the Pope's hand and brought back prayer cards blessed by him for branch members. Both were very enthusiastic about their experiences.

Branch members joined with the parish community to celebrate the 85th birthday of Father Sean Murray, St. Catherine Priest-in-Residence. As Fr. Sean is a native of Ireland, there was a definite Irish bent to the evening with decorations and song. Happy days, Fr. Sean!

At the February meeting we welcomed guests and potential members who expressed interest in membership through the annual St Catherine of Siena Ministry sign-ups. We look forward to them becoming members.

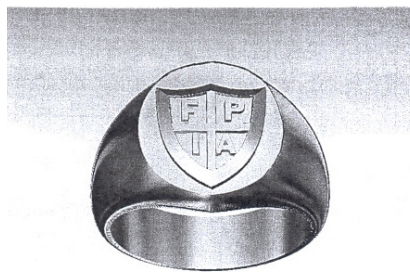
Ciao from Martinez

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Although I am writing this before the Corned Beef Dinner (3/11), our St. Joseph's Table (3/14) and the Bus Trip to Reno (4/3 & 4), I have every confidence that the dinner will be jovial and successful; our St. Joseph's Table will be religious enough to be respectful, but good-humored enough to be fun, and that the trip to Reno will



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Happy St. Patrick's Day. Crockett Br. 14 little leprechauns who helped set up for our dinner.

be beyond amazing. Thanks to all who worked hard to make all of the above appear effortless.

If you receive the Bollettino before April 7, please try to attend the St. Rose Fish Fry. This is the most important fundraiser our church has, and it is a social event "fish foodies" come from far and near to enjoy.

In February, we sent get-well wishes to Pat Botta, Pat Contestable, Carl Heller, Robert Pallotta, Mary Regalia and Mary Jo and David Townsend. So glad to see some of you at our March meeting.

At our April 11th meeting we elect delegates for the Convention, to be held in Sacramento this year. Dinner is free and includes sandwiches and all the trimmings. Mass is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and the meeting is at 7:30. But back to the convention; it is a remarkable experience that shows what the ICF is really all about. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, just ask someone to nominate you. We guarantee you will leave the convention with a happy heart.

All card sharks and novices are invited to the Pedro and Card Night on Friday, April 28th at 7:00. Come enjoy the light refreshments and cards, and of course, there is no charge for this night of fun.

Throughout this beautiful Easter season, and always, may the wonders of God's world, and His ever-present blessings, renew you in faith, heart and soul.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domemico, Br. 72

In March we celebrate St. Joseph and St.



Crockett, Branch 14, St. Joseph's table celebration J. Macaluso, Father Leo, P. Cardoza, and C. Heller.

Patrick's day. A big thanks for once again making this annual celebration special. We enjoyed lunch after our novena and meeting. We had lemons, Italian cookies and Cross breads and green shamrock decorations. Many members talked about past St. Joseph day celebrations at St. Peter Martyr Church. Mass was celebrated followed by the Blessing of the St. Joseph table. Favors were given with Italian cookies and fruits. The hall was packed and members enjoyed a raffle. Fast forward to 2017 and we still keep this tradition going on a smaller scale. On a personal note, I like to say novena's to St. Joseph year round. I met an Italian Lady named Rafaella. She gave me a booklet which included several novenas. She told me many miracles have taken place and favors were granted to those who read this book. I carry that book with me and have had prayers granted.

Every April we have our spring dinner out at a Pittsburg Restaurant followed by our meeting. This year the dinner meeting will be held on Sunday April . Watch for your newsletter with details.

On April 27 we will attend the District meeting at the main conference room at St. Isadores in Danville at 7:30 PM. The district is planning a Communion Breakfast in the spring. You will be sent a newsletter with the information. We are one of eight branches in the district and it is nice to proudly represent our branch at the various events.

Congratulations Branch 214 Concord on your 50th anniversary. Some of us attended their celebration on March 11.

Please pray for member Denny O' Loughlin who has been having health problems. To this day he keeps his promise to his late wife Eleanor who asked him to always remain an ICF member.

We live in troubled times in an age of great anxiety. "The lord gives strength to his people, the Lord blesses his people with peace" (Ps 29:11)



From Branch 214: Anna Raefield, Mia Basarich, and Mary Ann Furco.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti

Patty Jarrett

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

Our February meeting included a potluck dinner with all food items "red", red pasta, beets, yams & red onion, red velvet cake just to name a few, so much fun. March meeting will be a shared St. Joseph & St. Patrick's day: members Franca & Paul Schepis decorate this special feast table. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary March 11 with visitors from our branches in the Contra Costa County district. Prayers for our sick & elderly also wishing David Botta a speedy recovery Wishing all a Happy Easter.

Christina Artale

Correspondence Secty.

Danville

St. Isadore, Br. 352

Happy Easter to All! The year is flying by and the Danville Branch has definitely been active. Our March 11th Pizza & Movie Night, featuring the award-winning documentary, "Prisoners Among Us ... Italian-American Identity & WWII," played to a fully-packed house! We were all enlightened - by the tragedies endured during this timeframe in history, as well as the impacts experienced by some of our own members and guests, from Pittsburg to Monterey and beyond. Their shared stories left quite an impression - and acted as a true testament to the endurance of our proud heritage. Thanks again to Russ Belleci for all of his advance preparation and facilitation of the evening's discussion.

Next was our March 20th dinner meeting, celebrating a belated St. Patrick's Day! Chef Angelo whipped up his best-ever corned beef and cabbage - which was much appreciated by all of our members and guests!

Before we know it, our April 22 "Festa Primavera," one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, will be upon us. Ideas are swirling for this Spring event, including themes, food & raffle prizes. The band is booked, so plan to join us for an exciting evening of fun, food & friendship ... and dance the night away! Tickets are \$40, with a discount for early RSVPs. Email Marianne at marbo2000@yahoo.com for additional information. Don't miss it!

Ciao,

Marianne Bordogna

Recording Secretary

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all!

First thing, we need to correct an error in February's Bollettino. This writer referred to Anita Camera as the Recording Secretary, when in fact, Anita is the First Vice President. Not a big deal for Anita, I'm sure, just keeping the record straight.

At February's meeting three new members were introduced: Gloria Clarksman, Vincent (Vinny) and Gracia Heitzman. Welcome to Branch 432. New members have been a rarity for the Branch lately and we are looking forward to your ideas and participation.

Branch 432's new fund raiser, the Monkey Wrench/Enterprise Car Show, will take place on June 17th. In addition to the cars there will be a barbeque. All proceeds go to Branch 432's scholarship fund. The goal of the Monkey Wrench/Enterprise Car Show, hopefully, is to increase the scholarship grants to \$2,000 each. More information regarding parking, times, etc will be forthcoming.

Coming up right behind the Monkey Wrench/Enterprise Car Show in June will be the Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 26th. This event highlights the achievements of selected local High School students by rewarding them with scholarship grants. This year's Scholarship Awards Dinner will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

As a reminder, coming in September is Branch 432's own car show and pasta dinner, the Festa d' Italia. The date is September 25th, 3 to 9 PM. Tickets go on sale September 9th. Be sure and get your tickets early, this is a very popular event. Mark Your Calendar!

In today's life, goodness is the only investment that doesn't fail.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

We celebrated St. Joseph's day at our March meeting with a traditional, and lovely, table and altar. The table which included cross bread, delicious meatless dishes and fabulous desserts, courtesy of our members, along with the symbolic altar items including flowers, candles, wine, oranges and fava beans were blessed by Fr. Vince Cotter, who joined us for the meal. Everyone took home a token bundle (or two or three!) containing fava beans following the legend that the person who carries a "lucky bean" will never be without coins. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our celebration especially Ann Consul, Patty Jarret and Peggy Aiello-Haggerty.

Also, we were happy to have at our meeting our beloved deputy, David Botta, initiate two new members: Dorothy Viani and Angela Assenza. Welcome to our branch! Roger Van Maren was our meeting raffle winner. You could be next. Our April meeting is scheduled for Sunday the 9th.

The Salami Toss booth will be back by popular demand at the Christ the King Parish Festival in May. We will be looking for volunteers to man the booth. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April meeting. If you have not volunteered in the past, you are missing a lot of fun!



Branch 442 celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a traditional altar and table.

We are collecting items for our June Ladies Tea gift baskets raffle. If you would like to contribute or know of an organization that can donate an item please contact Juliette Cote, cotej@yahoo.com. The Tea is a very fun, popular and successful fundraising event for our branch.

Ci vediamo alla prossima,

Eileen McGauran and Ann Consul

Orange

The Orange District held its annual Bishop's Day on February 18, 2017 at St. Thomas More Parish in Irvine.

The hosted Branch was Br. 423 in Irvine.

District President Maria Di Paolo Presented Bishop Kevin Vann with a \$1,500 check and a \$2,500 check from the Central Council.

Kellie De Leo was event chairperson and along with the co-chair, Maureen Melvold, they prepared the plated luncheon for 40 people while the confirmation students served the meal.

In attendance from the Central Council were Grand 1st Vice President Andy Pappani and Central Councilmember Anne Interrante. Also in attendance were Father John Money Penny, the vocational director from the Orange district; and Father Binh Nguyen and Deacon Tony Patronite from St. Thomas More Parish.

Reno

Reno

St. Albert, Br. 135

On a very warm, Nevada winter evening, Sunday, March 12, 24 members and guests enjoyed a Corned Beef and cabbage dinner with cream puffs and cookies for dessert prepared and served by Bobbie and Rachael Ferrari. Eugenia Hovland made Soda Bread. Many thanks for the delicious food.

At the February meeting, the members voted to give one \$400.00 first year



Branch 342's January Polenta Dinner.

scholarship to Central Council for a Reno area graduating senior to be used for college; \$250.00 continuing education scholarships to each of the three Catholic elementary schools in Reno. They also voted to give four \$500.00 scholarships to Bishop Manogue High School for continuing education scholarships and/or incoming freshman. The members voted to give \$200.00 to Cooley's Anemia. In February, Marilyn Schaff was accepted as a new member.

President Charlyne Pacini reported that after the December meeting she took almost 200 pounds of non-perishable food and \$25,00 in checks, brought by our members, to St. Vincent's Pantry.

At the March meeting it was voted to have our annual Polenta Dinner on November 4th if the Boy's and Girl's club is available. Convention Raffle tickets were passed out to all those interested. It was voted to cancel the meeting on April 9th since it falls on Palm Sunday.

Our next meeting is set for Sunday, May 21.

Buona Pasqua

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Saluti,

The Sunday, May 28th, 2017, BINGO and delicious Pasta Dinner is subject to a date change, so we will keep you posted!

The 2017 ICF Convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento from August 31st to September 4th, 2017. We will be looking for member volunteers that weekend. The District is hosting the Sunday BBQ Dinner and will need your help!

We will be hosting the Blessed Sacrament District Meeting in Giovanni Hall on Sunday April 2nd, 2017.

On Sunday, April 9th, our Branch will be co-hosting the Second Sunday Social Pancake Breakfast after each mass in Giovanni Hall. Parishioner Marco Romo and crew will be creating a special breakfast. Again, we will need volunteers to help with this event. So come out and support this Palm Sunday event with the ICF and Romo crews!!

Applications for The Leda Pasquini \$500 Scholarship will be available from 8th Grade Teachers in April for St. Mary's 8th graders attending parochial High School in the Fall of 2017.

We welcome two new members to our St. Mary's ICF Branch 45! Renato Ranieri and Sandra Ranieri! Welcome!

Buon compleanno for our members celebrating April birthdays! Janet Dumonchelle, Ted Olson, Annji Ebert, Renato Ranieri and Sandy Boruff!

Ciao!

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

The evening of 25 February, Branch 73 sponsored a successful polenta/chicken dinner. Though attendance as less than usual due to several crab feeds held the same evening, the food as usual was the best. Many thanks to Tony Barsotti and his kitchen crew for preparing it. Also to be thanked are those who helped in other ways; they cleaned the chicken, set up the hall, manned the bar, and sold dinner and raffle tickets. Deserving a special thank you is Jennifer Barsotti, who in various ways contributed to a very successful raffle.

I migliori auguri di Buona Pasqua a tutti i soci della sezione 73 il 16 aprile. Che possano passare la festa con i loro familiari, e con buon cibo della cucina italiana sulla tavola.

Buon compleanno a tutti i soci della sezione nati nel mese d! aprile.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

On April 2, our branch hosted Hospitality Sunday at St. Teresa of Avila Church. After both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses, our members served coffee, juice, fruit, and breakfast goodies to parishoners. Members were also available to answers questions about our organization, publicize our events, and hand our membership applications. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated food for this morning. Help from our members is always very much appreciated. Our Board is currently planning several new fundraising events for this year. Please be on the lookout for e-mails about these upcoming events. We will need your help and participation in order to make these events successful.

Pam Andersen

Bolletino Contributor

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

On Sunday Feb.19th Blessed Sacrament district celebrated the Installation of officers. St. Mary's Branch # 45 was our host. Tina Tallman and Janine Orsi served us a delicious lunch. Thank you for doing a great job. Our branch had a very good turn out of officers. Several branch's were present. We are getting ready for our St. Joseph's Table on March 18th. and 19th. Also the Fish Dinner on April 7th. Michael and Sandra will be chairing this event. The branch has many fun events planned for this year. I plan to keep all of you in touch ahead of time with these events. Watch for the announcements in your Bollettino. Please pray for all our sick members. Especially for Tina Moscuza who is recovering from a broken wrist. Get on the mend soon. Happy Blessed Easter to all of you

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry



Branch 438 Officers at the District Installation.

San Diego

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Many thanks to all that made the traditional OLR Fish Fry held on March 3rd a smashing hit. The success of the evening was due to the leadership of Marylou Terramagra and Theresa Cutri and to all of the volunteers involved in the preparation, serving, and clean-up. The next branch event is the Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, April 23.

An exciting delicious menu with the addition of signature dishes will be available for the low price of \$7.00. The next general meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting dinner will be catered by Little Italy's newest restaurant and winner of the Diners Choice Award for 2017 Rovino+Rotisserie+Wine. Also, on the calendar is the Mother's Day Dinner Dance on May 6, which is jointly sponsored by the ICF and the Our Lady of the Rosary's Marian Societies. A busy few months for our branch.

May you live these Lenten days with Mary in the joyful warm embrace of your Blessed Christ.

Maria Tollefon

San Francisco

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San Francisco District Council meetings.

April 13 -- 6pm Taraval Police Station Pizza

May 11 -- 6pm Taraval Police Station

Please try to attend.

Ann Basuino, Secty.

San Francisco

Maria SS Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note these upcoming events:

April 23 - Archbishops Day - Details TBA

May 3 - Mother and Father's Spuntino and Raffle. Cost \$15.00. Chairperson - Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.

Prayers and get-well wishes to Oretta

Scaletti. Condolence to Monique Fontana and family on the loss of her sister.

Happy Easter to all!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our February meeting was the 1st time Br. 38 met this year. We went through our agenda: Our 2017 ICF Calendar Sales Report, we voted and sent to the Central Council the High School Scholarship Program Money for one recipient, the Heritage chairlady's monthly report, and then we ended the day by celebrating our "Valentine's Day Spuntino Luncheon." Each month we are so grateful to Cosmo & Judy Fontana for all your help...Grazie tanto! Maria Gloria treated us to lots of Valentine sweets: Bacio di Perugina (originally called "Pugno"), Amaretti del Chiostro, Baci del Chiostro di Saronno, and lots of Chocolate Hearts...see potential members what you are missing!

At this meeting Maria Gloria, our Heritage Chairlady, spoke of an Executive Order signed on Feb. 24, 1942, which labeled over 600,000 Italo-Americans "enemy aliens". Italians, who were not citizens, were subject to curfews, property confiscation, relocation, and many were sent to interment camps. This period of time was called "una storia segreta"...a well kept secret on how badly Italians, who were not American citizens were treated at this time in history. Maria also brought up the passing of Fr. Efrem Trettel, OFM who came to SF in 1953. Our members and guests told stories about the Franciscan Friar who did so many wonderful & memorable things for the Italian people.

Fr. Al Mengon - thank you for being our Chaplin. To keep our Br. #38 going, you are exactly what we need...patient, helpful, and most importantly, encouraging (funny, too)!

We voted to cancel our branch March 11 meeting. Mara & Cosmo have another commitment to go to, but we will have a meeting & "Go Giants Lunch" on April 8 in the PC starting at 12:00 Noon. An Officers' meeting will take place "after" the meeting.

*Our Branch #38 officers and members wish all ICF members a Buona Pasqua!

*Special Birthday Person to be honored in April 4/20/1916 to 4/20/2017 (101 yrs. WOW)

Ciao, Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our March 2nd meeting was called to order by our newly installed President, Marcella Ramos. We were happy to have with us Central Council representatives, Andy and Maria Pappani, and Hugh Major. Our Pastor Father Ken Westray led us in prayer and our District President, Debra Major read the roll call of officers.

Minutes were read, and there was one change made. Joan McGratton nominated Anstell Ricossa to be the replacement for recording secretary, and this was voted upon and approved. Annette Farrell, read the financial report, and it was moved and seconded that the bills be paid. Annette reminded all to make sure they signed the attendance sheet.

Under new business, it was announced that our Branch would host the Donut-Coffee refreshments after the eight o'clock Mass on March 5th. Volunteers were needed for this event and were asked to coordinate with Mimi Ysturiz Dougherty. It was announced that there would be no meetings during the summer months of June, July and August. Mimi asked if anyone would be interested in having our meetings on Saturdays, instead of our usual Wednesday night meetings. It was put to a vote and the majority voted to continue with the Wednesday evening meetings.

Central Councilman Bill Major expressed he was happy to be with us, and reminded us how important it was for all members to solicit new members.

After the closing prayer by Father Ken, the meeting was adjourned and our St. Patrick's Day Dinner was served. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Salad, Bean Soup, Irish Bread, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Dessert.

Until next time, I say Arrivederci !

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Buona Pasqua to all our Members and their Families.

On March 20, we went to Thunder Valley Casino.

April 23 is our usual Champagne Bingo. The price is \$25.00, which includes lunch and a free Bingo packet. The menu is a half chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, a roll, butter, desert, coffee and tea. For reservations, call Mary Perata at 415-239-5936 or Florence Mangion at 415-4681764. I'm sure you will enjoy the day spent with us.

We hope our member Gloria Ashbrook is getting better. You are in our Prayers, Gloria.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Pena Fazzini, Albert and Louise Oneto who transferred to our Branch.

Please try to come to our meetings and special events. You will be notified by mail of the dates of our special events.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

April 3: Officers Meeting

April 23: Mass

April 24: Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Our St. Joseph's Table celebration went beautifully, with 19 people in attendance. We enjoyed the company of Msgr. Arcamo and Fr. Summerhays. Our Chaplain, Fr. Landi, was his usual wonderful self as he selected the prizes he won at the raffle. Thanks to those of you who donated items for the raffle and brought food for the potluck dinner. Also, many thanks to Liliana who set up and decorated the beautiful St. Joseph Altar. She also made cream puffs for the occasion.

We were pleased to see John Fiore after his stay in the hospital. District Deputy, Vic Arnaudo and his wife, Pat, were with us, along with several other guests. Thanks to all of you for attending and we hope you join us again.

Please pray for our sick members, especially Bill Irwin, who spent some time in the hospital and is, hopefully, doing better by now.

April 12 -- regular meeting , 6:30, in the Serra Room.

May 10 -- regular meeting, 6:30, in the Serra Room.

Have a holy and joyous Easter. God Bless,

Ann Basuino

San Mateo

District Council

Greetings! Hope you remembered to attend the Semi-Annual District Mass on Sunday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. A reception following in the hall was enjoyed by all. District meetings are currently scheduled for March 23, May 25, June 27, September 28, October 26, and December 28. There will not be a meeting in April, July, August and November. Please note: these are subject to change depending on important issues that may arise.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 23, 2017 San Francisco Archbishops Day at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame hosted by San Mateo District. Mass at 10:00a.m. This time is correct!!! so please make sure all of your members are notified. Immediately

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Guests having a good time at the Branch 327 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.



following the mass will be a hearty reception with appetizers and finger food buffet with wine, soda, coffee and dessert in the main hall. \$20 person. R.S.V.P. by April 17 to Barbara Firpo, 1518 Bay Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Tel. # [650-323-0189](tel:650-323-0189). Make check payable to ICF San Mateo District and mail to above with reservation. We voted to give a \$400 First Year Scholarship in Memory of our Deceased District Members.

Remember in our thoughts and prayers: Marc Teglia, Anne O'Brien and her son John, Dan Capodanno, Carla Del Carlo and Fr. Efreem Trettel, OFM.

Many thanks for all the thoughts and prayers for me and my beloved son John.

Have a Blessed Easter! Peace and Love.

Anne O'Brien

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19

Hello everyone,

Let's start with a few Thank You's:

Kathy Trevizo for chairing our Bingo and all the faithful workers who helped.

Rose Huffman for bringing members from the Golden Years (15-25) to the bingo.

Joanne Alvarado and her assistant Kathy Trevizo for a delicious pork loin dinner.

Donna Barnes and team for a fun filled Pedro Tournament.

Coming Activities:

Monday, April 10 -- Annual Lenten Soup Night, bring your bowls and spoons and enjoy the delicious homemade soups. Call Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com by April 6th. Easter favors will be made during soup night.

Sunday, April 23 -- San Francisco Archbishop's Day 2017. Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame - Mass at 10am.

Celebrated by Bishop Justice. Following Mass a buffet to follow in hall \$20 per person RSVP to Deborah Rodondi by April 15th 650-583-0805 or drodondi@comcast.net

April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament; we ask Jesus to purify our hearts and to make them like His own.

N. Thurman

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

The past 2 months found our Branch without meetings in January, due to rain and Feb, without a meeting room. but nothing stops Branch 213. We finally got together in March, enjoyed a wonderful dinner and shared what everyone has been doing for the past 2 months. We are now putting together our final plans for a great 50th Anniversary celebration May 7th at El Rancho Inn in Millbrae. Don't forget to make your reservation by April 28 to Jackie Smith [650-992-3506](tel:650-992-3506). You don't want to miss this event.

President Barbara Gabriel received a reported on how our contributions to the scholarship committee will be funded by Central Council and the Scholarship Committee this year. "\$600 for a Third year scholarship, \$500 for a Second Year and \$400 for a First Year, in memory of Steve Crisafi." Thanks to all our members who contributed to this fund. Happy Birthday wishes to our March members. We wish you all a wonderful celebration with family and friends. *Ciao,*

Joyce James, Branch 213

San Carlos

St. Charles, Br. 327

A very big thank you to Dede Waters-Masters for preparing a delicious Chicken Piccata dinner with all the trimmings for our



Branch 327's St. Patrick's Day band.

February dinner meeting. It was a delicious meal enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you, Dede.

On Saturday, March 4, our branch hosted our 40th Anniversary Corned Beef dinner. The meal was prepared by the St. Charles' Men's Club and as always was a delicious dinner. The servers came from Bellarmine, Serra and Carlmont High School and did a terrific job of getting the meals served. The music provided an additional fun time to the event. Thanks to all who decorated and to all who stayed to clean-up. All-in-all a delicious and fun event.

Some upcoming events:

Archbishop's Day, Sunday, April 23, 10:00am Mass at Our Lady of Angels, with a hearty appetizer,

finger food buffet to follow. \$20. per person. RSVP to Barbara Firpo, 1518 Bay Road, Palo Alto 94303.

Sunday, May 7, Branch 213, St. Augustine's 50th Anniversary celebration at the El Rancho Inn, Millbrae.

Noon, no-host cocktails; 1pm lunch. \$40. per person. Choices include: Red Snapper, Grilled Breast of Chicken or Beef Brochettes. Reservations to Jackie Smith, [650-992-3505](tel:650-992-3505), by April 28.

Get-well wishes are being sent to John Meany.

Condolences are being sent to the family of Betty Bonvicino, another long time member of our branch who recently passed away. And our thoughts are with the family of Patricia Ryan, a former member and Scholarship Chairman of our branch.

Happy Easter!

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We celebrated another wonderful St. Joseph Day with a pot luck dinner. Our members brought delicious meatless dishes and wonderful desserts. All leftovers were delivered, as in the past years, to the Catholic Hospitality House in San Bruno for the homeless and less fortunate. On March 26, we attended the semi-annual District Mass at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. A reception followed hosted by Branch 173.

On April 23 we will celebrate Bishops Day with Mass at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Angels with buffet lunch to be served for \$20 per person.

Happy Easter!

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin

Novato

Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

Our Branch is celebrating a very special 25th Anniversary. Our chef and her crew have been preparing wonderful monthly dinners for our members for the past 25 years, and even more exceptional is that in the kitchen, it's a family affair. Twenty-five years ago, then Branch President, Guido Poli, approached Angela Salvestrin McDuffee about cooking for the ICF. Fortunately for all of us, who have enjoyed the monthly dinners over these many years, Angela agreed and recruited her family as her assistants. Joining Angela in the kitchen are her parents, Dino and Tecla, her aunt



Enjoying another wonderfully prepared meeting dinner at Branch 332 in Novato.



Branch 28 – Display of the wonderful “Mardi Gras” themed dessert table created by Peggy Fortino.

Joanne, uncles Franco, Jim, John, and even husband Mike and son Gino, often get into the act. We are truly spoiled, enjoying a variety of masterfully prepared dinners each month including roast pork, stew and polenta, cutlets, chicken, sausages, and of course, pasta, with Angela’s signature sugo. An Italian saying is, “A tavola non si invecchia”; we do not grow old at the table, and that holds true for our members. Nothing compares to the magical effect of good food. Around our tables friendships are made and celebrated and community is formed. Thank you so much to the McDuffee, Salvestrin and Raccanello families - Viva i Cuochi!

April is our food drive month, benefitting the SVDP pantry at Our Lady of Loretto Parish. Please bring all your non-perishable food items to the April 11th meeting.

Pace e Buona Pasqua a Tutti.

San Jose Santa Clara Valley District Council

President Bausino’s first hundred days are less tumultuous than Donald Trump’s but his agenda is just as ambitious. He thanked Giulia Gallego for the planning of the District Installation. He said that the expansion committee continues to work on establishing a branch at St. Christopher. District Deputy Jerry Delfino, said the district has gained 32 new members. Jerry also gave the latest copies of “In Touch” and the By-Law pamphlet. He also suggested that each branch dedicate an event to benefit the parish.

New deputies have been assigned: Donna Pfaff to Branch 391 and Bob Osorio to Branch 47. A new web page was touted by President Giulia who also plans to speak about ICF at all March 5 Masses. John Gillio is planning to do the same at Santa Teresa. President Gennaro Felice said they received over \$3,000 in scholarship donations in memory of Anna Barbieri. He also said the \$500 they allocate to a needy family was enhanced by another \$300. President Janet Glaubke said they made \$2400 with their “Blue Star’s” fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Elaine Osorio said the “Gifts of Love” committee received 13 applications, 11

were awarded total of \$12,000. Andy LaScola said he was considering how to resurrect the District Golf Tournament. He suggested various types and days that might be used. More to follow when he firms-up ideas.

May District Meeting – Monday May 8
Branch 435 – St. Catherine. Morgan Hill

Mike Nunziata

San Jose Holy Cross, Br. 4

Last month you were sent a letter from Bill Greco with a questionnaire. If you haven’t answered the questions and returned it, PLEASE do so. It’s very important that you send these back.

Have you paid your dues? They are payable at this time.

We are in the Lenten Season. Not only a time to reflect on our lives, but a time to do for others. Remember those that are less fortunate than us.

Hope you all have a Blessed Easter!

Coming Events: April 5- Dinner Meeting

May 3- Crowning of the Blessed Mother
All Parish Members are invited.

Starts at 6:00 P.M. Remember to bring your flowers! Refreshments will be served after the Rosary.

June 7- Fundraiser - Barbequed Rib Dinner
This is a great dinner, Ribs, Beans, Salad and Dessert. Wine is included. Let’s make this a huge success and help the Branch keep going! \$30 Adults \$15 Children 12



Contruction at St. Joseph Church, Mountain View, home of Branch 47.



Branch 28 – W. John Filice giving opening prayer at our February 2017 meeting and standing alongside is Gennaro Filice, Branch President.

and under.

July 7- Picnic and Bocci Backesto Park

Remember our sick members in your prayers.

“And the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” John 12-23

Blessings to all,

Ann Fitzgerald

Santa Clara N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Once again, Mike Holder are great cook is back cooking for us. See your 2017 Calendar for Menus and Dates. Come to the Dinner/Meeting(s) and enjoy great food and friendship.

Thanks to all members who have paid their membership dues for 2017. We have 100% paid for 2017.

We need new members to join Br. 5. Please invite relatives, friends, and parishioners to our next Dinner/Meeting. All are welcome. Tell them what ICF is all about.

Next Dinner/Meeting is April 27, 2017. Menu is Chicken Scaloppini with noodles. Cost is \$10.00.

Please volunteer to help at the St. Clare’s Parish Festival and BBQ on May 12, 13, 14, 2017. We are responsible for the Italian Sausage Booth. We need a lot of members to sign up so no one is burden. If you sign up, please keep your commitment.

Happy Easter to all members and their family.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our February 27, 2017 Mardi Gras themed meeting, members enjoyed an outstanding dinner of chicken and pesto put on by Terri Fortino and crew. In addition to the beautiful dinner was the exquisite cupcakes and “King Cake” in the Mardi Gras theme provided by Peggy Fortino. Another example of an exceptional member giving of time, energy and in this case honed skills in the baking arts for the benefit of the club, members, Parish and community. The attached photograph shows the exquisite desserts made by member Peggy Fortino.

Our Board is very proud of our membership in supporting the 2017 calendar sales. Branch 28 placed second in sales with 65 calendars sold with branch membership between 100 and 199 members. Congratulations to all!

The “Tastes of Italy” dinner is scheduled for April 29, 2017 at St. Mary Parish Hall. This wonderful event of peeled shrimp and ravioli under the direction of Andy Pappani supports our scholarship and fundraising activities. An important fundraising feature of this event is the member supplied raffle gifts. Member supplied raffle gifts would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pat Cordich or Gennaro Filice for tickets before the deadline of April 19, 2017. Ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children twelve and under.

On the bulletin board at the dinner meetings be sure to check out the fund raising events at other ICF branches. This is a good way to help fundraise for other branches and meet their members.

Next dinner meeting will be Monday – March 20, 2017 and will feature corned beef and cabbage.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Mountain View San Giorgio, Br. 47

Thanks to all of our guests who joined us for good food, fellowship, and entertainment for the Branch 47 Annual Crab Dinner at St. Joseph School, Mountain Vew on Saturday, February 25. Our predominantly young team of St. Joseph School parent members did a terrific job of serving a delicious dinner, including our decades old crab sauce and pasta recipes prepared in the Del Frate/Ausano tradition. Our team of 8th Grade servers did a great job of delivering our 4-course meal and attending to our guests needs.

Thanks to Sherri & Matt Cusimano for kicking up our raffle proceeds with the donation of two pairs of Giants tickets. Thanks also to friends of the ICF, Sherry & Bill Minor for donating a pair of 49er tickets. The boost in raffle ticket sales helps to increase our charitable donations. We are fortunate to have such strong supporters.

Major construction is underway at St. Joseph Church. The project, called 599 Castro, will provide a new rectory and priests’ residence, 14,000 sf of new residential space, 8,000 sf of retail space and 100,000 sf of office space. The project is disruptive to Parish life, but will bring vitally needed income to the Parish and Diocese to support our community. Visit the web page: www.599castro.com for details

and a virtual tour.

Upcoming Branch activities include our San Jose Giants outing July 9 and Branch Picnic, August 27; guests are welcome.

Best wishes,

Craig Noah

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Buona Pasqua to all our members and your families. What a wonderful time of our liturgical year.

Well I want to truly thank you for the wonderfully successful Cherry Blossom Dinner Dance on March 25. A great big GRAZIE to our ticket takers and sellers, to our members who donated all our raffle prizes that were all donated, and of course to our cooks, servers, decorators, set-up crew and all behind the scenes. You all come together twice a year to make our fundraisers so successful that we are able to donate money to sponsor scholarships for both our parish school and local students, give money to Gifts of Love and Cooley’s Anemia and to support our Bishop and Seminarians. Granted it’s a lot of work, but what is accomplished is unbelievable.

So again GRAZIE, Thank You, and God bless all the work you do both in actions and donations and may God bless you.

Denise Antonowicz

President

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Dear Members,

Did you know that if you can’t get an answer to your question about the Italian Catholic Federation through your Branch President, Officers, Deputies, and District, you can call or e-mail the office in Oakland and they will do everything in their power to see that you get your answer? Feel free to use your office for any question you may have. One of our members had a question recently and after contacting Charlene Kramer at the office, her question was taken care of immediately.

We had a very busy month in March with a Fund Raiser, St Joseph Day Celebration at our meeting, cooking soup for one of our Lenten Soup Dinners, volunteering to help with laundry and driving for 16 homeless women at Saint Frances Cabrini during the month of March. (Busy but very rewarding)

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Easter Celebration. May the Risen Lord Bless and protect you.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Thanks to Rose Wesley and Lorraine Nunziata for the great soups at our February meeting! The Valentine’s Day theme was lovely, even to the bouquet at the entrance table. Well done, folks!

Joyce Robba was happy to report that our crab feed was, once again, a huge success, thanks in part to Joan Delfino’s sauce. Father George thanked us for all our hard work, adding that, since the dinner was

held in the new hall and not in the church, we don’t smell crab during Mass anymore.

Thanks to John Gillio as he retires from his many years of service to the parish in maintaining our parish facilities and in being an all-around good guy. Thanks also for the fantastic polenta he whipped up for our March meeting. Hi secret: he added a little milk. The cheese in the middle and on top made it especially delicious. We are so blessed!

Our branch began long enough ago that we are losing some of our founding members. Jennie Flagg, a charter member, passed away on March 7, and Bruce and Jeanne Gill, also long-time members, are having serious health problems. Bruce was our first president in June of 1984. Another branch member, Al Antuna, passed away recently. We pray for all of them.

Our Gifts of Love program, sponsored through our Central Council, gave away \$12,000 dollars to people with a disability. The online address to get an application form is www.icf.org.

A Blessed Easter to all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

At the March meeting, we enjoyed corned beef prepared by our wonderful cooks Al and Diana Vallorz. Thanks to all who helped make the dinner successful.

Therese Lehane, St. Martin Pastoral Care Director, explained how the Celebration of Life is changing this year. Guests will not be transported to the gym, but instead will be celebrated in the various nursing homes where they reside.

Jessie Romero and Pete Sanchez reported on the Valentine Dinner in February and thanked all who helped make this a wonderful 30th Anniversary celebration.

Marcie is planning a membership drive in 2017. Please join her in this important effort.

Louise Vento reported that Branch 391 won third place in sales of 2017 calendars. Thanks to all who purchased calendars and thanks to Louise for leading the effort.

Tina Rossi reminded us that membership dues are due now. If you haven’t paid, please send it soon so Tina can complete her records. Also please let Tina know if your address or phone number changes, or if you plan a change in your membership.

The branch hosted our first ever Lenten Fish Dinner in March. We also hosted an evening of Stations of the Cross, and celebrated our Quarterly Communion. Mark your calendars for the next big event, the Second Annual Wine Down with ICF on May 12.

Marcie emailed to members a copy of our 2017 calendar of events and the 2017 annual budget. You can also pick up a copy at the next meeting. See you then!

Mike Rossi for Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Thank you to our generous Blood Donors! The Bay Area has been facing a Critical late winter Blood shortage likely due the



The Branch 75 BBQ chicken crew.

Thanks to all the people who set the Parish Hall so beautifully in the theme of the Citrus Fair.

flu season. Our March Blood Drive was able to attract 32 Donors and using the calcualtion from Stanford Blood center – this can be converted to over 100 units of Blood Products to support needed surgeries at Stanford Hospital. We will see you at our Summer Drive.

Our Branch led off the Parish Lenten Soup with over 14 soups and raised relief funds for the recent San Jose Flood Victims over \$180 was donated to Sacred Heart Community Services to ease the plight of those who were displaced.

Our Pasta Dinner Fundraiser was held on Sat March 11. It was a great success. Thanks to all who helped make this a night to remember. Our goal is to raise funds for the 5th Grade Parish School Students to help support their weeklong trip to Science Camp.

On Monday March 13th we hosted the Santa Clara Valley District Meeting in the Farana Center. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up

Please pray for our sick members – especially for Rudi Baldini, Edith Novak, Betty Deville, Susan Colon, and Carolyn O’Connor and pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Lopez.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Our February dinner meeting was truly a special treat for our branch. We were so fortunate to have Maurizio Cutringnelli and the Della Maggiori families cook our special dinner. We were served antipasti, Polenta, Chicken Cacciatori, salad and biscotti and pizzelli for dessert. We had a great turn out and our new Priest Father Russell Roide joined us and blessed our food. On Sunday, March 5th we hosted a Hospitality Mass after all the Masses. Our President Guilia Gallego gave a nice talk about I.C.F. and all the good deeds our branch contributes in so many areas.

Please put this date on your calendar. We are having another great fundraiser on Saturday April 22nd, after the 5:30 Mass. It will be a great Italian feast with homemade sauce, sausages, salad and dessert. Last year we had a very successful raffle with wonderful donated prizes. The proceeds will go towards the Church Renovation.



Hope you and your families will be there to support us.

Please keep Denise Campagna in your prayers. She is improving everyday.

Peace and Blessings,

Donna Basilin

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

We had our second quarterly breakfast/brunch following the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, March 26. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

At our last General Membership Meeting, we discussed giving a donation to the recent flood victims in San Jose. Sheri Burns gave a detailed report on the storm’s damage on many low income sections of the city. Membership approved a \$700 donation to the Sacred Heart Community Center which is trying to assist the hardest hit low-income residents.

President Donna Pfaff and the board wish all the members a very blessed Easter season.

He has risen indeed!

Richard Pfaff, secretary

**Santa Rosa
Cloverdale**

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

As a new member of the Italian Catholic Federation here at Saint Peter’s this was my first BBQ Chicken & Pasta Dinner event. It is a blessing to be a part of such a great organization.

It was all about teamwork and dedication. We transformed the Hall into a beautiful dining room. All the chefs were busy preparing their portions of the dinner, salads, bread, BBQ Chicken, Pasta Sauce and Pasta, and dessert enough to feed a few

hundred people.

Everyone I spoke with told me that the dinner was excellent and it was well worth it.

It was wonderful to see how many of our youth group came to support this event. They were all so very helpful and friendly.

We also had a successful raffle with some nice prizes, thanks to all who donated to the raffle.

Over 200 people were graciously served that evening.

It was a great experience for me as a new member of ICF Branch 75 to be involved in the planning and production of our Annual BBQ Chicken and Pasta Dinner.

Andy

Healdsburg

St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

Pres. Richard Passalacqua thanks everyone who attended and who helped make our 3rd^d Annual Fish Fry on March 319 our most successful fundraiser to date. The gym was filled with over 300 attendees.

Thank you to everyone who brought soups to the Lenten Soup Supper on March 22.

Upcoming Events:

April 4: Branch Meeting, 7 PM at the Rectory.

May 9: Mother’s Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall. 6:30 PM. More details next month. We will honor our Mom’s and our High School and College Scholarship Recipients at this dinner.

Please remember in your prayers long time member Frances Gaddini, who passed away, recently. We send our condolences to her husband, Larry.

Happy Easter!

Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

The members enjoyed a delicious St. Patrick’s Day dinner cooked by Chef Diane at the March meeting.

The branch is proud to announce it will be hosting the District Meeting on Sunday, April 23 at St. Leo’s Church Parish Hall in Sonoma.

Buona Pasqua,

Marie-Therese Denning

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

We’re finally starting to get back to our normal Petaluma weather. I can’t believe that I am getting leaves on one of my maple trees. I love the idea of the time change and that it will be lighter later. And of course now is the time to do our Spring cleaning. Wish I wasn’t such a pack rat, so much to get rid of. However, that doesn’t keep me away from all my activities. Keeping busy, I’m sure you all are. However, make time to attend our monthly meeting and to make plans for our coming events.

We will have had our Quarterly Mass/ Communion and our dinner at the Palm

Grill. We thank all who attended and hope they had a good dinner and a nice time with other members.

March is the Month of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Just a remembrance of all the hard work that the Cresci and Orlando Families did for our St. Joseph’s Dinners and the wonderful times that all who attended had. We want to thank these families for all the dedication and love they had for these celebrations and the joy and happiness they brought to all of us. We are sorry that we could not have our usual St. Joseph Dinner this year. We will look forward to celebrating this day next year.

April 10th - Dessert/Coffee served 6:30 p.m. with Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

May 8th - Pizza Night, \$5 and meeting and bingo to follow

June 12th - Regular Meeting

June 18th - Santa Rosa District Meeting hosted by our Branch - 1:00 p.m.

It was great seeing Denice DiGirolamo, our President, looking well after her surgery, and having an informative meeting with a large group in attendance. Prayers and get well wishes to Dorleen Camozzi, Lydia Camozzi, Janet Leone and Judi Fomasi. Thinking of you too Frank Cresci and hoping you are doing well.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. May you all have a happy and blessed Easter with all your families. It is a very sacred time and a time to give thanks to our Lord and all he does and gives us in our lives. May he bless our Country, its leaders and its citizens and bring peace and love to all.

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

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

Pres. Judy opened the meeting after the evening Ash Wed. Mass. The Feb. Chicken/ Polenta dinner was reviewed and declared a success.

Heritage Chairman Paula shared an article featured in the Mad River Union, a local weekly newspaper, that was written by ICF’s Marino Sichi in 2004. It highlighted the treatment and rules put upon the Italians and Germans of Arcata during World War II. Where they lived, not west of Hwy 101, confined to their home between 8 pm and 6 am. and to register at the post office as Enemy Aliens were just a few of the restrictions. Very interesting article.

Our branch donated \$500 toward the purchase of new vestments for the church.

Larry DePeel and Mike DalPorto will again set up for the St. Joseph Table on Mar. 19. The March Corned Beef/Cabbage dinner was postponed until the April 5th meeting at 6 pm. Members and family are all welcome.

Because of her health, Orator Mary Tanferani will be replaced by Rosemary Melendy.

The 58th Anniversary of Br. 144 and 145 will be celebrated on April 22 at 6 pm at St. Mary’s Leavey Hall. Please join us.

Mary Tanferani celebrated her 96th birthday on Mar. 11. Other March birthdays: Wade



Branch198 President, School Scholarship winners, St. Eugene Teacher.

Delashmutt Sr., Patricia Macdonald, Sabrina Macdonald. A Happy Birthday to our members with April birthday: Jackie Aseltine, Marie LaBanca, and Lucia Monge.

Pray for our ill: Loretta Speziale, Shar Evans, Mary Tanferani, and Larry Depeel.

Happy Easter to all.

Rosemary

Eureka

St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our February 14th meeting was a Valentine’s Day potluck celebration. Members of Sacred Heart and St. Bernard’s parishes were invited. Everyone had a good time visiting and enjoying the good food. Thank you to everyone who provided the food and the lovely decorations.

After the meal we held a short meeting. Joe Bonino reminded us that dues are now due. Please pay them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our installation dinner was held at the Samoa Cookhouse. Again everyone had a good time and enjoyed the food as well.

Dates to put on your calendar include March 14th, regular meeting; April 7th, spaghetti dinner at 5:30 before the stations of the cross; and last is April 22nd, our anniversary dinner. Arcata will host the dinner. More information will follow. Alsoi a reminder that our convention will be in Sacramento in September. If you are interested in attending contact Joe Bonino.

Again our next meeting will be on March 14. Please plan to attend.

Pray for all our of our members and their families.

Good Health and Peace to you all,

Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa

St. Eugene, Br. 198

At our March dinner meeting we presented tuition scholarships to St. Eugene School students Michael Gonzalez, Daniela Sanchez and Shawet Shibeshi. Member and teacher Cheryl Brown introduced the students who, in turn, introduced their families. We had a delicious St. Patrick corn beef and cabbage

meal prepared by Ernie Giampaoli with help from Richard Carrera, Mike Milano and Marc Bisio. Bob Aquistapace served vanilla ice cream with cream de mint topping. We are looking forward to our April 22 fund raising event: a chicken cordon bleu and tortellini dinner. On the sad side, we lost one of our members, Shephani Buettner, to cancer.God be with her.

Gene Zingarelli, Pres.

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

Our February 25th Polenta Dinner was a sell-out. President Barbara Bidia, kitchen staff and many others worked in unison to make the dinner run smoothly . At our March meeting members enjoyed Corned Beef & Cabbage also prepared by President Barbara, Roy & Leona Spadoni and many others who helped serving, clean-up, etc.

Our next fundraiser dinner is scheduled for April 7. Tickets are available by calling Lona Bertoli (707) 527-1021. Price is as follows: Adults - \$18; Children 6-12 - \$9; Under 6 – Free. This will no doubt be another sell-out, so call for tickets early!

Reminder: Dues are payable now. Cost is \$34.80/member. Please send your checks to: Leona Spadoni, 3956 Gravenstein Hwy. South, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

Ciao,

Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

I hope you have save the date of July 8, 2017 on your calendars as Branch #48 will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. Appetizers will be served at 12:00 noon and lunch will be at 1:00 pm. Penne a la Carbonara or Penne Amtriciana will be your choice of a main dish with salad, bread and a dessert. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

April is a quite month for us but we will be going full blast in May starting with our bake sale May 6th & 7th. We have our Mother’s Day potluck May 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to bring your



Enjoying Paint Nite Fun at Branch 138.



favorite dish, family and friends and enjoy the evening.

We are looking forward to the Italian Heritage Night June 3, 2017 with the ballgame the at the Ports in Stockton.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 and May 7, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Bank night winner was Mary Jennings and the refreshment for the April 12, 2017 will be furnished by Tom Silvaggio.

A Blessed Easter to everyone!

Coming up:

Apr 12 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets Modesto

May 6 -7 Bake Sale after all the masses

May 10 - 6:00 pm Meeting and Mother's Day Potluck

June 14 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

Stockton

St. Luke, Br. 138

On July 9, 2016 a “new” organization was started at St. Luke Parish in Stockton, California. Many years ago, the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch #138 was one of the most active groups in the parish. But as the old timers retired from active service and the new generation was occupied by other things, #138 pulled down the shutters and closed up shop.

But St. Luke Parishioner, Joe Curtis, remembered the large role the ICF played in his grandmother, Josephine Sheehan's, life, and he thought it would be good for the next generation to take up the banner and continue the work past generations of Italians and others did for St. Luke Church and for the Diocese of Stockton.

With pastor, Father Ramon Zarate's blessing, Joe contacted those people in the parish who he thought would be interested in seeing the ICF tradition reinvigorated in

St. Luke Parish. A small, but enthusiastic group of people answered the call, and Branch #138 was re-established at St. Luke's on July 9, 2016.

Since that time #138 has held a Paint Night, where a professional artist came in and taught St. Luke's budding Da Vincis how to paint their own masterpieces, and a Spaghetti Feed where food, family, and friends gathered to talk about old times and plan new ones.

And speaking of new plans, Branch #138 is sponsoring a Texas Roadhouse Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser on Monday, April 3 from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Dinners are only \$15 each and in the Italian tradition, will feature generous portion sizes and delicious food. Tickets are available by contacting President Joe Curtis at 209-406-4778 or Trustee, Frannie Simmons, at 209-670-6914.

Additional future fun events include a Bunco Night, and since the Paint Night was so popular a Paint Night II, with a larger canvas and appetizers and desserts.

Of course all the fun makes it possible for #138 to contribute to the Bishop's Burse Seminary Fund, ICF Scholarship Project, and support the various projects that are brewing at St. Luke's. And maybe most importantly, it gives members, their children and grandchildren the opportunity to come together to meet others who share the same values and beliefs and to continue the traditions of the generations who have come and **gone before us**.

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio,
Br. 139

Our Branch will be praying a spiritual bouquet for Bishop Stephen Blaire for his 75th birthday and in preparation for his retirement.

St. Anthony Parish's Lenten soup suppers began on March 6 with our Branch providing minestrone prepared by Ida and Tony Queirolo. As always, it was well-received by the parishioners.

Plans for Branch 139's "All You Can Eat" Shrimp Feed moved forward for the April 22 date, under the direction of Ida Queirolo. The evening has become very popular with both our parishioners and area ICF branches.

Italian Heritage Night will be held by the Stockton Ports, minor league baseball club, on June 3 and our branch will be represented that evening.

A special dessert treat was served at our February meeting. Italian doughnuts (bomboloni) were prepared by Madison and Savannah Jackson. The ladies departed a few days later for Italy. It was their second trip to Italy *in the past* year.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Looking forward to our Second Annual Sugo contest at our monthly dinner meeting on April 27th celebration of "Heritage Night." Spaghetti and meatballs headline the menu again just like last year and before the meal we will be serving the tastings of what the contestants have presented to us.



John Gaulco and Vero Oliveri being served by Betty Hollers and Anna Serrato at the Br. 390 monthly meeting dinner.

If anyone owns Don Baratta's "The Sicilian Gentleman's Cookbook" check out the pages he devotes to the tomato-based sugo, where he says some Italians refer to it as 'gravy' which we've all heard from our grandparents who grew tomatoes for this sauce. He adds humor to his recipes and says the secret to great sugo is that you use good ingredients and good timing with a cheerful heart.

Steve Ridolfi has provided an exciting Italian trivia contest to our monthly dinner meetings and here's a sample: Who established the Bank of Italy which later became Bank of America? Who started Penthouse Magazine? Who founded Barnes and Noble? Who started the first pizzeria in New York? What Italian-American founded Subway? What wine-maker developed the idea of labeling wines on the basis of variety as opposed to their genetics? Who started Planters peanuts? (Spoiler alert: answers: Amadeo Giannini, Bob Guccione, Leonard Riggio, Fred De Luca, Robert Mondavi, and Amedeo Obici) More and more people are joining in the fun, and cell phones are allowed so it seems the fastest fingers and thumbs are coming up with the answers!

Members of Branch 390 attended the



Roger Roman, 2nd VP Josephine Weber, Treasurer Geoff Lin-Cerrighino; and Bob Zanoni.



The Pachinger children came from Angels Camp.

Bishop's Burse Mass Celebration on Sunday March 12 and made a donation to the seminarian fund raiser. Our parish has benefited from this in the addition of Rev. Fr. Ronnie Manango, who became a parish priest as his first assignment here at St. Bernards!

We welcome Spring and wish everyone a great season of planting and growing!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

Members gathered on Sunday, March 5 for Quarterly Communion at the 8:45 a.m. mass and shared in the Knights of Columbus World Famous Pancake Breakfast .

March 12 is the Bishop's Burse Mass/ Dinner at Presentation Church. Bishop Blaire will preside at the 10:30 a.m. mass with dinner and program following in Guadalupe Hall.

April 7 our Branch will be hosting the Stations of the Cross and soup Supper at 6 p.m.. Everyone looks forward to our great variety of meatless Italian soups served in Guadalupe Hall.

Save the dates:

May 20 – Ordination of seminarians Tom Orlando, Joseph Nguyen, John Ngo – Cathedral of the Annunciation, 10 a.m.



Br. 395 President Karen Rosson give a high five to Pope Francis as Jo Giometti looks on.



Enjoying a good meeting at Branch 433.

June 3 – Ports Baseball Game, Banner Island, 7 p.m.

Welcome to our new members. Prayers for our sick members.

Karen Rosson

Tucson

Tucson

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Last night's meeting was preceded by a bountiful potluck dinner. The report on the outcome of our sixteenth annual Lasagna dinner fundraiser was met with enthusiastic applause. All 450 tickets were sold...200 sit-down dinners and 250 take-out. This year's net was the best ever...thanks to the many volunteers. Upcoming fundraisers are the St. Joseph's Table meatless dinner and the Easter cookie sale.

A Corporate Communion is scheduled for April...followed by a group breakfast. The annual pilgrimage to the Benedictine Monastery is scheduled for April. We carpool to St. David AZ...the last populated area before Tombstone...for mass followed by coffee and donuts at the gift shop. We have about three hours time to play games...stroll the grounds...or meditate...before a mid-afternoon meal with the Abbott and staff.

A discussion was initiated on branch membership. We are an ageing community...we need to tap into the next

generation. We need to focus on retention.

Good of the Order discussion centered on the plight of the Sister Jose Women's Center located in Tucson. Bishop Kincanis is on the facility Board. Branch 425 will do further study to determine how we can best aid this worthwhile support operation. After all,...WE ARE FAMILY...we work hard...we play hard...we eat well...we care for our own... we try to heed the gospel teachings.

Tucson

Father Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

WELCOME CARLOS and DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ to Branch 433

What a month it has been for our branch. At our February meeting we initiated two new members, Carlos and Deborah Rodriguez. Carlos has agreed to take over as social chair and Deborah as our treasurer. Which was perfect timing as the following Saturday (February 18) branch 433 hosted the Tucson Area Bishops Day at Saints Peter and Paul's. We were honored to host Bishop Kincanis's last Bishops Day as he will be retiring this spring. Henry and Maria Fleschman prepared delicious sausage and pepper sandwiches which was complimented by sides and desserts from our sister branches 425 and 434. We have a fun night and look forward to visiting 425 for next year's Bishop's Day. We are also preparing to have our St. Joseph's Table on March 19, followed by our spring membership drive and picnic.

Tucson

Name, Br. 434

ICF Branch 434 of Tucson, Arizona attended the annual Bishop's dinner held at St's. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Saturday February 18, 2017. All current officers were installed and recognized at the dinner.

I.C.F. Branch 434 celebrated St. Joseph's Day on Sunday March 19, 2017 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Church Hall. Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches were made and sold from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The branch also sold baked cookies, breads and pies during the event.

Branch 434 will be preparing soup with bread for the Meager Meals church Lenten event which will be held on April 3, 2017.



St. Joseph's Day at Branch 434.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

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

BANQUET

2:00 -

Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 -

Sumptuous Barbecue Tri-Tip Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 21st, the price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only: \$45.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2017

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
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Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$165 per player plus \$45 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 21st deadline.

Remember: \$180 per player after July 21st.

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



Friends and Family Mourn the Passing of Michele F. Corino

Michele F. Corino passed away peacefully at home on the morning of January 2nd, 2017. Michele was born April 27, 1918 in Castino, Italy, the last-born of seven brothers and sisters. As a young boy he displayed remarkable skills with the accordion and was later discovered by nationally renowned Italian conductor Maestro Angelini who was so impressed with the young talent that he instantly recruited him into his vast orchestra as a solo accordionist.

As a performing member of Angelini's ensemble he began a radio career that subsequently led to studio recordings. While his fame and showmanship spread throughout Italy Maestro Corino branched out on his own recording many singles and a dozen or so memorable albums including Rome to Paris, Picnic Italiano, Music to Remember, Michele Corino & His Orchestra and others that showcased his amazing skills with the accordion as well as his upbeat personal compositions. During this productive period he wrote a piece destined to become a universally known classic he named Crazy Accordion

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our condolences and donations on the loss of his son. He also reported that Bruno Serrato's, 2013 Pope John XXVIII award winner, restaurant burned down. The award was hanging on the wall in the restaurant. Lou will find out if it burned and if so, we should replace it.

- Nettie Descalso Del Nero thanked everyone for welcoming her back, today.
- Mike Rossi thanked the new branch for hosting us today.

Closing Prayer: Led by Jim Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm by Grand President Leonard Zasoski

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Kilcullen
Grand Secretary

- Next Meeting: June 10, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Colma



*Buona
Pasqua!*

(Fisarmonica Impazzita), an energetic and lively instrumental well known among accordionists worldwide.

After World War 2 Michele immigrated to San Francisco where he continued his career with the Corino Orchestra and founded Corino Music in the Italian neighborhood of North Beach where he trained a new generation of accordionists.

Michele Corino is survived by his beloved wife Linda, his three sons Jeff, Glenn and Mark Corino, his two grandchildren Nicholas and Jacob and many other family members in the U.S. and in Italy who loved, respected and admired him during his lifetime.

A private service was held in his memory. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent in his name to a charity of your choice.



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