



# BOLLETTINO



## Grand President's Monthly Message

by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

We all know the term that April Showers bring the beauty of May Flowers. Well for the month of May, I gained a new member into my family. On May 6, at 1:30pm, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bakersfield, my son Joseph married Kristen Watts. They were surrounded by more than 150 family and friends who witnessed the joyous occasion and the beginning of their new life together as one.

Go back in time more than 23 years ago. We met the Watts family as they joined Branch 281 as members. Allen Watts had been around the ICF his whole life as his parents were long time members of Branch 33, also in Bakersfield. So, when Allen and Crystal became parish members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, they joined Branch 281. Over the years, Allen and Crystal, B.G. and I became good friends enjoying time together either at ICF or at family events. When the Watts family would come over to our house, they would bring their three daughters. The girls would say, "Yuck, we have to go over to those boys' house again."

All the kids eventually grew up and went off to college, and then Joey, one day, called Kristen and asked her to go out for dinner, and after that they started to date. The two of them became closer each passing year. This last July our two families went on vacation together to Huntington Lake, where Joey proposed to Kristen on a rock overlooking the lake at sunset. And so began the journey to their May 6 wedding.

As ICF members many of us have made

long lasting friends in our branches, districts and beyond. I have also done the same. Through the ICF I have had so many things to be thankful for, such as a job for over 38 years with Colombo Construction Company. That came about from my mother meeting my boss John Lencioni, a Pope Saint John XXIII Award winner, at an ICF event and she said that her son was looking for a job. John said, "send him in", and I have had the same job since 1979.

Most of all what I have gained is the great friends who have become like an extended family. The way I see it is that God opens doors for us at times and we have to choose to go through them or not. For me, being a member of the ICF was a door that my wife and I decided to go through, and our life has been blessed because of our decision. And with that decision, I now have a beautiful daughter and a great extended family, the Watts.

Father's Day is on Sunday, June 18. Even though my father has been gone for over 34 years, I still miss talking to him, his smile and his great sense of humor. He was a great role model of what I have tried to live up to as a father. This Father's Day, if possible, go see dad; if not give him a call and tell

him how much you love him. If your father is no longer here, take a moment, remember the good times that you had together and cherish those memories in your heart.

Happy Father's Day!

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Grand President



### UPCOMING: 2017 Bishops' Days:

- Aug. 6 Monterey
- Sept. 17 Oakland
- Sept. 24 Santa Rosa
- Oct. 21 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Oct. 22 Fresno
- Oct. 25 San Bernardino
- Nov. 4 Los Angeles

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

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## "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!

- 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.
- 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

### \$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.



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# An Open Letter to the Son or Daughter I Might Have Had

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director  
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My Dear Children,

I love you with all my heart. You are the treasure of my life. I wish nothing for you but happiness and the best possible life. It is my wish to help you prepare for a happy life. I pledge my help to you in whatever vocation you may choose. Your choice, be it marriage, would be wonderful.

Marriage can be a wonderfully happy and fulfilling life. To have someone consider you the most important and significant person in their life is a joy so unique it is almost impossible to explain. Your mother and I have this exceptional love. We both thank God for this special gift. Even though at times you may not suspect it, especially when you see us involved in our quarrels, we are committed to each other. No matter what goes on in our lives, we instinctively know that our commitment is unbreakable. We have this not because we are “in love” with each other in the same way

we were when we first met. Our love then was nothing in comparison to what it is now. Our love has grown because it has been tested by the troubles that have come our way over the years. We worked together, fought each other, cried together, laughed together and, yes, even were frightened together. No matter what happened to us, it was always together.

There were many times that we could have gone our separate ways, not backing each other up. What kept us together during the rough times? The only answer I can give you is commitment. Yes, commitment to what we know is right and what we know is true. You may ask, how did

we know what is right and true? That my, dear children, is exactly what life is all about. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We are committed to what He stands for. What He gave us has lighted the path of our life. He made it possible for us to see the truth. His way makes it easy.

We were committed to what Jesus taught. Marriage is for life. Jesus is the central part of our marriage. He is a member of our family.



I thank God that we had the strength to be committed to what Jesus said. We had the chance to find each other and grow together in knowledge and love. There were no surprises. I still love your mother and she loves me and we both love you very much.

My sincere wish for you is: be committed to Christ now and always. He will light up your life. The effort is worthwhile. Your life depends on it. May God bless you and keep you close always.

With all my love,

DAD



## Follow Up on Membership

Carmen Kilcullen  
Past Grand President  
Membership Committee Member

After a membership drive or some other type of membership activity, it is important to follow up on new members and potential new members. There are a number of things that a branch can do.

- When a new person joins the branch, the president should call that person and personally welcome him/her.

- New members should be given a list enumerating different ways in which they can help the branch. (See accompanying sheet). The branch can also develop its own list (preferably a check list) and have members indicate where they could best help. For example: help at the bar, help in the kitchen, possibly become an officer, sell raffle tickets, obtain raffle prizes, set up for dinners, be the branch photographer, serve on committees and many more. Impress new members with the good works of the ICF.

- New members could be given a free dinner and receive a free dinner if they bring in other members. Encourage members to enroll their children or grandchildren (family plan).

- See that new members are not sitting alone at branch events. Stop by, welcome them and engage in conversation.

- At a branch meeting, have new members introduce themselves and tell something about themselves.

- Assign a member (mentor) to new members, to call before a meeting, an event, and see that they are not left alone. Encourage them to sign up for some branch activity.

The important idea here is that new

members are welcomed and made to feel that they have joined an organization which

is happy to have them and looks forward to working and socializing with them.

### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**DINNERS**

**CHAIR**

**VOLUNTEER**

WORK IN THE KITCHEN TO HELP AND/OR COOK \_\_\_\_\_

HELP SERVE DINNERS \_\_\_\_\_

HELP WITH SET-UP \_\_\_\_\_

HELP WITH CLEAN-UP \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE A DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE AN APPETIZER \_\_\_\_\_

LAUNDRER TABLECLOTHS \_\_\_\_\_

TABLE DECORATIONS FOR EVENTS \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

SERVE ON THE BOARD OR BE AN OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

SERVE ON THE CALLING COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

DONATE RAFFLE ITEMS FOR ICF EVENTS \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE SOUP FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ICF NEWSLETTER TO SHUT-INS OR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: VISIT SICK MEMBERS; PICK UP MEMBERS FOR EVENTS; PROVIDE RIDES FOR THOSE WHO DON'T DRIVE; AND ANY OTHER WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP. \_\_\_\_\_

HELP US GROW WHILE BUILDING OUR FAITH WITH FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP AND COMMITMENT. TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN ONE CAN ALONE.

# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

## HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

### Prayer for a Deceased Member

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen  
Past Grand Presidents

We are taking a rest from our articles on ICF Trivia as we have some more research to do. We will be back in the July issue.

This month, we thought that we would tell you about something that can be done for a deceased member of the ICF. Some years ago, Central Council Member Nello Rossi of Oakland proposed that a special prayer be said for a deceased member of the ICF at either the rosary service or the Mass. The Central Council embraced the idea and an appropriate prayer was written. It is suggested that the branch, in wishing to say the prayer, make sure to contact the deceased's family and the parish priest for their permission to recite the prayer. At no time should anyone take this upon themselves without approval. At services where we have heard the prayer recited, it seemed to us to be an appropriate tribute to the deceased.

The prayer can be found in the back of the ICF Ritual Book. It goes as follows:

We are gathered here (today/tonight) to pay our respects to our (Brother/Sister) \_\_\_\_\_ who has been a part of all of us. We have shared many things together, just by sharing life. For this, you will be remembered. Your presence is gone, but your spirit and memory will live in our hearts and in our prayers.

(Brother/Sister) \_\_\_\_\_, you have professed your faith under the banner of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch \_\_\_\_\_. For you, it is not the end, but the beginning of a new life. You now rest in the sleep of peace for all eternity.

We now call upon our patron saints, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, to lead you by the hand to our creator for your eternal reward. May your soul and the soul of all our departed members, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We, the officers and members of Branch \_\_\_\_\_, bid you (name) farewell.

We hope that all ICF members will embrace this idea.

### MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1 Loretta J. Symes	39	Merced, CA	\$30
5/2 Fr. Paolo Gobbo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/3 Evelyn Way	39	Merced, CA	\$30
5/4 Al Proietti	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
5/5 Deacon Fred & Maria Ybarra		Copperopolis, CA	\$30
5/6 Betty Kievlan	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
5/7 Virginia Buettgenbach		Merced, CA	\$30
5/8 B & M Marshall		Phoenix, AZ	\$30
5/9 Stella Canoles		Lafayette, CA	\$30
5/10 Dorene Campanile	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
5/11 Gina Bence		San Jose, CA	\$30
5/12 Peter Fazio	365	San Francisco, CA	\$30
5/13 Theresa Amarante	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/14 Sondra Serenka	28	Gilroy, CA	\$50
5/15 Rose Moore	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
5/16 Doreen O'Rourke	18	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
5/17 Kay Guenther	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/18 Jan Karp	91	Hayward, CA	\$30
5/19 Ashley Morgenstern		Bayside, CA	\$30
5/20 Paul H. Behrens	210	Fontana, CA	\$30
5/21 Juliet Harmon		Clovis, CA	\$30
5/22 Lucy Orsi	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
5/23 Gloria Morris		Modesto, CA	\$30
5/24 John O'Meara	27	Madera, CA	\$30
5/25 Frank Vatalare		Las Vegas, NV	\$50
5/26 Lori Hale	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/27 Jackie Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
5/28 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli	352	Danville, CA	\$30
5/29 Josephine Malkentzos	434	Tucson, AZ	\$100
5/30 Ermelinda Zamora		Modesto, CA	\$30

### Hawaii Cruise: A Vacation for All

Aloha ICF family! A group of 10 of us were able to enjoy a fabulous 14 day cruise to and around the Hawaiian Islands. A great time was had by all of us as we shared fellowship and LOTS of food and drink on this awesome vacation. We actually even ran into other ICF members who happened to have booked the same trip. Our booking through a fellow ICF cruise planner helped

net our organization some money back (not sure of the final amount, but whatever it is, it was a great way to make money for our charities without having to work for it!) Keep a look out for more travel opportunities in the future.

Aloha from the Ways and Means Committee!

Lisa Watkins  
Ways & Means Chairperson



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza  
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Rose McWilliams	Bob Basuino
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Bob Felan	Bob and Theresa Dianda
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IN CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:	
Rev. Monsignor Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Central Council
Rev. Monsignor Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Contra Costa District

HAPPY 50 <sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:	
Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr.	Bob Basuino

HAPPY 70 <sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:	
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Basuino	Bob Basuino

HAPPY 90 <sup>TH</sup> BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:	
I.C.F. Br. #13	Officers/Members of Central Council
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\*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 05/12/2017	IRENE MIANO	Branch 031
	JOHN NENO CRIVELLO	Branch 036
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Scholarship Donations

Donations received by May 10, 2017
<b>Scholarship Donations - 1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>
Bruce and Lonnie Swarringim
In memory of Connie Cannino
<b>Scholarship Donations - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>
Ed and Jo Bertaccini
In memory of Rose McWilliams
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
Get well wishes for Dave Boicelli
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dianda
Get well wishes for Bob Felan

Cooley’s Anemia Donations

<i>Donations Received by May 10, 2017</i>	
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Dan Capodanno	Barbara Firpo
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<b>BRANCH &amp; DISTRICT DONATIONS:</b>	
Branch 36	
Branch 115	
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Donations

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Bill Radzinski	Joan and Jerry Delfino
John Janini	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Bea Tomasello	Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
<b>IN HONOR OF:</b>	
Deborah Rodondi	Officers/Members of Br. 213
<b>BRANCH DONATION:</b>	
Branch 36	

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 05/12/2017	ROSEMARIE MEINKE	Branch 218
DANNY SLEBIR	CLIFFORD D STINER	Branch 218
CONNIE V MILAZZO	ALESSANDRA CARBONARA	
CHRIS A CAMPO		Branch 230
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JOHN A ZAMORA	AGNES TIMLIN	Branch 308
JOHN H ZAMORA	FRANK QUINTANILLA	Branch 326
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STEVE LAGOMARSINO	GIOVANNA GERARDI	Branch 392
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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.

Candidates

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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](mailto:admin@icf.org) and [icfeditor@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- 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!

Live to Give:  
Iron Rich Foods to Eat When Preparing to Donate Blood

Live to Give Committee

- Liver
- Eggs (any style)

Many people are deferred from donating blood due to low iron. To prevent this, it is important to maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet before donating blood. In the weeks (at least two) before donating, if possible, include iron-rich foods in your diet. If you donate blood frequently, taking a multi-vitamin is recommended.

Food has two types of iron — heme and non-heme iron. Heme iron is found in meat, fish and poultry and it is the form of iron that is most readily absorbed by your body. You absorb up to 30 percent of the heme iron that you consume.

Non-heme iron is found in plant-based foods such as fruits, vegetables and nuts. You absorb between two and 10 percent of the non-heme iron that you consume. Foods high in vitamin C – like tomatoes, citrus fruits and red, yellow and orange bell peppers – can also help with the absorption of non-heme iron.

Eating a well-rounded diet is important, however if you need to increase your iron levels, extra servings of the iron-rich foods below will help.

Meat and Eggs

- Beef
- Lamb
- Ham
- Turkey
- Chicken
- Pork

Seafood

- Shrimp
- Clams
- Scallops
- Oysters
- Tuna
- Sardines
- Haddock
- Mackerel

Vegetables

- Spinach
- Potatoes
- Peas
- Broccoli
- String beans
- Beet greens
- Dandelion greens
- Collards
- Kale
- Chard

Bread and Cereal

- White bread (enriched)
- Whole wheat bread
- Enriched pasta
- Bran cereals

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand Treasurer

Happy June everyone...I hope you got a couple of zucchini plants in the ground so that you can enjoy this next recipe all summer and fall. My mom (June) found this recipe and although delicious she found that by adding cheese it took this to a whole other level.



Fried Zucchini Flowers

12 Flower blossoms (whatever we harvested in 1-3 days), picked early in the morning, gently take out flower center and stem, lay flat in scot towel lined Ziploc until ready to use. Will usually keep in refrigerator several days, allowing you to collect enough for a meal. Do not wash before storing, as it will rot the flowers.

- 3 eggs
- ½ cup flour
- 1 Tbls. chopped parsley
- 1 Tbls. grated parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ clove garlic, minced

If you rinse blossoms cover in towels and let them remain there while mixing batter. I usually don't wash my blossoms, as I grew them and don't use pesticides.

Beat eggs, salt, flour and baking powder. Add parsley, garlic and cheese. Batter should form a fairly thick coating.

Heat oil (I use Crisco) (about 1/4 deep) in heavy pan (electric frying pan is great).

Dip one flower at a time in batter and fry to golden. Drain on paper towel. They will end up being about the size of your palm.

NOTE: We open the blossom and slide in a piece of pepper jack cheese before dipping in batter. Any cheese will work but the tanginess of pepper jack is our favorite. You can even put a teaspoon full of meat mixture inside. Be creative.

Some might put a sauce over the flower or have on the side for dipping; my family

likes it just the way it is. These also freeze beautifully.

Now in case your grandfather did not tell you a zucchini, pumpkin plant has a female and a male flower. They are needed for cross-pollinating and for the fruit to mature.

The window of time for pollination of zucchini is short, as male and female squash blossoms are open for only one day, opening in the morning and closing by midafternoon. Pollination, either by bees or you, is most effective in early to midmorning. One male bloom (on a long stem) has enough pollen to fertilize several female blooms (has a small bulbous area at the base of the flower, which when pollinated will produce the fruit).

Squash plants develop an overabundance of male flowers, which are delicious dipped in batter and fried, or eaten raw in salads. Be sure to leave a few male blooms for pollination or cross-pollinate yourself.

Since we stuff our zucchini flower we pick them in the morning when they are fully open, this makes it easier to open and stuff. If you pick in the afternoon you can still enjoy them, but stuffing will be difficult.

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](mailto: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!

- Corn meal
- Oat cereal
- Cream of Wheat
- Rye bread
- Enriched rice

Fruits

- Strawberries
- Watermelon
- Raisins
- Dates
- Figs
- Prunes and prune juice
- Dried apricots and dried peaches

Beans and other Foods

- Tofu
- Beans (kidney, garbanzo, or white)
- Tomato products (e.g., paste)
- Dried peas and dried beans
- Lentils
- Instant breakfast
- Corn syrup
- Maple syrup
- Molasses

Source: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/health-and-wellness/iron-rich-foods>



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

**“Discovering the Treasures of Our Faith and Heritage”**  
**September 1 - 4, 2017**

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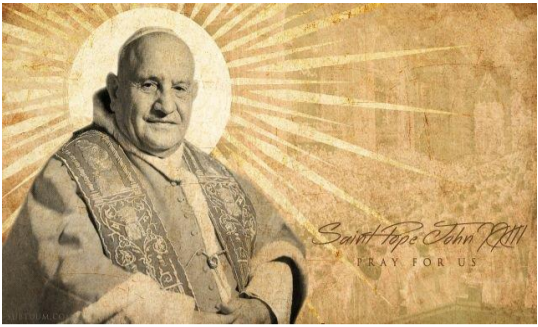
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**Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.**

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.”**



*Delegates, Members and Guests  
are invited to the annual  
Saturday Night Convention Banquet  
to recognize the recipient of the  
Italian Catholic Federation’s  
Saint Pope John XXIII Award.*

*Saturday, September 2, 2017  
7:00pm Banquet Seating Begins  
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento  
Semiformal Attire Suggested*

*Dinner menu to be announced.  
Children’s pricing available.  
Please place a star next to the names  
of children attending the banquet.  
Each seat requires a paid attendee.*

*Reservation deadline is August 15.  
Respectfully, refunds will not be  
extended by the hotel once the  
headcount has been submitted.*

***Saturday  
Night  
Convention  
Banquet***

**Non-delegate Reservations**

Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

*Convention Delegates ~ Admission  
is included with convention  
registration. A reply is not required.*

*Non-delegate Reservations:*

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$65 per adult = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 per child = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ages 12 and younger)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail your check  
to the I.C.F. office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110,  
Oakland, CA 94621*

*Seating arrangements will be  
distributed to your Branch President,  
or their representative, during  
convention registration.*

*Names of Non-delegate attendees:*

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**“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!

- 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.
- 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

**\$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.



Please Save-The-Date to Save-A-Life

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 10am-3pm  
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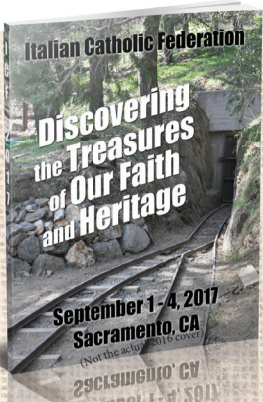
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- A visual history of the ICF

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### COLOR!

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**What a difference!**



## CONVENTION BINGO

DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento  
Friday, September 1, 2017 3pm - 5pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack: \$25 Advance Reservations  
\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Prizes: First five games \$100 per pot  
Final game - Blackout - \$250 pot

### Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Please make your check payable to ICF and write Bingo in the memo. Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

Total Bingo Packs: \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$25 each  
or \$30 each  
Check Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Friday, September 1 DoubleTree Hotel Registration 10am

Take part in the 2017 convention bocce tournament. Teams will be created randomly, and announced at registration. Timed games will be played in the meeting space on carpet. Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams.

\$5 Registration Fee

Advanced signups are required. Bocce is limited to 48 players of all skill levels. Please submit this form and a check to the ICF office before August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621

### BOCCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
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# of players \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

### KEEP IN MIND THE CONVENTION DEADLINES

#### JUNE 30

-Delegate Registration  
\$250  
(after June 30, \$275)

#### JULY 1

-Souvenir Book Ads  
(prices vary by size and color)  
-Memory page listing  
(\$5 per name of loved one)  
-Sponsor name listing  
\$1  
-Blood Drive  
(40 donors needed by this date)

#### AUGUST 1

-Application deadline

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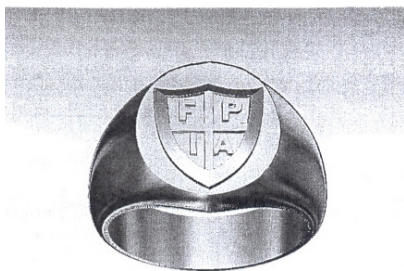


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# CONVENTION PEDRO

**Lessons** - Come and learn how to play what  
 some say is the "official" card game of the ICF.  
 Lessons are complimentary and will take place  
 on Friday, September 1 from 1pm-3pm.

**Tournament** — Beginners and Pros are invited  
 to compete in the annual convention Pedro  
 tournament on Friday, September 1 from  
 3pm-6pm. The entry fee is \$10 per player.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50      2<sup>nd</sup> - \$30  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20      4<sup>th</sup> - \$10      5<sup>th</sup> - \$5

# Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendees for Complimentary Lessons:**

Walk-ins welcome!

**Pedro Tournament Players:**

Tournament Players: \_\_\_\_\_

X Entry Fee Per Player:    \$10

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to ICF and write "Pedro" in the  
 memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the I.C.F.  
 Office 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

# Sacramento/Stockton Convention



## ICF 2017 Convention

### Italian Market Place

Professional vendors will be onsite with items for purchase, such as:

Italian Leather Handbags \* Jewelry \* Ceramics \* Handmade Rosaries \* Italian Novelties \* Balsamic Vinegars & Oils \* More!



### Hours of Operation

Thursday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Peek-a-Boo Sale  
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Located in Maxi's Room  
@ DoubleTree by Hilton



## ICF Convention Tour

### Sacramento City Treasures

Friday, September 1, 2017

10:15 am – Bus Loading 10:30 am – Departure from Hotel 4:00 pm – Return to Hotel

**Cost: \$45 per person**

(Includes Box Lunch)

#### ➤ Golden 1 Center Tour

- 90 minute behind-the-scenes tour of this new arena, which pushes the boundaries of modern architecture, implements the most progressive sustainability practices available and offers cutting-edge technology.

#### ➤ Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

- Considered both a religious and civic landmark, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the largest cathedrals west of the Mississippi River. Seat of Bishop Jaime Soto, it is the mother church of the diocese, which stretches from the southern edge of Sacramento County north to the Oregon border and serves approximately 1 million Catholics. The diocese encompasses 102 churches in a 42,000 square mile region.

#### ➤ Our Lady of Guadalupe Museum

- Behind Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and National Shrine in Sacramento is a museum found in only two other cities in the world: Rome and Jerusalem. Sacramento is home to a replica of the Shroud of Turin displayed at the Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center in Jerusalem; including 22 panels of scientific and historical information and a replica of the Shroud of Turin given by Cardinal Severino Poletto of Turin in northern Italy, a holographic display and a life-sized sculpture of Jesus Christ.

For more information, call Mary Ann Piana Chapman (209) 938-8942

**Space is Limited!**

#### SACRAMENTO TREASURES - RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ BR. # \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: ICF Blessed Sacrament District (Memo line: Sac Treasures)

Mail by August 1<sup>st</sup>: Janine Orsi\* 1216 Robertson Way\* Sacramento, CA 95818

## ICF Convention Tour



### "Old Sac" – A Blast from the Past

Go back in time to the Gold Rush era as you visit historic Old Sacramento!

**Friday, September 1, 2017**

10:00 am – Bus Loading 10:15 am – Departure  
2:45 pm – Return to Hotel

**Cost: \$30 per person**

Your trip includes admission and a one-hour guided tour of the world-famous **Sacramento Railroad Museum**; home to 225,000 sq. ft. of exhibits, beautifully restored railroad cars and locomotives which illustrate railroad history in California and the West. Once your tour is complete, step outside and stroll the 28 acres of Old Sacramento's historic waterfront; home of California's first thriving business district, fueled by gold, agriculture and the river. There will be plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing lunch at one of the many fine restaurants, such as *The Pilothouse on the Delta King Riverboat* or *Joe's Crab Shack along the Sacramento River*. Be sure to stop by *Munchies Salt Water Taffy* or *Danny's Mini Donuts* for a special treat, and no visit would be complete without dropping by the *Old Wells Fargo Bank Museum* to view hundreds of unique pieces of Sacramento history.

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#### OLD SACRAMENTO TOUR - RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BR. # \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: ICF Blessed Sacrament District (Memo line: Old Sac Tour)  
Mail by August 1<sup>st</sup>: Janine Orsi\* 1216 Robertson Way\* Sacramento, CA 95818

## Strike it Rich!

**Backyard BBQ Buffet Dinner Dance**  
**Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017**



DoubleTree by Hilton - Sacramento  
No-Host Cocktails: 6:00 pm ~ Dinner: 7:00 pm

**\$60 Adults - \$30 Children 12 & Under**

Buffet Menu Includes:

BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Italian Sausage, Salads,  
Breads, Peach Cobbler and all the Fixin's!

Kick off your boots, let your hair down and help us celebrate the wild and crazy Gold Rush Days with fantastic food, invigorating music provided by DJ Keith Gibson, awesome drawings and prizes; wholesome fun & entertainment for the entire family!

For more info, call Nina Malone (916) 759-3607 or Paula Scarpelli (916) 740-3256

#### SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER - RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL # ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_ #CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: ICF Blessed Sacrament District (Memo line: Sunday BBQ)

Mail by August 10<sup>th</sup> to: Janine Orsi\* 1216 Robertson Way\* Sacramento, CA 95818



A good time was had by all at the Chicago Dist. Bishop's Day dinner, especially Nick and Maria Tenerelli, Leonora and Gene Gillette, Grand 1st. V.P. Andy Pappani, C.C. Rep. Teresa Helfand, and Joe Bratta.



Chicago District celebrates Bishop's Day with Grand 1st. Vice-Pres, Andrew Pappani, C.C. Rep. Teresa Helfand, Chicago Dist. Pres. Gene Gillette and Leonora Gillette, Rita and Joe Bratta and Maria Tenerelli from be. 418.

# Chicago

## River Forest

### St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

I just finished reading a book called “A Call to Mercy: Hearts to Love, Hands to serve,” by Mother Teresa. No doubt most of you have heard of Mother Teresa and her wonderful works of mercy, compassion and love she demonstrated to the world. I’m not a “Book Reader” I prefer short stories that come to the point rather than a large book that slowly comes to the point. In today’s world everything has to be “Fast.” This book is not an overnight read, it literally took me a year to read, start to finish.

The greater impact for me were the words of Mother Teresa. The book is a collection of letters, speeches and interviews she gave. I loved her take on life and the testimonies of others about her, and finally there is a reflection and prayer. If you get a chance to read the book, you will find it fascinating and come to realize many interesting things about Mother Teresa that probably reflect on your own personal beliefs. Let’s try and practice to be kind, loving, forgiving & patient with others as we follow Mother Theresa’s example.

Happy Birthday to: Judith Schweickert - President Br. 358; Vickie DeGrazia; Mary Jane Oliver

Ciao,  
Cathy Neri

## Itasca

### St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

Our next general membership meeting will be June 16th, 2017, at Spavone’s Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. This will be our first dinner meeting of the year. We hope to see all our members there.

Our branch is eagerly awaiting the dedication of our new St. Peter the Apostle church on June 25th, 2017, 524 N. Rush Street, Itasca. Mass at 2:00 pm with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon in attendance. Refreshments and entertainment to follow. Chicago district Board and member branches are welcome to attend.

See you soon,  
Rita

# Fresno

## Madera

### Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The April meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and it was a real feast. ‘Chef’ Jeff Bottorff made his famous “Bolito Misto”. It means boiled meat and we were treated to a delicious dinner of beef, chicken, tongue and sausage, salad, bread and a wide array of delicious treats for dessert. Thanks to the chairman Jeff Bottorff and the committee: Mark

and Cari Beveridge, Butch and Frances Hope, Jim and Kerin Cavallero and Gary Cavallero. Thanks, Gary, for decorating. As always the meeting room was absolutely beautiful. We were fortunate to have two Sisters of the Immaculate Conception present at our meeting to accept the \$500.00 dollar donation given by our branch. It will be used by the Sisters to help build their school in Haiti. Members are getting ready for the Mother’s Day bake sale and chicken take-out dinner. We are also practicing and looking forward to the bocce tournament on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,  
Kerin Cavallero

## Fresno

### Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Spring is a busy time. April 8, was our Italian Dinner fundraiser and raffle. Our Chairperson, Stephanie Griffith, new to this task did a fine job, learning so many jobs. Monica Ficher, the Raffle Chairperson, was excellent at getting gifts, amounting to over 100. Evelyn Lopez handled pre-sale and door dinner tickets. A special thanks to Chuck Freitas for his generosity and assistance at the hall. All the cooks, waiters, and waitresses deserve a round of applause for the best service ever. Everyone’s help, donations, and service are appreciated.

Members donated their services to operate one of the carnival booths at the OLV School Carnival. God Bless Patricia Vivenzi, Paulette and Brandon Volpa, Martha Acuna, Maria Guglielmino, Dan and Annette Husak, Beverly Magana, Nancy Rodriguez, Evelyn Nieto, and Elaine Lencioni. It was fun interacting with the children and helping the school.

The Fresno District Bocce Tournament at San Joaquin Memorial High School is more fun each year. Try to join in on this event next year.

Our May meeting began with a dinner of salad, pilaf, ½ chicken, and dessert. Horticultural arrangements were brought in by members. Prizes were awarded with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons.

Apostolic Chairperson, Evelyn Nieto and Elaine Lencioni were so happy to visit with Millie Puma. It was a delightful visit and Millie is such a sweetie. We also called on Helen Bitter who went to school with Evelyn. What fun they had remembering the long ago days. Helen is a great lady, always willing to do what she can for the club. Doris Papi loves company and delighted us with lots of stories. God Bless her. It was fantastic to see Dan Husak and Annette at the carnival. God Bless Annette and sister, Joann Christian, for their therapeutic TLC. Patricia Vivenzi had a tooth pulled and is now pain free. Cle’Estria Lett is recuperating slowly with her back. Best wishes for a speedier recovery. Mary



Members of Branch 27 preparing for the Take-out Chicken dinner. From Left: Gary Cavallero, Jeff Bottorff, Chairman Art Berryman, Cari Beveridge and Mark Beveridge.



Sisters of the Immaculate Conception accepting a donation for their school in Haiti from Branch 27. From left: Sister Monica, President Jim Cavallero, Sister Isabel and Treasurer Carol Espinola

Romagnoli (John) is in need of prayers. Give our sick ones a call or send a card. It's is uplifting to know people care.

## Merced

### St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Auguri, per la festa del papà!

Before our May meeting we enjoyed a delicious homemade chicken enchilada dinner. Thank you chefs Rosie, Alfredo and Mireya Ortega, with Estella Reta and Robyn Piro. We also appreciate our members lending a hand at the monthly meetings: Carol Salmeri, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Michael Bandoni and others for help before and after. We voted on our delegates to the Fresno Convention: Terrie Rhodes, Patti Simas, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Debbie Giannone, Nanette Ontis and Stephanie Lucich.

Update on our biannual biscotti and cookie sale: we grossed over \$2,300.00 and sold over 240 dozen biscotti plus more assorted other varieties. Again, we thank our chairladies: Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei, and our many faithful members who baked, donated ingredients, made labels, bagged, sold, and bought our homemade treats. You all Rock!

June 4 our branch will host coffee and donuts after the 7am and 9am masses. June 11 is Fr. Frank's memorial mass at 9am at St. Patrick's.

Remember: there will be no meeting in June, but save the date for Wednesday, July 12, for our annual free Family Wiener Roast with bingo, prizes, and cake walk at our beautiful Lake Yosemite.

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

*Cari Salute,*

*Stephanie Lucich*

## Bakersfield

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

June is always a hot month here in Bakersfield, but luckily we know how to stay cool. Our meeting this month will be the annual Salad Social on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Our members never fail to provide diverse, delicious summer salads; from pasta to potato, fruit to tomato, this is a tasty spread you won't want to miss.

May was a great month for our branch and the district because...BOCCE! May 20<sup>th</sup> was the district tournament in Fresno, which was a great occasion for the many branches to unite as a single district for some fun competition! Also, of course, this event contributes much to our organization and its mission. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Branch 281 tournament was one of the most successful bocce tournaments we've had. This year gourmet burgers were on the menu, and they did not disappoint. A special thanks is due to Allen Watts who organized the tournament and made it such a fun time for everyone!

The year 2017 has flown by so far, and as the half-way mark is upon us, we have to think: what have we, as members, contributed to ICF this year? Our time? Our ideas, skills, or friendships? A new member or members? No matter what is happening in the world—politically, socially, personally—we have to remember that the goal of the ICF is to make the world



Father Ferdinand, Branch 308, sing along.

a better place, and anything we do for the ICF contributes towards the difference we can make. So volunteer to chair a meeting. Brainstorm a new fundraiser. Share recipes with fellow members. Bring some friends to the ice cream social so they can have some fun and perhaps join us. Let's light a fire.

*Baci e abbracci,*

*Kristen Watts*

## Fresno

### St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Welcome Back Father Ferdinand

After a long visit, back to his native homeland, Nigeria, Father Ferdinand has returned to his second family, Saint Anthony of Padua and the Branch 308 monthly pot luck dinner.

Father spent a few minutes describing his Nigerian visit with his five brothers, three sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Now for the fun. Father led us in song creating an environment of "don't worry, be happy". The sing along selected by the reverend was, "Volare", originally sung by Dean Martin back in 1958. Our version, sung by the group, was in the original Italian language. Next presentation in coming months is scheduled for the "Voice.

Birthdays for the month of May were celebrated, with one birthday song presented to the celebrant from our meeting to his bedside at Fresno Community Hospital.

Cynthia Oliphant, Susan Grilione, James Loyd, Carolyn Romersa, Jo Soligian, Leonard Garber and Nicholas Newsome

### Looking ahead

#### Tahoe Joe Family and Friends Dinner

It's crunch time for our ticket sales for the Tahoe Joe's Family and Friends Dinner on Sunday July 9. Sales have been good, with expectations of passing our 2016 sales. Big thanks, for all those who have participated.

### Bocce Tournament

Teams are set for the District Bocce tournament; winning teams will be included in our next Bolluttino Branch 308 article. We expect the top team will be from St. Anthony's.

# Los Angeles

## Archdiocese District

### District Council

The Los Angeles District held our second



Branch 108's Annual Wine Tasting Event called "A Night in Venice," was a huge success.

quarterly general meeting on May 20. Once again, we met at a restaurant Matt Dennys Ale House. Much of the meeting was spent getting acquainted with Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the first stage of planning for the CHLA Christmas Party, in December. Thank you, Laurice for providing the details and information. Many of our members are unfamiliar with the celebration since this is the first time it will be held in Los Angeles. We are excited and honored to help host this worthy event.

### SAVE-THE-DATES

\*\*\* July 16, Sunday: Br. 108's Annual Cooley's Anemia Fundraiser at the Sabatella Family Home

\*\*\*September 1 to 4: ICF Annual Convention in Sacramento & the District's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly GM.

\*\*\*November 4, Saturday: LAADistrict Bishop's Mass & Luncheon, St. Denis, Diamond Bar.

\*\*\*November 18, Saturday, 11:30am: District's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly GM & Elections, St. Benedict, Montebello.

\*\*\*December 3, Sunday: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage & Celebration, Burbank, St. Francis Xavier Church

The time seems to be flying faster than ever. Summer is just around the corner and before we know it, Convention in Sacramento will be here. Have a safe and relaxing Summer. Look forward to seeing many of you in Sacramento. A very Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures.

*Pat Mages*

*LAA District President*

## Los Angeles

### St. Peter, Br. 67

Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter's Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing

an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call [626 372-7812](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 on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at [626 372-7812](tel:6263727812) or visit website at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) for more information.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations

at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*

*President Branch 67*

*Italian Catholic Federation*

*T. 626 372-7812*

*E. [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com)*

## South Pasadena

### Holy Family, Br. 108

On May 6 ICF held its annual Wine Tasting Event called "A Night in Venice" in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Event Chairs Member Gina Sabatella and Christy Shaw, ICF Staff, Bishop Amat Students and HF Parishioners for making this year's Wine Tasting Event a success. Congratulations to Leanora Pontrelli for winning the Classic Framed Print of Blessed Mother and child at the Silent Auction and to all Raffle winners for their support. All funding will benefit ICF Charities, Ronald McDonald House, Cooley's Anemia and HF High School Scholarships.

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Annual Branch 108 Picnic on the Holy Family School Children's Field will feature Bean Bag



(Top) Members of Branch 111 at its recent monthly meeting.

(Middle Left) Celebrating May Birthdays.

(Middle Right) Celebrating April Birthdays.

(Left) Filomena and Tanina from Branch 111.



Bocce, Bean Bag Toss and BBQ. RSVP to [626 403-6102](tel:626-403-6102) if you would like to join members. Games start at 1:00 pm.

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

May God bless and keep you healthy “æper cento anni!”

Save the Date:

July 16, 2017 - Branch 108 and District Cooley's Anemia Fundraiser in South Pasadena from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All Branches welcome. Call (626) 403-6102 to RSVP.

*Carmelo Sabatella, Past President*

*LAADC and ICF Branch 108*

*Email: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com)*

### **Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111**

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. We will invite the student who won our Branch 111's First Year College Scholarship in the amount of \$400.00 to attend this meeting, so that we can congratulate her or him and have a chance to meet her or him. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elsa Wadzinski, Elisa Salomone, Gary Brougher, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scoria, Edward Pizzorno, and Francesco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!! At our last meeting our members voted and we donated \$1,000.00 to St. Benedict Church for church improvements, and \$500.00 to St. Benedict School to be used towards purchasing additional table for the

Parish Hall. Also, we received applications and essays for the St. Benedict School Scholarships. Our scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and essays. We will awarding two \$400.00 scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students.

This year our branch is teaming up again with the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus to operate a Fireworks Stand at a location on Beverly Blvd., east of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the Beverly Car Wash. All expenses and proceeds will be split 50/50 among the two organizations. The stand will operate from Thursday, June 29th to Tuesday, July 4th. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer on some days.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote on Happiness: "A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour." Thank you for all you for the ICF and for our community.

*God Bless!*

*Frank Salomone*

### **San Pedro St. John Joseph of The Cross Br. 115**

Thank you to all who brought such delicious entrees to our May potluck dinner. We are so fortunate to have a group of very talented chefs! We all enjoyed very delicious food.

After our meal Neal opened our meeting. At this meeting Neal announced our branch scholarship winners. Scholarships were awarded to Angela Pisano granddaughter of member Josephine Pisano and Isidoro Amalfitano grandson of members Isidoro and Rosaria Amalfitano. In addition, Robert Enciso grandson of Salvatore and Nicolina Mattera was awarded a scholarship from



Branch 115 San Pedro celebrated the Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco on April 22, 2017. The new mosaic was permanently installed in 2016 in the Shrine of St. John Joseph of the Cross at Mar Star of the Sea Church. A framed portrait of the Madonna was used in the procession.



Branch 362 in Downey. All are students at Mary Star of the Sea High School. Congratulations to the students and their families!

Neal thanked members who turned out for the Madonna Del Arco dedication mass on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A beautiful mass was celebrated by Father Cassian DiRocco our branch chaplain.

Neal discussed our upcoming fundraiser to Pala Casino on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Bus will leave at 9:30am from Boys and Girls club. \$20.00 for members and \$23.00 for nonmembers. Please call Pauline for reservations 310 832-0563

We also discussed our annual parish fiesta. This year's fiesta will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will once again be hosting the pizza and meatball and sausage sandwich booth. It does take a lot of man power to make our booth a success. It is a lot of fun working at the booth. Please call Pauline to let her know what shifts are available.

There are still cabins available for the Alaska Cruise in April 2018. Please call Leticia Chapparo for information 310 8320140

Our annual ICF convention is just a few months away. The convention is always a rewarding experience. I attended last year and had a great time. I learned so much about the ICF and am really proud to be part of such an amazing organization. What makes the convention complete is having

our branch present. If you are interested in attending this year's convention in Sacramento please speak with any officer. We will be happy to nominate you.

Thank you to all who attended San Pedro's Relay for Life American Cancer Society event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our branch is so fortunate to sponsor 2 teams Angels Watching over us and the Gioiello Jewels. We really appreciate our branch's support.

Our next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Save the date: August 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> San Giovan Giuseppe Triduum evening mass Thursday and Friday Saturday Mass at 9am followed by reception in auditorium Dinner Dance at 6:30pm

Happy Father's Day to all. Please keep all our Fathers living and deceased in our thoughts and prayers

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo*

*Treasurer*

### **Gardena**

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

Dear members,

May has been a very busy month for the Scholarship and Special events coordinator of our branch, her daughter graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in Nursing, two of her grandchildren made their First Holy Communion at



(Left) Branch 237 Rose, Victoria, John Moore and Sister Jessica Bauer at University of Portland Graduation.



(Right) Julia and Josh first communion Mission San Juan Capistrano, with cousin Jordan Roa Branch 237 Gardena.

the Mission San Juan on the same day!!! Later in the month her grandson Mason made his First Communion as well. Our annual trip to Laughlin was a good time for all.

Next on our agenda is prep for the 48th annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance, October 7th, stay tuned for details. Have a great summer and stay cool!!

*Respectfully,*

*Micheal Bohannon Roa*

## ***San Gabriel Valley Region***

### **Arcadia**

#### **Holy Angels, Br. 218**

We had a great time at the San Antonio Winery last month, thanks to President Jerry for putting this together. At our last meeting, we welcomed two new members, Stella and Cliff.

June 11 is the special Father's Day Mass. Be sure to wear your red shirts. We also will be participating in Fr Michael's departure from the parish. He has been a huge support to our branch and we will miss him.

There will be no meetings for July and August and with that said, I wish everyone a cool and fun summer and will see you in September.

*Lolly*

### **Diamond Bar**

#### **St. Denis, Br. 317**

I.C. F. 317 Quarterly Mass at St. Denis on June 18

I.C.F. Board Meeting- June 19

I.C.F. Dinner/General Meeting June 9

Arts & Craft Fair June 11

Taste of Diamond Bar July 29

Newsletter for June will announce Dinner Menu and further details.

Pamela is chairing the Arts & Craft Fair on June 11th at St. Denis. We will have pizza, soda and water for sale and Laura will be assembling a limited number of "Holy Cannoli's" for purchase. All proceeds from the vendors will tables will be presented to St. Denis : Building on Faith"

Let's move forward with I.C.F. 317. The Convention will be in Sacramento this Labor Day weekend. Details at June Meeting.

Thank you all for your continued support of St. Denis Branch 317 Have a safe and fun summer. All of God's Blessings to everyone!

*Roxanne Perry, President*

### **Temple City**

#### **St. Luke, Br. 326**

June is the month to remember all of the special fathers that have made a difference in our lives.

Our next General Meeting will be held on June 24, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

See the monthly newsletter from Eleanor for more chapter information.

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

Happy June Birthday to: Tony Farinella, Mary Ann Law, Cal Magro, Lena Merendino, Rose Marie Perfetto, Annette Tombrello, and Chuck Hernandez

Happy Anniversary to: Ann and Jack Baziak, (65 years), and Chuck and Lucy Hernandez (43 years).

"When all seems lost, and the future dim, The Lord will help, just turn to Him; When dreams are gone, and you can't cope, God's endless love will give you hope. He knows your needs, He'll show the way to meet your problems day by day; His strength and help will be with you, just let Him in, His light shine through. Trust in God, He's always there to hold you in His loving care." (Ruth Moyer Gilmour)

*God Bless,*

*Jo Anne Disney*



Branch 317 scholarship winner, Patrick M Roemer, Diamond Ranch High School, graduating with Honors- top 10 of his class (10/400); Major- Physics/Astrophysics, Going to UCLA.



Branch 443, St. Rose Children's Choir singing songs of Mary.

## ***San Fernando Region***

### **Burbank**

#### **St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102**

Branch 102, Burbank, CA is celebrating its 65th Anniversary on Saturday, July 8, 2017. There will be a social hour from 1:00 - 2:00PM where meat, cheese and crackers will be available. The luncheon will follow at 2:00pm and consists of Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Pomodoro with meat sauce, Fresh Fruit platters, Bread and Butter and drinks. COST: \$25.00 Per Guest. The affair will be held in Cabrini Hall at St. Francis Xavier Church, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504. (Semi Casual Attire)

PLEASE RSVP BY: JUNE 23, 2017

Kris Kaiser

721 N. Naomi Street

Burbank, CA 91505

Or Call Don Lee Gaudino (818) 767-1151

Respectively submitted,

*Lou Darin, President*

## ***Santa Barbara/Ventura Region***

### **Simi Valley**

#### **St. Gianna, Br. 443**

The members and guests at Branch 443 completed our May meeting with a special honor to our Blessed Mother and a May Crowning.

Our St Rose Children's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Claire Delto, performed a few beautiful "Mary" songs. One of the sixth grade girls sang an amazing solo of Ave Maria. It was incredible. We are so fortunate to have not only our Catholic school here at St Rose but also the terrific Music Ministry. After the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, the evening ended with great fellowship and Lots of Desserts!!

*Linda Fabry*

*Branch 443, Simi Valley CA*

*Recording/Corresponding Secretary*

## **Monterey**

### **Santa Cruz**

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

Hello, Everyone. Well, summertime is finally here and while we all dry out after such a wet winter, Branch 21 has planned several up-coming events. First, on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our General Meeting which will also include a 'Sock Hop'. We hope you will come and help celebrate the 50's and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, and root beer floats. Then, we will cool our heels and not have a meeting or event in July. But there are lots of things coming up for the rest of the year. . . .ICF Convention the first few days of September, a Family Night of Spaghetti and Meatballs on September 22, a Polenta Dinner on October 27, the ICF Memorial Mass Breakfast on November 5, and finally the Christmas Party on December 1. We are blessed to have an up-beat Branch that works hard to get our members and their families together. So mark your calendars and plan to come share good times. And, as always, we give our thanks to all who help with each of these events.

We hope you were able to come to the Spring Fling on April 28, with the theme of A Romantic Evening in the Garden. It was an evening of great fun. The food was delicious, the Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and white table cloths, and a DJ played great dance music. We want to thank Danny Locatelli and his team for the food preparation and all those who helped to make this a wonderful evening.

In closing, John Steinbeck wrote, "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" So enjoy the sweetness of summer; enjoy your garden, whether it is a potted plant on a window sill or a plot in your back yard; and enjoy your family and friends. And God bless us one and all.

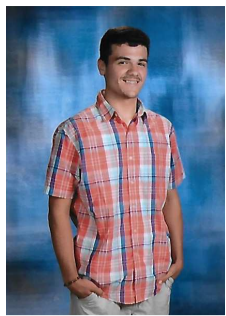
*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary-Branch 21*

### **Salinas**

#### **Sacred Heart, Br. 25**

Mark your Central Coast District Calendars! The Bishop's Office has confirmed and Bishop's Day/Central Coast District Picnic will be August 6, 2017, at the JM Ranch, with Mass said by the Bishop starting at 10am. The Invitations will be mailed the



Costas Sampaolo



Angela Criccelli



Peter Curatolo



Leland Mika



Anthony Speciale



Frank Campo



Daniel Carnazzo

Monterey Branch #36 Scholarship Recipients



Emily Wooler  
San Carlos School  
8th Grade Achievement Award

first week of June. This year each Branch in the District and Central Council Members attending the event will be asked to provide a list of attendees/RSPV's who will select their meal choice (steak or chicken) and to send in their completed RSVP form with one check by a specific deadline in July. We are hoping to streamline the check-in process at the event and thank all Branches in advance for their cooperation with this new process.

Branch 25 was represented at the Central Coast District Meeting on April 22, 2017, by JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary. The Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles Branches did an excellent job co-hosting the District Meeting. The presentation by Abby Gallagher of the Paso Robles Branch was also excellent and provided a complete overview of their Catholic Student Registration Fees Program for their ICF Members. The Branch reports included many great fund raising ideas for Lent and other seasons during the year.

Our May 9, 2017 meeting was held at the Salinas KC Hall. The Agenda included a recap of the District Meeting presented by JoAnn Sullivan. The Branch 25 ICF Scholarship winners are: Harley M. Holbrook of Soledad, who attends Notre Dame High School; and Citlally Sotello of Salinas who attends North Salinas High School. Congratulations to both of

or deserving winners! Both of the young ladies and their families have been invited to attend our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At the May meeting, Julie Richards, Branch President, and JoAnn Sullivan (a first-timer), Branch Recording Secretary, were confirmed as attending the ICF Convention in September in Sacramento. Gia Ussery distributed the Convention Raffle tickets to the members in attendance at the May meeting, mailing those out to those not in attendance. A reminder that the Branch receives a portion of the monies collected from the raffle. As we prepare for Bishop's Day/District Picnic, we are seeking members to assist with set up on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am at JM Ranch. More on this at the June and July meetings.

Our prayers go out to member Kathy Bullene and the Bullene Family on the passing of her dear sister Patricia Ryan. Happy Birthday to Julie Richards on May 10. JoAnn Sullivan thanked the Branch for the get well card. And a big thank you to Bella Leonard who gave the ladies on the Board each a sequined dining bib (black, gold and other lovely colors to catch the pasta sauce). Very nice and fun! Thank you, Bella!

Happy Father's Day to all of our great Dad's on June 18<sup>th</sup>!

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey  
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

First thing - To all of our fathers, have a wonderful Fathers Day on June 18th, it is your day so you can be "King for the day."

We had 44 new members initiated on May 4 at San Carlos Cathedral, Father Emil gave benediction, then back to the Parish Hall for a fabulous dinner. We thank the following Central Council members for attending: Andrew Pappani & Siria, Michael Cannady & Donna, Marco Galeazzi & Diane, James Jones & Janet, Dante Galeazzi, and Denise Antoniwitch.

Then scholarships were given out to the following students: Peter Curatolo, Frank

Campo, Angela Cricoelli,

Daniel Carnazzo, Leland Mika, Anthony Speciale, and Costas Sampaolo, each recipient received \$700.00 from Branch 36, then the Italian Heritage Society gave each student a check for \$300.00. Frank Campo received a \$400.00 check from Central Council, and Emily Wooler, an 8th Grade student at San Carlos School, received the Achievement Award from Branch 36 in the amount of \$350.00.

Then Branch 36 gave a check for \$15,000. to Father Emil for San Carlos Cathedral, another check for \$4,000. for the maintenance of the Parish Hall, and a check for \$720. to Loaves & Fishes It was a very rewarding evening having everyone together. We had 350 members and guests there, so our volunteers really worked hard, they are always cheerful and get the job done, this includes are student helpers, they are all great.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the family of John Neno Crivello, John was a long time member who enjoyed life to the fullest, his favorite time of the year was Christmas, it was unbelievable the amount of decorations, both inside and outside of the house. After our ICF Christmas dance each year, he and Johanna would invite everyone to their home to see the decorations and have delicious Italian cookies. To Annie Ferrante on the death of her sister, Eva McDowell. Eva worked all three days at Festa Italia each year, also to Mary Ann Aliotti on the death of her brother, Mickey Maiorana, they spoke on the phone each week, he was her best friend.

I read this and want to share it: Perhaps they are not stars but openings in Heaven where the love of our lost

ones' pours through and shines upon us to let us know they are happy.

Not much going on in June except our dinner-meeting on June 1, however, July 13 is our 85 and over annual birthday party, free to all our paid up members that are 85 and over, all other members and guests will need to pay.

"Happiness..not in another place, but this place, not for another hour, but this hour." Walt Whitman

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville  
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Father's Day!

I can't believe it's already summer, time to put rain boots and umbrellas away. Are you ready for warm days and family gatherings?

Our Branch will be having a take-out BBQ Tri-Tip Dinner as our Summer Fundraiser on August 27<sup>th</sup>. It will include a Tri-Tip, beans, salad, bread and dessert enough for four people. We will be sending out flyers to Branches in our District.

Pat, Pauline and I attended the District Meeting in Paso Robles. A big thank you to Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles for hosting the meeting. Great job!!! "Big High Fives"! I always come away with important information to share with our Branch members. Another big thank you to Rosa Radicchi for letting Pat and I hitch a ride with her to the meeting. (She has the best CD's and she didn't mind my singing along with the music).

Our next Branch meeting will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the summer fundraiser, pick a delegate for the convention and announce our scholarship winners.

Please pray for members Delores Tottino, Eva Mae Sigala and her husband Vic, who need God's healing blessings.

To all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Brothers thank you for your love, support and all the special things you do to guide us through life's fantastic journey.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola  
St. Joseph, Br. 227

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our May meeting with cooks Rick and Jane Kotila and Mike and Liz Rios preparing a delicious chicken enchilada dinner.

The annual BBQ will be on July 15. Please note that there is a change of location this year. It will be at Harvey West Park in Santa Cruz. Many thanks to Ken Olson who stepped up to the plate to coordinate the event.

Our delegates to the Convention are Ellen and Gene Pauley, Vicky Howell, and Nancy Prevedelli.

Welcome to new members Nancy Harrold and Patrick Kretsch.

The following scholarships were announced this month.

ICF Scholarship – Allyson Paul of Scotts Valley

The George and Barbara Airoldi Scholarship – Ann Codiga of Santa Cruz The Otto Ambiel Scholarship – Katherine Dunn of Aptos

The Ted and Jean Day Scholarship – Amanda Reinert of Boulder Creek.

The Perlino and Robinson Scholarships will be awarded at the June meeting. We'll have the names for you next month.

Condolences to our South Carolina member, Trudy Locatelli, on the passing of her husband, Phil Brown.

We want to give a shout-out to our member Rita Law, who coordinated an outreach ministry at St. Joseph's parish serving the homeless this past winter.

In honor of Father's Day, here's a quote from Linda Poindexter:

Your father gives you many things in a lifetime.....most of which you will not appreciate until way after he is gone.

Happy Father's Day to all dads, granddads, and great-granddads.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande  
St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 is proud to announce our first 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Recipient—Lucy Marsalek! Lucy graduated from St. Patrick School in May and will be attending Mission High School in San Luis Obispo this fall. She is the first recipient of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship since we started the program a few years ago. Eligible students must be Roman Catholic, have a parent or grandparents who are members of ICF Br. 291, maintain a GPA of 3.33 and attend a

Catholic High School in the Diocese of Monterey. Congratulations to Lucy!

Our members are reminded to fill out your Spiritual Bouquet forms before our June General Meeting so we can present them to Bishop Garcia at the Bishop's Day BBQ in Chualar on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Br. 291 recently lost a very dear friend and member, Jim Mitten. Jim passed peacefully with his wife, Betty, at his side. Jim was able to plan his funeral services ahead of time and many ICF members attended his beautiful rosary and funeral mass and enjoyed the reception afterwards. Jim asked that donations be made in his memory to St. Patrick's Martha Ministry or St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

Please continue to pray for our members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Homer and Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Kathleen Sullivan, and Jens and Sonia Wagner.

Happy Father's Day and may God Bless all our fathers!

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

## Paso Robles

### Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our branch was saddened on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 when we learned of the passing of Antonio (Tony) Salvia, Antonio and his lovely wife Santa joined our branch in 1993. Tony volunteered to cook at all of our pasta dinners, you would always find him in the kitchen making meatballs, pasta sauce and telling jokes. When his health would not allow him to work in the kitchen any longer Tony decided that he could run the bar, his jokes and warm smile filled the room, he had a way about him that made people feel at ease and he liked talking to people and they liked talking to him and donating to our fundraisers at the same time, he still holds the record for the most donations in the tip jar for any of our fundraisers.

Tony always volunteered to help our club raise money be it cooking at the pasta dinners, selling the left over sauce after our masses, hosting and donating items for our annual garage sale for Cooley's Anemia, selling baked goods at our bake sales, helping out at the Annual Church BBQ, or making tray favors for the patients at Vineyard Rehabilitation Center for Father's Day and other holidays. Whenever help was needed you would see Tony's hand be one of the first raised to volunteer to help.

When Tony and Santa attended our meetings he would bring a jug of his homemade vino, and a joke or two or three and really make a meeting an event you didn't want to miss.

Antonio Salvia was good man, husband, father, Nono, ICF member, and a very good friend; he will deeply be missed by his family and his extended ICF family, he was one of a kind and will never be replaced.

May God continue to watch over Antonio and his family,

*David H. Zanini President ICF Branch 354*

# Oakland

## East Bay

### District Council

Ahoy Mattes! It appears that the ICF cruisers have returned from the islands and are ready to get back to work. There are many things on the agenda that will require the district to work as a team.

The Day at the Races sold out very quickly. Here's hoping that we have some big winners out there. And a thank you to the friends of the ICF who helped make this fun happening a success.

We are looking forward to a good turn out for the golf tournament in July. Maybe we can find more friends for this too.

Keep an eye out for more information on the Night for the Seminarians.

The convention will soon be here and since it is so close, Sacramento, we are looking forward to a good turn out. This is something that all members, on all levels, can attend and participate in whether a delegate or not. All branches should send a representative who can report back to those not able to attend. Come find out what the ICF is all about.

In the meantime we want to congratulate all the hard working students who will graduate in June. Way to go! Glad we were able to support the scholarship funds for those in college.

And a Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Granddads and Godfathers, may God bless you and St. Joseph guide you.

## Alameda

### Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We lost two members within a day of each other in late April. Betty Allegrotti, who first joined the ICF in 1967, died on April 25. She is survived by her husband Joe, three children, seven granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

Ed Murray, who had belonged to Branch 10 since 1980, died on April 26. Ed is survived by his wife Donna and two children.

Funerals Masses for both Betty and Ed were offered at Sant Philip Neri Church in Alameda.

At the time of the submission of this article, we were planning our 91st Anniversary Dinner, which was scheduled for Saturday evening, May 20. Branch 10 is the oldest operating branch in the Diocese of Oakland, which covers Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

We are looking forward to our initiation ceremony set for Saturday, June 24. First vice-president Gina Foster is compiling a list of those to be initiated, which comprises about one-third of our membership of 120. The program, for which there is no charge for members, will include Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Saint Philip Neri Church, a barbecue buffet of hamburgers and hot dogs and the swearing-in by our deputy, Frances La Torre. It sometimes occurs in the ICF that one becomes an officer prior to be initiated.

After the initiation we take a break in our own functions until our October Ravioli Dinner. Information will be provided in future issues of the Bollettino.



Branch 215's 50th anniversary celebration. L/R Back Row: Jack Navarra, Ralph Marinelli, Vilma Romo, Nansi Smith, Claire Chiatello, Judy Schiechl, Yvonne Brum, Clem Brum. L/R Front Row: Scot Schiechl, Fran La Torre, Jeannie Marzocco, Vicky Malar, Sandy Marotta, Charlie Marotta. Seated: Joan Lame.



Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., presenting Fran La Torre with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner & certificate for Branch 215. Photo Credit: Claire Chiatello

We are sponsoring a hole at the July 28 ICF Golf Tournament at Laguna Seca near Monterey. We have asked to be assigned hole no. 10.

We have been thanked by Grand President Leonard Zasoski for our contribution to ICF college scholarships for Victoria Tommasini of Amador Valley High School of Pleasanton and Jennifer Ghiglione of Alameda High School. We hope to be able to honor both recipients at an upcoming Branch 10 function. We also award scholarships to two graduates from each of the two elementary schools in Alameda who will be entering Catholic high school in August.

We have also been thanked by Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert The Great Parish for our contribution in support of the May 19 concert in Saint Philip Neri Church presented by Grammy Award-winning Sarah Hart and composer-guitarist-singer Jesse Manibusan of Alameda. The concert honored the parish's confirmation class.

*John Zugnoni, Publicity*

## Oakland

### Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy Father's Day. Wishing all Fathers and Grandfathers a beautiful day with your families. The ICF Convention is Sept. 1st thru 4th; in Sacramento. If you are interested in Attending the convention, please contact Mary Ann Francis at 655-4971. Raffle ticket books are being mailed out to all of our members. We are encouraging you to support the ICF by purchasing or selling



Branch 215 "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake", courtesy of Rosalind Stephens from Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. Photo Credit: David Madig

the raffle books. For each book sold, Our Branch 40 will receive \$10. This is a great way for us to make money for our Branch and support the General office of the ICF. If you have any questions or wish more books, you may contact Claire Ramirez at 510-724-9790.

Our monthly meetings are open to all members. Please attend if you can, the after meeting social is wonderful. And we would love to see some new faces.

Upcoming events:

June 5th: Monthly meeting 7PM

July: No Meeting

July 4th: Independence Day

August 7th: Monthly meeting 7PM

Happy Birthday to John Franco, Antonio Muscardin Jr., Antonio Muscardin, Evita Muscardin, And Ida Scodella. God Bless.

Please remember the sick and convalescing of our Branch.

Thought: "Happiness is someone to Love, Something to Do and something to Hope For."

*Ciao,*

*M.A. Francis and L. Francis*

## Fremont

### St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Ah, June! The month of pre-summer weather, perfect for so very many celebrations: Fathers, Brides, Graduates – all crammed into 30 days.

Mother's day has come and gone – We wish a belated Mother's day to all of our moms. Even if only here in spirit, we will never forget the love and nurturing they have given us.

And now it’s our Dads turn; though sometimes forced to be the ‘enforcer’, I’m sure every one of us learned a great deal from them. I know I got my work ethic from mine, as well as my sense of humor (although not always appreciated), and love of the outdoors. As a team, our parents taught us to be the men and women we are today. We may not have always agreed with them or their methods, (remember those teenage years?) but everything they did was out of love, hoping that we could avoid the challenges of their lives. As for me, I will forever be grateful.

At our recent bingo luncheon, Branch 215 was honored by ICF Grand President, Leonard Zasoski, who traveled all the way from Bakersfield to present us with a banner & certificate commemorating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were also honored to have a Branch 215 past president, Jeannie Marzocco to celebrate the event with us.

Special thanks to Rosalind Stephens of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the beautiful and delicious sheet cake and to our salad donors: Joan Lampe, Vilma Romo, Sandy Marotta, James McGee, Nadine Mattier, Vicky Marlar, Nansi Smith, Lorrie Keltic and the many Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners who helped make this event a success. Last, but not least, thank you to the 100+ paid attendees who told us that the table decorations, food, and prizes made the afternoon a special one for all.

Thanks also, to our corporate sponsors: Starbucks, Safeway, Sweet Tomatoes, Outback, Trader Joe’s and Golden Gate Fields.

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

- 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.

Please keep our Orator, Scott Schiechl’s wife Judy and his son James in your prayers, both are recovering from medical procedures performed in May. Last month, I neglected to mention that Genevieve Vanek had hip surgery and I’m happy to say is well on the way to recovery – my sincerest apologies Gen.

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*

**Livermore**  
**St. Filomena, Br. 285**

POLENTA! Our Polenta Dinner fund raiser is at St. Augustine’s Parish Hall on June 3rd. It will be catered by Mike Bacchetti, who also has done delicious polenta dinners for Branch 390 in Tracy. Beverages included and only \$25 for adults and \$10 for children - you can’t afford to miss this. But, that’s not all!! We also have some very unique and desirable gift baskets you may win. With good food, good company, and a chance to win something like a Wine Country basket, a Gourmet Hosting basket, or ? We had so many people attend our last event, we are asking that ALL make reservations. Please

call Judy Wellbeloved at [925-462-2487](tel:925-462-2487). As expected, Mario Chiodo, our speaker for Branch 285’s April meeting, was not to be missed. His inspiring work, The Remember Them: Champions for Humanity Monument, is in the Henry Kaiser Memorial Park in downtown Oakland. This inspiring larger than life bronze sculpture depicts 25 culturally diverse role models who have made significant contributions toward global peace, freedom and human rights over the past 150 years. He was moved by the stories of each of these people and donated his design and sculpturing time. He was an inspiration for all who attended. Come to our speaker meetings or events - you will be fed, enlightened, and entertained. *Ci vediamo presto?*

*Chuck Meier*

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

Our first meeting since March was rather busy, we began with one decade of the rosary, led by Lisa Crudo, followed by a Taco bar dinner and then dealing with the business at hand. Co-president Melody Klever is quite the cook, she prepared most of the dinner, including dessert, assisted by co-president Karen Rossi.

We are pleased that our dinner dance and Biscotti sale were both very successful thanks to a team effort of our members. By working so hard together we will be able to donate a scholarship to an 8th grader from OLG who will be continuing their education at a Catholic high school. This is a plus as we have already given one for a graduating HS senior.

Looking forward to the Convention in Sept., we have elected delegates and alternates, signed up for activities and got our raffle books. We are being challenged to sell more than books than last year and this is a good thing. The good thing being that \$5.00 from each book sold stays with the branch. What an easy way to earn money for the branch!

Our meetings will be moveable happenings during the summer as Stack Center will be undergoing some major renovations. Our June meeting will be at Round Table Pizza @ 6:30 and our July meeting will be at a members home. Keep an eye on those flyers so you are up to date on where and when.

Congratulations to all graduates from any grade or college.

And the happiest Father’s Day to all Dads, grands, greats and godfathers, may God bless you all.

**Contra Costa**  
**District Council**

The Contra Costa Members would like to thank St. Catherine’s Branch for hosting our District Communion Sunday May 21, 2017. Our special thanks goes out to Walter Costa for being chairperson We had mass at 1030 am followed with breakfast in the parish hall.

Please do not forget to purchase your A’s baseball tickets if you plan on going to Italian Night August 25th. Please get in touch with Roselynn Jarrett 228-0810 as soon as possible. She can get a head count.

Our next District meeting will be June 22nd at St Isodores in Danville at 7.30 PM. If presidents cannot make the meeting



Italians from Branch 14 can even make enchiladas for Cinco de Mayo dinner.

please try to send a delegate

*Thank you*

*Joann*

**Crockett**  
**San Carlo, Br. 14**

Congrats to Convention delegates Addie Bepler, Dee Carone, Tara Kajla and Bruce Pedrotti. Alternates are Amy Maricich and Nancy Botta, and present, to be certain they represent Branch #14 well, will be Donna Hoffmann and David Botta. A nice illustration of our Branch!

Thanks to Rich Haisley and his excellent group of helpers for the outstanding enchilada dinner at our May meeting.

On June 13, we will meet our young, optimistic scholarship recipients. Mass is at 5:30, a ravioli dinner at 6:30, and the meeting, 7:30.

We have sent messages for improved health to Jerry Carone, Donna Hoffmann and Pat Maria; fortunately, they are all doing much better.

Our sympathies to Joe and Jo Macaluso on the death of their son, to Louise Choquette on the loss of her sister, and to the Cianciarulo family on Bill Cianciarulo’s death. Sadly, we have lost three of our longtime Branch 14 members recently... Norma Cecilio, Ace Canetta and Joe Noe. Our sincere condolences to The Allen Family, to Marilyn Canetta, and to the Noe Family. Their spirit and memories will live in our hearts and in our prayers.

Please don’t forget to circle two important dates; we don’t want anyone to be disappointed! Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> is our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This will be catered by La Strada. It begins at 2:00, and the cost is \$30. And in August, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, it’s the Branch Picnic at the Crockett Park. Bocce, cards, friends... Perfezionare! See the May to September notice for details about these fun events.

Happy Father’s Day to the men in our branch. I’ve read that a father is a son’s first hero and a daughter’s first love. Gentlemen, your children look to you for support and encouragement, and they will model their lives after yours. Be the kind of father, grandfather, uncle or favorite cousin of whom they are proud. Your job is daunting, but the rewards are priceless.

Wishes for a bright, beautiful month of June, filled with many blessings.

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

**Pittsburg**  
**San Domenico, Br. 72**

Dear Members,

We are making plans to take a tour of the Pittsburg museum. We will follow with lunch. I will let you know the date soon.

Save the date for our next meeting on Sunday June 4 at 3: 30 PM. We will have our membership appreciation luncheon and free raffle.

Have you reserved your tickets for the A’s baseball game for Italian Heritage night? This fun filled event will be held on Friday Aug. 25. We will enjoy Italian entertainment and a snack. We will receive an Italian hat and sit together for the game. All of that for 30.00. This event is sponsored by our district. Roselynn is the chairperson. Let me know if you want tickets. I will give you Roselynn’s contact.

It is not to soon to make plans to attend the ICF convention over labor day weekend in Sacramento.

On Saturday Sept. 9 we will have our bus trip to the Santa Rosalia-festa Italiana in Monterey. How lucky we are that Joann will once again chair this event. The bus will make two stops. Pittsburg then Concord. On the way we will have a snack and play bingo. On the way back will enjoy a movie. You will not want to miss. Call Joann [925-625-0863](tel:925-625-0863)

A big thanks to Walter Costa for chairing the recent Communion Mass and breakfast at St. Catherine’s in Martinez.

Condolences to our deputy Peggy on the loss of her brother.

Happy Fathers day!

*Till next time.*

*As we say in Pittsburg,*

*Sempre Avanti*

*Patty*

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

The St. Raymond Branch is happy to announce our first year scholarship recipients for 2017. The recipients and their families will be invited to our June meeting to receive their certificates of achievements. The recipients are:

Julian A. Acuña, St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley

Nikolaus Calarco, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Gabriel Friet, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond

Heartfelt congratulations to all of our recipients! We look forward to meeting them at our June meeting.

Our May meeting was a celebration of our Mothers. After mass was said by Chaplain, Fr. Al, we enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo dinner of salad, enchiladas, beans and rice. Ole!

Our raffle winner was Ruben Treviño. Thank you to Lillian Smithson for always taking care of the raffle.

Our Heritage chairman gave us a very interesting story about member, Fred De Simoni's family history. Thank you, Teri Ventin for asking Fred all the right questions and thank you Fred for sharing your amazing family story.

Our next bus trip to Cache Creek is July 31, 2017. Get your reservations in early to Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208. Any profit we make on our trips benefits Cooley's anemia,

For our April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 fundraiser we tried something new this time. Instead of a Polenta family dinner we had a Ravioli and Chicken dinner with salad, bread and cupcakes for dessert. The feedback we received was very complimentary. Instead of doing a buffet we had the services of the students at the Salesian Italian Club to act as servers. It all made for a wonderful evening.

Don't forget to turn in your Convention Raffle tickets to Dee Yonke at the June or August Meeting. Don't forget, No Meeting in July.

We mourn the loss of our beloved member, Gloria Martinucci. Gloria is the mother of our Financial Treasurer, Lori Framsted. We take comfort in knowing that Gloria is with her beloved Gino. Our condolences to the Martinucci Family.

Next meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Ravioli and Salad, Scholarship recipients honored.

Reserve with Toni by June 7<sup>th</sup>, 510-472-9646

Lorraine Acuña

**Concord****Todos Santos, Br. 214**

Vice President Ron Artale is taking over the meetings for President Roberta while she is on vacation. Our Annual TEA was a Fun event, we Thank Sandra Debrichy for her lovely piano performance & the great team of helpers who made our event so successful. We now prepare for our Wine Tasting at Viano Winery, all our Welcome to attend. The date is June 3rd, \$25 per person, includes complimentary champagne, Wine glass, 5 pours & delicious appetizers & desserts. Contact Chris Artale for info & tickets. (925) 927-3713.

Sept. 16 we look forward to a Pasta Sauce Cook-off competition, last years winner was Veronica Peery. Remembering all of our sick and elderly in our prayers; especially David Botta. God Bless Our Military & Veterans  
*Ciao*

*Christina, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 22nd "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](mailto:marbo2000@yahoo.com) for additional information. Don't miss it!

*Ciao,*

*Marianne Bordogna*

*Recording Secretary*

**Pleasant Hill****Christ the King, Br. 442**

Our May meetings was full of Mexican food celebrating Mexican Cinco de Mayo. We all left with full stomachs and fun memories of the day.

The ICF church rose garden is in full bloom and the colors are magnificent. Lantana, pansies, and seasonal wild flowers fill the garden area. A wonderful way to wish our mothers a Happy Mother's Day in deed. If you go by the parish house, do stop and



Christ the King Branch 442 Heritage chairperson Nancy Santos.

smell the roses!

We are looking forward to celebrating all of the first communion and graduations that lie ahead in the coming months. Also in June we will be sponsoring a wine and cheese membership drive after the 5:00 pm masses. We hope to have a strong turnout. Be on the look-out for more details.

Here's to a warm, sunny and blessed Spring.

*Matt Dallara*

# Orange

**Irvine**

**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

At our April meeting, we welcomed Leah Smith of Catholic Worker as our guest speaker. She spoke about her work with the Catholic Worker organization. She houses and feeds the homeless in Orange County. The food that is collected goes to those who live in the Catholic Worker home and given to the homeless.

The winner of the Branch #423 book award will be announced at the June meeting.

Pizza with a purpose FUNdraiser was held at the local California Pizza Kitchen in Tustin to help raise funds for our branch on May 17 and 18. 20% of all sales were given to our branch. The funds raised will be used to purchase the bronze statue of St. Thomas More for our new church.

We served sausage sandwiches to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on May 26. Bev Leinbach organized this special event and also spearheaded the collection of drink tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

June meeting will be our annual ice cream social. Please bring your favorite ice cream toppings. The branch will provide ice cream.

St. Thomas More parish will have a parish ministry fair during the month of June. More details to come.

# Sacramento

**Roseville**

**San Vito, Br. 73**

When Branch 73 donated a \$400.00 first year college scholarship, it was requested that the funds be given to a qualified student attending one of the high schools in the local district. Evidently, one qualified, but he/she received one for the Santa Rosa District because of a surplus there, and because he/she has relatives belonging to the branch in Petaluma. (That district had a surplus of scholarships because some families in the Santa Rose Branch 198 established funds from which scholarships are donated in memory of deceased members.)

The scholarship committee decided to award Branch 73's scholarship to Samantha Taber, a senior at St. Francis High School in Sacramento. Though Samantha does not attend a local school, she lives in Granite Bay, which is a part of the local district. Samantha plans to attend Seattle University, where she will study nursing. We wish her much success as she continues her education.

Tanti auguri di ogni bene a tutti I padre della Sezione 73 nell' occasione della loro giornata speciale il 18 giugno. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti I soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di giugno.

*Robert Delpippo*

**Auburn****St. Joseph, Br. 342**

Congratulations to our scholarship winners and Branch member who will be honored at our June 4th Appreciation Dinner. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate those who have earned scholarships and who have worked hard in our branch. (Honorees will be announced in the next bolletino). We hope that you and your family will be able to attend this event which will be held at St. Joseph's Hall from 5-8. Members will provide potluck items and yummy desserts will be for sale. You may also win a raffle prize! Hope to see you there!

Our annual member picnic will be held on Saturday, June 17th at ARD Park in Auburn. Please join us for a fun day of great food and games. The call committee will be contacting you with more info and to find out what you will be bringing to the picnic.

We also will be having a Bunco Fundraiser on Saturday, September 16th at St. Joseph's Hall. We hope you will be able to join us for a fun afternoon of fun and food that will help us to raise funds for our branch. More info to come.

*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*

# San Bernardino

**Upland**

**St. Joseph, Br. 446**

St. Joseph's Upland Branch 446 continues to have engaging meetings and social events. One of our members, Kay Presto, is a noted author in the Chicken Soup series of books. She is an award winning journalist for the race car industry and recently published her own fiction book about go cart racing. All the kids at our recent meeting were enthralled with the book. At our next meeting, we will have a Pasta Sauce Cook Off contest. The winner will receive a gift card to a popular Italian restaurant. We are excited about our many upcoming events. On June 24 we will cosponsor a Casino Night at our parish along with the Knights of Columbus. We are looking forward to a marvelous evening with fabulous prizes. We are also planning a trip to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in December and chartering a bus for all interested members and parishioners to attend. We continue to support His Hands ministry with donations of food at each meeting.

# San Diego

**San Diego**

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230**

A huge thank you to all that supported the annual Spring Pancake Breakfast on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was especially good this year

With the San Diego District hosting the 2018 ICF Annual Convention at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley many of our branch members are serving on the local convention planning committee and are looking forward to this year's convention in Sacramento to promote beautiful San Diego.

*Maria Tollefson*

Branch 261 Meeting Schedule for the  
balance of 2017...

May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>: We will sell meatball and sausage sandwiches on Saturday and Sunday...Also available meatball or sausages in sauce filled containers.... The sandwiches are priced at \$5.00 the containers at \$9.00...Our last sale was a “sell out.” We do plan to increase the amount of food...

July 9<sup>th</sup>: Ladies and gentlemen get ready to play bocce....!! The games will be the greens at Allied Gardens.. Competitors should be there by 10 AM. Not to worry if you do not have a partner. We will easily find a partner for you....

*Vic Tallarida...Br 261...San Diego*

**San Francisco**  
**Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1**

Toni Morsello

## Mara Amato

*Ciao.*

*Ciao, Eva Perata, President*

*Ann Basuino, Secty*

Bishop's Day was enjoyed by all and it was wonderful to have Bishop Justice join us and represent the Archbishop. We also want to thank Mario Risso, Seminarian, for joining us. Thank you to all of the branches in the District that brought the food and a big thank you to Debbie Rodondi and Kathy Treviso for shopping and laying out all of the food like a 5 star catering service. Thanks to Father Michael, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels and to Dorene Campanile for making all of the arrangements for the Church, the Hall and the Men's Club that

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set up tables. I also want to recognize the branches from San Francisco and Marin that joined up and sent in their Spiritual Bouquet and Seminary bourse even if they could not attend.

Our San Mateo District Scholarship in Memory of Cecilia Tommei was awarded to Emily Arrigoni from San Jose. She is currently attending Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton.

Please keep are sick and deceased member in your prayers.

Happy Father's Day!

### Burlingame

#### Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We will be celebrating our Cinco De Mayo dinner and meeting tonight along with Margaritas, beer, wine and soda. Thanks to Brenda Wemiz who always makes it a fun and delicious dinner. Our food was from La Tapita Mexicantessen Restaurant.

We were not going to have a meeting on June 8 but decided we had many details for events that needed to be covered so we will meet in June. Our Mothers and Fathers dinner will be held on June 2, 2017 at the Peninsula Italian Social Club in San Mateo. For additional details please contact Donna Cervelli 650-343-3790. and a flyer will be sent out with our newsletter.

Save the date of June 11, 2017 Mass and a joint brunch with Branch #403 in Millbrae at the El Rancho Cafe in Millbrae. A flyer will be sent with our newsletter.

June 24, 2017 Ravioli Dinner at Our Lady of Angels gym and we will also honor our scholarship recipients at that time. (details will be out soon)

It is with deep regret that we have lost a long time member Dave Mayer and our sympathies go out to Pat and her family. Also, please keep all sick members and their families in our prayers. Bea Tomasello recently underwent bypass surgery and is home and on the road to recovery.

Happy Mother's and Father's Day to all and to those who are honored but are no longer with us.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

### South San Francisco

#### St. Augustine, Br. 213

On May 7th Branch 213 celebrated our 50th Anniversary at El Rancho Inn in Millbrae. Branch Members, District Officers, friends and relatives attended a wonderful luncheon event chaired by member Jackie Smith and hosted by Deborah Redondi, Grand Treasurer. Special thanks to Roberta Franchini who provided many memory books showing past branch events and awards, Judy Crosetti who helped host the luncheon, Joe Crosetti who took pictures of this lovely event and to all that joined us in this celebration.. Branch 213 began in 1967 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pacifica and continues today with members enjoying our once a month dinner meetings led by Pres. Barbara Gabriel and her officers. Member continue to support District events and take an active role in providing financial support in the I.C.F. programs. Thanks



Branch 327 President Carmel Dufault and 2nd Vice President Celeste Lennemann enjoying the 50th Anniversary party for Branch 213.

to all the member who have continued over the years to support Branch 213. In May Members continued to celebrate our 50th Anniversary at our dinner meeting hosted by members, Renne Mintun and Joyce James. Joe Crosetti provided photo of our El Rancho Luncheon, members reviewed our 50 year celebration luncheon and discussed future branch activities. St Augustine Parish is in the process of being remodeled which left us without a meeting room on 2 occasion this past year. We thank the member for being flexible with meeting dates due to this remodeling but look forward to the completion of this project and our "new look" parish.

We extend a warm welcome to new members, Barbara Pettit and Maria Galletti who joined our Branch this past month and look forward to their talents and dedications supporting our Branch. Our prayers go out to members that are ill and wish Happy Birthday to those who will be celebrating this month.

Joyce James

Branch 213

### San Carlos

#### St. Charles, Br. 327

Hello everyone!

A big thanks to Rose Beall, Christine King and Donna MacKay for the delicious meat loaf dinner they prepared for our April meeting. It was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

Be sure to save the date for our June meeting – Tuesday, June 20. It is our annual pizza-scholarship dinner. Come for a slice or two of pizza and to meet the children who have won the scholarships. Celeste Lennemann and her committee work hard to select the children from the many applications received by our branch.

Our president, Carmel Dufault, represented our branch at the annual Bishops Day held in April at Our Lady of Angels Church. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Justice with a reception following the mass.

President Carmel Dufault, Celeste Lennemann, Tom Malaspina and I attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner of Branch #213, St. Augustine Church. It was held at the El Rancho's Terrace Café. A lovely venue and a very nice meal. Happy 50th Branch #213!

Please do not forget to turn in your ticket money for the ICF Convention raffle tickets. For every \$20.00 book sold, our branch gets to keep \$10.00.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads of Branch #327!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina



Branch 332 proudly honors first year scholarship winners Frankie Bondanza and Gina Erigero, pictured here with Grandfather Joe Bondanza and Dad Greg Erigero.

### Millbrae

#### St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We are mourning the loss of our dear member, Dan Copadanno, 1st. Vice President and Heritage Chairman. Our condolences and sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace. June 4 - Our annual fundraiser Spaghetti & Meatball dinner, prepared by friends from the Millbrae Lions Club, who have volunteered to cook for this event. No-host cocktails at 4:30PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, dessert and wine for \$25 per person. Gather your family and friends and join us. For reservations, due May 29, send check payable to ICF #403, to Rose Marie Morando, 706 Clearfield Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030. June 6 - Our monthly meeting - A Mexican Dinner, prepared by Carla Del Carlo, will be served. This was to take place last month, but due to Dan's Vigil Service the same night, the meeting was cancelled. The cost is \$10. Please send your check payable to ICF#403, to Eunice Danli, 25 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030, by June 1, 2017. June 11 - Our annual Mass, at 11:30, with our neighboring Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Following Mass, brunch will be served at the Terrace Cafe, Millbrae. The cost is \$25 per person \$10 for children; brunch will include bacon, eggs, fruit, juice, muffins and danish. Reservations to Eunice Danli (see address above) by June 3, 2017. Please issue separate checks, payable to ICF #403, for each event. We wish all a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Corresponding Secretary,

Rose Marie Morando

### Marin

#### Larkspur

#### St. James, Br. 161

Dear Members,

Salve Amici e Soci Della Federazione,

Summer is almost upon us and we have much to celebrate!

On Sunday, June 11, our branch will be attending the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Larkspur that is celebrated for our ICF members past and present. Following the Mass there will be a celebratory brunch. Please RSVP to [sonoioann@gmail.com](mailto:sonoioann@gmail.com) or by calling (415)



Jean Emma, Mary and Joan having fun at Branch 332 "Hats Off to Moms" celebration.

924-9429 if you plan to attend. Brunch will be \$20 per member.

Tuesday, June 20 at our General meeting, we will celebrate the Birth of the Republic. You are welcome to join us for some storiato e spuntino.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, our ICF branch will be celebrating our American heritage by joining the Corte Madera-Larkspur annual Independence Day parade. Details will be discussed at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you or your family members (kids especially welcome) are interested in walking this parade, please let us know at that meeting.

To our sadness we lost some longtime members over the recent months. Maria Della Santina passed away on the Festa di Santa Gemma, Wednesday, May 3. Our hearts and prayers are with her family. Doris Onetti and Charlie Abela also passed away recently. The ICF was a big part of their lives. They are all remembered fondly, and are in our prayers.

Con affetto, Jeanne Asdourian and Lucia Della Santina

Please continue your get-well prayers for everyone who isn't feeling well.

Wishing all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers a very Happy Father's Day.

Anna Biggio

### Novato

#### Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

We are delighted to announce that two of this year's first year scholarship recipients are family members of our Branch officers. Congratulations to Frankie Bondanza, grandson of former Branch-President, Joe Bondanza, and Gina Erigero, daughter of First Vice-president and former President, Greg Erigero. Both Frankie and Gina are members of the 2017 graduating class of

Marin Catholic High School. In the fall, Frankie will be attending Boise State, majoring in Marketing. Gina will follow in her dad and grandfather's footsteps at Gonzaga, where she will focus on Liberal Arts, with a long term goal of a Law degree. We wish both of these exceptional scholars and standout leaders much success in all their future endeavors.

Our May meeting was quite celebratory with 100 guests in attendance, enjoying a delicious dinner along with our tribute to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers. Thank you to Holli Lemos for preparing a wonderful prayer, in honor of the Blessed Mother, who serves as role model for all women. Our Branch presented a lovely brass angel bookmark to our outstanding women members, who support so generously the work of our Branch.

Please remember that we will not be meeting in July and August, due to renovations in the Hall.

Auguriamo a tutti buon divertimento quest'estate. Wishing you all a happy summer.

## San Jose Santa Clara Valley

### District Council

After our pre-dinner meeting at Harry's Hofbrau we headed for the district meeting at St. Martin's Church where dessert goodies awaited us thanks to Branch 391 Hosts. Andy Pappani congratulated deputies on a job well done and to let him know when problems arise.

Fr. George emphasized that the Paschal Mystery is the embodiment of Holy Week and to make it inclusive for all. He said Faith and Spirituality are not optional! He emphasized that Faith is essential to every ICF member. He suggested that we adapt of Day of Recollection to the branch level to get members to attend that might not otherwise do so. Jo Bertaccini offered a second spiritual reflection based on Psalm 27, "Eyes Wide Open" to God's goodness.

District picnic date is July 30 to be held at Vasona Park. Ric Shimshock will organize the food. Denise will cover raffle and games. Steve Lencioni has mailed tickets to each branch. Marie Greco will change "Day at the Races" to an afternoon affair for August 11 priced at \$22

Donna Rossi called attention to the recent picture in the Bollettino of the Pope and a child which just happened to be Al & Diane Vallor's granddaughter – Frances. Bob Basuino quoted from a 1940 convention held in Los Banos. The Banquet cost \$1.50, hotel rooms were \$1.25 to \$4.00. Bob Osorio made a motion to hold convention in Los Banos.

July District Meeting – Tuesday, July 11 at Branch 4 Holy Cross

*Mike Nunziata*

### San Jose

#### Holy Cross, Br. 4

The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother was well attended. We thank all of the Parishioners who joined us for the Rosary and Mass. It was Great! June 7 - Bar BQ Rib dinner. Ribs, Beans,

Salad, Dessert and Wine. Donation \$ 30 for adults, \$15 for children. 6:00 pm. Call Ann for tickets. [408 266-2549](tel:4082662549). July 7- Bocce Picnic at Bakesto Park. 5 pm. Bring a favorite to share, utensils and chair. Aug 2- Dinner meeting. Chicken Ceasar Salad 6pm. Please try your best to attend. Remember our sick members. A phone call or card can make their day!

Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

May God's Blessings be with all our members and friends.

*Ann Fitzgerald*

### Santa Clara

#### N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

The month of June starts with Graduations, Vacations, Father's Day, and many more events. Enjoy all your activities, and don't forget the ICF Events.

June 11, 2017 – Santa Clara Valley District Mass and Luncheon with Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara at 11:00AM in front of the statue of Our Lady with Lunch to follow at Michael's Shoreline. If you can't make the luncheon, please try and attend the beautiful outdoor Mass.

July 30, 2017, Santa Clara Valley District BBQ/Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. More details to follow in the Bollettino and Branch Report/Agenda and at Monthly Meetings.

Remember to return ICF Convention Raffle Tickets to Mary Ann Ruiz as soon as possible.

Please remember to invite anyone interested in the ICF to come to the Dinner/Meeting every month. New members are always welcome.

Happy Father's Day to all.

*Ciao,*

*Marlene J. Rotolo*

### Gilroy

#### Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Greetings from ICF Branch 28....

On April 29 Branch 28 had our "Tastes of Italy" fundraising dinner featuring crackling fresh shrimp and scrumptious ravioli. Again under the auspices of Andy Pappani and crew the event was a wonderful culinary event that is a prime fundraiser for all beneficial ICF Branch 28 endeavors. In addition was the abundant generosity of members putting together baskets of goodies as raffle gifts to enhance fundraising for our Branch. Thank you so much Andy and crew, and members who provided raffle gifts. President Gennaro Filice, all officers and members would like to also extend a message of gratitude to all members of other branches who attended and supported this event.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival is scheduled for July 28th, 29th and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and ICF Branch 28 members will again be volunteering at the festival. If you have any questions or interest please talk to President Gennaro Filice.

Raffle tickets to support the upcoming September 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 annual convention in Sacramento have been mailed out to all members. A book of 12 raffle tickets is \$20.00 with monetary winnings denoted on the ticket stubs. It only takes one ticket to



Branch 28: President Gennaro Filice addressing membership at our April 2017 meeting. In the photo from left to right: Bill Greco, Branch Deputy; Diana Berry, Recording Secretary; Gennaro Filice, President; Frank Segreto, Financial Secretary; and Marianne Peoples, Corresponding Secretary.

win! Half of the proceeds go to Branch 28. Please return your sold tickets and money as soon as possible to trustee John G. Filice, 159 Churchill Place, Gilroy CA 95020 or to any branch officer.

Our June 2017 dinner meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Let the callers know if you want to bring guests to any dinner meeting. All are welcome. The meals are outstanding in a convivial atmosphere in a club that does much good.

*Peace and God bless,*

*Kim M. Filice*

### Los Gatos

#### St. Mary, Br. 184

Every year Rose and Don Arnaudo open their home for a real baby shower. This benefits the Diocesan Layette Program. Save July 22, and arrive at noon for their hospitality. The baby items are for 0 to six months.

Marie and Michelle Antonowicz were elected delegates to the Convention, to be held in Sacramento, September 1 through 4. The Theme is "Discovering the Treasures of our Faith and Heritage."

The always memorable outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church will be held June 11. Meet at the Statute of Our Lady for the 11 A. M. Mass.

Our Branch BBQ-Bocce-Potluck will take place July 9 at the Oak Meadow Bocce Court, off University Avenue. This will be the first time in this new location.

The District BBQ is scheduled for July 30. It will be held at the Circle Area of Vasona Park, a lovely area overlooking the lake. There will be a Mass, followed by the BBQ Chicken Dinner, cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

In closing, we ask God's Blessings on all Fathers, and best wishes for our graduates! Please keep our members in your prayers for safe travel and good health. Our next meeting will be June 8.

*Until next time.*

*Ciao for now,*

*Lucy Amico*

### San Jose

#### St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

I can't believe that it is June. Slow down



Stefan Arnaudo's parents brought him to meetings when he was a little boy. Now here he is, with his first child, introducing her to the music and excitement of our dinner dance!

time, you're going too fast!!!

Our Branch is doing well and looking forward to summer. Our Chaplain, Fr, Paolo is being transferred to St. Christophers and we certainly will miss him. He attended our meetings and was there for us. It was a pleasure having him as our Chaplain.

In April, we invited our San Jose District 9 Councilman, Don Rocha, to speak to our branch on services available to seniors, especially what to do about the many scams we are confronted with. (For example, IRS calls demanding payment or calls from Grandchildren needing money to help them out of a jam, etc.) It seems there are new scams cropping up everyday. He made it very clear not to be swayed into donating to the Scammer's cause.

Our Convention Raffle Book Chairwoman, Donna Tonry. came up with a great incentive to encourage our members to buy the Convention Raffle books. For each book that we buy, we are given a special raffle ticket for free dinners, or a bottle of wine, or free ticket to our next dinner dance fund raiser in October. Great idea, a raffle ticket for raffle tickets.

I like to see new ideas.

### San Jose

#### Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Did you know that in Venice there is a program called Two Cups of Coffee? Ed Wendler tells us that through the program anyone can buy a cup of coffee but pay for two, donating the second one to the poor. A piece of paper symbolizing the second cup goes on a wall in the shop, and a thirsty person in need can order a coffee and pay for it with a paper from the wall. What a great idea!

Our branch is close to having 100 members, our goal for this year and a cause for celebration, a fantastic milestone.

Lorraine Nunziata has a long list of popular American songs that were originally written in Italian, such as Elvis Presley's It's Now or Never, originally O Sole Mio, and Surrender, originally Torna a Surriento, or Tom Jones' Help Yourself, which was Gli occhi miei.

Frank Sinatra and Brenda Lee, among others, sang songs with roots in Italy.

Our pasta dinner on May 13 was, of course, a smashing success, owing to the planning of our chairpersons, Mary Ridi and Ann

Cordoni, and the generosity of our branch members who volunteered to help. Thank you, everyone!

Our Santa Clara Valley District Mass will be at Our Lady of Peace on Sunday, June 11, at 11:00. It will be a beautiful outdoor Mass near the huge statue of Our Lady. Lunch at Michael’s at Shoreline will follow. What a lovely day it will be!

*Blessings,  
Judy Zahn*

**San Jose**

**St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391**

Past President Russ Vento led our May meeting and wished all our mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. It was that time of year when Jessie Romero and her Holy Rollers prepared a wonderful enchilada dinner enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Our second annual “Wine Down with the ICF” was a great success. Chairperson Susan Busco and her team had a wonderful variety of wines and appetizers. Thank you for a lovely evening. Don’t miss this event next year!

Louise Vento presented a loving portrait of her Italian mother-in-law within her heritage report in honor of Mother’s Day.

JoAnn Schiro, Rose Myers, Louise Vento, and Mike Rossi were elected as delegates representing our Branch at the Convention being held in Sacramento, September 1-4, 2017. Marcie Rossi and Russ Vento were elected as our alternative delegates.

Our next meeting is on June 6, 2017 at 6:30. Don’t forget to bring your wedding photos! We continue to ask that members RSVP to our callers in order to have an accurate dinner count for our cooks.

On June 11, 2017, there are two events to remember. The Branch Quarterly Communion Mass will be held at St. Martin’s during the 8:30 am mass. The District Outdoor Mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara at 11:00 am with lunch at Michael’s at Shoreline to follow.

Happy Father’s Day to our dear Dads! You are remembered in our prayers.

*Janis Patellaro*

**San Jose**

**Transfiguration, Br. 445**

We are looking forward to two important spiritual events in June.

Our quarterly Mass will be on Sunday, June 25, followed by brunch.

We’re also planning to attend the District Mass on June 11 at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara.

June 22 is the first anniversary of our Branch 445. We will have a pot-luck to celebrate the occasion. During this first year we have been reviewing possible charities and fund raisers.

Re the ICF Convention in September, upon the recommendation of our Deputy, Jim Jones, the membership voted to send only our president, Donna Pfaff.

Other Branch members were encouraged to attend if they could. Branch members are looking forward to their second year!

*Richard Pfaff, Secretary*

**Santa Rosa**

**Napa**

**San Giuseppe, Br. 12**

Sunday, April 30 we celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> year in existence having organized in May, 1927 at St John’s Catholic Church in Napa. It was the only Catholic Church at the time.

We began our wonderful celebration with Mass at 10:00 am in St John’s then walked to the Hall for a social hour and lunch. Pauline Seago and Crew did the honors preparing a delicious and plentiful

Robert “Bob” Acquistapace, Past Grand President and Central Council Life Time Emeritus, was our Master of Ceremonies. He did an outstanding job with stories about our Branch and keeping the day moving right along.

We honored Genevieve Traverso who is 97-years young and a 77-year member of our Branch. She said she joined right out of school. Her daughter Joan played Italian music on her accordion.

There were 50 people in attendance from Central Council, District, visiting Branches and our very own Branch members. Co-Chairs Carole Gruss and Juliann Fontana thank our members who helped with the planning and preparing the Hall for the day.

**Healdsburg**

**St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52**

Our Mother’s Day Dinner and meeting was a great success. We honored our Mothers over 80, our two scholarship winners and our St. John’s School heritage essay winners. Thank you to Teri Roller and crew for cooking the delicious dinner.

Upcoming Events:

June 6: Father’s Day Dinner and Meeting. 6:30 PM. Price: \$10.00. Children: \$5.00. Dads over 80: Free! We will elect our convention delegates this evening. We will also honor Dads over 80. For reservations, please call Mary Madden: 431-0438 or Barbara Sereni: 395-0367.

The memorial Mass for Frances Gaddini was lovely. Thank you Fr. Sean for celebrating the Mass and to everyone who attended to honor Frances, a longtime member and former branch officer.

The May edition of “Legion” magazine, the American Legion’s monthly publication has a very interesting article on the Marines who died at the battle of Tarawa in World War II and how their bodies have been recovered and returned home to their families. One of the Marines in the article was John Saini, son of Mary and Mike Saini, charter members of Br. 52, and Carmen Kilcullen’s cousin. I know having John’s remains recovered after 73 years and returned home to be properly buried in Healdsburg was a great comfort to our extended family.

*Happy Father’s Day!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*

**Cloverdale**

**L’Annunciata, Br. 75**

New president, MJ Dellaquila and her board, are bringing a fresh approach to the

branch. New ideas and faces abound!!!!

Our recent card party with its super hosts, Ceil Casciaro and team, was a great deal of fun!!! Reali Hall was packed with game tables as of days of old! Although the majority of tables played bridge, there were tables playing games I’d never heard of before. Lovely centerpieces were given as prizes to those who won their games. Several wonderful door prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals and then given away in a drawing. Everyone was given a ticket as they entered and had a chance to win.

I can’t wait for the men to cook for us in a post Mother’s Day celebration at our May, 18th, 3rd Thursday of the month meeting. Our meetings are always at 6:00 and dinner is served at 6:45. On June 15th, we flip-flop and the women cook for the men.....same procedure....meeting at 6:00 and dinner at 6:45. All branches are welcome....just give us a “heads up” if you plan on attending so we can set you a place. We suggest a \$5 donation so that we can offer you our hospitality without harming our budget. We love to entertain and you are always welcome! Please call... 707-894-5396.... leave a message.

We recently added several new members and look forward to seeing what they bring to the mix. Each person who joins is loaded with personality and special talents...it’s like mining for gold and we definitely just hit the mother lode!! Welcome!!!!

Happy Father’s Day everyone!!!

**Sonoma**

**St. Sebastian, Br. 103**

The Branch hosted the District meeting at St. Leo’s Church on April 23, 2017. Congratulations to Bill Scinto as President of the District at his first time in this role in 2017. A tasty Italian style luncheon followed, under the direction of Branch President, Tom Wurst ,

President Wurst thanked officers and members who contributed their efforts to the success of this meeting: Lila Boragno, M.T. Denning, Maureen Dutil, and Marilyn Sylvestri. Tom also expressed special thanks to Bill Scinto for his special help and guidance at the event.

*Saluti,*

*Marie-Therese Denning*

**Petaluma**

**St. Vincent, Br. 127**

Greetings from Petaluma!

Now that everybody is settling down from the Cinco De Mayo parties and celebrations we’ll be celebrating our Mothers Day. God bless each and everyone of them, whether they are still in our lives or in our hearts, we celebrate them this month. If you still have your Mother, call her and tell her how much you love her and make every day Mother’s Day for her. And for the rest of us we have our beautiful memories of our Mothers.

Our Pizza/Bingo Nite was a great success with over thirty-five people in attendance. A short meeting was held by President Denise, who just returned from her great trip. I couldn’t make the meeting due to illness, but there were rave revues about delicious pizza and the fun Bingo after. Glad to hear that everyone had a good time.

Missed seeing Ann Kiefer who was in attendance. Hope we can see her at our future meetings. Good having her back.

Congratulations to Linda, our Recording Secretary who announced her engagement.

Thanks to Margaret and Jim Cordrey, who chaired the Bakeless Bake Sale. It was a great success thanks to all who donated. If you haven’t already done so, you can still send in your donation to Margaret

By the time you read this, we will have had our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. We want to thank Bruno Fomasi and his cooking crew whom I’m sure will have given us a wonderful dinner and thanks to all who helped in any way to make this dinner a success.

June 11th - District Meeting held by our Branch. 1:00 p.m. - Rm. 9 with lunch following in Church Hall.

June 12th - Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

June 25th - Quarterly Communion/Mass to be held at St. Vincent’s Church - 10:30 a.m., with lunch/brunch following at the Boulevard Cafe. Please make your reservation with Louise - 769-7389.

NO MEETING IN JULY.

We would like to welcome Dennis Urbizondo into our ICF family. May you enjoy being a member of this very special organization and receive the benefits of love and friendship from all of us.

Congratulations to Jim and Margaret Cordrey who celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary on May 28th.

Glad to hear that Lydia Camozzi is doing well after her illness.. Get well wishes to Spence Burton. Glad to hear that Grace Herrold got through her surgery and is looking and feeling great. Get well wishes to anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month. Happy Mother’s Day!

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

*Ciao,*

*Louise Vicino*

**Arcata**

**St. Mary, Br. 144**

Br. 144 began our May meeting by attending a Mass for our deceased members.. Josetta Matteri read the names of our deceased members (over 100).

Pres. Judy called the meeting to order after the members had enjoyed Pizza and salad.

It was announced that District Pres. Spence Burton stepped down from his office due to illness. Pray for Spence and his wife Kathy. Bill Scinto will serve as District President.

Eliot Evans, grandson of member Shar Evans won our 1st year college scholarship. Congratulations Eliot!

Our May 21 Bake Sale was discussed. New member Debra will be chairman! Thank you!

ICF Convention will be held at Sacramento on Sept. 1 – Sept. 4. It would be great to have a group from Br.144 attend. Circle your calendar.

Thirty-two members of Brs.144 and 145 attended our Anniversary Dinner. Two students from the HSU Newman Center



ICF Branch198 scholarship winners with Bob Acquistapace, First Vice President.

spoke to our group. We learned of their last July trip to attend World Youth Day in Poland and the progress being made in constructing outdoor Stations of the Cross on the Newman Center property. At the May meeting we voted to send \$100 toward the expense of the Stations. They will accept donations!

Birthdays - Last month birthdays were May not April – My sincere apology. Happy June Birthday to: Judy Cardoza, Kathy Hicks, Jeff Mills, and Jim Mongee.

Pray for our sick: Shar Evans, Loretta Speziale, Joan and Larry DePeel.

*Blessings to all.*

**Eureka**  
**St. Ambrose, Br. 145**

Our May meeting was a pizza dinner in celebration of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. We had a variety of pizzas, all very delicious. During cocktail hour we also enjoyed h’orderves made by Betty Senestraro. Thank you Betty.

Our guest was Ava Cahill from Fortuna High. Ava is the winner of the Santa Rosa District Scholarship. Congratulations Ava and mom and dad too.

After dessert we had a short meeting. Jerry Colivas gave a presentation on the life of Benito Mussolini, very interesting as usual Jerry. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on June 13th. Please plan to attend.

Continued prayers for our members and their families.

*Peace and good health to all,*

*Nancy Paoli*

**Santa Rosa**  
**St. Eugene, Br. 198**

On May 1, we had a great Mother’s Day/ Scholarship Dinner prepared by Bill Scinto with help from Vic Torchio, Jr., Bill and Linda Pisenti. Six of our eight scholarship winners and their families attend to receive their acknowledgement and supplemental funds. Deacon Mike Heinzelman did the meal blessing along with a tribute to Mother Mary on the 100 Anniversary of her Fatima appearance and to all the mothers present. This meeting followed our successful April 22 fundraiser dinner. Our fathers will be honored at our potluck dinner meeting on June 5.

**Sebastopol**  
**St. Michael, Br. 209**

This month was a double celebration! Our guests included the 2017 Branch #209 Scholarship Recipients -Kylee Davis, Chase Reece and Cole Gosner - and their families. We also honored Mothers who will be celebrating Mother’s Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Members and guests enjoyed a homemade Lasagna dinner topped off with delicious decorated cake.

On May 21 we will be hosting a Bocce Tournament which is anticipated to be a great turnout. We are anticipating 12 teams to compete. Many thanks to Gene Vannetti who keeps the courts in excellent condition.

Our 2017 Convention Delegates were selected. They are: Jackie & Dante Corsetti. Alternates are Tia & Bud Polley.

Upcoming:

June 6 -- Board Meeting

June 13 -- Regular Meeting

*Ciao,*

*Lona Bertoli*

**Stockton**  
**Modesto**  
**St. Stanislaus, Br. 48**

We had a very successful bake sale. Thanks to all who baked and helped with the sale. We were sold out by the 10:00 am mass.

We had a very nice evening for our Mother’s Day Potluck though some of our members were traveling we still had a good group with our new members joining us.

Tom Silvaggio will be our delegate for the convention in Sacramento. There will be other members attending the convention.

Reminder:

Save the date of July 8, 2017 on your calendars as Branch #48 will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. Appetizers will be served at 1:00 pm and lunch will be at 2:00 pm. Penne a la Carbonara or Penne Amatriciana will be your choice of a main dish with salad, bread and a dessert. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Call Cecelia at (209)524-7866 for reservations no later than July 1, 2017.

There is a 5:00 pm English mass for those



The Branch 390 and her crew made 550 meat balls by hand for the dinner, Our main Chef Mike Bacchetti (standing in the back ground) was pleased with their work.

that might like to attend after the dinner at the St. Stanislaus Maze Blvd. Church. It is across the parking lot from the center.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 and July 2, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our bank night winner was Tom Silvaggio. Refreshment for the June 14, 2017 meeting will be furnished by Kathleen Ostorero.

Coming up:

June 3, 2017 Italian Heritage Night - Stockton Ports ballgame

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

*Cecelia McGhee*

**Tracy**  
**St. Bernard, Br. 390**

Congratulations to Joe Bacchetti - winner of our Second Annual Sugo Contest at Italian Heritage Night! Almost 150 people attended the dinner event and voted in the contest. We had two men and two women competing this year, and although a woman won last year, Joe proves that men can cook! Oh, wait - we already knew that because his brother Mike Bacchetti makes our fabulous dinners every month with his crew of awesome, dedicated volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, the day before the dinner, seven of us handmade 560 Italian meatballs with Mike’s recipe and guidance! Looks very likely that we will have this contest as an annual event with great interaction among our members and guests, and there were nearly 100 ‘best sugo’ votes!

And, another WOW at our Italian Heritage Night was the performance of accordion player Bob Foppiano, who entertained us with his favorites during our social hour before dinner. A great big thanks to Bob and also to ‘founder’ and charter member Paula Re for organizing the performance.

Scholarship committee has reviewed applications and letters of recommendation and will be giving first year scholarship awards to Jackson Lieberg, grandson of Lucy Orsi and Cameron Bacchetti, son of Joe Bacchetti. We congratulate both men for their serious dedication to furthering their education and wish them well as they head to college. Of course, they have to

brave their way through their high school graduate excitement first!

June dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29 and we have decided to do the menu similar to last year’s “Tour Of Italy.” We will present a fantastic TRIO of Italian pasta dishes: (1) a classic lasagne, (2) fresh pasta Tagliatelle with butter (3) and penne al pesto. Red, white and green? Sounds like an Italian winner!

Our condolences go out to the family members and friends of Antoinette Reece, who passed away in April.

Hope all Moms had a blessed Mother’s Day and we wish all Dads the same for Father’s Day this month! Stay well and be happy!

*Ciao for now,*

*Betty Hollars*

**Stockton**  
**Presentation, Br. 395**

Congratulations Rev. Tom Orlando, Rev. Joseph Nguyen, and Rev. John Ngo from the Stockton Diocese, who were ordained at the Cathedral of the Annunciation on Saturday, May 20. What a beautiful event and a blessing to our diocese. St. Luke’s Branch hosted its first District meeting Sunday, May 21. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and good meeting. June 3 is Italian Heritage Night at Banner Island in Stockton. The 3rd Annual Stockton District Ports Baseball Night Out will be celebrated with the Pacific Italian Alliance. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Start time is 7:10 p.m. Fireworks at the end of the game. \$11 adults, \$5.50 kids under 12. Karen has tickets (209) 603-5708

*Karen Rosson*

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**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 -**

**RAFFLE:**

Sumptuous Barbecue Tri-Tip Dinner

**PRICE:**

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

Golfers: \$165 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 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!\*\*\*

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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!



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