



BOLLETTINO



Start Making Plans to Attend Convention in Sacramento

Nina Malone
Central Council Life Member
Local Convention Committee Chair

The Blessed Sacrament and Stockton Districts proudly join together to welcome you to Sacramento for the 87th Annual ICF National Convention, September 1-4, 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento, California. The planning committee is enthusiastically working to make your time with us over the Labor Day Weekend a most enjoyable and memorable one. Please take a moment to look at the activities our districts will be sponsoring for your participation and enjoyment!



Italian Market Place

Hours of Operation

Aug. 31 *Peek-a-Boo Sale*:
3pm – 6pm

Sept. 1 - Sept. 3
10am – 6pm

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

Italian Leather
Handbags, Jewelry, Ceramics, Handmade Rosaries, Novelties, Balsamic Vinegars & Oils and much, much more...

The Italian Market Place will have something interesting for everyone!



Friday Tours

\$30 per person

Prices and schedules are tentative and subject to change

Tour #1: Sacramento City Treasures – Visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual center of the Sacramento Diocese since 1889, Our Lady of Guadalupe Museum and Golden 1 Arena; opened in October 2016, this new arena pushes the boundaries of modern architecture and cutting edge technology.

Tour #2: Old Sac, a Blast from the Past – Go back in time to the Gold Rush era as you tour the world-famous Sacramento Railroad Museum, stroll along the waterfront district, take a riverboat cruise, lunch at one of the many fine restaurants and visit museums and unique shops that Old Sacramento has to offer.

Strike it Rich! Backyard BBQ Buffet

\$60 Adults

\$30 Children 12 & under

Kick off your boots, let your hair down and come to the **Sunday Night Backyard BBQ!** Get ready for some finger-licking good Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Peach Cobbler and all the fixin's as we celebrate the wild and crazy Gold Rush Days; fantastic food, invigorating music, drawings and wholesome entertainment for the entire family!



Grand President's Monthly Message by Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

As we enter into the month of May on the 14th we have the opportunity to remember and honor our mother. Our mother may be the one who gave us life or the one who has chosen to bring us into their life. Either one is our mother, she nurtured, disciplined and stood by our side to mold us into the person that we are today. If your mother is still with you, call her as often as you can, hug her every time that you are with her and tell her how very much you love her. If your mother is no longer with you, remember all the love that she gave to you over the years, look up to heaven and blow her a kiss and the next time it rains it will be her tears of joy that you feel on your face.



At my last branch meeting our Apostolate Charity chairperson read last year's notes regarding what our members are involved with in our local church and community. I have never heard that list read before and I was amazed at how involved our members are by supporting their parish and community organizations to benefit those in need of assistance. I thought to myself that this is indicative of who we are as members of the Federation. I have seen this in my travels over the past several years, talking to the members and hearing about the good feeling that they have because of all that has been accomplished by their branch over the years. I told my two sons growing up that what you should do in life is to be a part of something that enables you to give back to your church and community, it not only helps others but it builds a sense of pride knowing that you are active in making this a better world. This is who I see in you, the members of the Federation, those who are giving back. I thank you for all that you do.

As this year goes by quickly our Annual Convention on Labor Day weekend will be upon us before we know it. If you have never been a delegate, please consider attending. If you are not a delegate, you can still attend many of the events and activities. Come and see all that your ICF does throughout the year with our different programs / events and there is also great networking with other members. Please make every effort to have a representative from your branch attend the convention; we want all members in the Federation to benefit from all that happens during the four days that we meet.

Happy Mother's Day.

God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.,

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

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

Application Process

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

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the I.C.F. Office by July 1.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.

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Where Did He Go?

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Jesus was talking to his apostles and disciples. When He finished speaking to them, "He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." (Acts 1)

Hey, where did He go? He was standing right here talking to us. What's going on? He disappeared in that cloud. The apostles were in shock. What happened to their leader, their Master? They felt scared and lost. Let's go and gather in the upper room where we ate supper with Him. We gotta hide. We may be arrested and put to death. What are we going to do?

The upper room became kind of a safe house for them. They felt protected yet happy that Jesus had been there with them for at least forty days after He was raised from the dead. However, now they felt lost, like sheep without a shepherd. They knew Jesus was special, a prophet sent by God. Did they really know He was God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who

became a human being? My guess is that they didn't really fully grasp who or what Jesus was. Not at that time. Not until they experienced an amazing event.

They were all in one place together. "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." Act 2:1-4

It was a wow experience for them! The Holy Spirit came to them as Jesus promised. Now they knew. Now they understood who and what Jesus was. They were "sealed" with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was a great feeling, almost like having Jesus with them again, maybe even better. They received the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. (Not as in "afraid," but as a special respect for the Lord)



The apostles were like new people. It was as St. Paul said, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." Gal. 2:20

Like the apostles, we too are sealed with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The apostles were ecstatic at Pentecost. They were no longer afraid. They went out and preached the Gospel and converted a lot of people. We, too, enjoy the privilege of having the Holy Spirit in our lives.

How fortunate we are to be that close to God!



Membership: What Can You Do? ... And a Contest!

Vince Piro
Grand 2nd Vice President
Membership Committee Chair

As many organization, the ICF is struggling with keeping an active membership. What can you do to help?

Assist your branch president in holding a membership recruitment activity, such as a membership drive.

Offer to staff a membership table at your

local branch events and fundraisers.

Offer to be membership chair for your local branch.

Assist your branch president with establishing an Amici di Cuore program (buddy system) to welcome new member as into your branch.

Visit the ICF members webpage for ideas to recruit and retain new members.

Recruit one friend into your branch.

Keeping a large and active membership base takes effort by us all. Research study after research study shows that face to face recruitment is the best way to get new members into an organization.

To encourage individual recruitment of new members, the Central Council is offering \$25 to any current member who can recruit five new members! It's a challenge you can't resist.

UPCOMING:

2017 Bishops' Days:

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

Candidates

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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!

IRS and State of California Franchise Tax Board

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

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the state

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You,

Deborah Rodondi, Grand Treasurer

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Catholic Federation Trivia #3-- Little Known Facts

David Botta and Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand Presidents

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

We hope that you are enjoying our trivia columns. The Italian Catholic Federation has a long and interesting history beginning back in 1924. This article is a continuation of trivia #2.

- In its first eleven years of its existence, the Hospitalization Plan paid out benefits totaling \$800,000!!
- The first Pope St. John XXIII award was presented to Dr. Joseph Middleton of San Luis Obispo.
- In 1971, 1500 persons attended Mass in the new St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco with Archbishop McGucken presiding.
- In 1972, Father Albert Bandini, co-founder of the ICF, celebrated his 90th birthday. He was in failing health and died the next year.
- Also in 1972, the first convention was held in Chicago. Five planes were chartered for participants from the West Coast.
- In 1973, two branches were opened in Wisconsin, but later closed.
- ICF membership, in 1975, reached 27,000. This was due, partially, to the inexpensive flights to Italy. You had to be an ICF member to participate in this program. Sadly, membership is now at about 10,000!
- In 1978, co-founder Luigi Providenza, received the Cross Pro Merico Melitensi, the highest order of the Knights of Malta for his extraordinary work for the Church.
- Also in 1978, Laura Bozzini of San Francisco received the first Grand

- President's Award.
- Co-Founder of the ICF, Luigi Providenza, passed away in 1981 and a heavily attended Mass was offered at St. Frances de Sales Cathedral in Oakland.
 - Cooley's Anemia was adopted as the ICF national charity in 1982. It has continued to be so through this day.
 - In 1983, Father Andrew Colnaghi, a Camaldolese priest, was named the Spiritual Director to the ICF.
 - In 1985, the Federation donated \$2,500 towards the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.
 - In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, in 1992 the ICF sponsored a founding contest. 600 posters and 300 essays were received and displayed.
 - In 1993, Carmen Solari Kilcullen was elected the 1st woman Grand President of the Federation.
- Rinaldo Carmazzi retired as editor of the Bollettino in 1994. Lauren Kilcullen succeeded him as editor, followed by Keith Wall and our present editor, Michelle Feldman.
- At the 1996 Convention, The Gifts of Love Program, proposed by past Grand President, Albert Teglia, was established.
 - Also, in 1996, the first Family of the Year Award was presented to the Garfagnoli Family of Healdsburg.
 - The ICF website, icf.org, debuted mid-year 1997. It is a valuable tool for the ICF and its members.
- To be continued. . . .

David Botta/ Carmen Kilcullen

Le Carte or Playing Cards

Louise Vento
Heritage Member

Several provincial area of Italy and Sicily have District Playing cards. These decks are very beautiful and colorful and may come in what we call non-standard sizes. Le Carte as they are called, number 40 cards not the usual 52 which we are accustomed to in America. There are four suites but no Joker in the deck. There are no 8's, 9's, or 10's. The suits are as follows: Diamonds are known as Denaro, Spades are called Spada, Clubs are Bastone and Hearts are Coppa. It would be difficult to find a Sicilian household without, "Un Mazzu Di Carte Siciliane" a deck of Sicilian cards. The small rectangular cards are made of stout cardboard with a beautiful slick finish. They must be durable to take the frequent

use and abuse from grabbing them and throwing them down during popular games either at home or the local bar. The local bar is the focal point of a social gathering in any Italian neighborhood.

Perhaps the three most frequently encountered games are Scopa, Briscola and Tresette. If playing poker, rummy or other games the Italians use the standard 52 card deck as we all know it. In fact, Sicilians in America who lack "Un Mazzu Dui Carte Siciliane" simply remove the 8's, 9's and 10's from the regular deck in order to play their favorite games.

These games were played by our grandparent, parents and now passed down to our generation. Playing cards bring people of all ages together for clean, social fun. Facciamo Una Partia!

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1 Louise Segreto	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/2 Larry Bertolucci	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/3 Donald Simon	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
4/4 Emilia Aguilera		Montebello, CA	\$30
4/5 Terry Pipkin		El Sobrante, CA	\$30
4/6 Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
4/7 George Matranga	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
4/8 Cathy Merlo Gaeta		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/9 Kay Guenther	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/10 Jeff Carr		Pinole, CA	\$30
4/11 Jan Lorenzi	39	Merced, CA	\$30
4/12 Maria De Rango McGuire		Bremerton, WA	\$30
4/13 Frank Vatalare		Las Vegas, NV	\$40
4/14 Tiffani Souza		Modesto, CA	\$50
4/15 Julie Graham	343	Concord, CA	\$50
4/16 Ted De Frank		Encinitas, CA	\$100
4/17 Terese Shimshock		Shoreview, MN	\$40
4/18 Jan Rosa	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
4/19 Joan Dal Porto	144	Eureka, CA	\$30
4/20 Josephine Parra		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/21 Anderea Delcid		Crockett, CA	\$30
4/22 Josephine Malkentzos	434	Tucson, AZ	\$30
4/23 Jeff Carr		Pinole, CA	\$30
4/24 Branch 10		Alameda, CA	\$30
4/25 Josephine Del Papa	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/26 Judie Van Maren	442	Martinez, CA	\$30
4/27 Terry Pipkin		El Sobrante, CA	\$30
4/28 Fr. Sean Murray		Martinez, CA	\$30
4/29 Gloria Fabbri	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/30 Claudia Leon		Monte Sereno, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG



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

6th Annual

Convention **Blood Drive**

Friday, September 1st, 2017, 10am-3pm

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

We NEED 40 ADVANCE SIGN-UPS

Sign up by July 1 and receive a \$5 Starbucks Gift Card

For more information:

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Rose McWilliams	Officers/Members of Br. 191

GET WELL WISHES:
Imma Sottile Officers/Members of Br. 161

IN CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:
Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp Bob and Kathy Acquistapace

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:
I.C.F. Br. #12 Officers/Members of Central Council

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Carol and Franklyn Lopes, Sr. Dolores McCartney

*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: 04/11/2017		L JEANNE DAY	Branch 227
		ANTHONY RICCABONA	Branch 227
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	Branch 036	RUTH AGUIRRE	Branch 308
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DOROTHY SIMILE	Branch 048	DICK F ROZA	Branch 327
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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.

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Donations Received by April 10, 2017

IN MEMORY OF:	DONATED BY:
Tony Taormino	Pat and Louie Cordich
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Joseph Kuzinich	Charles P. Gullo, Jr.

BRANCH & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:
Branch 31
Branch 250

Gifts of Love
Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2017

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Jennie Flag	Michael and Lorraine Nunziata

CONGRATULATIONS:
Mike and Marcie Rossi
In honor of the Golden Jubilee of Sister Jane Garrison

BRANCH DONATIONS:
Branch 250

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by April 10, 2017

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
Gloria Rodenborn-Garcia: In memory of Sandy Resendiz
Bob and Theresa Dianda: In memory of Leroy Dolph
Aldine Grisenti: Get well wishes for Betty Antuzzi
Officers/Members of Br. 191: In memory of Connie Cannino

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year
Roberta Franchini: In memory of Cecilia Tommei
Deborah and Robert Rodondi: In memory of Cecilia Tommei

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Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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		DANIEL W JIMENEZ	Branch 291
	Branch 010	JENNIFER M NAKAMURA	
JOHN J FABRIZI	Branch 014		Branch 291
TERI FORTINO	Branch 028	WHITNEY E NAKAMURA	Branch 291
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KEVIN SILVA	Branch 054	JOHN GENTILIN	Branch 343
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	Branch 073	MARIA ELENA HESS	Branch 343
STEVEN M BARSOTTI	Branch 073	ROBERT HESS	Branch 343
ELIZABETH H TAPIA	Branch 073	CARMINE CEGLIA	Branch 354
RICHARD A TAPIA	Branch 073	VERA CEGLIA	Branch 354
ANNA E CAMERON	Branch 127	DORENE M DEMBEK	Branch 354
ROSE M ROSENBERGER	Branch 127	KATHY MARMOLEJO	Branch 354
ERMA DE MARTINI	Branch 130	PAUL J CALABRESE	Branch 358
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CLAIRE E MC NALLY	Branch 173	ELAINE DATO	Branch 358
EVE L MC NALLY	Branch 173	MARIO DATO	Branch 358
JANINE V MC NALLY	Branch 173	MARY JANE OLIVER	Branch 358
VIOLET R MC NALLY	Branch 173	ELLEN A PORTANTINO	Branch 374
XAVIER V MC NALLY	Branch 173	NENETTE SALDANA	Branch 374
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FRANCISCO NIETO	Branch 215	KENNETH J PIROZZI	Branch 380
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Thalassemia in Sicily

Vincenzo Mormino
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Thalassemia (from the Greek “thalassa” meaning “sea”) is a diverse group of hereditary blood diseases that usually results in the reduced or flawed production of hemoglobin, the essential respiratory element of red blood cells. Some cases of thalassemia (or thalassaemia) are debilitating, requiring extensive medical treatment to keep patients alive. Others require little or no medical attention. Thalassemia major, a serious form of the disease, is also known as Cooley’s Anemia, for American physician Thomas Cooley (who resented the disease being named for him), or “Mediterranean Anemia,” though it is present in Asian and African regions far from the Mediterranean basin. Thalassemia has been present in Sicily for many centuries, probably since circa 600 BC (BCE), if not earlier. Inherited through a recessive gene, thalassemia is frequent in the Middle East and the eastern Mediterranean, and the gene probably arrived in Sicily with the island’s extensive colonization by Greeks and Phoenicians. It is possible that thalassemia existed among Sicily’s native populations --the Elymians, Sicanians and Sicels-- before that time, as it is postulated that some of these earlier inhabitants migrated to Sicily from the eastern Mediterranean, albeit probably before 4000 BC. Theoretically, it is possible that some of the very earliest Sicilians developed thalassemia through genetic mutations as protection against malaria many thousands of years ago. (This is discussed later.) A further historical influx of the thalassemia gene may be associated with mass immigration of the Saracens (Arabs) in the ninth and tenth centuries, as this population had a strong Middle-eastern Semitic component.

When referring generically to “thalassemia,” the conditions classified as thalassemia major are usually what is referred to. There are fewer than five hundred clinical thalassemia cases in Sicily, in a population of nearly six million. (This number is comparable to the number of Sicilian cases of another blood disease, sickle cell anemia, in which the cellular condition may be quite similar to that of sickle beta thalassemia.) However, estimates of the number of genetic carriers who could transmit thalassemia to their children range from six to twelve percent. This places the statistical frequency of the gene in Sicily between that of Sardinia, where it is more common, and Greece, where it is slightly less frequent. Few Sicilians know anybody who has ever been hospitalized for thalassemia. However, the fact that thalassemia cases are numerically rare in Sicily (affecting far less than one percent of the population) does not negate their high statistical significance, or the wide distribution of the genes which transmit the condition. That said, there is evidence to suggest that the Sicilian frequency of the hereditary trait (“carriers”) has sometimes been overstated --though perhaps not intentionally.

Regular blood transfusions are the usual treatment for those suffering from severe symptoms of thalassemia. The problem with transfusions is that the resulting increase of iron levels can create conditions detrimental to various organs. There is no cure, though



Old World Thalassemia Distribution

various therapies are under development to treat the disease, considered the world’s most common hereditary single-gene disorder. In most general terms, there are two forms of thalassemia --the actual illness (thalassemia major) inherited through two parents and the less severe anemic state (thalassemia minor) sometimes inherited from one parent.

The wide range of severe conditions broadly defined as thalassemia major (and inherited recessively through both parents) are often fatal, claiming their victims before middle age. This article is not presented as a scientific reference, but a few pragmatic observations are appropriate. As we’ve mentioned, there are various forms of thalassemia. In general terms, beta thalassemia is a condition that results in an excess of alpha globins, while alpha thalassemia is a condition resulting in an excess of beta globins. If both parents are “carriers” of one of the various thalassemia traits, there is a one in four (25%) probability (not only generally but with each pregnancy) that any child of the couple will be affected with the disease, which may take the forms E beta thalassemia, beta sickle thalassemia, hemoglobin H disease or hydrops fetalis (or alpha thalassemia major). A complete blood count or iron study may provide the initial indication of thalassemia. Beta thalassemia trait (for a “carrier” who might transmit the disease) can be determined by a simple hemoglobin electrophoresis test. Alpha thalassemia trait may be identified through the more complex alpha globin DNA mutation analysis.

Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria have more cases of thalassemia than other regions of Italy. While Sicily has a complex [genetic environment](#), thalassemia now occurs around the world, having found its way into numerous New World populations. Historically, it was relatively frequent among Italians, Greeks, Turks and Arabs, as well as Persians, Indians and peoples of the Far East. (The map shows Old World distribution.) The disease was not widely identified by its present name until the 1930s, through the efforts of Thomas Cooley and others. Ancient and medieval literature allude to conditions which appear to have been caused by thalassemia, but infant mortality was so high (from this and other causes) and so little known about hemolytic disorders that the true causes of the thalassemic diseases were only determined in the twentieth century, with a greater knowledge of genetics. It is predicted that thalassemia will become a more widespread public health issue in the

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LOOK FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING EVENT

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
A NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS
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BOOK REVIEW

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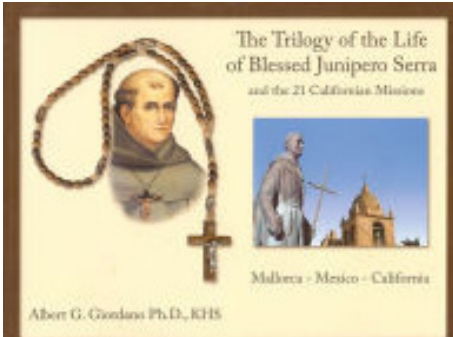


The Trilogy of the Life of Saint Junipero Serra and the 21 California Missions

By Albert G. Giordano Ph. D., KHS
Best Publishers, 2016

This beautifully illustrated book is a pictorial history of Saint Junipero Serra’s life and missionary work. It concludes with the process of Serra’s sainthood. The author, Albert G. Giordano, Ph. D, KHS, is considered one of the most renowned historians of Serra’s life and work. He was commissioned to complete this project by Serra International president Mike Doohan.

The book begins with a brief examination of Serra’s life in Petra and Palma, Mallorca, Spain. This section covers Miguel Serra’s childhood in Petra and how as a frail boy, he was befriended by the Franciscans at the Friary at San Francisco in San Bernardino. Even at an early age, Serra showed a special spiritual development. This section of the book also covers young Miguel’s education in Petra, his higher education and his life at the Franciscan Seminary in Palma, and his preparation as



a Franciscan. Interestingly, young Serra’s first application to join the Franciscan Order was denied because he was too short and frail. However, he was received as a novice in 1730 and spent time serving the daily masses. In 1731, Miguel Serra was accepted into the Franciscan Order and took the name Fray Junipero. He then devoted himself to the study of theology, earning his Doctorate in Sacred Theology from Pontifical, Imperial, Royal, and Literary University of Majorca. He then spent several years as a professor of theology at various universities. Serra became know for his eloquent sermons and his excellent instruction; however, missionary work

called to the future saint and he sailed to Vera Cruz, Mexico with 18 Franciscans and several Dominicans. Among those on board was Padre Francisco Palou, Serra’s first biographer.

Padre Serra spent from 1749-1769 in Mexico. After a brief stay in Mexico City, Serra was assigned to missionary work in the Gorda Mountains, northeast of Mexico City. Serra and his fellow missionaries stayed in Gorda from 1750-1759. He and his companions converted the natives to the Christian faith, taught them modern agriculture, and assisted in the building of the Santiago de Japan Church. Serra became the president of the missions of Sierra Gorda. Under Serra’s leadership, five missions were built in the Gorda Mountains. According to the author, the Native-Americans of the area accepted the missionary system because of “Serra’s love which colored what he had been taught about the purpose of life here on earth and the hope of eternal salvation.” This sense of purpose in Serra’s life becomes the theme of this book and is illustrated in the saint’s missionary work throughout his life.

After spending several years in Baja, California, Padre Serra on the orders of the King of Spain and in the company of military soldiers ventured north to establish missions. Serra reached San Diego in 1769; he continued with his missionary work in Alta California from 1769-1784. The remainder of this section of the book catalogues Padre Serra’s Monterey Bay landing, the building of the presidios, the dangers and trials experienced by the Padre and his companions while traveling, and the

building of numerous additional missions, including the conversion of the natives to Christianity. It also explains the distinctive mission architecture that became a part of California heritage. Finally, tired and over-worked, Father Serra died in 1784, having served as a Franciscan for almost 54 years and a missionary for 35 years.

The next chapter in the book chronicles Serra’s path to beatification from 1981-2013. It describes the Padre’s path from being declared venerable to his beatification by Pope John Paul II. This section provides a argument for the canonization of Padre Serra, citing his saintly character, his position as a “pivotal figure in California history and the history of the American West,” his good intentions and works, and his “sanctity and vocation.” The author does touch upon the controversy surrounding Serra’s work, citing that many Native-Americans and academics point “to the harsh conditions of mission life and Serra’s own justification of harsh treatment.” The section ends with a prayer for the canonization of Padre Serra.

The bulk of the book - the middle chapters - chronicles the establishment of each of the 21 Californian missions. Each chapter provides a brief history and description of a mission and includes beautiful photographs and paintings from the Giordano’s extensive archives. This section would serve as a good introductory resource to any adult or child studying the Californian missions.

The final part of the book describes Serra’s journey to sainthood. It provides the reader with an explanation of the historical process of canonization and the four steps to becoming a saint: Servant of God - Venerable - Beatification - Canonization. The book then concludes with the detailed history of Serra’s canonization process. It explains that despite his detractors, Serra must be seen as protector and servant of Native-Americans, “a defender of Indian rights” against an often abusive military Spanish establishment. His purpose and passion for missionary work and his devotion to Christ drove him to lead a saintly and holy life despite many hardships and trials. This section of the book also includes descriptions of the Canonization Mass of Saint Junipero Serra by Pope Francis and a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C.

The Trilogy of the Life of Saint Junipero Serra and the 21 Californian Missions also offers a timeline of the saint’s life and a bibliography for those wishing to study the saint’s life in more detail. While the book is not meant to be an objective study of the saint and gives light duty to the controversies surrounding Serra’s life, the author has taken care to include many important historical facts, interesting photographs and paintings, and detailed explanations of the process of Serra’s canonization. The book serves a very good introduction to the life and works of Saint Serra.

For further details and information on pricing and ordering, one should contact the author, Dr. Al Giordano, at genoaal@yahoo.com.

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi
Grand Treasurer

Zucchini!

Right now many of us are having soups nights for our Branches and/or Parishes. This brings to mind two favorite soups of mine using zucchini. Of course if you plant zucchini’s in your yard this summer it will be that much better and you can enjoy this soup all summer long.

Zucchini Bacon Soup

- 5 slices bacon
- 3 lbs. zucchini, sliced
- 1 large (8 oz.) onion, chopped
- 3 Tbls. chopped fresh basil, or 2 ½ tsp. dry
- 5 cups chicken broth
- salt and pepper

In a 6-8 quart pan over medium heat, stir bacon until crisp (5-8 minutes), discard fat. Add remaining ingredients and bring to boil, simmer uncovered until zucchini is soft (about 15 minutes).

In blender blend until smoothly pureed. Will have texture of a creamy soup.

Freezes very nicely. A cool whip container holds two nice servings.

I always keep bacon in my freezer so I can

whip this up anytime, during the zucchini growing season.

Not to be out done, my maternal Great Aunt Gena came up with this one. So for all you dill lover’s this is a winner.

Zucchini Soup

- 1 bunch green onion
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 6-8 zucchini, sliced
- 1 ½ tsp. vinegar
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 3 Tbls. cream of wheat
- Dill weed (to taste)

Sauté onions in 3 Tbls. butter. Add chicken broth and all ingredients. Simmer 20 minutes. Put in blender to smooth. Add more broth if too thick.

We enjoy these soups with our great San Francisco sourdough bread!

So get busy and get a couple of zucchini plants in the ground or a large container (at least 24” across and 12” deep), because next month I am going to share with you a recipe my mom found and got creative with for zucchini flowers. Even better plant a

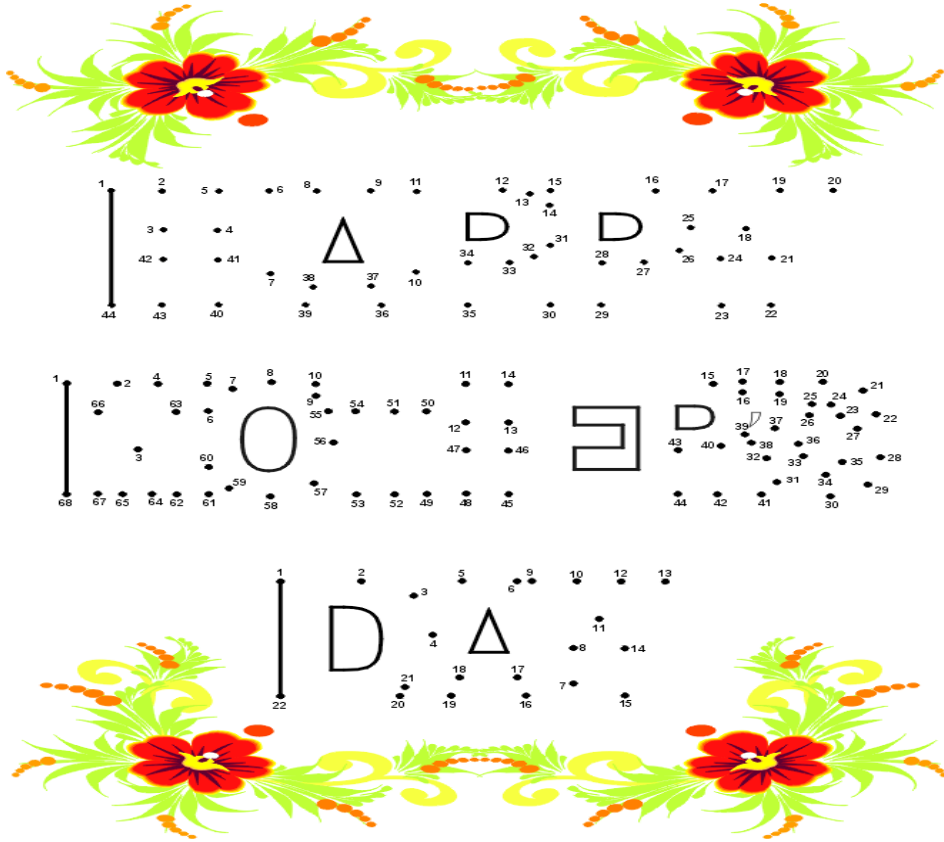
pumpkin, those plants give more and bigger flowers to enjoy.

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

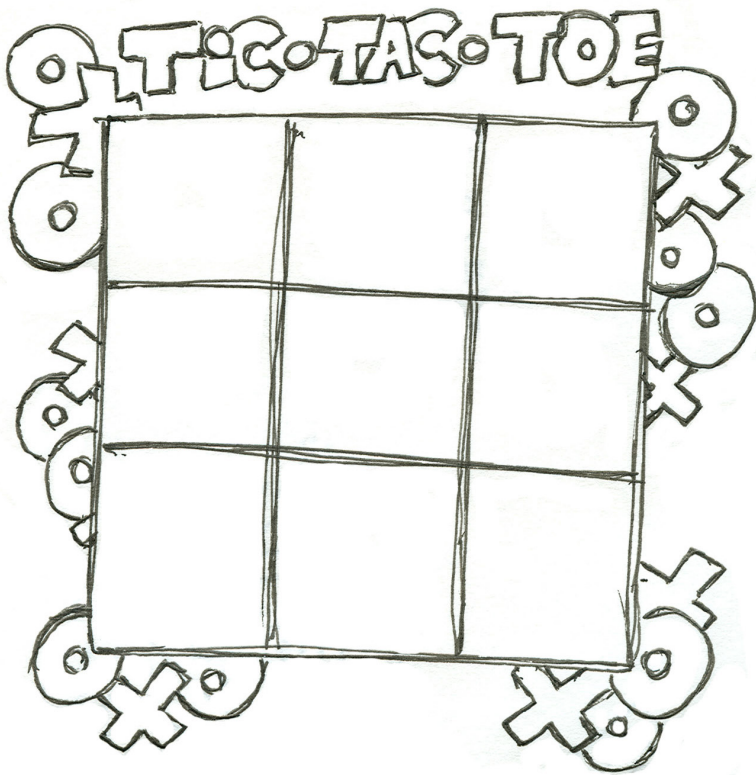
Buon Appetito!



Happy Mother's Day!

Connect the DotsMama and Me Tic-Tac-Toe

Ask your mom, grandma, godmother or other special lady to play you in Tic-Tac-Toe.



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

Live to Give Committee

What are platelets and why are they so important?

Platelets are tiny cells in your blood that form clots and stop bleeding. Platelets are essential to surviving cancer, chronic diseases, and traumatic injuries. Like with whole blood, platelet donors are much needed to help save lives.

What is it like to donate platelets?

Platelet donation is a little different than a regular whole blood donation. A special machine is used, consequently, you usually must go to a blood donation center rather than a mobile drive. Contact your local America Red Cross or your local blood bank to find out more. Platelet donation, which usually takes approximately three hours, uses a specialized machine called an apheresis machine to collect platelets and some plasma from one arm and return the red cells and most of the plasma back to the donor through the other arm. A single donation of platelets often constitutes several transfusable platelet units and therefore can help 2-3 patients. You may be able to donate platelets up to 24 times a year compared to a maximum of 6 times a year for a whole blood donation.

If I donate platelets, where do they go and who do they help?

Platelets are in constant demand by hospitals. Platelets are usually transfused within 3 days of donation and must be used within 5 days of donation. Over 1 million platelet transfusions are given to patients each year and every 30 seconds someone in the U.S. needs platelets. Many patients are helped by platelets. Cancer patients get frequent platelet transfusions because a side effect of chemotherapy is a low platelet count which can cause life threatening bleeding. Platelets also help patients survive major surgeries or serious injuries. Platelets keep them alive while they recover from blood loss. Platelet transfusions are given to patients with bleeding disorders, such as hemophilia, so they can live more active lives. Thalassemia patients who undergo a bone marrow transplant also need platelet transfusions until they make their own healthy marrow.

A person can donate platelets every seven days, up to 24 times a year. To be eligible a person must be 16 or 17 years old (depending on the state), meet the height and weight requirements, and be in generally good health. There is no upper age limit! To see if you are eligible to donate platelets please refer to the American Red Cross website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements>

Source: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/platelets>

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decades to come.

“Thalassemia trait” (the carrier state which facilitates one’s transmitting the disease to children) may cause red blood cells to be smaller in size than normal, but there exists no scientific evidence that thalassemia trait itself causes health problems. Some individuals with thalassemia trait have a degree of protection from malaria, a characteristic also identified with sickle cell anemia. (The protective mutations probably occurred many thousands of years ago, the percentage of affected individuals increasing through natural selection as persons vulnerable to malaria were less likely to survive.) This may partially explain thalassemia’s distribution in regions prone to malaria and among populations whose very survival may have depended on resistance to malaria. While thalassemia trait is found in many populations, it was historically more frequent in people from regions where malaria is (or was)

commonplace. Often displayed by carriers, thalassemia minor is a form of anemia that cannot be treated as a normal iron deficiency but usually presents no serious health risk. In effect, thalassemia minor is a condition which may be inherited from one parent, but the more severe thalassemia major may only be inherited from both parents.

The continuing battle against genetic diseases is a constant challenge, with tangible progress measured not in months or even years but in decades and lifetimes, as well as lives. The life of the typical thalassemia patient, wherever he or she may be, depends on the success of the most advanced medical research. A number of organizations around the world support research (and treatment) for thalassemia and related hereditary diseases. One of the more complete and informative websites is published by the [Cooley’s Anemia Foundation](http://www.cooley.org), based in the United States.

About the Author: Vincenzo Mormino has written about scientific topics, wildlife and nature for Best of Sicily and hard-copy publications.

Famous Mother’s Day Quote

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.”

-- Abraham Lincoln



Eureka!

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

Transportation

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

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

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

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

See you in "The Gold Country."

Chicago

Calumet City

St. Victor, Br. 195

February's meeting was cancelled due to an expected severe rainstorm and a tornado warning. Thanks to phone calls from President Steve Kiernicki and Secretary Michele Kiernicki, members were at home when severe weather hit. Calumet City had minor storm damage but the tornado touched down in other towns, causing much havoc. Our March meeting included prayers for sick and deceased members and all who were experiencing life's problems. Those who attended "Nonsense A-Men" at the Towle Theater in Hammond, Indiana, reported a fun evening with lots of laughs provided by an excellent cast. New business focused on suggestions for fund-raising. A pasta dinner featuring entertainment, a casino night and a trip to an Amish settlement in Indiana were discussed. We were encouraged to select an activity at our next meeting. Necessary information was given about the sale of the ICF's raffle tickets. Members who sell two ticket books will be able to attend our annual Christmas Party at no cost. April's meeting will be a pizza night with pizzas provided by the Branch. Our meeting closed with prayers and gratitude for God's Blessings.

Chicago

St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

To all members of the Italian Catholic Federation greetings from members of the ICF 392 of Saint Francis Borgia in Chicago. Since Easter is around the corner we take this opportunity to wish to all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation a happy and Joyous Easter. If this message arrives to you after the Easter day then we all hope that you had a great Easter Day!

On Saturday March 19 2017 our Branch celebrated the feast of Saint Joseph with a big tavolata. Actually we had two different tavolates. One took place after the 6 o'clock Mass for English speaking worshippers while another tavolata took place in Stokes Center for mostly Italian speaking faithful. The food was blessed and prayers were given by Father Augusto Feccia our Spiritual Director.

Our Vice President Theresa Halfand D'Alessandro wants to thank God because her daughters are doing very well in school and are at the top of their respective classes with a grade point average close to a perfect 5.0, the best there is.

We extend our greetings to all the members of our Federation who celebrate their birthday this month of April and all members who go by the name of Vincent because April 5 is their onomastico or their Saint's name day.

The proverb of the month is in Italian: Aprile Dolce dormire which translates as "It is sweet to sleep during the month of April". This proverb may not be totally appropriate for us who live in the United States nowadays because of different weather patterns we

"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.



experience here in Chicago but it surely applied to those who lived in Southern Italy.

We are pleased to report that our branch has gotten bigger because at least 10 new members have joined us.

Sincerely,

Itasca

St. Peter the Apostle, Br. 418

CORRECTION from the article of the April Bollettino: The date of the dedication for St. Peter's new church is Sunday, June 25, 2:00 p.m. Mass. Refreshments to be served afterward. 524 N. Rush Street, Itasca. Please Save the Date and try to attend. More information to follow.

The Chicago District Bishop's Day Dinner Dance on April 30, was a huge success, with over 130 people in attendance. We thank the Central Council members who attended from California, and the Chicago District Board and member branches for their dedication and continued loyalty to the I.C.F.

Our branch's first general membership meeting of the year will be on Thursday, May 11, 7:00p.m. at the Itasca Park District, 350 E. Irving Park road, Itasca, 1st. floor, Iris Room. Member appreciation night, and welcome back, "snowbirds". Refreshments will be served. ALL WELCOME!

See you then,

Rita

Chicago

Our Lady Mother of the Church,

Br. 439

On Sunday, March 19, ICF Branch 439 held its annual St. Joseph Day Table at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The table blessing, performed by Fr. Augusto Feccia, was followed by dinner in the church hall. It was an enjoyable and very successful event, with over 200 people in attendance. ICF Branch 439 also hosted weekly Stations of the Cross in Italian every Friday evening during Lent. Members and their families and friends are now eagerly looking forward to a Lenten pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana on April 12. The officers and members of Branch 439 send their best wishes for a Blessed Easter to all!

Anna Tamburello

President, ICF Branch 439

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

In the past, the usual March meeting was a St. Patrick's Day feast that was a combination YMI/ICF celebration. Since YMI didn't have the manpower the joint venture didn't happen this year. A few brave souls decided to try a corned beef and cabbage dinner for ICF on their own. We had quite a few members turn out for this. All were pleasantly surprised at what a delicious dinner it turned out to be. We dined on corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, green salad, Irish Soda Bread and dessert. Thanks to the chairman: Jim and Kerin Cavallero and the committee: Mike



(Above) Branch 27 members enjoying their St. Patrick's Day meal.



(Left) Students from San Joaquin Memorial High School presenting a slide show and memories of their trip to World Youth Day.

and Mary Keitz, Mark and Cari Beveridge, Carol and Jim Espinola, Gary Cavallero and Elsie Bottorff and Theresa DeFrank. At the March meeting we had four young people, from San Joaquin Memorial High School, who we helped attend World Youth Day. The students gave an impressive slide show to thank us for our donation. Members are getting ready for our annual Mother's Day bake sale and chicken take-out dinner. They shared many memories of the trip, especially the excitement about sharing their faith with other teens from around the world. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

We had our Family Style Italian Dinner Fundraiser on April 8, 2017. We fed over 300 people. The dinner committee included Patricia Vivenzi, Paulette Volpa, Richard



Branch 32 Kitchen crew preparing Take-Out orders for delivery.



Branch 32 Dinner Chairperson, Stephanie Nieto Griffith and her mother, Evelyn Nieto.

Romagnoli, Elaine Lencioni, Monica Ficher, and Evelyn Lopez. The chairperson was Stephanie Griffith. Monica Ficher was the chair of the raffle, gathering over 150 gifts. Evelyn Lopez was the dinner ticket chair. Our top ticket seller was Monica Ficher who sold over 190 tickets. It was a great effort coming together to put on a fine event. Thank you to all our volunteers, veteran leaders, and newbies.

Continue to pray for Dan and Annette Husak, Nancy Hinds, Helen Bitter, Virginia DePasquale, Mary Romagnoli (John) and Cle' Estria Lett. Condolences to Richard Romagnoli on the loss of this mother, Mary (Ned). May God comfort these members and give them strength, courage, and better health. We visited with Eleanor Andreotti and Yvonne Saldubehere. They are doing great! Hope to see them back at the meetings soon.

Ciao.



Branch 32 (from right to left) Patricia Vivenzi, Manny Ficher, Anthony Rocha, Elaine Lencioni, and Eddie Vivenzi marinating the chicken for cacciatore.



From Branch 32 (left to right) Richard Romagnoli (Spaghetti Cook); Monica Ficher, (Raffle Chair), and Patricia Vivenzi, (Mentor)

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Branch 33 members celebrate the end of a devastating drought. We thank God for sending life-giving rains to our valley. That which we thought dead now shows new signs of life. This transformation is so appropriate in this season of renewal and enrichment of our faith culminating in the most glorious of all our Church celebrations, Easter Sunday.

During the Lenten season our members continued to support our Homeless Center with much needed warm jackets and sweatshirts. Our latest project centers on the collection of small stuffed, comfort animals to be given to children traveling by bus to visit incarcerated mothers this Mother's Day.

Branch 33 wishes all ICF members and their families a joyous Easter.

Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Buona festa della mamma e del papà.

Our April potluck was a delicious feast with a tantalizing variety of dishes from which to choose. Thank you, members, for sharing your appetizing contributions.

We welcome our new member, Gino Pedretti, Jr., who was also on the Italian Exhibit museum committee.

Our Biscotti and Cookie Sale was its usual success and a sellout. Much appreciation to our chairs, Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei, and to all our bakers, helpers, donors, and buyers.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 10, celebrating another nationality by serving an enchilada dinner at 6 P.M. Social hour is at 5 P.M., meeting at 7 P.M. See you there.

Sunday, May 20, is the Fresno District Bocce Tournament. Phone Vince Piro at 209-756-4817 to join a team and spend a fun day outdoors in friendly competition followed by lunch of gourmet burgers and Italian sausage sandwiches all for \$20. Reservations by May 17.

Mark your calendar to hop aboard the bus for our Black Oak Casino trip on May 22. \$30/per person, receive back \$10 slot play, \$5 table play and \$5 towards your lunch. Such a bargain! Free raffle and bingo, goodie bag, snack and water on the bus. Contact chair, Nettie Descalso, at 383-4819, or natalinas@comcast.net. Deadline for reservations is May 17.

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

Felice primavera,

Stephanie Lucich

Sanger

St. Mary, Br. 70

March 26 we celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the home of Teresa Rodgers. We would like to thank her for preparing a wonderful dinner of corn beef and cabbage and also thank the members who brought desserts and side dishes.

President Kay held a short meeting and informed us we will hold a fund raiser in May.

Thanks to the generous donations from Silvana Compagna and Rosemary and Ralph Wymenga, we will be able to donate three \$500.00 scholarships to deserving students from Sanger High School.

We end with wishes to all the mothers and grandmothers for a Happy Mother's Day.

God bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

In March the committee set up a beautiful St. Joseph's table. We thank them for that and for the delicious meager meal.

Please pray for Mary Moss and her family. Some months ago, Mary lost her mother and now just recently lost her aunt.

Shirley Mitchell has been recovering from a case of shingles even though she got the shot to prevent them.

Flora DePasquale's granddaughter, Alexa DePasquale Gilmore, sang God Bless America in the 7th inning of the Giant's baseball game April 9 in San Diego.

A blessing of the Bikers took place at St. Helen's on April 22.

Mary Zanarini will be traveling to Salt Lake City to celebrate her granddaughter's spring ballet performance, her 14th birthday and her confirmation.

Doug Duke traveled to Sacramento to attend his youngest grandson's participation in the State finals for the High School Academic Decathlon. His grandson placed 5th in the State in one category. The event lasted three days ending on March 26.

Jennie Campopiano will be traveling to Pasadena for Marcus, her grandson's 8th grade graduation. Jennie will also be sponsoring grandson, Jake, for his confirmation. The boys' mother, Joan, will be receiving a special award from the Parent Teacher Organization at St. Philip Parochial School.

Many happy returns to birthday celebrants: Jeannette Couch (5/5); Al Daddino, our first president in 1970 (5/30); and Linda Stockwell (5/19).

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." (Maya Angelou)

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

It's a busy time in Fresno.

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 308 at St Anthony Padua has been busy gaining new membership, completing another year of Friday night Lenten Dinners, sponsoring the March and April sausage sandwich sale and conducting the monthly pot luck dinner meetings lead by our leader John Mulligan.

New members added to our organization and introduced to our 308 Family are: Steven Chavez, Judy Simuns, Maralyn Karsted, Agnes Timlin and Elizabeth Charters.

What's Happened...



Branch 308 Sausage Sandwich production and Lenten Lasagna dinner.



The Friday night Lenten dinners have proven to be another success under the leadership of Chef Bernie and his talented group of kitchen associates. Menus for Friday night included lasagna, fish fry, spaghetti, and eggplant parmesan. The meals were served during the Lenten period in support of our various charitable programs. The preparation was a lot of work, however a great fun time for the Chef and his team while making and serving the meals.

We continue to have the monthly sausage

sandwich sale after the weekend Masses. Again, there is a team working on Saturday and Sunday mixing the ingredients, forming the sandwich patties and finally cooking and wrapping for final sale. The sandwiches must be good because we always sell 100% of the sandwiches we prepare.

The monthly pot luck dinner meetings have great membership participation. Based upon the first letter in your last name you are assigned a main dish, a side dish, a salad or desert. There is always plenty of good food to serve those in attendance. Meetings open with a short prayer and allegiance, followed with dinner and finally a short business meeting to discuss and plan for upcoming events. Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are also an important part of the meeting

Coming Events:

Tahoe Joe dinner ticket sale. Our 2nd year for this event has raised funds dedicated to the St. Anthony school scholarship program, and the Dioceses Seminarians. 40% of the ticket price come back the ICF in support of this year's charitable commitments. This event is not a meeting event, we invite you to bring friend and family for a Sunday dinner on July 9 at a time convenient to you and your group. Ticket sales are off to a fast start for one of our members, Leonard Garber, has sold 186 tickets to date and he is still asking for more tickets.

Late in May the district Bocce tournament will be held at Memorial High School. Last year's champions are returning again to go for a repeat performance. We hear there are other teams already practicing to end their dominance. There will be some interesting matches.

There is no prerequisite for becoming a member of the St. Anthony ICF family. The meetings are always enjoyable, short on formality and high on fellowship and conversation.

Come join us and see for yourself.

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The following article is forwarded as excerpted from the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Newsletter Article "Pioneering and Dynamic – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini"

November 10, 2016 and January 16, 2017

As we entered the year 2017, I would like to share with you a few words by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart (MSC) regarding the Feast Day of our Patroness St. Frances Xavier Cabrini "who was truly a pioneer in international missionary work and a dynamic role model to follow in the 21st Century."

Mother Cabrini's pioneering spirit was manifested early on "... as she grew in discernment, courage and energy, her capacity for relationship, her drive and tenacity." She learned early in life "how to deal with setbacks, blocks and frustrations; a gift she had learned from her deep and intimate prayer life and her loving relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, her spouse and her model." She was "a very passionate woman – passionate to

help others, passionate in overcoming the difficulties which were always assailing her, passionate in deepening a gospel spirituality not only in her sisters but also in those to whom she and her sisters were ministering." Through the years, "Mother Cabrini had become expert at handling struggles and adversities, always maintaining her peace and always alert to the needs of others, especially the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant." She had "a far-sighted vision of mission and had planted her Institute in eight countries by the time she died in 1917."

What was her secret? "Where did all the energy and insight come from? From an early age, Frances knew how to immerse herself in the depths of the Heart of Jesus and Scripture." She took "every problem she had to the Heart of Jesus who inevitably showed her his love for her, how to resolve her difficulties, what he wanted from her, and what her priorities had to be."

Mother Cabrini "was always writing in her diary and we are so blessed to have these intimate glimpses into her heart and soul, her passion and energy, her love and zeal. She was truly 'a contemplative missionary' and she encouraged all of her sisters to be



Branch 108 Carmelo Sabatella, Tom Brascia, Paul and Gracie Avvento Joan (Chair) and Jerry Brascia (co-Chair) at Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser at Jake's Roadhouse BBQ.

Los Angeles Archdiocese District Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Guest Speaker Paul Avvento of the Knights of Columbus in New York joined ICF Members at the ICF Branch 108 Dinner Fundraiser for Cooley's Anemia at Jake's Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia. See attached Branch 108 article.

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 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

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the same." Today that is "the same challenge that is offered to every Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, every Cabrini Lay Missionary, every Cabrini collaborator and employee who is called to serve the Lord and his people with compassion and zeal, determination and farsightedness."

Let us continue to "seek and establish new outlets for this passionate Cabrinian spirit throughout the world, bringing Mother Cabrini's charism, not only where and how the Cabrinian Family is currently, but also to new spaces and new missions where together sister and laity alike, can spread our charism and zeal to the people of God. What a blessing it is for us in the

Cabrinian Family in the 21st century to have such a legacy, a far-sighted vision of mission "to the ends of the earth!" ~ Sister Patricia Spillane, MSC, General Superior 2008 – 2013 From the Foreword to St. Frances Cabrini, a "Passionate Life" by Mark Davis

While offering thanks to the Migrants office of the Diocese of Rome and those who work with migrants to welcome them and accompany them in their difficulties, and encouraging everyone so committee

to continue in their work, Pope Francis commended the example of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patron saint of immigrants, who passed into eternal life 100 years ago this year. "This courageous sister dedicated her life to bringing the love of Christ to those who were far from home and family," he said, "Her witness," said Pope Francis, "helps us to take care of the brother from a far-off land, in whom Jesus is present, often suffering, rejected and humiliated." ~ from Vatican Radio

As we continue through 2017, we are reminded that this is the year of Mother Cabrini's death, December 22, 1917 – December 22, 2017, and I encourage all ICF Members to celebrate the first 100 years by visiting the National Shrine of Mother Cabrini in Chicago, and the Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Golden Colorado, and on the west coast visit the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library in Burbank California run by the ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Mother ICF Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee. See ICF.ORG/MotherCabriniShrine for more information on the Cabrini Chapel and how you can help ICF Maintain this legacy for future generations.

Submitted by,

Carmelo A. Sabatella, A.I.A President

ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee.

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Branch 108 Maria and Angelo Bruno of Padre Pio Society grandson Nick and Co Chair Jerry Brascia.



cento anni!"

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

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Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting for the moth of May will be on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicolina Murillo Vieni, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!! On Sunday, May 7, 2017, at the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church, a mass will be offered to ICF 111 members, living and deceased. Please plan to attend this mass and wear your ICF polo shirts. We will try to reserve a couple of pews. For those interested, we will be going to Ciao Italia Ristorante in Whittier for lunch right after the mass. The restaurant is located at 13112 Philadelphia Street, in the City of Whittier. We would like to thank Fr. Francisco Sandoval, O.A.R., Pastor of St. Benedict Church for the wonderful Blessing of our St. Joseph Table, held on March 18 & 19, 2017, at the St. Benedict Church Parish Hall, and for his support for this annual event. We would also like to thank all who visited and volunteered their time and/or made donations to St. Joseph Table which helped to make it a very successful event.



Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco with Mass and procession on April 22, 2017. The new mosaic was dedicated in January 2016.



Branch 111's St. Joseph's Table and the St. Joseph's Day Kitchen Crew.



Congratulations to all the raffle winners!! We hope that you all enjoyed the great food, desserts, and fellowship time with everyone. Please join us again next year on March 17 & 18, 2018 and take part in this special catholic tradition.

The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, allow us to award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. 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 of the month: "God does not give you what you can handle. God helps you handle what you are given". *God Bless!*

Frank Salomone

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,

Last month Johnny and Julieta Roa were selected by Principal Mrs., Marcia Reed of 186th Street School to represent the school at the Gardena City Council Meeting to lead the Flag Salute. Mrs. Reed was recently selected as "Principal of the year" and was the Grand Marshal of the Martin Luther



Branch 111 birthdays!

King parade. Michael Bohannon Roa is the vice president of Branch 237.

Johnny is the President of the junior branch. Congrats to all!!!

June 4-6th is our annual trip to Laughlin. These trips help fund our scholarship program and we thank the Parish and loyal friends for their support. June 9 we will present the high school scholarships and of course the college one too!

Congrats to John and Rose Moore on their newest grandchild and the Graduation of



Bishop Dave O'Connell with Branch 362 President Perry Shurko We were so blessed to have Bishop Dave O'Connell as our presider for Mass.

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

On March 5, Members enjoyed their annual Branch Meeting South Pasadena

San Winery in Los Angeles and celebrated with a Happy Birthday to Paola Fratino and Happy Anniversary to Richard and Patricia Avila.

On April 10, members, families and friends enjoyed dinner at Jake's Roadhouse BBQ in Old Town Monrovia. Special Guest Paul Avvento attended with his wife Grace spoke on his efforts at raising thousands of dollars for the Cooley's Anemia Society of both

Queens and Suffolk County and the Make a Wish Foundation in New York.

Thank you to event Chair Joan Brascia, husband Jerry and members for making this a successful event.

On May 6, 2017 come join members at the Annual Branch Wine Tasting Event themed "A Night in Venice" in Holy Family Church Parish Hall from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Call [626 379-0629](tel:626-379-0629) for more information or to RSVP for Dinner or Dinner and Wine Tasting.

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.

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.

May God bless and keep you healthy "æper



Branch 362, St. Raymond's 35th St. Joseph Table.

their daughter, Victoria, from University of Portland with her degree in Nursing.

Congrats also go out to Vice President Gennifer Bohannon on her upcoming wedding to Michael McClure.

"my strength and my courage is the Lord and He has been my Savior. He is my Gog, I praise Him: the God of my Father, I extol Him.

Exodus 15:2

La Canada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Our April meeting provided very interesting information about how the St. Vincent DePaul Society provides help to the poor and homeless through its Catholic Social Teaching program. John David Fields, Executive Director of St. Vincent DePaul of Los Angeles led a discussion on Catholic Social Teaching and how the society and its volunteers serve the poor and the homeless. Mr. Fields has been an active and dedicated volunteer member for close to 20 years and Executive Director for the past seven years. The Society was founded in Paris in 1833 and its volunteers have served the suffering in Southern California for over 100 years. Other speakers over the last few months have been really noteworthy beginning with a fascinating talk about the Cuban revolution in 1959 by someone who was a part of the rebellion against Fidel Castro at the Bay of Pigs; and a talk in February about the new national Catholic Radio available here in Los Angeles on Immaculate Heart Radio AM 930.

Congratulations to all the members who worked so hard to make our St. Joseph Day Table and Mass event a huge success. Revenue from the Table exceeded expectations and topped all previous years. Noteworthy, is the work provided by Phyllis Harb. The Silent Auction, which Phyllis initiated in 2016, is now a regular part of our program. A new addition was the introduction of Meatball Sandwiches provided by Chef Denise Koeppen, another big contributor to our success. Once again, a beautiful St. Joseph Table was decorated under the leadership of Paula Clinnin with the help of the hands of many members. A special Mass celebrated by Monsignor Cacciapuoti, with a Reading in Italian by Fiora Murphy, made this entire day a spiritually fulfilling and profitable experience.

The Board is discussing several events for the next few months. This includes

continuing our popular speakers series and some field trips to interesting local places. Under consideration is a visit to St. Benedict Abbey in Valyermo, wine and gelato tasting and dinner at Bulgarini Gelato, and Brunch and Mass at Oakmont Country Club. Watch for further information.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on May 16.

Che Dio ti Benedica,

Al Restivo

First Vice President and Orator

Rancho Palos Verdes

St. John Fisher, Br. 444

ICF Chapter 444 has involved itself in charitable events that serve our Saint John Fisher community as well as communities abroad. In March, we helped to prepare the Lenten Soup Supper for parishioners at St. John Fisher. A number of members who were led by our Vice President, Patty Hansen, prepared grilled cheese sandwiches and vegetable soup for parishioners attending mass and Stations of the Cross. We were especially impressed by one of our volunteer's (Mateo Poncia, age 13) ability to simultaneously cook multiple grilled cheese sandwiches that came out perfectly crisp!

Efforts continue to raise money for a Well in a village in Ghana that will bring fresh, clean water to local townspeople. Please join us on May 14th for a salad, spaghetti, meatball, and dessert luncheon. There are two grand prizes, a Motorized Cart and an Afghan. Raffle prizes will also be available and we are guaranteeing that fun will be had by all!

The branch wishes a happy birthday to all of its members born in April: Patricia Hansen, Van McKenny, Mateo Poncia, Barbara Taylor, and Mac Chapman.

Our next general meeting will be held May 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Carol Piccirillo

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our 50th anniversary party has been postponed until September. There will be more information closer to the event. Upcoming:

There will be no regular meeting for May



Branch 326 ICF and Royal Court 2017.

as we will be celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day at the San Antonio Winery on May 21 with a short meeting there. Carpooling is recommended as the parking is limited. Lunch is cafeteria style and each person will be responsible for their cost of the lunch. For those of you who have never been to the winery, it is a unique place and very enjoyable. Please RSVP to Jerry.

A sausage and meatball sandwich sale is June 3 and 4. A signup sheet is available to help out.

Our last meeting was interesting as we had two guest speakers, Helen Roberge speaking about her work in Haiti and Mary Sneed about her involvement in Relay for Life. Both speakers were informative about their subjects.

Everyone have a wonderful Mother's Day and hope to see all of you at our next event.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

May 12 -Dinner/ General meeting

May 14-Mother's Day

June 11- Arts and Crafts Fair

July 20 - Taste of Diamond Bar

Once again we were blessed with a successful "Holy Cannoli" fundraiser on April 2nd. Toni Werely and Laura Giello who supervised, prepared, chopped and most of all with all their hearts contributed to the success. We are all grateful. Also thank you all sold prepared and distributed for countless hours. Sundays and even Sat. nite-"Holy Cannoli,s " indeed.

The menu for the May meeting will be discussed in the newsletter. Also the Arts and Crafts Fair will be discussed at the May

meeting. A sign up sheet will be available. We are asking the members to donate soda and water for the event June 11.

Happy Spring and Happy Mother,s Day!

God Bless until next time.

Roxanne Perry, President

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

April brings May flowers and the annual OLA Fiesta on Mother's Day weekend. We will again man the Pizza Booth. This is a great time for all the OLA community.

May 31 is Memorial Day. Remember all our fallen military.

June will be the time of graduation and scholarships to be awarded. We are still planning the event, more to follow.

God bless all the birthday of May and wedding anniversaries

Andrea Linn

Temple City

St. Luke, Br. 326

May is the month to remember all of the special mother's that have touched our lives and all of our veterans who fought and died for our country.

A big thank you to the 2017 Temple City Royal Court for their attendance at our last meeting.

Our next General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Branch 326 was saddened to hear of the passing of Frank Scorsone, husband of longtime member Frances Scorsone and father to member Andrea Scorsone. Our

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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION



(Above) Anita Pusateri, 4th from the right, enjoying a fabulous time with other members of Branch 443 at St Paschal's St Joseph Table."

(Below) In 1935, at the age of 8, Anita, with family and friends, is celebrating St Joseph Table Celebration in New York. She is on the left side of the picture with a white blouse and bow in her hair.



thoughts and prayers go out to the Scorsone family.

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

Happy May Birthday to: Dan Arrighi, Josie Basile, Sally Farinella, Marie Hadaway, Herminia Saez, and Mae Rosenkranz.

Happy Anniversary to: John and Rose Marie Perfetto (65 years)

"I love to walk in springtime along a flowered lane, especially when God has sent a soft and gentle rain. The air is so refreshing as the breezes softly play, all the cares I had before with them are blown away. My heart is singing once again just like the birds on high; the sun's come out and now appears a rainbow in the sky... Though miles and miles away, I see its beauty and each hue... and know it holds God's promise of His faithful love so true." (Lou Ella Cullipher)

God Bless,
Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region

Simi Valley

St. Gianna, Br. 443

Our ICF Branch 443 wanted to thank Branch 380 from St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks, for their help and friendship during our first two years in ICF. So about 25 of our members attended their 31st Annual St Joseph Day Celebration to show our support. The food was delicious and the entertainment was superb!

And how great is this.....?

Among the St Rose members in attendance were Anita Pusateri and her son, Joseph, who are members of Branch 443.

During the evening, Anita shared a story and photo from her childhood in 1935, in which her family and friends celebrated a St. Joseph's Table celebration in New York.

The photos submitted below show Anita celebrating with family & friends both past and present.

It is great to see wonderful traditions carried over through the generations.

Thanks to St. Paschal's for the great evening and to Anita for sharing her story and picture with us!

Linda Fabry
Branch 443, Simi Valley CA

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Felice Primavera, Tutti! With all the wet and wind of Winter, Spring emerges in all its glory...a gentle reminder that God's promises will be fulfilled. But, despite the rain, Branch 21 held some great parties including the annual St. Joseph's Day Pancake Breakfast in Holy Cross Hall. It was well-attended by ICF members and families coming out of morning Mass hungry. We want to thank Rebecca Rosser and Roseann Costabile and their committee for making this such a happy event. We also held a second Lenten Soup Supper with two soups being served: an Asian Pho Soup made by Maria Reames, and a clam chowder made by Roseann Costabile. Both were delicious and we thank the ladies for sharing their chef talents. We would also like to give a big thanks to Ida Tarantino and her committee who never fail to make beautiful the tables for most of our events. A very wise person once said "Volunteers are love in motion"...our Branch truly is blessed with lots of love.

Up-coming events will be the Spring Fling on April 28, with a promise of a Romantic Evening in the Garden. Then during the May 2 General Meeting, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo and our newest Branch 21 members. On June 13 there will be the Sock Hop, also held as part of the General Meeting...we will have a '50's theme and maybe even some 'be-bopping'. Please contact Roseann Costabile or Norma Wilson for information or any questions.

Before closing, we would like to send out a 'hello' to Branch 21's past president, Richard Puccinelli, and his family; and to the lovely Rosalie Campisi....we miss you all and hope to see you soon.

And finally, we wish to send our condolences to the families of Aurelia Bozzo and Bobby Wilson; sadly, both have recently passed away. Aurelia was an ICF Princess in 1936 and continued on as a lifetime ICF member. She would have been 102 years old in May. Bobby was an ICF member who loved to cook and happily helped with so many functions. Their sunny smiles and giving spirits will be missed.

We hope to see you at our next Branch meeting and together enjoy good food, good fun, and serving our good Lord.

Patty Morelli

Secretary-Branch 21

Salinas

Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Happy Easter to all ICF members! Happy Birthday to Doris Sprugasci, mother of Branch 25 member Linda Hoffman, who turned 90 this month! Doris is the accordion player at our Central Coast District Events. We also wish a speedy recovery to our Branch Secretary, JoAnn Sullivan, who had a hip replacement. (As coincidences go, Branch 25 member Bennett "Billie" Brown, JoAnn's father, went to Chualar School Kindergarten with Doris, he will be 90 in January!)

Mark your Central Coast District Calendars!



Monterey, Branch 36 St. Joseph Celebration
St. Joseph-Eli Bettencourt; Mary- Michaela Singh; Jesus- Salvatore Aliotti

The Bishop's Office has confirmed and Bishop's Day will be August 6, 2017, at the JM Ranch. Invitations will be going out in June.

Our Branch worked on formalizing our annual budget cycle during the March 2017 meeting, with further discussion on membership drives at the April 2017 meeting. The new budget process captures all expenses by categories using an excel format, referring to the CC budget guidelines. The process used the revenue and expenses from the 2016 year just completed to establish a budget baseline, and we then reviewed a proposed 2017 budget. We did identify potential shortfall for 2017 and determined that the cost of the Polenta Luncheon will need to be increased and will be more in line with similar community luncheons. Branch 25 will be sending two delegates to the Convention in September, Julie Richards and JoAnn Sullivan.

Branch 25 will be represented at the District Meeting on April 22, 2017, jointly hosted by the Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande Branches. Please let an officer know if you wish to attend by April 19 at the latest, and if a ride is needed to this meeting. Our next meeting is May 9, 2017 meeting at the Salinas KC Hall, we should know our scholarship recipients by then and hopefully the date for the Polenta Luncheon in early November. We wish all Mom's a Happy Mother's Day!

Monterey

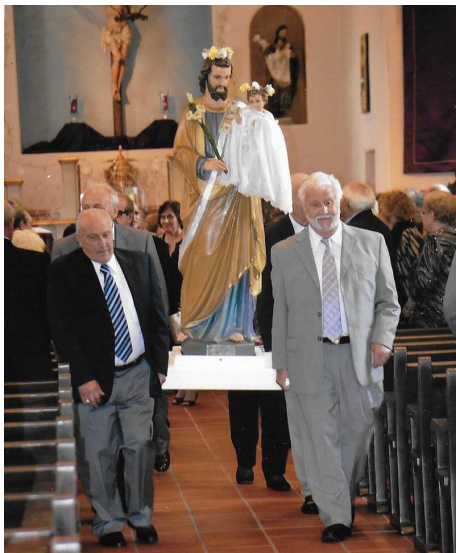
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

We finished our 6th Lenten dinner Friday 4/7, every week we had a full house and so nice to see everyone having such a great time, and wonderful to see the same smiling faces every year, plus some new ones. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, they all show up, know what to do and they do it. I wish I could list every name, but I am limited to how many words I can use in each article, I can say each volunteer is loved and appreciated, and there would be no Lenten dinners without you. Also, I want to mention our student volunteers, they too are the greatest, they even look like they enjoy working!

The 35th Annual Saint Joseph's Celebration was held at the Elks Lodge. Mass was celebrated at San Carlos Cathedral with Father Peter, Erasimo Aiello, vocalist, and



(Above) Monterey Br. 36 St Patrick Day Lenten Dinner Bartenders.



(Left) Turie cavaliere and his crew.

place.

COMING UP: May 14 - Happy Mother's Day - Have a great day and may your life be blessed.

June 1 - Monthly Dinner Meeting.

July 13 - 85 and over Birthday Party for all of our paid up members

Have a wonderful summer;

Peace be with you,

Bettye Sollecito

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Mother's Day!

At the March 11 District Board Meeting Rosa went over the finances and events in our District for the remainder of the year. The District BBQ/Bishop's Day in August will be held in Chualar (Salinas Branch) and a District Meeting will be in Monterey in September. Rosa also showed pictures from the January Installation that was held in Capitola.

Our Branch Polenta Fundraiser has been postponed until late fall, but we plan to have a summer fundraiser.

On May 16 we will have a general meeting to discuss the summer fundraiser and elect a delegate to the Convention.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Wilma Cursi, Dolores Tottino, Vic and Eva

Elaine Miller Giammanco, organist, Eli Bettencourt as Saint Joseph, Michaela Francesca Singh as Mary, and Salvatore Joseph Aliotti as Jesus. After Mass there was a Dinner-Dance at the Elks Lodge with a delicious Prime Rib dinner and the Anthony Lane Band with the dance floor packed, it was a wonderful celebration. Liz Grammatico did a beautiful job as Master of Ceremonies, and each year Ventura & Mary Manuguerra and Joe & Bea Bonanno work very hard to make this a very special event.

Our deepest sympathy to:

The family of Annie Garnerio Richerts, Annie & Bob came to all ICF activities and had a great time; To the family of Joseph Real and to Agnes D'Agui, his companion, and Dolores Robertson Kaelin, Joe's sister - they are all members of Br. #36, and come to everything; To the family of Josephine Martino, I did not know Josephine, however, I know her daughter Jeanine Ferrante, Jeanine is a member of Br. 36, and works hard for the Festa Italia Festival.

They will be missed, but are in a better



At each Fish Fry, Br. 291 member and Chaplain, Fr. Alphonse (aka: Fr. Mario) adorned a different "fishy" hat! Everyone looked forward each week to his latest attire!

Mae Sigala and all who need God's healing blessings.

God bless all mothers, grandmothers and the special ladies who give their love because they care so much for us.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

After eight years of putting on the annual barbecue, Bob Montonye is turning in his apron. So we are looking for a new coordinator. If we don't get a volunteer, there will be no barbecue this summer. So please contact Bob—he'll guide you through the steps.

Our branch is helping with the May 12 Dinner Dance being held in conjunction with the parish raffle. We will be cooking the roast beef dinner.

Convention Raffle Tickets are now on sale. Please turn in your stubs and payment to Treasurer Jim Smith.

Prayers and get well wishes go out to Nancy Prevedelli, who is out of commission with a knee problem, and to Mary Montonye, who is dealing with various health issues.

From St. Therese of Lisieux: The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother.

Happy Mother's Day

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Lenten Fish Fry dinners were a success again this year. Much credit for that goes to our tireless coordinators, Ellen Pauly, Heidi Ambiel, and Jane and Rick Kotila, and to the cooks, kitchen prep workers, ticket sellers, busing persons, servers, bartenders, dessert ladies, the set-up and clean-up crews, and all those who furnished desserts every week. A special shout-out to Loretta Reaves, who brought wonderful home-baked goodies each Friday morning for the workers.

Welcome to new members Raul and Rossana Grau and Norma Milete and Craig Mortensen.

Many thanks to Ron Castle and his crew of Bill Crowley, Ken Olson, Mike Rios and Rick Kotila for preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner at our April meeting.

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our 2017 Lenten Fish Frys were a huge success! Thank you to all our hardworking

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Joanna Van Blaricom and Rose Haupt did a lovely job decorating Br. 291's St. Joseph's Table at our March meeting. Members donated food, toiletries and household products that were given to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

members who put in many hours each week to make this annual event run smoothly and a very profitable fundraiser for Branch 291!

At our March General Meeting we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table and collected several tables full of non-perishable food, household products and toiletry items that were all donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Thank you to our very generous members who brought in bags of food and other items for our table, to Kathleen Sullivan who planned and organized our St. Joseph's Table (but was unable to be present that day due to illness), to Joanna Van Blaricom and Rose Haupt who set-up and decorated the table, and to Fr. Alphonse who blessed our St. Joseph's Table.

We recently welcomed several new members to our Branch—Jennifer Nakamura and her daughter, Whitney; Steve and Tammy Becker and their grandson, Steven; Dee Canepa; Jaime and Alejandra Fuerte and their children, Galilea, Sofia and Ana; Dan Jimenez (rejoining after a short absence. Welcome back, Dan!); and Annie Subia and her grandchildren, Adriana, Dean and Anabelle Rodriguez. Welcome to Br. 291! Many of these new members immediately jumped-in and helped at our fish fries. We appreciate their energy and enthusiasm!

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

We will not be holding a General Meeting in May in honor of Memorial Day weekend. Please pray for all the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving our great country.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and especially the Mother of our Lord!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Oakland East Bay District Council

We would like to thank Andy Pappani, 1st Vice President of the Central Council and Dante Galeazzi, Grand Trustee, for the well presented program they shared with our district on March 27th. Ideas for retention of members and ways deputies can help the branches were shared along with hand outs.

We are looking forward to our district Mass and Communion scheduled for next month.

There are 3 upcoming branch anniversaries, one in each of the next 3 months; Br. 343, April 22, Br. 10, May 20 and Br. 285, June 3. So, dust off your dancing shoes and support and celebrate each other.

The district will have "The Day at the Races", on June 8. Reservations for this go fast, so be in touch with Fran LaTorre by May 19 to secure a spot.

Due to many district officers sailing off to Hawaii on April 23, there will be no district meeting in April. But as you can see from the information above, there is still plenty to do.

A Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers and greats! May the Blessed Mother, the greatest Mother of all, protect and guide you 'til next Mother's Day.

Alameda

Nuestra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are looking forward to our 91st Anniversary Dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High and Van Buren Streets, Alameda. We will be more restrained than we were in 2016, when we celebrated our 90th anniversary. The roast beef dinner will be prepared by chef Ben Ratto and his assistant, Rick Kaula. Social hour starts at 6:00p.m., and dinner will be served promptly at 7:00. A raffle will follow dinner. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for youngsters 12 and under. For reservations, contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005 by noon on Monday, May 15. We have scheduled our initiation ceremony for Saturday, June 24. The evening will start with Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Saint Philip Neri Church and will be followed by a barbecue dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs. We estimate that the official welcome will be extended to about 40 members. We are hoping that our deputy, Fran La Torre, can officiate. An ICF pin and a small commemorative booklet will be presented to each "new" member. On April 7 we concluded our series of Friday Fish Fry dinners, which were served following Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip Neri Church. Between 75 and 100 parishioners attended on each of the first six Fridays of Lent. We thank member Virginia Wegener for--again--taking charge of this event. At our meeting of Thursday, April 6 we voted to contribute a \$500.00 sponsorship to a May 19th concert by composer, guitarist and singer Jess Manibusan. Mr. Manibusan is well-known for his inspiring liturgical music. Admission will be free, but donations are welcome. We also voted to sponsor a hole at the ICF 17th Annual Golf Tournament on July 28 at Laguna Seca Golf Course in Monterey.

We will shortly be awarding high school scholarships to four graduates of our local grammar schools, Saint Philip Neri and Saint Joseph Elementary. The recipients are selected by the teachers and principals of each school.
John Zugnoni, Publicity

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40



Branch 285's St. Joseph's Table 2017: left to right, Kathy Elm, Judy Wellbeloved
Ironstone 2017: left to right, Christine Cardullo, Judy Wellbeloved, Bobbie Farrington.

Happy Mother's Day. Wishing you all a beautiful day with your family and loved ones. Last year at this time we had hosted a Polenta dinner. And so far, this year we had not planned anything. However, that is about to change. We have a single member who volunteered to come up with options for lunches or early dinners with specific dates. Our next monthly meeting the information will be presented. We encourage your support, not only in supporting our dinners but being active in the branch as much as possible. And active branch is a healthy branch. Our monthly meetings are short and wonderful refreshments are served afterward where you can meet a new member possibly. The District quarterly Mass and Communion has been postponed for the time being. We will advise you of the new date.

A dear member of ours suddenly passed away on March 28. Bruna Gasparo, joined Branch 40 in Jan. 6, 1972 and was an active member from the beginning. We could always count on her for her dinners, Bocci Ball and all the hard work she put into the Branch. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Michele and their family.

May 1: Branch meeting 7PM

June 5: Branch meeting 7PM

Happy birthday to Lorainne Alberti, Anne Marie Grader, Richard Muscardin, Thomas Poggi, and Alan Prico.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing of our branch.

Thought: "When I am right no remembers, When I am wrong no one forgets."

Ciao,

M.A. Francis and L. A. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

April fool's day has come and gone. The final four are battling it out and baseball season is starting. Summer vacations and other family activities are getting closer and closer.

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

* Corpus Christi Flea Market: 5/20/2017, Noon – 4:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Church in Fremont. President Fran LaTorre & Vilma Romo will once again help in the collection and selling of donated items. We would like to invite all members to come to the festival and to check out the Flea Market.

* 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.



One of our earliest members, Sam Cesare, has passed away on April 1st at 2:00 p.m. Shirley, his wife, asked to pass the word to all ICF members, especially those of Br. 215. Sam was a retired school teacher. All three of his grandchildren were recipients of the ICF's First Year College Scholarship. In fact, their oldest granddaughter, Amanda, was also awarded the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year College Scholarships. You might remember Sam bringing tomatoes and little basil plants that he had grown at his home. He had a very wry sense of humor and a sweet and gentle man.

Anyone that has ever played bocce with us will remember that Adrian Lampe and Sam Cesare were the two members who came up with the idea of playing bocce ball initially at City Beach Sports Center. They had gone to Campo di Bocce in Livermore to play bocce with some friends of Sam's and had such a great time that they researched bocce courts in Fremont and our bocce group was started. Our games continue to this day at the track field of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On a more positive note, we are happy to see that Scott Schiecl is on the mend from his heart surgery. His wife, Judy, says that Scott is anxious to resume his active life. Like most men, he is grumpily following doctor's orders to rest and let nature take its course.

Once again, Happy Birthday/Anniversary to everyone, especially all branch members celebrating this month. Please keep Sam, Shirley, Scott, and Judy in your prayers.

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

An ASTOUNDING Bingo Bash! New location - new crowd, biggest ever! So, big we had to set up 5 extra tables. And record revenue for our charities. Many deserving thanks go to Chairperson Phyl Buonsante, assisted by Judy Wellbeloved, Elaine Meier, and a long list of members who wrapped gift baskets, set up tables, sold tickets, and provided snacks. A special thanks to our caller, Richard O'Connor for his generous help. Next on the agenda is the Polenta Dinner fundraiser. Mark your calendars - it will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Hall on June 3rd. Let's make this another record breaking event. Our St. Joseph's Table meeting in March was combined with celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Thanks especially go to Kathy Elm for all her work and her tribute to St. Patrick who, as it turns out, was not Irish! A delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage was prepared by Judy

Wellbeloved. A photo of our St. Joseph's table with Kathy and Judy is nearby. Another very special outing was to the Ironstone Vineyards, Murphy's, also in March. A great place to visit when the flowers are in bloom. A photo of the group and just some of the beautiful flowers is shown nearby. As part of our speaker series, our April meeting featured famous sculptor and Oakland native, Mario Chiodo. Mario's resume includes prestigious projects such as the design and production of the Jazz Court for Harrah's New Orleans. Come join us for our events or meetings -together we are the Italian Catholic Federation family. *Ci vediamo presto?*

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Let's begin with a BIG Italian Grazie to all the Biscotti bakers out there. Because of your hard work, we will be able to support our scholarship funds and other charities. And we still have rave reviews coming in as I write this. We must also thank our new members, Lisa and John Gentilin, for selling the Biscotti at a special dinner.

We are looking forward to our anniversary dinner dance and raffles on April 22nd. Here's hoping that many of you will be there kicking up your heels to the Big Band sounds and having fun.

The May meeting will be a busy one as we will be giving one or more scholarships to graduating 8th graders from OLG as they continue their Catholic education. We will also be talking about the ICF convention Labor Day weekend in Sacramento and electing delegates. And there will be information on where our meetings for the summer will be held while Stack Center is being redone. Since we were unable to have a meeting in April we are looking for a large turnout.

May the Blessed Mother set an example and protect and guide all mothers throughout the year.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, godmothers, grands and greats!

Contra Costa

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Alleluia! Alleluia! We send all of you wishes of Easter joy. Next month, the Branch celebrates its 90th Anniversary in the Federation. We are happy to continue

to bring Italian celebrations to our faith community. Members, families, and guests are invited to attend Mass together at 8:30 AM at St. Catherine Church on Sunday, June 11 and receive a blessing. We will go out for breakfast together afterward. Applications for the Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship are being reviewed. Rosemary Cook, Branch #13 Scholarship Chairperson, will announce the \$200 scholarship recipient at the St. Catherine of Siena Parochial School Graduation on June 2. The recipient of this and the ICF's First Year Scholarship and their families will be invited to join us at our August 17th regular meeting for a meet and greet and will share their plans for high school and college, respectively. Marina Ellis was an active ICF member and the oldest member at the time when she decided she wanted to begin a Scholarship in her name for the students of the parish school. She was a strong advocate of St. Catherine of Siena's grade school and continuing Catholic education. The annual scholarship, now in its 15 year, was the result of her generous contributions; and, those subsequent donations made in her memory upon her death. Several Branch 13 members were spotted supporting Branch 14's annual Fish Fry which never disappoints. Why don't we all make it a goal to support neighboring branches in their fundraising efforts. The branch breaks from meeting during the months of June and July; and, wish you all a relaxing and rejuvenating summer.

Ciao from Martinez,

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

At our March St. Joseph's Table meeting, Pauline Cardoza and Carl Heller paraded around the hall, attempting to appear as holy as Mary and Joseph; we will let those present decide if they succeeded. Thanks to Joe Macaluso, who was blessed with a beautiful voice, for leading us in song, and to Fr. Leo for blessing us all with rosemary-flavored holy water. (Sorry if the above sounds just a bit irreverent; no disrespect intended.)

Kathleen Thomas announced, for her husband and Corned Beef Dinner Chef Jim Thomas, that the Irish dinner brought in more money than the February Italian Polenta Dinner. Is there a little good-natured competition here?

Thanks to Vonda Lesti-Egan for selling the ICF calendars; she is our "go to" salesperson. Thanks for doing such a good



Patty Jarrett, Grand President & Mrs. Leonard Zasoski, Jr., & Rose Jarrett attending the celebration of Branch 214's 50th Anniversary.



Branch 214's 1st Past President Jim Villa & wife Virginia.



Ed & Allison McGuirk (M/C for the evening.)

job, Vonda!

An authentic Mexican Enchilada dinner will be served at 6:30, at our May 9 meeting. Please try to attend 5:30 mass. The free dinner celebrates Mother's and Father's Days; wouldn't it be fitting to attend mass in honor of our parents?

Don't forget the popular Bingo and Hot Dog Night on Friday, May 12. Join in the fun, beginning with hot dogs and all the trimmings at 6:00.

Just a couple of future dates to circle...July 30 is when we will celebrate Branch 14's 90th Anniversary. A wonderful celebration of this momentous occasion is being planned. On Friday, August 25, join other ICF members at the A's game. It's always fun to get together with other branches to (hopefully) watch the A's win. Appropriately, it is the A's Italian Night.

Happy Mother's Day to all women whose kindness, love and devotion brighten the lives of others. May this special day be filled with many blessings to you and those you love.

Ciao,

Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

On April 22, we enjoyed our annual spring dinner and meeting held at Bravo's Italian Restaurant in Pittsburg. Dinner was delicious and was followed by our meeting. We had a good turnout and a nice evening. We discussed upcoming events and had convention delegate nominations.

I will give a report on that next month.

Our deputy Peggy Aiello Hagerthy presented the branch with a check. It was her winning check from the daily ICF raffle. The branch gave her the calendar and raffle ticket as a Christmas gift last December. She wanted to return the kindness by donating her winnings to our branch. Thank you, Peggy!

Our Secretary Grace Scanapico was able to come back after a few months away. Welcome back.

In the fall, we will host our first Bunko party on our branches 70th anniversary. We will have snacks and a raffle along with Bunko. Jane Russo will be the chairperson. More details will be given closer to the event.

Another fun event to look forward to is our summer swim party and picnic. This is hosted each year by Joann Thilgen and her sister Elaine. We will send flyers with the details.

Our district is planning another outing to the Oakland A's game. This is for the A's Italian night on August 25. You will not want to miss this fun filled night out with fellow members from our district. Watch for details from chairperson Roselynn Jarrett.

The district is also planning this year's Communion Breakfast. The date for that will be determined at our next district meeting on April 27. I will send invitations.

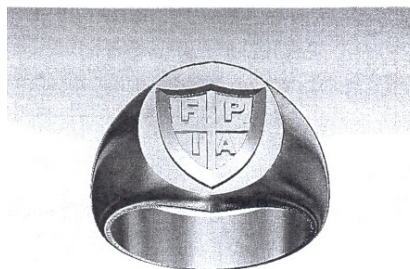
We do not have a meeting in May. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday June 4.

Happy Mother's Day!

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti,

Patty



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Celebrating 50 years of Branch 214 are President Roberta Healy, Vice President Ron Artale; Bk. row: Angie Monson, Allison McGuirk, Sue Georgetti, Joanne Doorack, Ed McGuirk, Veronica Peery, Karen Gee, M.J. Murray, Christina Artale.

Richmond

St. Raymond, Br. 154

The April 10 meeting was about honoring past presidents of the St. Raymond's branch. Risotto and Salad was prepared by Toni Reeder and Walter Costa. Thank you to all past presidents. You all have contributed to the success of St. Raymond Branch 154.

Thank you to Joe Meneghelli for another fun trip to Cache Creek. All of the gamblers had a rousing good time. Any profits from the trip are donated to Children's Hospital, benefiting Cooley's anemia.

The next meeting is May 8, celebrating Mother and Father's Day, Mass will be followed with an Enchilada Dinner. Get your reservations in at the next meeting or by calling me at 510-697-3128.

The next fundraiser is to be held on April 29, 2017 at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall in El Cerrito.

We are doing something different this year. Instead of polenta will be serving Raviolis and Chicken, salad, bread and dessert. A Raffle will be held. If you would like to donate a raffle item, please see Toni Reeder. Dinner reservations are a must. Please call Dee Yonke at 510-236-0689 soon!

Delegates to the upcoming convention were elected. They are Alicia Trevino and Lorraine Acuña. Since the convention is only an hour away, we encourage all members to attend. The convention is open to all, however, only the delegates may sit at the delegate's table. Raffle tickets will be mailed to members who have not picked up their tickets at the monthly meeting. Return your unstapled ticket stubs to Domenica Yonke. Remember, the branch gets to keep ten dollars for every book we sell.

Lorraine Acuña

Concord

Todos Santos, Br. 214

Our branch began March 5 1967 - with President Jim Villa. Last month we celebrated our 50th Anniversary at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Past President Jim Villa attended which made for wonderful history. We also Thank Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr., for his attendance and the many other wonderful guest who made this a such a special evening.

Upcoming events:

Our Annual Tea is May 13, \$25 per person.

June 3, we will have our Viano Wine Tasting event.

Thoughts and Prayers for our elderly & sick.

Our condolences on the passing of Francis Aiello, a longtime member of our branch.

Wishing all Moms, a Happy Mother's Day!

Christina Artale.

correspondence secty

Brentwood

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all!

A feast day is a date set aside for honoring the life, the patronage and the legacy of a specific Saint.

Catholic tradition honors the feast of Saint Joseph as the husband of Mary on March 19th and the feast day of Saint Joseph on May 1st as Joseph the worker. March 19th is of relatively recent years (1621) and is formally named the Solemnity of Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the traditional day in the Western Church. An optional date of May 1st for Joseph the Worker was set in 1955 but has not caught on in the Christian world.

On the March 19th feast day of Saint Joseph, Catholics honor him with an age-old tradition called St. Joseph's table. History has it the tradition began on the Island of Sicily. There was a draught that



Branch 432, St Joseph's procession into the Church. Photo by M Simonetti.

ruined the harvest and caused a famine. The Sicilians prayed to Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Family and their prayers were answered when the famine and draught receded. In the finest Italian tradition homage to St. Joseph comes in the form of food and celebration. Over the years many different types of food have been added to the collage that has come to be known as St. Joseph's table.

At IHM the celebration of Saint Joseph's feast day began in mid afternoon with a movie, "The Life of Saint Joseph," followed by the Holy Rosary. The growing gathering then melded into a procession that proceeded to the Church for a Solemn Mass. After Mass, all moved on to the hall for fellowship and food. Everyone in the Parish was invited.

The tables were resplendent with an array of unbelievable food dishes; all food provided by the different Ministries in the Parish. Nobody lacked for a dish that suited their pallet, the number of cultures guaranteed that.

It was a great celebration, befitting Saint Joseph.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill

Christ the King, Br. 442

We participated in Winter Nights, where our parish hosts homeless families for two weeks during the winter. On Wednesday the 29th branch members provided, served and shared a wonderful Rotisserie chicken and sides dinner with the families. We received rave reviews on the menu but we are humbled that we could be of service. A very rewarding experience for all who participated. Thank you Roger and Judy Van Maren for coordinating.

It was "Meeting and a Movie" at our April meeting. Members brought their favorite theater snacks, and after completing the business of the day, we settled in to watch the movie "Risen". The film stars Joseph Fiennes and details a Roman soldier's search for Jesus' body following his Resurrection. A wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Holy Week. Congratulations to Pam Beil our April Raffle winner.

We started the sign-up sheets for the Salami Toss Booth at the CTK festival coming in May. There are still slots available and if you would like to help out at this fun event, please contact Ann Consul at anniebanana724@yahoo.com.

Felice primavera!

Eileen McGauran and Ann Consul

Orange

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Here are the spring happenings at Branch 423:

The dinner for the March meeting was hosted by the four Gianantonios-Frank, Rose, Susie, and Cris. They made a lent friendly dinner of fish tacos accompanied by various sides and condiments brought by other members of the branch.

Kellie De Leo emceed the Bishop's Luncheon and Maureen Melvold catered



Branch 423's St. Joseph's Table and blessing from Father.



the luncheon that was held at St. Thomas More Parish.

The Heritage Report given by Kellie De Leo was about St. Joseph and his life. It chronicled the beginning of his life, marriage, dreams from angels, and Jesus' birth.

Our annual St. Joseph Table was held during the weekend of March 18 & 19. Parishioners donated homemade items for the table. We sold sausage/meatball sandwiches and fresh made cannolis. In addition, we had a St. Joseph altar where parishioners could leave their intentions for St. Joseph. Special thanks go to the Vietnamese Ministry for baking items for the St. Joseph Table.

Annual Picnic scheduled to be held on July 21. More details to follow.

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

Saluti,

Save the Date!! Sunday, May 21st, 2017 for BINGO followed by a delicious Pasta Dinner that includes Pasta with Meat and Pesto Sauce, Meatballs, Salad, Rolls and Dessert! Branch meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. BINGO starts at 4:30 p.m. Followed by Dinner at 6 p.m. in Giovanni Hall at St. Mary's Parish. Get one complimentary BINGO card! Additional cards are \$2 each or 3 cards for \$5! Cost of the Dinner and Bingo is \$15 for ICF members and \$20 for non-members! Call



Branch 438's St. Joseph's Day Celebration.



Janine Orsi for reservations at 916-508-1199 by Tuesday, May 16th! Come and enjoy a delicious meal and play BINGO for cash prices!

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

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

Buon compleanno for our members celebrating May birthdays! Lois Bencken, Ottavio Luchini, Jackie Bush, Kathy Pongratz and Tina Tallman!

Ciao!

Roseville

San Vito, Br. 73

At the meeting held on 21 March, the members present approved the donation of a \$400.00 first year college scholarship by the branch. If there is a qualified applicant from one of the schools of the local high school district, Antelope, Granite Bay, Oakmont, Roseville, Woodcreek, he/she will be awarded the scholarship. Otherwise, it will be awarded to a qualifying student within the Blessed Sacrament District.

I migliori auguri di tante belle cose a tutte le madri della Sezione 73 nell' occasione della loro giornata speciale, il 14 maggio. Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti I soci della sezione nati nel mese di maggio.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all those who were able to donate their time in representing our branch or donating baked items to St. Theresa's Hospitality Sunday that was held last month. It was a beautiful sunny day and several church members commented that our branch put on the best presentation of all the ministries that have hosted the event. We will be having a Corporate Mass on May 21 at St. Joseph's at 10:00. Members will process in together and share information about our group with the congregation. Be

on the lookout for an email about more information about this event.

Please save the date for our annual Appreciation Dinner which will be held at St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday, June 4. New members will be installed, scholarships will be presented, and two members will be honored for their service to the branch. The call committee will be contacting you soon to see what potluck items to bring to the dinner. Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Bollettino Contributor

Roseville

St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We presented our St. Joseph Table on March 18th. and 19th. Before the Saturday Mass Father Liam blessed the table. So many of you participated in this beautiful and thoughtful two day event. This lady thanks each one of you for making this once again very successful. It takes wonderful members like you to make it succeed. Especially it takes all the bakers to put happy smiles on the parishioners faces. A big, big, thank you to all my helpers who prepared the table. Also, all the members who worked at the masses. You were greatly appreciated. On May 19 at our general meeting Joe Aguillar and his family will be making a Cinco De Mayo dinner. Try not to miss it. This is going to be one good Mexican dinner. Now for a sad note are dear member Jean Charles lost her son Richard to an illness. This beautiful lady made 10 cream pies for the St. Joseph Table while her son was in the hospital. Thank you Joe Aguillar for picking up all the pies. God bless you Jean. May god watch over you at this sad time. Please don't forget our sick members. Happy Mother's Day to all you lovely Mother's.

Your Reporter

Yvonne Perry

San Bernardino

Upland

St. Joseph, Br. 446

Our new branch hosted our first St. Joseph's



Branch 261 held another successful meatball sandwich sale. Thank you for your help!

Day feast on March 18. Well over two hundred parishioners enjoyed a free dinner consisting of spaghetti, salad, bread, desert and wine. We look forward to a bigger and better event next year. Many of our members participated in the celebratory activities for the 25th Anniversary of the installation of Bishop Barnes of San Bernardino. During Lent our members sponsored a Friday Lenten Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross at which our members also conducted the prayers. It was especially heartwarming to see so many of our young family members participate. Upcoming events include a casino night as well as planning for a trip to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Burbank. We continue to support His Hands Ministry by bringing boxes of pasta or cans of tomato sauce to our monthly meetings as donations for the food pantry. We continue to promote ICF membership through our social events along with parish and school-wide activities.

San Diego

San Diego

St. Theresa, Br. 261

The strength of our Branch 261 comes from our many volunteers that give of their time and talent to assist in our many endeavors... Our Meatball/Sausage Sale brings us together...

"The Shopping" - Forrest Price & Vic Tallarida Sr. does the purchasing of all the needed ingredients. For the April sale they had a \$50 dollar coupon which really helped our bottom line... Mike & Vickie Del Vac deliver the 20 dozen bread rolls – still oven warm....

The "High Rollers" - Preparing 60 to 70 lbs. of hamburger into delicious meatballs requires a dedicated group of members... At 9 AM on Saturday our workers appear and all the ingredients are ready for the roll. The cooking trays are placed in the oven – the aroma soon envelops the entire area... The warm sauce which was prepared on Friday is ready for the many meatballs... Yes – we do use red wine in baking the meatballs... Our Branch leaders that assist in this effort – Tony Anthony, Bob Tallarida and Forrest Price...

"The Sauce Chef" - Tim Tallarida – prepares

the sauce on Friday... he uses three varieties of tomato in making 60 gallons... His recipe is over 50 years old... At one our sales an Assistant Pastor overheard a discussion relative to the origin of the recipe... The lady who provided the recipe received it from her mother – who lived in Bari, Italy... On hearing this Assistant Pastor spoke out..."Now I know why I like the sauce... my mother is Barese!!"

Our "Service Table Ladies"... This is a group of dedicated women who prepare the meatball and sausage sandwiches - wrap and bag them... Our leader of this group is Robin Fielding...

"The Cashiers" – Thanks to Pamela & Vic Tallarida Jr - our customers easily obtain receipts for purchasing our sale items... At our April sale the line at the cashiers' table was unusually long ... and resulted in our selling all our meatballs and sausages... This has not happened in over 40 years!!!

Our President – Pamela Tallarida - was pleased to donate over \$1000 to our Parish Community...

Tante grazie a tutti...!!!

Vic Tallarida

San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

May 28 -- Branch Mass, ICC, 10:30am

June 7 -- Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm. Host: Anna Doyle.

Please continue prayers for sick members.

Happy Mother's Day to all Branch 1 Mothers!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our Branch 38 has a very small membership, but we always have a lot to talk about... right Michelle? For example this month we were going to celebrate Norma Tealdi, "101st" Birthday, which is actually on April 20, but was she sick...no, why couldn't she be at the meeting? Well, I seems that her chair lift broke in her flat (she lives on the third floor)...repairman said, "The lift is too old"...but our young "101 year old" Norma who is always ready to get out of the house and have an enjoyable outing was forced to stay home! Norma was so disappointed, and so were we! Don't fret dear Norma, we are all anxious to celebrate your big day with you at our May meeting. By the way, what did you think of the giant Balloon Rabbit that Maria Gloria gave you?!

We celebrated our April meeting with the beginning of the SF Giants Baseball season. Our Hot Dog luncheon was fun and Maria Gloria brought us each cookies shaped and decorated like baseballs. For Easter we had plastic Easter eggs filled with candy, and of course we had a lot of fun birthday decorations for our absent Norma...that, by the way, we are saving for May... again thanks Maria. We also need to thank Cosmo for preparing the lunch and doing all the shopping. George Pagni, our District Deputy and Joe Basuino, our very special guest "grazie tanto" for pitching in and being great helpers...we really appreciate it, and your ideas are always appreciated, too.

A new Branch 38 member joined us today at our meeting. We were so excited to meet him. He's a (handsome) young man, and his name is Pietro Bonanno. He handed in his membership application and dues, and he is very eager to get involved. He says, that he has a lot of friends who would like to join the ICF. It's like a dream come true...it is just what our Branch #38 needs! Welcome Pietro, can it be, our prayers have been answered!

Our branch 38 will again have our April "No Bake Sale" fundraiser. ALL the money we raise will be used for our Br. 38 ICF Scholarship Program. We hope all our members will participate. This is Br. 38 only fundraiser that benefits "only" our branch. As in years past, we decided to again sponsor one student. The \$400.00 scholarship goes to a deserving 1st year HS student. College tuition is now extremely expensive. Please do your best to support our recipient. Last year we did very well... thank you in advance!

In May we will be celebrating Mothers' Day...to all the wonderful ICF Mothers,

Grandmothers, and Aunts we wish you continued good health and much happiness.

*Next Monthly meeting: May 13 at 12:00 Noon, in the PC. (Tony's Pizza: Cost: \$10.00).

*Ci Vediamo! Ciao!

Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our last meeting was held on April 5th and called to order by our President Marcella Ramos. We were happy to once again have our Pastor Father Ken with us. We were

sorry that our dear Mimi Ysturiz Dougherty was not able to attend but God Bless Father Ken for taking over for her as "Master Chef" in the kitchen. Of course he had many helping hands with Louis Massanti, Barbara Meagher, Joan McGratton, Luciana Tuccori. And we must not forget our bartenders, Ray Piva and Giuliano Tuccori!

Of course all business was attended to, and one important decision was made. Father Ken pointed out to us that we could save some money by transferring our accounts from the Bank of America to First Federal. It was put to a vote, and it was moved and seconded that this be done.

After President Marcella reminded us of the upcoming ICF Golf Tournament and the ICF Convention coming up in September, Father Ken had some wonderful news to share with us. He announced that all eight grade graduates were able to get into their selected High Schools!...And 27 out of the 29 graduates also got into the honor programs. We should be very proud of our St Vincent de Paul Faculty and Students. "Bravissimi tutti" !

After the meeting was adjourned, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner of Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore ! Until next time,

Ciao,

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

We hope our members and their families had a Happy Easter, On May 1, we have a trip planned to Thunder Valley Casino. Good luck to everyone. June 11 and June 12 we go to beautiful Lake Tahoe and we are staying at Harvey's Lake Tahoe. The Hotel is near the great shops and restaurants of Heavenly Valley. On our way home, we go to the Red Hawk Casino for 3 hours. Sounds great! ! To all our members with Birthdays in April and May, we wish you Much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year. Please remember our ill and deceased members in your Prayers.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

May 1: Officers Meeting

May 28: Mass

May 22: Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Mateo

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

Happy Mother's Day to all!!!

Our March Pedro Tournament was a big success, thank you to chair Donna Barnes and all those that helped.

May 8th will be a dinner meeting hosted by Kathy Trevizo with dessert made by Joyce Harnett. On May 23rd we will be hosting the Jefferson High School Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast, chaired by Cheryl Simon. Last year we had about 120 students in attendance. In June we will be hosting the Central Council meeting. The morning starts with closed CC committee meetings. At noon there is lunch, which you may enjoy for \$15, hot dogs and all the trimmings. At 1pm the official meeting begins. Hear committee reports, what is going on in the Federation, voting on the convention awards. See CC in action!

Kathy Trevizo (415)-297-7146 and Deborah Rodondi (650)583-0805 are continuing to collect items for our garage sale fundraisers. So if you are cleaning closets or downsizing call us, we will even pick up from you.

This month Norene Thurman was unable to write this article, due to family circumstances, please keep her son in your prayers.

Ciao,

Deborah

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our April showers months was true to form for March and April which did not stop us from enjoying our many events. We started off with a beautiful St. Joseph's table event chaired by our President, Dorene Campanile. The feast was celebrated with special prayers and a great assortment of food.

On March 26, 2017 we hosted the Semi Annual District Mass with a reception that followed. Thanks to Dorene Campanile who works so hard for our branch and her helpers who were Mary Ann Camacho, Mara Barsotti-Millis and Jean Watterson.

We are looking forward to San Francisco Archbishop's Day to be held on 4-23-17 at Our Lady of Angels Burlingame

10:00 AM Mass. Appetizers/finger foods buffet with wine, soda, coffee and dessert to follow in the hall.

For our May dinner/meeting on the

11th we will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo with dinner provided by La Tapitia Mexicantessen restaurant along with Margaritas, beer, wine, and soda.

We appreciate Brenda Wemiz for arranging our fun event.

Reminder to sell our Convention Raffle tickets and return the stubs/checks/cash to Diane Magner no later than July 31.

Please keep your prayers up for our members Elana Malta, Dave Mayer and Lorraine Rollandi.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

San Carlos

St. Charles Br. 327

It has been a very quiet month for us since our Anniversary dinner at the beginning of March.

President Carmel Dufault, Tom Malaspina and myself all attended the semi-annual District Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame on March 26. It was a very well attended event with a delicious social afterwards provided by Branch 173.

Please remember to sell your raffle tickets as every book sold earns our branch \$10.00.

Our condolences are being sent to the family of John Meany. John was a 20-year member of our branch.

Some dates to remember:

May 7: Branch 213, St. Augustine's 50th Anniversary celebration at the El Rancho Inn, Millbrae. Cocktails at noon; lunch at 1:00pm. Please contact Marie DeRosa if you plan to attend.

May 21: Branch 403, St. Dunstan's Pasta dinner. No host cocktails at 4:00pm; dinner at 5:00pm

June 10: Branch 19, Holy Angels, Central Council Meeting. Noon, hot dog luncheon, \$15.00, 1:00pm, meeting begins and usually ends between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Hear committee reports and find out what is happening in the Federation.

Sept. 17: Branch 403: St. Dunstan's Polenta dinner. No host cocktails at 4:00pm; dinner at 5:00pm.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

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

Several of our members attended Bishops Day on April 23, 2017 at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. Thanks to Branch 173 for hosting this event. At our May meeting on May 2, 2017, we were served a delicious Mexican Dinner prepared by our Italian cook Carla del Carlo. Our annual fundraiser, Spaghetti & Meatball dinner will take place on June 4, 2017 in the Parish Center, with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The dinner will include antipasto, salad, spaghetti & meatballs, dessert, and wine for \$25 per person. Reservations due by May 29 to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. Our branch asks for get-well wishes and prayers for Dan Capodanno and Ann Gardner. Our condolences and sympathy to Melba Catania for the passing of her husband Frank. *Rose Marie Morando*

Marin**Larkspur****St. James, Br. 161**

Dear Members,

Our March meeting was a success with a pasta and salad dinner before the start of the meeting and twice the number of members in attendance. Marlene Farber brought a large cross made of bread rolls. Monsignor Michael Padazinski stopped by to bless our bread, our food, St. Joseph's table, us, and to join us for dinner. The St. Joseph's table that was set up by Guy Francoz, Marlene Farber, Gloria Ghirarduzzi and Lorraine Iavarone was a fragrant and beautiful tribute to St. Joseph with its 3 tiers decorated with calla lilies, jasmine and candles, and traditional colors. Darcy Fitzsimmons explained the history and significance of the St. Joseph's table. All baked goods and jams were sold with the profits to go to charity.

The March 26 fundraising dinner at Le Chalet Basque, organized by Guy Francoz, Lorraine Iavarone, and Phyllis Rybensky, was a delicious treat and wonderful way to (almost) close out the month of March.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Doris Onetti who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister Mary and her whole family. Also, please keep Charlie Abela's family in your prayers who also passed away. They were both members of the ICF for many years.

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

Anna Biggio

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

District Council

Ric Shimshock acknowledged President Bob Bausino' Thanks for hosting the district meeting and mentioned that their branch made over \$5,000 on the recent pasta dinner and had a blood drive that attracted 32 people including two Uber drivers just passing by. During the heritage talk, Patricia Luc and Pauline de Souza Lawrence presented Tiramisu while Patricia shared a short history about the dessert.



Branch 28 – New members (Teri Fortino, Steve and Marie Blankley, A.J. Habing) being installed at our March 20, 2017 meeting.



Branch 28 - Members preparing for the Bake Sale at the March 12, 2017 Scholarship Pancake Breakfast.

Day of Recollection unable to be held on the date listed. Bill Greco suggested that the Board consider an alternate date. Denise Antonowicz confirm the district picnic date is July 30 to be held at Vasona Park. She also asked members to submit pictures, stories and recipes to publish in next year's calendar. Elaine Osorio has set June 11 for Our Lady of Peace Mass: luncheon following at Michael's at Shoreline - \$28 per person. Marie Greco has reserved Day at the Races for Friday, June 16 at 4:00 pm.

President Bob distributed the Convention raffle books to each branch. Remember the book costs \$20.00 and \$10.00 stays at the branch. Andy Pappani said the district will award \$30.00 to any member who brings in 5 new members.

Fr. Aranha (aka Kioki?) offered a spiritual reflection on different forms of Lenten observances, but reminded us that Lent and our hearts culminate in the Resurrection! Louise and Russ Vento were blessed with their newest grandbaby – Wesley Russell Vento.

June District Meeting – Monday June 12, Branch 445 Church of the Transfiguration

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara**N.S. Assunta, Br. 5**

This month is a special month for all Mothers on May 14, 2017. Let us honor our Mother's in a special way by a gift, dinner, and intentions at Mass. Happy Mother's Day to all.

St. Clare's Parish Festival and BBQ is schedule for May 19, 20, and 21, 2017.

We invite all ICF Br. 5 members to come and enjoy good times, good food, and lots of fun.

ICF Convention Raffle Tickets were sent to all members. Please return check and stubs to Mary Ann Ruiz as soon as possible.

Please prayer for Mike Holder and his family who is a great cook for our branch. Him and his family lost a son, Steven Holder in March. Prayer for Steven and all deceased members of ICF Br. 5.

Have a nice Memorial Day holiday on May 29, 2017. Be safe and enjoy and drive carefully.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy**Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28**

Greetings from ICF Branch 28....

March 2017 was a busy month for our Branch which included a scholarship pancake breakfast and bake sale; dinner meeting and installation of four new members to our branch. We welcome new members: Teri Fortino, Steve and Marie Blankley and A.J. Habing.

One of the interesting highlights of our monthly dinner meetings is the heritage report presented by Jeanette Hudson. Jeanette captures vividly the account of a member family's journey and settlement in the United States. The well-researched and enthralling real life stories leaves the members in suspense

until a member of the family is introduced at the end of the presentation. She has captured



Branch 28 - Jeanette Hudson presenting a Heritage Report at our March 20, 2017 meeting.



Branch 28 - Vince Saso preparing sausage for the Scholarship Pancake Breakfast held on March 12, 2017

the ingenuity of a serial that leaves you in suspense until the next episode, but in an entertaining and very informative way. Thank you Jeanette for being one of our exceptional members of which our branch is so blessed.

The yearly Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held during the weekend of July 28, 29 and 30, 2017. Again for the second year, Branch 28 has the opportunity to volunteer. By volunteering our Branch will receive compensation for the hours that our members volunteer during the festival. We are in need of 15 volunteers for this event. If you would like to volunteer individually, with a family member or friend on behalf of our Branch, please notify Gennaro Filice. As a volunteer you will receive entry to the festival, meal from gourmet alley and our Branch will receive compensation that will be used for operating expenses and for our charitable activities.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming dinner meetings: May 15 and June 19, 2017. You don't want to miss the wonderful meal and fellowship. Remember you can bring guests, please RSVP when you get the reminder call of the meeting.

Peace and God bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos**St. Mary, Br. 184**

Our Quarterly Mass and the breakfast following was enjoyed by those attending. It's always fun to gather and break bread together, visit and get to know each other better.



Father Rick Rodoni greets Rose and Don Arnaudo before the dinner.



Br. 184 St. Mary, Maria Greco, our Grand Deputy and hubby Bill Greco honored us with bar duties at our dinner dance.

This is an early notice but do plan to attend our Branch Bocce BBQ on July 9 at Oakmeadow Court in Los Gatos. More details to follow. This is always a popular and enjoyable afternoon.

The Ways and Means Committee is working on the 2018 Calendar, "Our Stories, Our Recipes". They are asking for any member to send in a story about their family tradition or history, and/or a special recipe you would like to share. Send your entry to ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 ATTENTION: CALENDAR May the Lord hear our prayers to watch over our members and their families. Special Blessings to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Godmothers, who love and nurture their children.

*Ciao for now,
Lucy Amico*

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

The Spiritual Gift of Service refers to any act of service done in genuine love for the less fortunate in our community. During the month of March, many members of our branch gave several hours of service to assist 15 medically fragile women with meals, overnight shelter, laundry service, security, special care, transportation and love. This was our Spiritual Gift of Service which became a very rewarding experience to the volunteers who helped in the "Village House" project.

The Village House project is an Interfaith Shelter of Hope project. There are more than 18 different churches involved this year and hopefully this number will increase in the years to come.

Jim Jones



Branch 184 President Denise Antonowicz greets guests at the door.

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

At our parish soup supper on Friday, April 7, our branch supplied many of the meatless soups for the gathering in the hall before Stations in the church. We had fourteen different soups to choose from, all delicious. Well done, folks!

The next day many members, under the able leadership of Joyce Robba, once again provided ham, pie, the trimmings, and other staples for Easter dinner to over 60 families. Our clients are very appreciative and deserving. We hope they all had a happy Easter.

Thanks to Rose Noack, Robin Hayr, and Carol and Roger Bennett for planning a spring theme for our April meeting. The dinner was fantastic, as usual.

We have several upcoming dates to remember: the pasta dinner on May 12, the bocce ball event on June 14 at Lake Almaden, the District Picnic and Barbecue on July 30, and Monte Carlo night on October 28. Before May 30 members need to send in names of nominees for various convention awards and their suggestions for changes to the By-laws.

Finally, we need to sell our convention raffle books. They cost \$20 a book, of which \$10 stays at the branch. The person who sells the winning ticket also gets a prize, just for selling the ticket!

*Happy Spring,
Judy Zahn*



Branch 391 honored Sr. Jane Frances Garrison for her Golden Jubilee.

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

During our April meeting, Al and Diana Vallorz cooked a delicious calamari and pesto pasta dinner enjoyed by all. Thank you, Al, Diana, and servers--Linda, Mary, Alba and Rosanne.

Sister Jane Frances Garrison was recognized for her Golden Jubilee of Religious Life. We honored her fifty years of dedication to our Catholic Community by making a branch proclamation, a cake, and a donation to the ICF Gifts of Love Program.

Come celebrate our second annual "National Drink Wine Day" with Wine Tasting and Pairing on May 12, 2017. Contact Steve or Cathleen Lencioni for tickets to this popular event.

Louise Vento's presented an inspiring and concise account of Michelangelo's life and work in her informative heritage report.

Marcie is working diligently on our May 2017 membership drive. Please contact her for additional information.

Convention Raffle Books were distributed to attendees and the rest were mailed out. Please return tickets to Tina Rossi. There are still outstanding membership dues—don't forget to send them to Tina.

St. Martin's Ladies Guild Fashion Show is scheduled for May 18, 2017.

ICF Convention will be held on September 1-4, 2017 in Sacramento. Delegate elections will be held during our May meeting. Members are always encouraged to attend.

Our next meeting is on May 2, 2017 at 6:30. In order to have an accurate count of attendees for our cooks, we ask that members RSVP to our loyal callers. See you there!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Moms!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Our Lenten Soup Crew kicked off the Lenten Stations and Soup Supper by serving over 14 soups to our Parishoners. We also



Branch 391 President Mike Rossi presented Sr. Jane Frances a proclamation and donation to the Gifts of Love in honor of her Golden Jubilee.

raised \$176 in Almsgiving donations which were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Services for Relief Efforts for the recent San Jose Flood Victims.

Thank you to all our Patrons and Generous Volunteers and Donors. We had an excellent turnout, super food and wonderful companionship at our 2017 PASTA Dinner held Saturday March 11th. We raised funds for the 5th Grade Science Camp and ICF Charities. The 5th Grade Servers were energetic and enthusiastic and our Raffle Prize Drawing Captured a great deal of interest. We raised enough funds to donate a \$2000 Check to the 5th Grade class planning to attend Science Camp next year.

Mark your Calendars -

On Saturday May 27th ICF will host the next Blood Drive in our Parish Hall from 8AM to 1 PM. Please pray for Donors.

On Sunday June 11 – the Santa Clara Valley District will host our District Mass at 11 AM at Our Lady of Peace under the Outdoor Statue of Mary. Fr. George Arahana will be the Presider with Msgr. Milani ConCelebrating. Lunch will follow after the Mass at Michael's at Shoreline. Please Check the newsletter for details

Please pray for our sick members – especially for Rudy Baldini, Betty Deville, Susan Colon, Dori Paul Blefari, Edith Novak, and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

March was a busy month for our branch. We participated in the Saint Joseph table in partnership with St. Catherine's Middle school and their parents.

The St. Joseph table began many years ago by John Sorci, our past president with help from many of our members.

Our St. Patrick dinner meeting in March was truly a great success. Kevin O'Keefe our great chef was helped by many of our dedicated members. We enjoyed a wonderful Irish traditional dinner with all the trimmings. A big THANK YOU Kevin from our branch. We also played an Irish Bingo game that John and Toni Foggiano put together. There were many great prizes for winners. Sue Monahan ended our meeting with an Irish sayings and song. It was a fun



Branch 435 presented George Guglielmo a special award for all his hard work and dedication to our branch. He was always there to help in any way.

night for all.

Guilia , our president presented George Guglielmo a special award for all his hard work and dedication to our branch. He was always there to help in any way.

By the time you receive this Bolletino our April raffle will be over. We are busy working to make it a big success.

If any of our members have a special event in their lives, or something or someone who is ill or needs prayers, please let me know.

Happy Spring,

Donna Basilin

Santa Rosa

Napa

San Giuseppe, Br. 12

By now our 90th Anniversary celebration is over. Our Branch was organized May, 1927. We were the first Branch in the Santa Rosa District. In April we lost two long time members, Clementina Biale a 57 year member, and Danelle Negri, a 45 year member. We had a table at the St John’s Church Ministry Fair April 23. A Happy Mothers Day to our wonderful mothers.

Ciao,

Juliann

Healdsburg

St. Frances de Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

May 9: Mother’s Day Dinner / Meeting. Parish Hall. 6:30 PM. Call Mary Madden 431-0438 for reservations. We will honor our Moms over 80, our Heritage Essay winners and our Scholarship Recipients at this dinner. We will also take our annual picture for the Convention Souvenir Book.



Branch 75's St. Joseph's Day Celebration.

May 21: Memorial Mass for Frances Gaddini at the 10 AM Mass.

June 6: Father’s Day Dinner / Meeting in the Parish Hall. We will honor our Dads over 80 and elect our Convention Delegates.

Happy Mother's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

On March 16, Branch 75 celebrated St Patrick’s Day in style and were treated to a wonderful Corned Beef Dinner provided by Bob Acquistapace and Ernie Giampoli. The hall had been beautifully transformed by the decorating committee. To top off this Irish celebration, everyone enjoyed Soda Bread and yummy desserts brought by members of ICF. Mike Carini treated us to traditional Irish and Italian songs on his accordion. There were more than 40 folks who enjoyed this great feast. Among our guests were folks from Petaluma as well as potential members. A special thanks to Bob and Ernie!

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I can’t believe I am writing an article for the Month of May already. There will be a lot of celebrating for the Cinco de Mayo, a time of celebration for everyone, with parties being held everywhere. So HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO to all.

We want to thank Margaret Cordrey for chairing the Bakeless Bake Sale. If you have not made your donation, you can still send it to Margaret. This is an important fund raiser for us.

I want to thank all who attended the dinner at the Palm Grill. We had a nice group that attended and appreciate their attendance. Those who attended had a nice time.

May 8th - 6:00 p.m. sharp. - Pizza Nite, short meeting and Bingo. Cost is \$5 and bring \$5 to play Bingo. Bring in a new member and they receive a free dinner that nite. Reservations - Louise: 769-7389.

May 20 - Chicken Cacciatore Dinner - St. James Church Hall - 6:00p.m. O’derves, 7:00p.m. Dinner - Cost \$20 for adults \$10 children under 12 yrs. This is a great

dinner and one of our fundraisers, so please try to attend and bring someone with you. Reservations: Louise - 769-7389.

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

June 11 - Corrected date for the Santa Rosa District Meeting to be held in our Branch at 1:00p.m. If you plan to attend or can help with this event, please call Louise - 769-7389.

June 25 - Quarterly Communion Mass - St. Vincent’s Church - 10:30 a.m. - Brunch will follow. More information later.

July - No Meeting this month

We would like to welcome our new members Anna Cameron and Rose Rosenberg 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.

Get well wishes to Judi Spencer and Grace Herrold and anyone who is ill. We hope that Spence Burton is in better health and want him to know that we miss his and Cathy’s presence at our meetings. Our condolences to Dorleen and Lydia Camozzi on the loss of their brother in law Richard Camozzi and to Past President Bruno Fomasi on the loss of his lovely wife Judi, and to Louise Vicino on the loss of her brother Frank Addiego.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month.

Take the time to call or write your loved ones and let them know how much they mean to you. You can never say I love you too often.

Also remember to be nice to someone you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

A corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was enjoyed by the members attending the April meeting. The dinner was cooked by the President, Judith Cardoza and the dessert was made by Toni Green.

The St. Joseph’s Table was discussed and the donations received were given to St. Vincent DePaul (\$196.51).

The 58th Anniversary Dinner will be on April 22, combined with Eureka Br. 145. Social hour at 5:30 pm, followed by a

catered dinner at 6:30 pm. Arcata will host the dinner at St. Mary’s Leavey Hall. Members are to bring hors d’oeuvres. For reservations call Joan DalPorto at 443-5176 by April 17.

Members who are not well are Shar Evans, Mary Tanferani, Joan and Larry DePeel, and Loretta Speziale. Keep these members in your prayers.

A new member was introduced: Debra Deraita. Welcome Debbie!!

A Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in April: Joan DalPorto, Sabrina Delashmutt, Tony LaBanca, Claire Monge, and Barbara Vanni.

A thank you to Marie LaBanca for writing this months report.

Rosemary

Eureka

St. Bernard, Br. 145

This month began with a spaghetti dinner for our parishioners before attending the stations of the cross. We served approximately 45 people. Thank you Betty Senestraro for making the delicious marinara sauce for the spaghetti. Also thank you to members who provided the salad and bread. Last but not least, thank you to everyone who helped to set up and helped to clean up after wards.

During our March meeting Joe Bonino reminded us that the convention this year will be in Sacramento in September. If you are interested please contact Joe.

Also, a reminder if you have not yet paid your dues, please pay them now as they need to be sent now.

Our anniversary dinner will be on April 22nd. Arcata Branch 144 will host the dinner. Both branches 144 and 145 will be celebrating their 58th anniversary. The time will be at 6:00 at St. Mary’s Leavy Hall. Please plan to attend for a great dinner and a fun time visiting.

Please continue to pray for all of our members and their families. Please pray for my thirteen year old nephew just diagnosed with bone cancer, and my four year old grandson being treated for leukemia. Thank you!

Many Blessings to you all during this Easter season.

Sebastopol

St. Michael, Br. 209

At our March meeting we were pleased to have as our guest Loudean & Don Becchetti’s granddaughter, Paisley , who spoke on a program she is involved with at our local Analy High School in Sebastopol. The program is “Sustainable Gardening Practices.” The students built their garden at the school. Paisley, on her own time, traveled to Nicaragua where she shared some of the gardening information they had learned in the program at Analy. Branch 209 was very impressed with what the students are doing with this project and, in turn, donated \$250 to help them with the cost involved with this very worthwhile project.

By the time you read this, our annual Fish Fry will be history and it was, in fact, historic! It was one of the largest number of attendees we have ever hosted. Thanks to everyone who attended and, also, many thanks to our members who worked so hard.

There are too many to thank individually, but we do appreciate our members and all they do to make our dinners successful.

The Vannetti Family is currently hosting a young lady who is visiting our country to learn English. She is also fluent in other languages and will be attending college in San Diego to further her education in this area of study.

We were sorry to learn that Joe Piazza has passed away. Services will be held at St. Sebastian's Church. Our thoughts and prayer are with his wife, Sue, and their family.

Ciao,
Lona Bertoli

Stockton

Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a great time at our St. Joseph's Table Celebration. There was a lot of very good food and a fun raffle in which the proceeds go to St. Vincent De Paul. We even signed up a new family membership that day. John and Ermelinda Zamora their children Johnny and Daniel.

Our bake sale will be May 6th & 7th. We have our Mother's Day potluck May 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to bring your favorite dish, family and friends and enjoy the evening.

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 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, May 7, 2017 and June 11, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:
May 6 -7 Bake Sale after all the masses
May 10 - 6:00 pm Meeting and Mother's Day Potluck
June 3, 2017 Italian Heritage Night - Stockton Ports ballgame
June 14 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall at 7 & K Streets
Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Our annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner with antipasto, salad, pasta, bread/butter, marinated shrimp, wine and coffee last month was a big success. Stockton Bishop Stephen Blaire was an honored guest. Thanks got to Ida Queirolo for chairing the event; to Rhonda Mussi for handling the advance ticket sales; and to Lori Pellegrino-Jackson and Cary Posz for organizing the various raffles.

Our branch received a big "thank you" for what Central Council member Dante Galeazzi described as a "very generous" donation to the Bishop's Burse for Seminarians.

Branch 139 will have a special table at our parish's annual Priest Appreciation Dinner on May 20, according to our president, Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis.

Dan Amoral was the winner of our monthly Charity Drawing and he selected the American Cancer Society to receive the money.

And finally, planning has begun for our annual Branch picnic and bocce tournament on June 4 at the home of Dino and Sharon Cunial.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Hope everyone had a blessed Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

We don't blame our 2nd Annual Sugo Contest contestants for not wanting to share their recipes for the excellent selection of red sauces they presented! Some of these recipes go back generations after all. Branch 390 had the best ever Italian Heritage night in April, starting with home-made appetizers the Italian and Sicilian way brought by the members. This was followed by the Sugo Contest taste test - guests were presented with pieces of pane to soak up the different entries and choose their favorite. As we stated last month, the secret to great sugo is that you use good ingredients and good timing with a cheerful heart.

Following that, a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner was served by Mike Bacchetti and his crew of cooks, followed by assorted desserts also delivered by members and guests alike. Our Italian trivia contest is a great addition to our monthly dinner meetings and more and more people are joining in the fun.

We are receiving scholarship applications for the new year. Scholarship committee chairperson Annette Elissagaray accepted documents at the last board meeting and we read some fantastic recommendation letters provided for our applicants. We are very excited to help the students of our members who we are planning to further their academic life.

Save the date - May's dinner meeting will be on Thursday, May 25 where we will be honoring all the mothers and fathers - and grandmothers and grandfathers - can't leave them out as they are an important part of our Italian heritage.

Our prayers go out to our esteemed photographer/trivia contest creator/board member, etc. Steve Ridolfi as he recovers from his recent surgery. Hang in there Steve! (and Anita)

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

Members led the Stations of the Cross on April 7 and hosted the Soup Supper immediately following. A wonderful variety

of soups and breads were prepared by our branch chefs. We thank our honored guests Fr. Joe and Fr. Suresh who are very supportive of our events.

On May 20 three of our seminarians, Tom Orlando, Joseph Nguyen, and John Ngo from the Stockton Diocese, will be ordained at the Cathedral of the Annunciation at 10 a.m. We have been supporting their faith journey from inception with our prayers and monetary donations.

Our next District meeting will be hosted by Branch is Sunday, May 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Parish.

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

Happy Mother's Day!
Karen Rosson

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, Bishop Blaire of the Stockton Diocese was hosted by the Stockton District at the 55th Annual Bishop's Burse. The event was held in Stockton at the Church of the Presentation. Danielle Pachinger, Member of Branch 413, presented the Spiritual Bouquet. This has always been a great event. We now have five seminarians in the pipeline on their way to be ordained. Ordinations for three of them will be held next month. Branch 413 also held the annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef sandwiches on March 19th. We are now getting ready for Easter. Branch members are currently reviewing scholarship applications for the Branch Scholarship. This means that we will soon be preparing for the Baccalaureate Mass. The Branch always sponsors this Mass.

May God Bless everyone,
Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Pachinger, Orator for
Robert J. Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary,
Branch 413
Stockton District President



Danielle Pachinger, Member of Branch 413, presented the Spiritual Bouquet.

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Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 433

WELCOME JOHN AND KIM UPSTON TO BRANCH 433.


We are very excited to welcome our newest members who come to us from Branch 434. Kim and John are very excited to help our existing members increase our branch presents in our parish community. Including offering dance classes compliments of our members Wayne and Marie Corso, owners of Tucson's Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

In April, with the help of Central Council Grand 1st Vice President Andy Pappani we hosted our spring membership drive and are working hard to recruit new members.


On Palm Sunday we hosted our Bunco for Books Fundraiser to support the Adopt A Student Program at our parish. It was a great success and we were asked to make it a frequent event. Our next meeting will be May 7th and wish all our Mothers and Grandmothers a very special Mother's Day!

Stay up to date with our branch on Facebook at @ICF433Tucson(1st Photo caption: Branch 433 members playing some Bunco in support of our school. Larry Masi showing his Easter spirit)





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GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

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

FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

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

BANQUET

2:00 - Laguna Seca Golf Course
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 - Sumptuous Barbecue Tri-Tip Dinner

RAFFLE: There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

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

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2017

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

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