



BOLLETTINO



Heritage: Who Are We? Celebrating the SF Columbus Day Parade

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson
CC Grand Treasurer

On a sunny, Sunday, October 8, 2017, the Italian Catholic Federation was well represented in the San Francisco Heritage Parade. Our intrepid lowboy trailer was driven up to San Francisco by Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. from Bakersfield. The trailer was donated by Dennis and Becky Fidler. Colombo Construction donated all of the building materials and Leonard built the frame for our float. On Saturday morning on Pier 54 in San Francisco, Grand President Andy Pappani and First Lady Sid, Leonard Zasoski, Jr., Bob Basuino, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., JoAnn Maggioro Donovan, and my sister Michelle Antonowicz, and of course myself, decorated a float befitting of any parade. Parade day we were joined by Andy and Sid

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Grand President's Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

Now we are back, rejuvenated, and charged up from our Annual Convention. We have time to share with the rest of the members in our branches all the ideas that were shared at the Convention. We can now start working on new ideas. The Central Council members are ready to begin working with you at your branches to assist you in gaining and retaining members. They are also ready to help you work within your parishes to maintain your Catholic spirit and connection to the church; and help you with our National Charity to benefit those in our communities. The Central Council members can help train our officers on their duties, and look for leadership within your branches. These are only a few areas that we manage through the Central Council committees. Please feel free to contact the committee chairs with any ideas or concerns, so that we can be of assistance.



Below is a listing of Central Council Committee Chairpersons:

- Apostolate/Charity -- Lauren Kilcullen
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- Scholarship -- Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
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- Ways and Means -- Robert Basuino
- Workshop -- Lauren Kilcullen

October 8 was the Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. The Italian Catholic Federation built a float for the parade, led by Heritage Chairperson Denise Antonowicz. I had an opportunity to participate in this remarkable event. As we were riding down the streets on the float, looking at the joy we brought to all the people from every walk of life, young to old, everyone had a bright smile on their faces as they were doing the chicken dance along with the ICF float riders. The Italian Catholic Federation

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Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund



Photo by Mercury News

The devastation caused by the fires in Santa Rosa and surrounding areas is astounding. Entire communities, businesses, vineyards, etc., have been destroyed. The Central Council has started a fund called the Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund for donations which will be presented to Catholic Charities in the Santa Rosa diocese. Seed money of \$2,500 was

voted on to start the donations. Please make your donations to the ICF-Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund. The deadline is December 31 after which time the check will be presented to Catholic Charities.

For further information, call Apostolate Chair, Lauren Kilcullen at [707-478-3639](tel:707-478-3639).

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Why?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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Why would anyone kill so many people at a concert in Las Vegas? It just doesn't make sense. That is exactly it. It is senseless. All through history, human beings were killing, killing, killing.



At the recent Convention, the ICF presented Msgr. Daniel Cardelli with a papal blessing in honor of his 60th anniversary as a priest. Congratulations, Msgr. Cardelli.

Between the years of 61 to the year 2016, in the world, there were 261 massacres (not counting wars) and 2,351,654 victims or more. That happened in 2000 years. Again why?

The poet Robert Burns wrote:

Man was made to mourn: A Dirge

Many and sharp the num'rous ills

Inwoven with our frame!

More pointed still we make ourselves

Regret, remorse, and shame!

And man, whose heav'n-erected face

The smiles of love adorn-

Man's inhumanity to man

Makes countless thousands mourn!



Killings, wars don't solve the world's problems. They just put the problems on hold. When God is taken out of the equation, the motives are self-serving. In the minds of some, "might makes right." But we know it doesn't. The only answer to the end of killing is: LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF NEIGHBOR! May God enlighten the hearts and minds of people throughout the world to be loving, kind and respectful of their fellow human beings.

UPCOMING:

2017 Bishops' Days:

Nov. 4 Los Angeles

Dec. 3 Reno

2018 Bishops' Days:

Feb. 3 Orange

Apr. 8 San Francisco
(San Francisco, San Mateo
& Marin)

2018 District Installations:

Jan. 3 San Francisco

Jan. 6 Santa Clara Valley

Jan. 7 Stockton

Jan. 13 Central Coast
San Bernardino

Jan. 14 Los Angeles

Jan. 16 Marin

Jan. 20 San Mateo

Jan. 21 East Bay
Santa Rosa

Jan. 28 San Diego

Feb. 3 Orange

Making Monthly Meetings Fun!

Anne Interrante
Membership Chairperson
Central Council Grand Trustee

Every month a branch meets is an opportunity to build community among your members. There are several ingredients to a successful meeting: social time, food (snacks or a dinner), an interesting activity after the branch business, and a room that looks inviting (decorations and music). The activities can be rotated to include entertainment, games, service projects, guest speakers, or even short classes to learn something new. Just remember to choose activities that appeal to a broad range of age groups. See a few ideas below to get you started. Make each meeting the BEST meeting!

Entertainment:

Local Dance Group (Swing, Tarantella, Irish, Ballet Folklorico, Hawaiian, Cloggers, etc.) • School Band • Church Choir • ICF Member Talent Show • Opera Singer • Movie Night • Karaoke • Magician • Recorded Concerts or Performances (from DVD or internet)

Games:

Bingo • Bunco • White Elephant • Italian Card Games including Pedro or Scopa • Board Games • Indoor or Outdoor Bocce • Trivia Questions • Live Auction of Gently Used Treasures • Guess the Members in Wedding Photos • Scavenger Hunt

Service Project:

Care Kits for Homeless • Christmas Boxes for Needy Children • Tray Favors for Nursing Homes • Food Baskets for Needy Families • Military Care Packages • Easter Baskets for Needy Children

Guest Speakers & Classes:

Religious • Sports Personality • Parish Ministry • Charity • Local Author • Travel Agent • Ancestry • Pet Adoption • Home Improvement • Computer Technology • Language • Gardening • Cooking • Wine-making • Emergency Preparedness

Please visit Membership Growth in the Members' Area of the ICF web site at www.icf.org/membership for more ideas.

ICF Mourns the Passing of Past Grand President Thomas Poggi

(Obituary originally posted on Legacy.com)

Thomas Poggi passed away on September 25th at the age of ninety-three. He was born in Oakland, California, on May 23, 1924, just three months after his parents immigrated to the United States from Stella San Martino in the Liguria region of Italy. He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Marisa Poggi. They met in the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), an Italian cultural association, and were married for more than sixty-five years. Thomas was a leading figure in the ICF, serving as president, attorney, Central Council member and toastmaster for conventions.

Thomas was Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation from 1954 to 1957. He was an active member in Branch 40 until recent years.

He attended the University of San Francisco for both college and law school, and practiced as a lawyer in the Bay Area. He also served on the board of Catholic Charities and believed strongly in Vatican II and the model of Pope John the XXIII. He fought in World War II, serving as a lieutenant in the army and earned a Purple Heart with cluster.

In addition to his loving wife Marisa, he is survived by his five loving children: Christine, Thomas, Marisa, Stephanie and Jacqueline, as well as his eight dear grandchildren: Miles, Brook, Genevieve, Peter, Sophia, Claire, Ally and Carly. He is also



survived by his loving sons-in-law, Keith and Bernard, and loving daughter-in-law Doreen, as well as many beloved cousins in Savona, Italy and Mexico City.

Thomas loved to travel, and for many years enjoyed summer driving trips across the U.S. with his family and the Carmazzi family. He visited many countries and returned to Italy with his family as often as he could. He was a wonderful cook and an excellent writer who penned a food column for the ICF with the help of his wife Marisa.

Tom Poggi will be greatly missed by the Italian Catholic Federation, and all who knew him. God speed!

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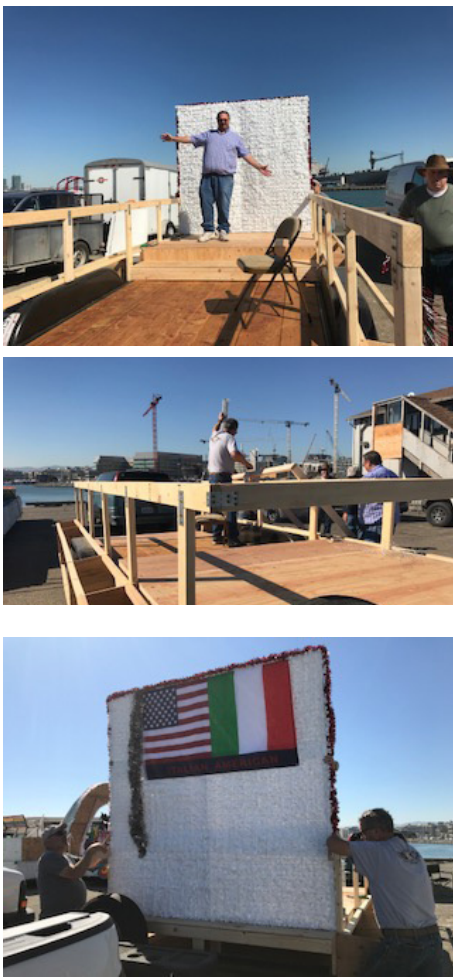
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Parade

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Pappani, Leonard, BG and Andrew Zasoski, Bob Basuino, Franklyn Lopes, Jr, Leonard Rossi, JoAnn Maggiora-Donivan, Nancy & Giovanni Corsi & family, Ken Marshall, Germaine, Michelle, Denise Antonowicz and, of course, our very famous and loved Chicken, Marie Stalteri Antonowicz. It was a great day, great parade and always a great way to represent the ICF.



Hurricane Relief

The Central Council voted at their meeting on Sunday, September 3, 2017 to start a fund for Hurricane Relief with a \$1,000 donation.

Districts, branches and individuals are encouraged to donate to the fund which will be distributed to Catholic Charities USA for their Hurricane Relief Fund.

Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2017. Please send a check to the ICF office made out to Italian Catholic Federation. On the memo line, write Hurricane Relief.

Please be generous and consider donating to the fund as our fellow Americans in Texas, Florida and other locations begin the recovery process from the devastating hurricanes.



Please send all donations to:
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Thank you for your generosity!

Happy
Thanksgiving!

OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
10/1	Nancy Telliano	135	Reno, NV	\$30
10/2	Ely Ronkowski		Redondo Beach, CA	\$30
10/3	Karen Cerri	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/4	Claire Ramirez	40	Hercules, CA	\$30
10/5	Vicky Gutierrez		Richmond, CA	\$30
10/6	Gary Gualco	365	San Francisco, CA	\$30
10/7	Gloria Morris		Modesto, CA	\$30
10/8	Patricia Barnes		Lincoln, CA	\$30
10/9	Anne Crisp	13	Concord, CA	\$100
10/10	Rick & Kelsea Shimshock		Coon Rapids, MN	\$30
10/11	Maria Catanese-Helberg	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
10/12	Richard Romagnoli	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
10/13	Shirley Ghimenti		Fresno, CA	\$30
10/14	Deacon Tom & Catherine Boyle	6	Redwood City, CA	\$30
10/15	DeWayne Brown	413	Angels Camp, CA	\$30
10/16	Muna Omar		Mendota Heights, MN	\$30
10/17	Barb Tanzillo		Atwater, CA	\$30
10/18	Julie Horton		Marana, AZ	\$30
10/19	Brenda Feehan		Merced, CA	\$30
10/20	Vince Saso	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/21	Joe Cormier		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
10/22	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	39	Merced, CA	\$50
10/23	Tom Swertfager	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/24	Mary Jo Collom		Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/25	Joan C. Lueke	362	Downey, CA	\$30
10/26	Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ		Oakland, CA	\$30
10/27	David Hollister		Redwood City, CA	\$30
10/28	Nellie Lowry		Brewster, NY	\$30
10/29	Steve & Peggy Simoni		Arcata, CA	\$30
10/30	Will Santos		Brentwood, CA	\$30
10/31	Mabel G. Teresi	47	Palo Alto, CA	\$50



Christmas is Coming!

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
2 1/2" x 5" (vertical or horizontal)	\$35
4" x 5" (horizontal)	\$50
6 1/2" x 5" (horizontal, quarter page)	\$70

To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

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

Please send emails to info@icf.org.
The deadline is November 10. Thank you.

Michelle Feldman
Editor, Bollettino

Toy Donation Guidelines for Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Thalassemia Holiday Party

This is the first holiday party that we will be having at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles with the help of the Italian Catholic Federation. We are estimating that approximately 150 patients and families will attend. Gifts are also distributed in the hospital and clinics for children who cannot attend the party. Please consider helping us for the holidays by donating or running a toy drive.

Due to hospital policy, fire hazard, and the prevention of infectious disease, we ask that all donations be brand new and that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

Suggested donation items:

- ❑ Gift cards to: Target, I-Tunes, Amazon, Gap, Old Navy, Forever 21, Barnes and Noble, Movie Theater Passes, Starbucks, Peet’s Coffee, See’s Candies.
- ❑ Legos.

- ❑ Infant Toys: mobiles, musical toys, rattles, teethingers, cause-and-effect toys.
- ❑ Books for all ages – hard cover preferred; board books for infants-preschoolers.
- ❑ Board Games for all ages: Life, Monopoly, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, Candyland, Chess/Checkers, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Simon, Trivial Pursuit, Jenga, Taboo, Hi Ho Cheerio, Operation, Scrabble.
- ❑ Barbies, baby dolls.

- ❑ Hand held video games.
- ❑ Sports equipment.
- ❑ Make up kits and nail polish.
- ❑ Jewelry.
- ❑ Art supplies including pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, glitter pens, gel pens.
- ❑ Art kits/craft sets.
- ❑ PlayDoh and modeling clay.
- ❑ Toy cars, match box cars.
- ❑ Model airplanes.
- ❑ Lego sets.
- ❑ Action figures.
- ❑ Cars/Trucks/Trains.

We are unable to accept the following:

- ❑ Guns or toys that promote violence.
- ❑ Ceramic dolls
- ❑ Clothing of any type
- ❑ Used baby blankets
- ❑ Used toys and games – including board games and puzzles
- ❑ Used books
- ❑ VHS videos

If you would like to make a donation please contact:

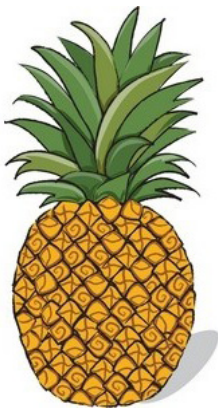
Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

All Donations are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!!!

Celebrate Christmas Island Style!

Please join the CHLA Thalassemia Staff and Friends for a
Hawaiian-Style Christmas Party



When:

Friday, December 1, 2017, 7-9 p.m.

Where:

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)

Stauffer Conference Room

4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90027



Please RSVP To:

Laurice Levine

360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

Please let me know the names of everyone in your party and ages of children under 18.

We hope you can join us!



Cooley’s Anemia Donations

Donations Received by October 10, 2017

- Branch 32
- Branch 108
- Branch 354
- Branch 392
- Joanna C. Van Blaricom
- Meg Milani
 - In memory of Luana Marchetti
- Guastapaglia
- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
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- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
 - Get well wishes for David Botta
- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
 - Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
 - In Thanksgiving for two years as Grand President for Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
- Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
 - Best wishes for a successful two years for Andy Pappani
- Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
 - In memory of Br. 4
- Barbara Firpo
 - In memory of Marge Barajas

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 1st Vice President
Branch 39, Merced

Beneath a Scarlet Sky Mark Sullivan Lake Union Publishing, 254 pp.

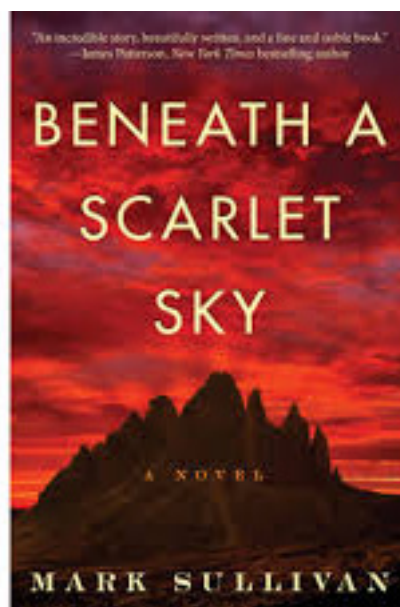
Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the story of one brave young man's incredible and heroic act during WWII. It reminds us that during the most tragic of times, we must act with compassion for each other. The story is told from the point of view of Pino Lella, a young teenage boy who would rather think about girls and romance than the war raging around him. However, the catastrophic events of the war change Pino as he comes to empathize with the fate of others.

The publisher writes, "Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered.

When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders.

Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share."

A well-written and gripping tale, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is a novel that readers of all ages — from young adult to adult — will



find both entertaining and thoughtful. It touches on many of the universal themes that are core to the human experience: courage, fear, hope, heroism, and compassion. In fact, young Pino travels the "hero's journey" we all must face as we mature and grow beyond ourselves if we are to become empathetic and compassionate human beings.

In an interview, the author states that "I am interested in heroes who are pushed to their limits, forced to go beyond themselves, and Pino is certainly one of them. After spending eleven years with this story, I came to believe that Pino was able to survive all these incredible situations because of his basic decency, his gratitude, and his love of life; because of his deep emotional intelligence; and due to his fundamental belief in the miracle of every moment, even the darkest ones, and in the promise of a better tomorrow, even when that promise was not warranted."

Mark Sullivan is the acclaimed co-author, along with James Patterson, of the #1 New York Times bestselling Private series, including Private Paris, Private L.A., and Private Berlin. Mark has written over 18 novels and has received numerous awards for his writing.

For more on *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, visit <https://marksullivanbooks.com/beneath-a-scarlet-sky/#interview>

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand 2nd Vice President

Time for the Holidays and making some of our traditional treats. For many years people have been talking to me about the Sicilian fig cookies-Cucidati, and how wonderful they are. A few years back I tried one and found them not to my liking, which makes no sense since I love fig newton cookies. So I finally gave in and contacted Frances Foglia Teglia (Central Council Member Emeritus), as she was always telling me how everyone loved them and she always made them for ICF conventions. This recipe came from Fran's grandmother and was a tradition for the Christmas season in her family.

Grandma's Fig Cookies (Cucidati-Sicilian fig cookie)

Dough:

- 2 sticks butter or margarine (1/2 pound)
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 5 tsp. baking powder
- 5 cups flour
- 3/4 cup milk

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Mix in dry ingredients, alternating with milk and vanilla (mixed). Chill dough for a while so it is easier to roll.

Filling (make at least 1 day in advance. Can be frozen or refrigerated):

- 2-3 pounds dried figs
- 1 pound raisins
- 1 pound dates
- 1/2 to 1 pound brown sugar
- 1/2 cup strong black coffee
- 1/2 cup (or more) honey

1/2 cup (or more) whiskey

1 cup or more chopped nuts (Fran uses walnuts)(some people use up to 3 cups)

Rind from 2 oranges

Grind figs, raisins and dates together (I used a crank meat grinder-electrical equipment gummed up on me). Mix in rest of ingredients. Cook slowly (covered) in a 250 degree oven until mixture thickens (about one hour), stirring occasionally. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Roll out dough in strips 3" x 12" (about 1/8" thick) on a well floured board. Put filling down center of 12" strip and fold each side over, turn over seam side down. Cut into pieces 1-1 1/2" diagonally (makes them diamond shaped). Place on parchment covered cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Cool.

Frost with glaze made from 2 cups powdered sugar and 4 Tbls. liquid (milk and vanilla). Sprinkle with colored sprinkles (I did not use sprinkles). Seal in containers (Tupperware is great), will keep for months.

Makes about 200 cookies.

OTHER VARIATIONS: I was curious about some things regarding the recipe and pulled out all my ICF cookbooks mom and I have collected from Branches over the years and look up other variations of this cookie. What I found was that everyone had an interesting twist on making these delicious cookies. Some did not use dates, some added dried apricots. As far as the nuts go I mixed half walnuts and half pinenuts (I thought I was being creative); but in many recipes individuals used almonds, pinenuts, brazil nuts, filberts...I think the only nut not used was peanuts. The orange rind can also be a lemon rind, or the use of orange marmalade instead of the rind and honey. The whiskey can be substituted with brandy,



Photo by Browneyedbaker.com

sweet wine, marsala or sweet vermouth. I talked to Denise Antonowicz about how her family makes theirs and she said they mix walnuts, pinenuts and toasted sesame seeds; they use the orange marmalade; and instead of whiskey and strong coffee they use Kahlua. Some did not cook the filling. In discussing these cookies with Bob Basuino he said he knew members that make the filling months in advance and put it away until the holidays to make the cookies. Also I found some of the ICF members baked the long strips whole and cut after it came out of the oven (I prefer to cut first, to me, gives a more finished look). Some added spices like cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, ground cloves and even pepper.

With so many cookies in one recipe, I was concerned about them spoiling. So I did freeze some to see how they handled freezing-they held up really well. Of course Denise informed me that they never worry about freezing them as they are not around long enough to worry about spoiling.

So this is a recipe that you can get creative with and adjust to your liking. I brought them to convention this year and have shared with friends, everyone loved them.

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!

Grand President

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is alive, and that is what community connection is all about.

At the end of January, from Friday the 26th through Monday the 29th, 2018 our sister Italian Catholic Federation of Australia will be having their National Congress Meeting held at Women's College, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane. I will be attending their conference to share ideas and challenges that the Italian Catholic Federation of the USA has faced along the way, including increasing membership, the relationship between the ICF and parish and priest, and any other information I consider of value in a general discussion. The Italian Catholic Federation [FCI -Federazione Cattolica Italiana] in Australia was formally established in 1960 as a lay group to support the Italian migrant community by providing social and cultural activities as well as spiritual support. Its members now support many parish activities including assistance to other migrants. It has a strong "Care and Concern group" to assist the ever-growing number of aging community members. So please don't schedule any Installation that week or events that I will not be available to attend.

"Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push, a smile, a world of optimism and hope, a [YOU CAN DO IT] when things are tough." -- Author unknown

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Happy
Thanksgiving

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
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IN CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:	
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CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING GRAND PRESIDENT:	
Andrew Pappani	Bob and Theresa Dianda

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TWO YEARS AS GRAND PRESIDENT:	
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.	Bob and Theresa Dianda

THANK YOU FOR THE SUNFLOWERS FOR THE CONVENTION SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:	
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Giulia Gallego	Rosemarie Martin

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

Live to Give: The Basics of Organ Donation
The Ultimate Gift to Another

Eileen Fritsch
Member-at-large
Live to Give Committee

Organ and tissue donation is a way to save lives, with no effort or cost on your side. It is the transplantation of healthy organs and tissues from a person who has been declared legally dead (the “donor”) to a “recipient” who has been on a waiting list because of a disease or condition. Many people die while waiting, approximately 22 every day. Organs and tissue from a single donor can save or help as many as 50 people. Organs you can donate include kidneys (2), heart, liver, pancreas, intestines, lungs (2). Tissue includes skin, bone and bone marrow, and corneas. There are also “living donors”, typically for kidneys, the organ for which the vast majority of people are waiting. These donors may or may not be family members, and are able to designate the recipient.

So, how much do you know about organ donation?

- PRE TEST
- See how much you know!
- True or False
1. If I am a registered donor, doctors will not try as hard to save my life.
 2. I am too old or too sick to donate.
 3. My religion does not support donation.
 4. An open casket funeral is not possible after donation.
 5. Organs can be purchased or sold in the United States.
 6. To be an organ and tissue donor costs my family money.

Tune in to the next Live to Give column on Organ Donation for answers and more information.

Did You Know?

Right Now, more than 120,000 U.S. residents are waiting for organ transplants to give them the gift of continued life.

More than 45,000 Americans are waiting for a cornea transplant, to give them the gift of sight.

About 45% of Americans are signed up to be potential organ and tissue donors, but a much higher percentage support it, and have not registered for one reason or another. Registering is EASY...you can do it during your next trip to the DMV, or on line at DonorNetworkWest.org.

Then be sure to share your choice to donate with family and friends.

Why do I have to think about this and talk about it?

Other peoples’ lives depend on it! Some people don’t want to think or talk about their inevitable death, but by considering this generous act now, you can potentially save so many others from the grief of losing a loved one.

Death is a very stressful time. It is NOT the time for your family to have to guess at your wishes, and whether they should make the decision to donate your organs and tissues. Spare your family from this additional heartache by letting them know now your decision to save others.

Give your family ability to see the positive side of losing you. They can know that, although they miss you, your dying has brought life to others.

A final thought

Registering as an organ donor is probably the most profound thing you will ever do, with absolutely NO effort, cost or pain on your part. In your entire life you may never have such a great opportunity to change the world for the better.

Live to Give Donations

Live to Give Convention Blood Donations	Marcie Rossi
Nancy Sanchez-Clark	With wishes for a successful blood drive
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	Tom Cook
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November!
Thanksgiving!
A time to thank God for all our blessings!
Dinner with family and friends!

While we give thanks for all our blessings, let us not forget to pray for the victims of the hurricanes, massive flooding, earthquakes, fires and the victims and their families who have suffered injury and death in the horrendous shootings in Las Vegas.

On October 22nd we held our annual bake sale in the Cabrini Room at our St Vincent Ferrer Church. The room was transformed into an Italian-themed café. Tables were decked out in red and white checked tablecloths with fall centerpieces of sunflowers. The festive centerpieces were made by our own Cathy Neri. The centerpieces as well as whimsical scarecrows, made by Cathy, were sold along with the delicious homemade baked goods from our membership. Complimentary coffee was available for our customers to enjoy as they chose their delicious baked goods to purchase and take home. Proceeds from the bake sale support our St. Joseph Table in March, which in turn, provides funds for St. Vincent Ferrer parishioners who are experiencing financial hardships.

In November we celebrated a mass for our deceased members of the ICF. We are grateful and thankful for the many years of service they have provided our membership.

November Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following:

- 11-2 John Corcoran
- 11-8 Elaine Dato
- 11-16 Sam Occhipinti
- 11-22 Yours truly, Barbara Capozzoli

ABLESSEDANDHAPPYTHANKSGIVING
TO ALL!

CIAO!

Barbara Capozzoli

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The September 12th dinner meeting was hamburgers with all the fixins’, potato salad, beans, chips and fresh fruit for dessert. Many thanks to members Marcia and Jennifer Valorosi for donating the tomatoes, watermelon and cantaloupe. Thanks to the August committee, chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero and the committee: Mary and Mike Keitz (thanks Mike for barbequing all those burgers), and Celeste Voyles. The annual Harvest Festival was held on the 15 & 16 of September and Branch 27 held their traditional salami spin. The event was well attended and we ran out of salami as everyone who stopped by tried to win. All money raised was given back to Saint Joachim Church. Members are getting ready for the annual spaghetti and meatball take-out dinner to be on October 22. The next meetings are October 10th which is Lasagna and the November dinner will be a surprise on the 14th. Other upcoming events are the Christmas Party on December 10th and a fun day at Good Company Players in January. The date is TBD. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero



Branch 27 Salami Spin workers at the St. Joachim Harvest Festival. From left: Jennifer Valorosi, Kerin Cavallero, Cari Beveridge, Angie and Jerry Kelzer, Theresa DeFrank, Ann and Bob Rolan, Mark Beveridge, and Ila Schoettler.

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Unfortunately, Branch 33 has had to cancel this year’s annual Columbus Day Pasta Dinner. The facilities were needed for Parish activities on the preferred dinner date. However, preparations for a joint branch Night at the Races event continue. San Luigi will partner with the ICF branch from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in this fund raising effort. Michael Cerri and Allen Watts will co-chair this event.

Branch will once again collect needed hygiene items which will be packaged and donated to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to homeless clients.

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year.

Branch 33 members wish all ICF members, near and far, a blessed Thanksgiving.

Roberta Cerri Teglia

Merced

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Members are encouraged to get involved as officers, chairs and helpers. Working toward a shared goal with other like-minded members is a lot of fun, so contact our president, Terrie Rhodes, 209-658-9204, or any officer listed in our newsletter, to discuss how you can get more involved in our family-oriented, fraternal, faith-filled, philanthropic and social club.

Our October dinner meeting served a delicious meal of Chicken Tetrazzini. Thank you, Loretta, kitchen, setup and cleanup crews. Election nominations were held, with voting to take place at the November meeting.

Mark your calendars: Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 5 PM Social Hour, 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Meeting. A full-on Thanksgiving feast will be served. Bring the kids and grandkids. We will be making new pasta ornaments. Your presence is encouraged so you can vote for our 2018 officers.

Please come to the Courthouse Museum (21st & “N” Streets) on November 26, at 1:30 PM, to decorate our Italian-themed Christmas tree for the museum’s annual Holiday Open House on December 3.

It’s Biscotti Baking Time again! Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei, co-chairs, want your help on Thursday, November 30, 8:30 AM - 5 PM to help with baking at the Italo Lodge. You do not have to stay the entire time. Your help is needed also on Friday, December 1, to cut and bag. If you have cookies you baked at home, please bring them to the Lodge by 10 AM to be bagged. Cookies will

be sold after mass on December 2-3.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Stephanie Lucich

Sanger

Name, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70 in Sanger!

September has been a very busy month for us. We held our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner on Sept 17. It was very well received by the community and we thank President Kay Lopez and committee for a job well done. I was in charge of the bake sale and would personally like to thank Elaine Lencioni, Silvana Campagna, Rosemary Wymenga and Kaitlyn, our member Josie Lopez’ granddaughter, for helping to make it the success it was.

We are looking forward to attending Bishop’s Day in Bakersfield.

We send our prayers and get well wishes to Michael Caglia and family.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

We hope everyone had a Spooktacular Halloween and are looking forward to the upcoming holidays with as much anticipation and excitement as we do at Branch 281! Here in Bakersfield, nothing adds a little pep to our step like the cooling weather of fall. Our October meeting was a wonderful potluck—a great testament to our branch’s dedication, effort, and cooking skills!

The Nite at the Races event moved once again back to October, and it was a huge success, thanks to our co-conspirators at Branch 33. The races were exciting, the BBQ was delicious, and we can’t forget the wonderful bar stocked with Kentucky Lemonade and Mint Juleps, prepared by our personal mix-master, Fresno District President Allen Watts. To everyone who attended, purchased a horse, or both, thank you for your support!

Our next branch meeting will be held November 9th, in which we will enjoy a Thanksgiving-inspired meal followed by some diverting rounds of Turkey bingo. The meeting will be in the parish hall. The more the merrier for this meeting!

Speaking of potential new members, if we can entice them with bingo then the annual Christmas Party is a great follow-up to really showcase our focus on family and fun, and influence new family memberships. Mark your calendars for December 9th! If you would like to be involved and lend a helping hand



Winner of the Branch 27 salami spin, Gino Civiello, enjoying his prize.

at this event, please come to the November meeting and sign up with yours truly--it’s the most fun “work” you will do all year, and it will definitely land you a spot on Santa’s “nice” list.

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski

Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Who we are

Who we are is best described by Father Ferdinand’s comments to our group as we closed our June meeting.

“How pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together, Lord we thank you for the gift of love, ...the gift of friendship...” “

This month’s menu featured BBQ tri tip, rice pilafs, salads with ice cream for dessert. Thank you, Nick, Russell and Bernie, the meal was excellent!!

Next meeting will be pot luck.

What we do

At times, we lose sight of what we do to support our ministries because the activities to create the revenue are part of the enjoyment of being an active member of the ICF.

Here is our recent list of ministries we have supported over the past year:

Cooley’s Anemia;

Gifts of Love;

Masses for deceased;

Seminary fund

ICF Scholarship;

Catholic Charities;

Holy Cross Clinic;

Sister Disciples of the Divine Master;

Nancy Hinds Hospice;

St. Anthony Church.

At Christmas -Toys donations to Valley Children’s Hospital.

In total, close to \$3000 in cash donations plus the Toys for Tots to these deserving groups.

How We Do It

We do an excellent job with food preparation!! The work in preparation is an enjoyable time to get together with the chef and his team.

Weekend Italian Sausage Sandwiches 5 - 6 weekend events over the year

Friday Lenten Dinners – served each Friday during Lent.

Annual Tahoe Joe Friends and Family Dinner



LA Branch 67 Padre Pio President Maria Bruno with Queens, Don Bosco Marching Band, supporters Celebrate Padre Pio.



LA Branch 67 Carmelo and Nick Sabatella with LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at IALA General Meeting.



LA Branch 67 Nick and Carmelo Sabatella with LA Councilman Joe Buscaino at IALA General Meeting.

Los Angeles

Archdiocese District

District Council

First, huge congratulations and welcome to the District's newest (re-opened) branch, 179, St. Dorothy of Glendora. In a time when so many sad and tragic events have occurred it was nice to spend a few hours celebrating. Thanks to the Expansion Team and all the members from other branches who helped to make Branch 179's re-opening a reality. A special thank you and welcome to the District's newest members of the ICF Family.

November 18, will be the District's quarterly General Meeting and Election of District Officers. The day, at St. Benedict Church in Montebello, will begin at 9 am with a light breakfast followed by the meeting, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

The first weekend of December will feel like a marathon. Although, once Monday the 4th arrives I'm sure we will have the true spirit of the seasons within us. December 1, Friday will be the first, in many, many years, Children's Hospital Los Angeles Thalassemia Christmas Party. We are excited that so many of our branches, plus the Orange and San Bernardino Districts will make this evening special and festive for these patients.

Sunday, December 3, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's (Mother Cabrini) Transition to Eternal Life. Her West Coast Shrine is located at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. We will begin at 12:30 pm with the Pilgrimage, followed by 1:00 pm Mass and Lunch at 2:00 pm. You are all welcome to attend and celebrate our Patron Saint's special day.

Blessings,
Pat Mages
President

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

BUON RINGRAZIAMENTO
A TUTTI FAMIGLIA, PAESANI E AMICI!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO FAMILY,
COUNTRYMEN AND FRIENDS OF ICF!

On September 20th, ICF Branch President Carmelo Sabatella and son Nick Sabatella attended the Italian American Lawyer's Association General Meeting in Casa Italiana. LA City Councilman Joe Buscaino and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger were the guest speakers at the event.

On September 17th, ICF members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella along with Branch 108 members attended the 10th annual Padre Pio Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon in Saint Peter's Church and Casa Italiana.

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, Italian Catholic Federation
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THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT

Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

Presents

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON

“CELEBRATING THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
MOTHER CABRINI’S TRANSITION TO ETERNAL LIFE”

at

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
3801 Scott Rd
Burbank, CA 91504

DATE: December 3, 2017

PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM MASS: 1:00 PM LUNCH: 2:00 PM

COST: \$17.00 /Adults & \$8.00/Children under 12

**MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, SALAD, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA,
WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni's Catering)**

RESERVATION DUE BY: NOVEMBER 20, 2017

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I wish to reserve _____ dinner(s) at \$17.00 dinner; _____ Under 12 at \$8.00 dinner (s)

Enclosed is \$_____. Make Check to ICF



Branch 108 board members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella and Joan and Jerry Brascia along with members Patty Knight and Barbara Matranga, friends and guests, attended the 10th Anniversary Padre Pio Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Peter's Catholic Church and Casa Italiana in Los Angeles.



LA Branch 111 members at their meeting.



Branch 111 celebrated the birthdays of Giuseppina & Salvatore Sorce.

ceremony.

There is still time to join our branch for a 2 night 3 day stay in Las Vegas leaving Nov 14th returning Nov 16th. We will be staying at the Golden Nugget. Please call Pauline for availability and reservation 310 832-0563

Thank you to all who helped and attended our parish's annual Christian Care Brunch. As always the food was delicious and the funds raised go to a worthy cause.

Our next general meeting will be held on Nov 16th at 7:30pm. Upcoming pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini on Dec. 4th will be discussed. Please plan on joining us for this 100 year celebration. What a wonderful start to the Holiday Season. Call Mary Cigliano for reservations 310 832 0608.

Our Christmas Branch party will be held on Dec. 9th at 6pm. Please join us for a delicious dinner and friendship Call Nancy Donato for more details 310 8332584

2018 calendars have arrived and are for sale. \$25.00 not only gets you a wonderful calendar but 365 chances to win money daily! Our branch has had many winners this year. This is also a fundraiser for our branch.

Happy Veteran's Day to all who have served this great country!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Let us join together in prayer and thanksgiving for all we have and what we are able to do.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo

La Cañada Flintridge

St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The board voted to change the date and place for future general meetings to the third Sunday at 4:00 P.M.. Meetings will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in nearby Montrose. The hall is very large and contains a pool table and a bar and there is space for activities such as indoor bocce games and a stage for entertainment. The first meeting was held on October 15th.

Once again, the ICF Sauce Sale was a huge success and the addition of the sale of Focaccia helped attract more attention and additional sales. Our parishioners love our sauce!

Another group of learners signed up for our successful Italian classes conducted by Franco Giangualano at the LCF Community Center on Saturday mornings. This is a follow-up



Branch 111-Rene and Nancy relaxing at the Branch Picnic.



Branch 111-Picnic Bocce Winners.

to the summer class and new learners joined several returnees. This looks like this could be an ongoing and profitable program for the branch.

We are thrilled by the fact that Robert and Wende DePietro are hosting our annual Christmas Party at their beautiful Flintridge home on December 3rd. Robert has arranged for a great dinner with the caterer who did a terrific job last year. Members are encouraged to attend and will need to reserve a place before November 25th by completing the invitation form.

The board approved a substantial donation to the Seminary Burse to be presented to Bishop Clark at the Bishops' Banquet on November 4th at St Denis in Diamond Bar.

Members gleefully participated in the donation of toys for children at Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Many of the children are victims of Cooley's anemia.

Tanti cari saluti,

Al Restivo

First Vice President and Orator

San Gabriel Valley Region

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Nomination of officers was held at our October meeting and the election is this month. There will be several new additions to our board and we welcome them. We also welcomed new members, Susan and Michael, at our last meeting. At our anniversary party we were presented with a 50 year banner by Central Council. This was affixed to our regular banner by Matt Luchetta and Ann Armenio.

The Christmas Boutique is fast approaching with setup on Saturday, November 18 and the event on Sunday from 7 am to 3 pm. We will need your baked goods for the baked goods table which can be brought in either Saturday or early Sunday. Sandwiches will be served also.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday,

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

TO ALL MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ICF!

On Sunday, September 17, board members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella and Joan and Jerry Brascia along with members Patty Knight and Barbara Matranga, friends and guests, attended the 10th Anniversary Padre Pio Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Peter's Catholic Church and Casa Italiana in Los Angeles.

This event was very well attended completely filling the Casa Hall to capacity with Italian spoken thorough out the day. On hand was the Saint Don Bosco Band (my alma mater) that provided the music and marched in the around the block Pilgrimage.

Congratulations to ICF guests Adrian and Bobby Licciardi for winning one of the many Raffle Prizes.

On Monday September 18, 2017 members Carmelo and Linda Sabatella, Jackie Ficht and Santo and Diana Plescia enjoyed the Ronald McDonald Dinner Fundraiser at Mijare's Mexican Restuarant and Cantina.

And to our former ICF Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace. May God Bless and keep you healthy "Iper cento anni!"

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 3, 2017 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA 91504. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's starting at 12:30 pm. Seating is limited. \$17 per person. \$8 children under 12 years old.

Newly acquired medals, 3rd class relics and other items from the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Chicago available in the gift shop. Come early, bring the family and visit the Chapel and Library. Call to RSVP at 626 372-7812 or Email at cas1810@aol.com and for more information.

Carmelo Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Hope everyone is enjoying the cool fall weather and looking forward to the fast approaching holidays! Our November General Meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. It has become our tradition for our November general meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck dinner and everyone brings their favorite dishes to share with everyone. The Branch will provide the main dish and drinks. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

This year we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary the death of Mother Cabrini, at the St. Francis Xavier Church and Cabrini Shrine at Burbank, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, starting with Mass at 12:30 p.m. after mass there will be a procession to the Mother Cabrini Shrine, adoration to the Blessed Sacrament and a Benediction. A delicious luncheon will then be held in the Parish Hall. Please plan on joining us to this beautiful pilgrimage.

Finally, we will end the year with a great Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Music will be provided by Duo Domino, with Rita & Marion Marino, a Professional Piano Bar, along with our traditional delicious Italian Buffet dinner. It will be a great party! Please plan on joining us and invite your family and friends for some great dancing and holiday cheer.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A Presto!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

On Oct 12th many of our members attended the Heritage Day festivities sponsored by the City of LA. Our President Neal DiLeva was honored by Councilman Joe Busciano for his many contributions to our community. Congratulations Neal! All who attended enjoyed a lovely reception after the award



Celebrating Halloween at Branch 380.

December 9. There will be more information on this at the November meeting. Also, in December, a Christmas party is being held at Children's Hospital which is a toy drive for the patients there. Each member is encouraged to donate one toy for this drive. December 3rd is the 100th anniversary of the St. Francis Xavier Cabrini pilgrimage with a luncheon after. This is \$17.00 per person.

We lost longtime member Vincie Gargano recently. Vincie was very active for forty years in the branch and at one time was our president. We extend our condolences to Phil Gargano and her family.

To everyone, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Lolly M.

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members!

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 19th at Nano's Café in Sierra Madre. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

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

Happy November Birthday to: Mary Lou Lemoine and Marillee Taylor.

"The little things that mean so much...a note...a special touch can make the day and warm the heart of one whose life is set apart.... But grateful still for special friends whose caring never...never ends!" (Anna M. Matthews)

God Bless,

Jo Anne Disney

Santa Barbara/Ventura Region Burbank

St. Maria Goretti, Br. 102

Branch 102, Burbank celebrated our 65th Anniversary in great style on Saturday, July 8, 2017 in Cabrini Hall.

Past president Don Lee Gaudino welcomed our District Officers, family and friends on this memorable occasion, remembering the good times and the sad times.

Dina Tomei was honored (as the oldest member) to come forward as Dottie La Macchia sang "Because of You" bringing back memories of all our departed members and the wonderful years we shared with friends, family, and St Francis parish, that will remain in our hearts forever.

I was so proud to be a part of this celebration

and a member of a wonderful branch.

Dina Tomei

Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our Branch had a very successful October meeting. We enjoyed a delicious Italian Dinner Catered by Viva La Pasta. For desert we had some wonderful spumoni with homemade Pizelles what a treat! Thank you Joyce Allesandrino for organizing the delicious desert!

At our meeting we had our annual "Hallowine" Halloween/wine tasting event. Some members dressed up in costume and all members brought a bottle of wine for tasting at the tasting table. We also had our white elephant auction. Many funny and fun "gifts" were won! Live accordion music was played by Norm Pantos!

We held our elections for the board positions for next year. Thank you to all of the members and junior members who have stepped into the leadership roles for our branch. We look forward to the upcoming year with many new and fun activities to share with our members!

Ciao,

Jean Fontana Bridges

Corresponding Secretary

Simi Valley St. Gianna, Br. 443

On Friday, September 15, ICF Branch 443 of St. Rose of Lima, Simi Valley, CA, sponsored a fundraising concert for six-year-old Seth Fabry (grandson of Linda and Jim Fabry members of branch 443) who is fighting leukemia at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. The program began with an opening prayer by Father Riz Carranza, pastor of St. Peter Claver Church, and included performances by the Agoura Hills Harmony Chorus directed by Marcia Loftin, St. Rose of Lima's Irish dance group led by Daryl Goldes, and the St. Rose



Rita Downey, President of Br. 443, introducing the Donation to Help Seth Fabry program.



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Monterey

Santa Cruz

Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

When you read this, the holiday season will be starting. How quickly the time flies! It is said that time flies fastest when you are enjoying life, and Branch 21 get-togethers are just for that. I remind you now of the up-coming events that are planned. Oh! Also, to keep track of next year's events, jot them down on the new 2018 ICF Calendar that hopefully you have purchased. If not, please contact Rosa Radicchi to buy one. This year's is the best ever, some say.

On November 5th, we will have the annual Memorial Mass; by now you will have received information about this event. Then on December 1st, we will have the Christmas Party, which is a thank you event to Branch 21 members' for their support throughout the year.

Moving into the New Year, we will have many wonderful happenings, starting in January with the honor of our Branch hosting the annual Installation of New Officers for the Central Coast District. Then beyond that, there will be the usual annual dinners along with some new ideas for get-togethers. The goal is to enjoy family, enjoy friends (both old and new), and enjoy life. So look for more information to come regarding the 2018 schedule of events.

In closing, I remind you that our meetings are held at Holy Cross Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, though no meeting in December. They start at 4:30 with a 'happy hour'; at 5:30 there is the actual meeting; and at 6:30 we sit down to good food and conversation. Please come.

Patty Morelli

Secretary-Branch 21

Salinas Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Preparations are underway for Branch 25's Annual ICF Polenta Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, November 8, at the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Ticket books were mailed out to all members and the flyer/ order forms were faxed to area parishes and business the week of October 9th.

Our next meeting is a MEMBERS meeting and will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at noon at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. This meeting occurs on our preparation day for the Polenta Luncheon.

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The Sacred Heart Fiesta Pizza booth was a great success again this year. We had our ICF information table at the side of the booth and several potential new members took our materials.

We are saddened to report that a long time member, Mary Vaccaro, passed away on July 29, 2017 at age 104. Mary was a long time member of the ICF in Salinas. For those of you who have attended ICF events at JM Ranch, Mary was Joe Massolo’s Godmother. She was a lovely person. Our prayers go out to Mary’s family and friends. A Mass will be said in Mary’s honor at Sacred Heart Church (please check the parish bulletin.)

Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffey, for a speedy recovery from a recent health event.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10, 2017, at JM Ranch for the Branch 25 Christmas Party.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and safe travels to those hitting the roads or the skies!

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey

Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

We want to wish a Blessed Happy Thanksgiving to all. We all have a lot to be thankful this year, and must count our blessings.

Our district meeting of September 16, 2017 was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Our October 5th dinner/meeting was also cancelled, as our volunteer Chef Peter John Curatolo,

(PJ)’s father passed away and the vigil was on the same night. Our branch felt it was best to cancel our

dinner/meeting out of respect to our volunteer Chef PJ and his family.

Our deepest sympathy to Sally Curatolo and family on the death of her husband Peter Curatolo.

Also, our deepest sympathy to Maria Davi and family on the death of her husband, Anthony Davi.

Our Christmas parties’ flyers will be sent out to all our members regarding dates, places and times. Our Adult party will be December 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM with Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano as chairmen.

Our Children party will be December 10, 2017 at 1PM. This is such a fun party, as Santa arrives with gifts for the children.

Calendar:

November 2, 2017 Dinner/Meeting at 6 PM

December 2, 2017 Adult Christmas Party at 6 PM

December 10, 2017 Children’s Christmas Party at 1 PM

“We are blessed in so many ways, many things we take for granted but we should stop and be thankful each and every day.” by Catherine Pulsifer.

Bettye Sollecito

ICF Branch #36

Castroville

Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

The Holidays are here and soon the family & friends gatherings will begin. Enjoy the food and time spent with your loved ones.

Our delegate to the Convention, Marie Tonus, had a fabulous time, she also won a prize in the Pedro Tournament. High Five Marie!!

The Summer Tri-Tip Fundraiser was a success, it was delicious and we sold out. Our

chefs did an outstanding job, (Paul & Kevin Cortopassi, David Pecci, Greg Stefani and D.L. Grier). Thank you! A big thank you to Diane Ausonio for organizing the takeout food and to her helpers Carrie Holbrook, Cindy & Ashley Stefani, Art, Susan and Natalie Carbone!, Daniel Peterson, Dennis and Toni Hibbs and I hope I didn’t forget anyone. A special thanks to Toni and Dennis for doing the ticket sales after Mass. Also we would like to thank everyone that purchased a dinner.

Our next meeting will be on November 3rd and it will be a Potluck dinner. The nominating committee will present a list of officers that we will be voting on for the 2018 Board. Also on the agenda is our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas and our Christmas Party.

Please pray for the following members: Wilma Cursi, Marie and Egidio Tonus, Dolores and Hugo Tottino, Eva Mae and Vic Sigala, Pauline Bigby, Pat Stefani and my special long-time friend Thelma Sbarra and all who need God’s healing blessings.

Thanksgiving Blessings to all I.C.F. Members and their families.

Ciao,

Leonora Barlow

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

At the November 12 meeting, we will be electing officers for 2018. You are encouraged to be at the meeting and vote. Many thanks to Dolores McCartney for heading up the Nominating Committee.

Welcome to new member Sheila Monahan. Sheila is a member of St. Joseph’s Parish and sings in the choir at 11:00 a.m. mass.

Correction: At the Convention Franklyn Lopes was elected Central Council Grand Trustee, not Grand Sentinel as reported last month.

Next year’s wine tasting is cancelled due to Ron Castle’s health issues, so the Board is looking at other fundraisers to take its place. The tentative date is in April, so stay tuned for more information.

Lenten Fish Frys begin on February 16. The Board is considering ways to tweak the menu. Pass along your suggestions to any Board member. Sign-ups for workers will begin in January.

Another unsung hero of our branch is Rick Kotila. Rick sets up the bar for our meetings and social events and for many years has picked up the fish fry food orders and delivered them to the hall, then cooks calamari. Rick goes about his work quietly and dependably. Many thanks to him.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving and a safe journey for all those who are traveling to be with family. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday—you don’t have to buy gifts or decide what to cook!

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

In October we held a successful BBQ Tri Tip dinner with all the trimmings for our second Fall Fundraiser Dinner. Our last Fall Fundraising Dinner will be held on Friday, November 10th, and in honor of Veteran’s Day, all veterans will eat for free! Join us from 4-7pm in our parish hall for a delicious spaghetti dinner! Our three Fall Fundraising Dinners raise money for our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

We held Branch Officer elections at our October meeting. Results will be posted in our December report. Stay tuned! At our October General Meeting we also enjoyed a delicious Oktoberfest dinner prepared by Sonia Wagner,

Sandy Quintiliani, Sylvia and Don Nasholm, Joanna Van Blaricom and their team!

We recently welcomed several St. Patrick School families as new members to Branch 291. We will be holding a big initiation ceremony soon for all our new members!

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

Happy Thanksgiving to all ICF members and their families!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

We christened our new meeting room in Stack Center with our Sept. meeting and we seem to fit in nicely.

The District picnic was a success, Mass, bingo and really good food. Once again we say Thank You to Al and Deanna DeNurra for their hospitality.

There was a nice turn out for Bishop’s Day, and our Chaplin, Fr. Duda was able to attend. Nice to have him with us 2 days in a row. Beautiful Mass and tasty dinner afterwards, good job, Contra Costa district.

Hopefully by next month there will be a new roster of officers to report for the district. Branches, please keep those rosters of new officers coming to me, installation is fast approaching. Also even faster approaching, the District Christmas party is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 2nd; be on the look out for the flyer with all the details.

It is with much saddness that we learned of the death of long time Livermore member, district deputy and so much more to the ICF, Patricia Mueller. Please keep Pat and her family in your prayers.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and there is much to be thankful for at this time of year. As we give thanks for our blessings, please pray for those who have suffered through the terrible fires in the wine country, that they may recover soon. Let us be helpful in any way we are able, the family part of ICF.

Happy thanksgiving to all and may God bless us and keep us safe.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We welcomed 129 guests to our annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday evening, October 7.

Next up on our social hour is our Christmas Party scheduled for Friday, December 8. This yearly event will include a dinner of salad, pasta and meatballs and dessert, plus a visit by Santa Claus and gifts for children. The price for adults is \$12.00. Children 12 and under are free.

We are co-hosting with Branch 40 the East Bay District Installation on Sunday, January 21 at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. The Installation will begin with Mass celebrated by Rev. Rafal Duda at 3:00, which will be followed by the ceremony at 4:00, social time at 5:00 and dinner at about 5:30.

We have welcomed a new member William Foster, who was born in July. William is the second child of our first vice-president, Gina Foster, and supplants his brother, Frederick Anthony Foster, age 2, as the youngest

member of Branch 10.

We have changed the time of the social hour for our Saturday events from 6:00 to 6:30. We will continue to serve dinner at 7:00.

One of our members serves as one of the five retired attorneys who staff the Pope Francis Legal Clinic operated by the Diocese of Oakland. The clinic provides consultations regarding legal problems on a no-charge basis. The clinic serves clients who reside either within or outside the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts, that is, the geographical area of the Diocese of Oakland. The clinic is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments can be made through the Chancery of the Diocese, (510) 893-4711.

John Zugnoni,

Branch 10 publicity

Oakland

Santa Rita, Br. 40

A Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. A calendar of activities for the year 2018 is in the planning. We thank you for your support that you have given us in the past 2 years during our rebuilding of leadership roles. And we look forward to continued prosperity in 2018 and the future. During the October meeting branch officers were elected for the year 2018. Following is a list of those positions:

President: Lawrence Francis

1st Vice President: Rita Marie Dykes

Recording Secretary: Mary Ann Francis

Financial Secretary: Anne Marie Grader

Treasurer: David Rose

Orator: Claire Ramirez

Trustees: Catherine Kapper, Esemea Tabacco, and Claire Ramierz

Sentinal: Molly Grader

Chaplain: Rev. Bill Mason

We thank all of the past officers of 2017 for their support and ask for their continued guidance to the future 2018 officers. Thank you for your dedication. A dear member of our Branch has passed away. His name is Thomas Poggi, who has been a member since March 12,1940. Tom was a dedicated and active member during the entire time, who served in many branch and district positions. He was a wonderful friend and family man; I thank God that Tom was in my life. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Marisa and to his children for his passing. God Bless You.

Happy Birthday to Angela Rainero and Clemence Zanata. Please remember in your prayers the sick and the convalescing, especially: Anna Alberti, Rita Avery, Rosalie De Santi, Mary Devincenzi, Karen Garcia and Esemea Tabacco.

Ciao!

M.A. Francis

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Ah, November. The summer heat has subsided and Fall is just around the corner. Many are getting ready for a whole slew of family holidays. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are just around the corner.

- Annual National Convention: John & Shirley Delucchi represented Branch 215 at this year’s convention. They reported that they both were kept busy each day with activities and multiple sessions throughout the convention period.
- BISHOP’S DAY: This year’s Bishop’s Day was hosted by the Contra Costa District and held at St. Cornelius Church in



Branch 285 Cookie sale 2017: L/R Nancy Navarini, Elaine Meier, Anna Yocham.

Branch 285's Phyl Buonsante.

Photo Joe Buonsante



helpers who are shown in the photo nearby. And then there was our "virtual" bocce game. It started our being real, but so few could make it that we just drove by the bocce court on our way to a pizza lunch and monthly meeting. That's when we found out that our own Joe Buonsante had been chosen to be part of the national Veterans Honors Program. They flew Joe and other veterans to Washington, D.C., and treated them royally with the best of accommodations, food, and transportation. We thank God for sharing Pat Mueller with us. Our dear past president and one of the founders of Branch 285, Pat Mueller, has left us to be with the Lord. She was a fun lady and a piano player for many of our events almost until the end. I think Pat knew everyone in ICF in Northern California as she served many years as a Central Council Member. Pat, your sage advice about who to see and how to get things done will sorely be missed. And YOU will be missed, Pat - Ci vediamo in paradiso.
Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well we had our first meeting in the refurbished Stack Center and enjoyed an Italian dinner along with it. We also hosted the Pasta dinner at the OLG fall festival and would like to thank all those who helped make it a success. That is a long list, but includes, cooks, set-up crew, servers from the 7th and 8th grades, Biscotti bakers, ticket sellers/takers and kitchen crew. Without you we would not have done so well.

Our Oct. meeting will be our Polenta dinner along with a guest speaker on Thalassemia, Laurice Levine, who is a survivor and one of the older ones, who works hard to remain one every day. As of this writing, the tickets are selling out!

By the next writing, we will have had our election of officers and hopefully some new names to report.

In addition to supporting activities at the other branch's our next fund raiser will be our Bake Sale on Sunday Nov. 12th after the Sunday Masses. The holidays are coming so there are lots of goodies that people will be thankful to buy rather than bake. Any secret recipes out there???

Speaking of being Thankful, we have a lot to Thank God for each day. We can also ask God to help those who have been affected by the fires and guide us to be of service to them.

God Bless America this Thanksgiving and keep us safe.

Richmond followed by dinner at the Galileo Club. Together the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts of the ICF donated a seminary bourse in the amount of \$4,500.00. The Central Council of the ICF donated an additional amount of \$2,500.00. Therefore, a total of \$7,000.00 was given to Bishop Michael Barber for the education of the Oakland Diocesan seminarians.

• Elections of Branch Officers were held at our October 10th meeting. The following officers were elected for 2018:

- President: Fran LaTorre
- 1st Vice President: Scott Schiecl
- Financial Secretary: Ralph Marinelli
- Recording Secretary: Shirley DeLucchi
- Orator: Vilma Romo
- Trustee 1: John DeLucchi
- Trustee 2: Nadine Mattier
- Trustee 3: James McGee
- Sentinel: Joan Lampe
- Chaplain: Fr. David M. Villa.
- BINGO LUNCHEON: Branch 215's Bingo Salad Luncheon was held on October 19th at Our Lady of Guadalupe. We had a great turnout and many joined us for a delicious salad luncheon and some spirited bingo.

As always, our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are ill and to the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Livermore

St. Filomena, Br. 285

We have a lot to thank God for this past month. Our cookie and dessert sale at St. Augustine's was a huge success. We made \$400 which is going to the church for earthquake relief in Mexico. You can't do this kind of event without a lot of help and we had it. Thanks to our organizer, Elaine, and some of the



Crockett and Brentwood members enjoying a afternoon at the Brentwood branch Car Show. Great job branch 432 . Pasta dinner was good too.

Contra Costa

District Council

Dear District,

As I write this report we are going to have our next district meeting on Thurs. October 26 at Legends private room at Diablo Creek golf course in Concord. A report on the meeting details will be given next month.

Our next District event is the Night of Recollection on Nov. 6 in Martinez. We planned on having the social and then the dinner at the La Tapatia Restaurant. Our District Chaplain Father Larry Young was going to give us an inspirational talk following dinner. We thank Past President Joseph Flores for making donations for this event. A big thanks to all those who attended. Since I am writing this before the event we will report next month on how it turned out.

Save the date for Monday December 4. We will have our District Christmas dinner party that evening. Social at the bar will be at 6:30 PM followed by a no host dinner at 7:PM at De Vino's Italian restaurant in Pleasant Hill. This is open to all members of our District. If you would like to attend then RSVP to your branch before November 28. Branch Presidents please RSVP by emailing Patty at Jandp1976@aol.com by November 29. Please do not be late as a headcount has to be turned over to the Restaurant.

Our District reporter Joann Thilgen will be writing these reports again starting next month. She needed a short break to recuperate from eye surgery.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

See everyone at the events.

Patty Jarrett

ICF Contra Costa District President

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

Fall is here and with it a busy and fun schedule. We began with a warm welcome for Father Anthony Huang Le to our parish in September. We look forward to working with him through the years.

The annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner was a great success. Thanks to Michael Rogers and his mom, Marylynn for again running the special electronic raffle. We extend a big thank you to members, guests and donors who made the fundraiser such a success.

We extend an invitation to all to our Thanksgiving feast at the last meeting of the year on Nov. 17. We will gather to thank God and feast on delicious food in the parish hall on Henrietta Street. Please RSVP with a call



Welcome Corrine Scofield and Holly De La Torres as new members to Branch 14, Crockett. Congrats.

to 925-229-2665. Our new slate of officers elected at the October meeting will be introduced and congratulated.

The ICF hosted after Mass hospitality on Sept. 10. It was great to have many members participating. Everyone was very generous with their breakfast and dessert donations. Leftovers were shared with the Cub Scouts who were meeting later that afternoon. Thanks to Anne Crisp for coordinating the event. Maybe she will do it again!

May all have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ciao from Martinez,

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

Welcome to our newest members, Corrine Scofield and Holly de la Torre. Corrine has taught for 19 years and Holly is David and Mary Jo Townsend's daughter. We also welcome the Dutra Family, Jason, Shannon and Max. Many know the Dutras from Crockett Bocce.

Wishes for improved health to Elma Nursement, Roberta Schryver and Pat and Julie Contestable.

Our sympathies to Frank Manus on the passing of his wife, Irma. Both Frank and Irma were active members for many years, and we hope to see Frank at a meeting soon. We have lost Pat Mueller, a member and special friend to Edward Sacca, and we extend condolences to Jo and Joe Macaluso; Jo's sister passed recently.



(Above) Branch 14 , Crockett members celebrating Bishops day at the Galileo Club. Nice event.



(Left) Wow David and Pat Botta from ,Branch 14, having a good time with good friend Walter Costa , from Branch 154 at the Galileo Club Great dinner.

Another district event to look forward to is the Christmas dinner party on Monday Dec. 4. at 7:PM at DeVino's Italian Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. If you would like to go let Patty know and she will put you on the headcount.

We offer get well wishes to Grace [Scanapico](#). She was in the hospital. We missed her and look forward to seeing her soon. We wish Joann [Thilgen](#) well. She had eye surgery. We also offer Joann our sympathy due to the loss of her dog. If you know of any sick members please let me know and the branch will be happy to send a card.

As I am typing this report the news of the fires in Northern California is devastating. Many [ICF](#) members have lost their homes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who were affected.

As thanksgiving draw near let us truly be thankful for our blessings.

As we say in [Pittsburg](#),

[Sempre Avanti](#).

Till next time,

Patty

Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

A big thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes for the Polenta dinner. The raffle is a big fundraiser for us and your donations help to make it a huge success.

Approximately one hundred guests attended our semi annual fundraiser. We feasted on Polenta, sausage, chicken, salad and dessert.

Nomination of officers was held and approved. Voting will be held next meeting in November.

Officers nominated are:

Alicia Trevino -- President

Lorraine Acuna -- 1st Vice-President

Laura McAllister -- 2nd Vice President

Debbie Kendall -- Recording Secretary

Mike Cannady -- Financial Treasurer

Toni Reeder -- Treasurer

Domenica Yonke -- Trustee

Julian Acuna -- Trustee

Ruben Trevino -- Trustee

Teresa Ventin -- Sentinel



Branch 214 President Roberta Healy - sharing our 50th Anniversary banner.

Branch 214 is proud to display our Happiness in the Growth of our Branch.



Walter Costa -- Orator

Our last bus trip of the year was October 30, 2017. Any profits we make are donated to Cooley's Anemia. Next bus trip will be in March, 2017 Thank you Joe Meneghelli for always coordinating these fun trips to Cache Creek.

District day of Recollection is Nov.06, 2017 at La Tapatia restaurant in Martinez, at 6:30PM. Call Alicia for reservations, 510-575-7262

Next meeting, November 13th, 2017, Mass for deceased members. Dinner of soup and salad to follow.

Don't forget the December 11th meeting. Annual polenta dinner, FREE FOR MEMBERS. Reservations a must!! Call Toni Reeder @510-472-9646 by Dec 6th.

Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Our Branch extends a Congratulations & Thank You to Roslyn Jarrett as the Director for the ICF Convention. Our members who attended enjoyed each day so much.

Our branch is looking forward to October and the Installation of our new members also Election of Officers. We are having a clothes drive for the Homeless Shelter of Contra Costa Co.

October being the month of Octoberfest, before our meeting, we will have an Octoberfest dinner.



Branch 432 IHM car show participants, Mother (left) and Daughter, Gloria and Rina Garcia

Prayers for all our sick and elderly; prayers also for Earl Koski as he goes through his chemo treatments.

Ciao,

Christina Artale

Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all,

Another successful "FESTA d' ITALIA." Roadsters, Coupes, Hot Rods and Classic Cars: It doesn't get any better than Branch 432's 8th annual car show and pasta dinner. A cavalcade of automotive excellence featuring some of America's greatest automobiles was held in the IHM Church parking lot and Hall. With over 50 cars on display to be viewed and savored, dozens of classic automobile enthusiasts walked up and down the rows enjoying the cars and exchanging stories with the owners.

This festive event didn't end at the Concourse, later in the afternoon, a sumptuous pasta and sausage dinner with all the trimmings was rolled out for all participants and visitors to enjoy. Coupled with wine and other beverages from the bar, the meal was the beginning of a fitting end for a great day, enjoyed by all who attended.

The celebration of automobiles concluded when all of the cars were paraded in front of the viewing stand where a select committee presented the winning owners with awards for the various classes of show. Fittingly, Fr. Erick Villa dubbed one of the winning cars "Pastor's Choice."

The 8th annual "FESTA d' ITALIA" was a resounding success and is growing in popularity every year. Without the many Branch members who donate their time and effort, the Festa would not be possible. Space prevents singling out all who had a hand in the success of this year's Festa but it's a good bet if you went to the meetings you had a hand in the Festa. Thank you and God Bless all who worked for its success.

la vita è buona



Branch 432 Servers getting ready for the hungry masses. (from left) Gloria Clausen, Judee Risso and Phil Sawko.



Branch 432's "Pastor's Choice."

Pittsburg

San Domenico, Br. 72

Our meeting on Oct. 22 was held at Bravo's Restaurant in [Pittsburg](#). We enjoyed a delicious dinner. Our meeting followed. We went over our activities for the remainder of the year. We also held elections for 2018 officers. A big thanks to those who took offices. At our Nov. meeting we will celebrate our 70th anniversary. I will send information with the date and details.

The district will host the annual Night of Recollection on Monday Nov. 6 at La [Tapatia](#) Restaurant in Martinez. Social is at 6: 30 PM followed by dinner at 7:PM. Our District Chaplin Father Larry Young will give an inspirational talk following dinner. RSVP to Patty by Nov. 2.



Members of Branch 442 cooking for the fall dinner.

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Congratulations to our 2017 scholarship winners. Alex Colello and Anneliese Peterson our best wishes as you move into your college adventures.

Several of our members attended the annual convention in Sacramento. We were well represented by our delegates Matt Dallara and Roger VanMaren. However, a special recognition goes to Ann Consul and Judi Dallara, their team won first place in the bocce tournament. And Juliette Cote and Matt Dallara’s team won second place. And to top that, our branch won second place in the Heritage Awards, thanks to Nancy Santos’ excellent report. They all did us proud indeed!

We held our annual Fall fundraiser dinner on October 7th. A delicious meal of antipasto, salad, pasta and side dishes of sausages and meatballs. And the now famous almond torte to finish the meal. Thank you to Matt Dallara, Juliette Cote and Sam Veneziano who headed the kitchen. We had a successful raffle thanks to the lovely gift basket provided by our members and coordinated by Donna Veneziano. Thank you to Pam DeBernardi for the lovely decorations. Linda and Robert DelVigne and Jim Jarrett who worked the bar. Diana MacKinson for securing the jazz band that helped create a festive atmosphere. Very important, ticket sales, so thank you to Joan Cummings for coordinating. And a special thank you to everyone else who helped put this event together, and cleaning up afterwards!

Can you believe we turned four years old already this past October? Let’s make the fifth even greater.

Felice Anniversario!

Eileen McGauran

Orange
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Branch 379 contributed to the St. Bonaventure Fall Festival October 6-8 by running the Italian food booth. Over 200 meatball sandwiches and sausage, peppers and onion sandwiches were cooked and served, as well as 43 lbs. of pasta with meatballs. New and old members enjoyed socializing with each other and giving back to our parish community.

Great thanks to our membership chairman Connie Meinke whose dedicated outreach resulted in three new members at our September meeting! Welcome Joe Caro, Judy Penate and Vincent Ferrandino!

We are looking forward to our main fundraiser of the year -- the ICF Pizza Booth at Silverado Days, held at Peak Park in Buena Park October 20-22.



Day 1 at the St Bonaventure Fall Festival: (left to right) Robert and Connie Meinke, Greg Geraci, Dylan Geraci, Mike Geraci, Karen Kocvara. “It was a fun day. Nice working with all of you.”



Branch 379 members get ready to serve festival goers on a beautiful day in Huntington Beach: (left to right) Viva Palumba, Irene Scalise, Karen Kocvara, Alec Paz

Irvine

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Autumn greetings. After a summer break, we reconvened at the October 15 meeting.

President Donna Stahl and Vice-President Kellie De Leo visited Wise Place, one of the charities we donate to. Cindy Jacobs from Wise Place will be a guest speaker at the November meeting.

Next year’s membership dues will increase \$5 per person due to the per capita tax rate increase from Central Council. Membership will now be \$45 per person.

Tony Gonzalez was our branch delegate at the Annual ICF Convention in Sacramento. He shared the new amendments proposed at the convention.

Marci Dodson shared information about the Italian language for the heritage report. Italians are proud of their language. It is a language that is melodic and full of vowels, and is pleasing to the ear. Dante, the author of “The Divine Comedy” is considered to be the “Father of the Italian language.” Shortly after the novel was written, the Italian language became unified after having many different dialects across the country.

Nominations of officers took place at the October meeting. Frank Gianantonio facilitated the nominations. Elections to be held at the November meeting on November 17.

Tentative date for Christmas party is December 15. Lupe Montejano will oversee the festivities. More details to follow.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson



Branch 379 members cooking meatballs, sausage, onions, peppers and pasta for the St. Bonaventure Fall Festival Italian Booth: (left to right) Joe Caro, Viva Palumbo, Mike Geraci, Donna Meade, Karen Kocvara.

Sacramento

Sacramento

St. Mary, Br. 45

The September Chicken and Polenta feast was enjoyed by all! Branch 45 welcomed the Leda Pasquini Scholarship recipient, Rebecca Ielati and family to the event!

Save the Date! Our next Chicken and Polenta dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th! Meeting starts at 4:30, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.! Includes Chicken, Polenta, homemade Meat Sauce, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert! Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Photos from past events as far back as 1935 will be on display at the dinner, so come and see relatives, past members of the Branch 45!

Call Janine Orsi to make your reservations! [916-508-1199](tel:916-508-1199)

Board member elections will be held at the November 12th meeting at 4:30! Anyone interested in joining the board and sharing new ideas, please contact Janine Orsi at [916-508-1199](tel:916-508-1199)! See you at there!

ICF members, mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Luncheon that is scheduled for December 10th! Details to follow!

October “Happy Birthdays” to Gail Davis, Kimberly Ebert, Daniel Mazza, Pina Noto, Faye Petricchi, Evelyn Talini, and Phela Vesci!! November “Happy Birthdays” to Gina Courey, Verona Devito, Angela Isola, Maria Keller, and Janine Orsi !!

Auburn

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all those who helped set up, prepare food, and clean up during our



Photo of Branch 45 Board Members and Leda Pasquini Scholarship Recipient!

Tina Tallman, 1st VP, Shirley Bennett, Scholarship donor, Janine Orsi, Pres., Rebecca Ielati, Recipient and Kathy Garrettson, 8th Grade Teacher

recent Pizza Nite and Elections. Although our crowd was small, we all had a great time! Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2018.

President- MaryAnn Mikles

Vice-President - Pamela Andersen

Financial Secretary - Florence Mooneyham

Secretary - Suzanne Tidball

Treasurer - Barbara O’Rourke

Orator -Maria Fregosi

Sentinal - Lisa Stockman

Trustees- JoAnn Swars, Patricia Putkey, Adela Valdez

Our branch would like to wish all the ICF members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have a day full of fantastic company, much love, and great food.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville

St. Clare, Br. 438

Where oh Where does the time go? Here we are soon approaching the holiday season. I can already smell the roasting turkey and the aromas of pumpkin pie and apple pie. The month of Oct. was very busy. On Oct.7th. our branch chartered a bus to go to Reno for the Italian festival. many members and parishioners enjoyed the festivities.Thanks to Michael and Sandra Fuentes who never fails us. They always step up to the plate when needed. On Oct. 27th. we chartered a bus to go to Apple Hill and the Red Hawk Casino. Thank you Nina Malone for chairing this event. Then on Oct.28th & 29th. we held our annual bake sale. Once again Connie Terry chaired this yummy event. I will give you highlights on these events in the next Bollettino. We will be busy preparing our Gathering Inn Dinner on Nov. 13th.This is the time of the season when we feed many homeless people. Please help us make this a rewarding night by assisting with preparations, cooking or help with clean up . Please pray for all our sick members and members who are going through hard times. It is so good to see our Treasurer Rick Steir recover so fast. This is what power of prayer can do. I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving. No fighting over the turkey legs!

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry



San Francisco

San Francisco

Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members: Please note these upcoming events:

Wed: Dec. 6 Christmas Party & Raffle 6:30pm, cost \$15.00. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo. Please bring a raffle prize. Please note that the Immaculate Conception Chapel was closed on October 2, 2017. Father Guglielmo Lauriola has retired and is now residing with the Franciscan Friars in Oakland. Branch 1 now has a new home. Our Branch was graciously invited to hold all our meetings and functions at St. Anthony's Church by Pastor Fr. Moises Agudo. Their address is 3215 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco, CA 94010. St. Anthony's Church is only 2 blocks down the hill from the Immaculate Conception Chapel. An Italian Mass at 9:30am every Sunday will be held at St. Anthony's Church. All Branch 1 members and friends are encouraged to attend. Thank you Fr. Moises for adding this mass to St. Anthony Mass schedule.

Happy Thanksgiving to all members and their families.

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

We haven't had our October meeting yet because of the Columbus Day festivities in North Beach. At our September meeting, only 5 members were present plus our faithful Chaplin Fr. Al and our District Deputy George Pagni. The major topic was how to get new members to join...a discussion we've had numerous times! It would be wonderful if a few of our Br. #38 members, who normally do not attend, would make an effort to come to a meeting. We would love to see you, and it would help Br. #38 tremendously!

Our Branch has received the "ICF 2018 Calendars" to sell. The Calendars are really nice and cost \$25 each...our Br. #38 gets to keep \$5 from each Calendar sold. Cosmo is chairman, and if you wish to buy 1 or more (great gifts) phone Cosmo at 415-392-3560. He will gladly mail it/them to your home. Please help Br.#38 buy and/or sell them!

I recently spoke on the phone to our dear member Virginia Aguilar, who now lives in Mississippi. She is happy, but misses SF,



Members of Branch 438 enjoying the Reno Great Italian Festival, picturing street decor and our three Branch 438 Festival Fun Seekers, (R to L) Carol Barnett, Linda Pasley and Sandra Fuentes.

our wonderful cool weather, and especially Br.38 members & meetings. She paid her 2017 ICF dues just so she could receive the "Bollettino" in MS...she enjoys the paper and reads it thoroughly. Several months ago we planned for her to phone the PC during our meeting, so she would feel like she was participating also.

**Br. 38 members wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all ICF members & their families.

***Ci Vediamo il 11 di Novembre at 12:00 Noon in the PC!

Ciao, Mara Amato

San Francisco

Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our October meeting was held on the 4th and it was a real feast! Joe Figone again put together a wonderful menu with the help of our Central Council members, Dante Galleazzi, David Colli, and Deborah Major.

Arrangements have been finalized for our Christmas Luncheon. It will be held on December 13th at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. The invitation was just put in the mail to all Branch 50 members. We will all be asked to bring a new toy for the toy drive to benefit Operation Dream, a non-profit organization led by the S.F. Police Department.

On September 20th, Our President Marcella attended the Northern California Italian American Symposium at the S.F. Italian Athletic Club. It was an interesting evening and she reported the following: Out of that meeting, the organization "Coalition of Italian American Organizations" (CIAO) will be formed. Also, there will be a centralized website, scheduled to be launched early 2018, with a calendar to which Italian organizations will be able to submit upcoming events, along with links to social media pages and club websites. Groups were formed for various committees, and Marcella announced she is on the Social Committee and proposed we have a guest night in the spring (the details to be discussed at a later time).

We then enjoyed the most scrumptious meal prepared by Joe, Dante, David, and Debbie. Prosciutto & Melon, Antipasto Salad, Pork Loin Roast, and Sacripantina Dessert! We are so grateful to them all for preparing such a feast.

Until next time, I say arrivederci!

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our cruise to Alaska was very nice! Cruising on Glacier Bay was fantastic. The Glaciers were large and from our ship you could hear the roar of the large pieces of snow breaking into the Bay. Our tea at the Butchart Gardens in Victoria was lovely. We had a three (3) tier



The last ICF event at Immaculate Conception Chapel with Grand President Andrew Papani, Father Guglielmo Lauriola, Past Grand President Michael Cannady and Dante Galeazzi, Life Member.



Father Guglielmo Lauriola, OFM to retire after serving 48 years at ICC.



The Fire is out at Immaculate Conception Chapel, Branch 1

by Dante Galeazzi

Central Council Life Member

Retirement is Official for Father Guglielmo Lauriola, Pastor as he gave his last public Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel (ICC), in San Francisco for Branch 1 on Sunday, October 1.

Branch 1 was originally approved by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna for the Italian immigrants in 1924. The Italian Chapel was built in 1911, when only 12 homes existed, and was opened for the Italian immigrant parishioners. Today, one can easily view from the Chapel's outdoor balcony, another Italian landmark, the high-rise skyscraper, "the Bank of America Building," which is five miles away. This Chapel was opened only five years after the "BIG QUAKE" of 1906 for the Italian immigrants who were regulated outside the then city limits. Father Guglielmo, a 90-year-old-proud ordained Franciscan Priest from Italy, has been devoted to his parishioners at ICC since 1969 and happily served 48 years as the Branch's Chaplin. Father Guglielmo always believed that ICC was the "holy sacred ground" for the Italian Catholic Federation. ICF members can send thanks of appreciation as the guardian of ICC, as well as his happy retirement for our Beloved Father Guglielmo to Branch 1 President, Victor Aruando. President Victor Aruando, announced that Branch 1, is welcome at St. Anthony's Church. Send your cards c/o Francisco Friars, St. Elizabeth Church, [1500 34th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1500+34th+Avenue,+Oakland,+CA+94601)

China platter of sandwiches and cookies and scones. For two (2) people and a tea pot for two people at each table. Cruise left from San Francisco and returned to San Francisco. No Flying!

On October 16th we have a trip to the California State Capitol, Leland.

Stanford Mansion and the Wells Fargo. Museum. We will enjoy a lunch at the Spaghetti Factory.

On October 30th we are going to the Thunder Valley Casino.

To all our members who had Birthdays in September band those who will celebrate Birthdays, we wish you a ver Happy. birthday and we wish you much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

Our sincere sympathy to Frede and her family on the death of Ron Mirkkevich. Our prayers are with you, Frede and your family. Ron will be missed by his family and many friends.

Our 46th Anniversary Luncheon on September 22nd was another success. We had 35 people, It was an honor and pleasure to have Vic Arnaudo and his wife, Pat, join us. Thank you, Vic and Pat! Vic is President of Br. 1.

Please remember our sick and deceased members in your prayers.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Mass: October 22nd

Meeting: October 23rd.

Ciao.

Eva Perata, President

**San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

Father Joe Landi returned from this year's convention with 2018 ICF Calendars in hand and with ideas on increasing our membership. Branch 365 is so thankful and appreciative that Father was willing to go as our delegate. He learned at one of the workshops that the best way to gain new members is to ask each member to invite a friend or acquaintance to one of our meetings, especially if they are Italian. Of course, we all know that they need not be Italian to join. That said, let's each of us give it a serious try.

Our September meeting went well. We had three guests from Branch 38, President Mara Amato, her hubby Cosmo, and long-time member, Rose Mangini, who, in the early days, was a member of the ICF drum corps and marched in parades. It was a very enjoyable meeting. With all the fun and socializing, it was a wonder we managed to have our business meeting.

We were sent ten 2018 calendars to be sold by the branch. Joe is in charge of the sales. The price is \$25. The branch retains \$5. Keep in mind that you can win any number of times because winning numbers go back into the mix after each month's drawing.

Next meeting will be November 8th at 6:30.

Let us pray for the unfortunate people that lost their lives and homes in the devastating firestorms in California.

God Bless

Ann Basuino

**San Mateo
District Council**

Congratulations to Debbie Rodondi, 2nd Grand Vice President, Central Council and to our own Christine Prudenciado who received the Grand Presidents Award. Chris-

tine will be honored at Holy Angels, Colma, Branch 19, Monday, October 23.

Mark your calendars:

November 3, 2017 Chaplain's Night, South San Francisco Elks, 920 Stonegate Drive, South S.F. 6:00 cocktails 7:00 dinner. Please see the district hotline for entree choices and RSVP to drodondi@comcast.net no later than October 23. Her phone: 650-583-0805.

January 20, 2018 San Mateo Installation of Officers, see the district hotline for specifics.

Please keep our sick members and deceased members in your prayers.

Ciao,

Barbara

**Redwood City
Name, Br. 6**

Our 92nd Anniversary luncheon was well attended by many branches and a was great success thanks to our cooks: Georgia Row, Sylvia Row, Barbara Ebel & Catherine Boyle for the raffle baskets. Thanks to all who helped with setting up and breaking down the hall and cleaning up. Well done!!!

Ciao,

Barbara

Colma

**San Vincenzo De Paolo Branch,
Br. 19**

Hello Everyone!

Hard to believe we are coming to the end of another year and it is a busy one.

Branch Schedule:

November 3rd: San Mateo District Chaplains Night, hosted by Branch 19.

6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner. Reservations to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Drive, South San Francisco 94080. Phone 650-583-0805, drodondi@comcast.net, deadline for reservations October 23.

November 13th: Monday, Dinner Meeting hosted by Deborah Rodondi; Dessert by Joyce Harnett. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by the 9th (650)755-0878 leave message or email cas94015@yahoo.com.

November 25th and 26th:

Holy Angels Christmas Boutique - Come by after Church and enjoy the delicious food that is for sale and see what crafters are working on. Deborah Rodondi will have 2 tables at the event. The proceeds from table rentals and food benefit the parish.

December 11th: Monday, Christmas Party and 89th Anniversary Celebration at Sharps Park. RSVP by December 3rd to Donna Barnes, 650-991-0178, 183 Santa Paula Drive, Daly City CA 94015.

Congratulations to the new Officers of Branch #19 for 2018:

Pres. Deborah Rodondi, 1st VP Kathy Trevizo, 2ndVP Donna Barnes, Secretary Cheryl Simon, Financial Secretary Joann Sangiacomo, Treasurer Christine Prudenciado, Trustees David Novi, Orator Annette Novi and Sentinel Jackie Barnes.

Please remember in your prayers the Barajas family on the passing of Marge Barajas. The Barajas were long time active members of Branch #19.

N. Thurman

Burlingame

Our Lady Of Angels, Br. 173

The months are passing too fast but enjoy the coloring of the leaves. We will be holding a Make Your Sandwich dinner/meeting on Oc-

tober 12, 2017, along with the election of officers. We hope to see some of our members who have not been an officer step up and we will all pitch in to make our branch fun and successful. We always need new ideas on how to accomplish this.

On November 9, 2017 we will be honoring two members who have been in the ICF for 75 years. The honorees are: Rina Cassanago and Lorraine Rollandi; their families and Central Council members have been asked to join in the celebration.

November 3, 2017, is Chaplain's Night being help at the Elk's Club in S.S.Francisco.

Chicken:\$40.00,Salmon:\$45 and New York Strip:\$45.Make out checks to ICF San Mateo District but send to Deborah Rodondi, 225 Wildwood Dr. S.S.Francisco 94080 650-583-0805 Deadline 10-23-17

November 18, 2017 Pedro Tournament 9AM coffee and Danish 10 AM Pedro Starts/ lunch to follow \$35. Lunch only \$15.00.

Please keep in mind any sick members and their families.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

**South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Congratulations to our new elected officers. Thanks for taking on your new/continuing positions. Working together is the only way we can continue to function as an active branch. Support our officers by helping with special actives, attending District functions and bringing new ideas to the meetings. Our Branch has a long history of activities and supporting our community, let's let them know who we are.

Thank you Linda De Voe and Barbara Gabriel for hosting a wonderful October Dinner. Members always enjoy the dinners prior to our meetings. We invited all members to sign up to share their special dinner with our members. A special birthday wish for the month of October to Norma Flores, Gloria DeVincenze and Barbara Pettit - Happy Birthday! Please keep in your thoughts & prayers John and Fran Cannon. Send them a card to let them know that you are thinking of them.

For all our members who cannot attend our meetings, you will be forever in our hearts and prayers.

If you know of anyone who is ill, contact Jackie Smith- 650-992-3505, she will send them a card.

President Barbara and Officers are doing a great job representing our branch by attending District functions and branch activities. Thanks for all your hard work representing Branch 213 and keeping us informed of up coming events.

Remember to contact Jackie to let her know if you will not be able to attend our next meeting. She will not be calling you prior to the meeting.

Ciao,

Joyce

**San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327**

Thank you to Carmel Dufault and Virginia Malaspina for the delicious Quiche dinner served at the September branch meeting. It was a new and different choice for a dinner and it was very well-received.

And speaking of dinners, we could use some new volunteers for our meetings. It does not have to be a fancy meal, just one that we can sit down and share with our members. Please consider volunteering for just one

meal in our next year's calendar of meetings.

We are also coming to the end of year, when we all get overwhelmed with events, so please consider the following dates in your calendar of events:

Sunday, November 19 - Pedro Tournament at Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels. 9:00 AM coffee and Danish, 10:00 AM Pedro starts, lunch to follow. \$35.00 per player

Monday, December 11 - Branch 19, Holy Angels, 89th Anniversary Dinner/Christmas party, Sharp's Park Restaurant, Pacifica

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - Installation of Officers, San Mateo Elks, hosted by Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels. More info to come. Save the date.

If interested in any of these events, please contact Carmel. She has the flyers with the details.

And finally a big CONGRATULATIONS to Deborah Rodondi of Branch 19, Holy Angels, for being elected 2nd Vice President of the Central Council and to Christine Prudenciado, also of Branch 19, on receiving the Grand President's Award...two very worthy ICF members, who go above and beyond in all they do!

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our October meeting the nominations of officers for the year 2017-2018 took place. They are as follows:

President - Mary Vella Treseler

1st. V.P. - Paul Larson

2nd. VP - Albert Morando

Treasurer - Eunice Danli

Recording Secretary - Caroline Cannizzaro

Corresponding Secretary - Rose Marie Morando

Orator - Roy Fry

Trustees - Helen Habeeb, Maria Swanson, Gloria Borruso

Sentinel - Dorothy Semke

We thank Ann Gardner and Lois Agresti, retiring officers, for their many years of service to our ICF Branch.

San Mateo District's annual Chaplain's Night will take place on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the So. San Francisco Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Dr., So. San Francisco at 7:00 PM.

Our next meeting, Pizza Nite, will take place November 7, 2017, with social at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM. We are happy to announce and welcome our newest member, Adriana Landucci to our Branch.

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

Salve amici e soci della Federazione

Our branch is praying for our neighbors in the neighboring counties that are suffering from the effects of the fires. We are praying for the victims of the hurricanes, the earthquakes, and the terrible shooting in Las Vegas.

We hoped that October would be a chance to celebrate our heritage but with so many tragic events, it didn't feel appropriate. We postponed events to November.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gary Farber.

In times such as these, we need to remember that we are the light, hands and feet that Christ left in the world to help our neighbors.

Con Affetto,

Jeanne Asdourian and Lucia Della Santina

Marlene Farber has calendars for you to purchase. They are \$25 and the branch gets to keep \$5 for each calendar sold. They make wonderful gifts for Christmas and birthdays. Call Marlene if you would like to buy one.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 2 from 11:30am to 2:00 pm. More on this to come.

Our deepest condolences to Marlene Farber on the death of her son Gary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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

Our next meeting Tuesday, November 21.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

Novato**Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332**

After our summer hiatus, it was wonderful to find ourselves, once again, enjoying the company of our ICF family. Special thanks to Bob and Holli Lemos, who presented our Branch with a beautiful statue of St. Francis, which they brought back from their trip to Assisi. Our October Heritage celebration was a wonderful success. Our members dressed in the colors of their respective cultures, and all "sang for their supper", with our incomparable musicians, leading us in Volare, That's Amore, and other favorites.

In October, the membership voted to make a \$200 donation to the hurricane relief fund, and another \$200 gift to our local VFW chapter, to help with the very needed repairs on their lodge. Thanks to the generosity of our individual members at the meeting, \$2100 was collected in total for the VFW. It was a pleasure to be able to honor our veterans, several of whom are Branch members.



Denise Antonowicz and Bob Basuino promoting the ICF at the Little Italy street festival in San Jose.

As the 50th Anniversary of our Branch's founding draws to a close this year, we will honor, at our November meeting, over 25 members, who led the Branch for the first 25 years, and are still active today. Because of their early commitment, all of us have the joy of being a part of today's ICF family, and we are able to continue to share our beloved traditions and gifts with our community.

Happy Thanksgiving and Blessings to All.

San Jose**Santa Clara Valley****District Council**

The meeting was convened with a moment of silence to honor Sept 11, 2001. President Bob introduced Grand President Andy Pappani & wife Syd, and Grand Treasurer, Denise Antonowicz. Bob said Andy is the Fifth Grand President elected from our district. Jerry Delfino distributed the new Mentor Report.

Louise Vento said a member of recently closed Br. 13 gave her copies of the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation that were written in Italian. Br. 408 – Resurrection served up Pancake Breakfast and held their usual blood drive. Br. 435 – St. Catherine won an award for new membership growth and Sal Compagna was on the team that took 2nd place at the convention Bocce Tournament. The branch's dinner was so successful that they awarded \$8,000 to the church building program, \$300 to Cooley's Anemia, \$100 to school science camp and \$75 to golf hole sponsorship.

Br. 445 – Transfiguration received its new banner at convention and another branch gave them a stand & pedestal to display the banner. President Bob wants to follow-up on a workshop suggestion that each SCV District branch include in their reports what has helped membership.

Jeanette Hudson gave a heritage report that told of Fortunato who migrated from Tra-



(Above) Branch 28's Delegates and Guests at the 87th Annual ICF Convention in Sacramento



(Left) Branch 28 – Members honored Andy Pappani with dessert at our September pot-luck dinner with a cake inscribed with "Congratulations Andy – Grand President"

pani, Sicily to California, became famous in the canning industry. His son Victor became president of the company and great-grandson Bill Greco carries on the heritage.

December District Meeting – Monday, December 11, Hosted by ICF Br. 435 – at Tony's & Albas.

Mike Nunziata

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

This is the month when we set aside time to be thankful. We especially thank all Officers and Members of Br. 5 for a successful year in 2017. We thank God for all of you and for what all of you do. We thank also Mike Holder and his family for the great food and support for the Br. 5 in 2017 especially with dinners.

Dinner/Meeting is on November 16, 2017 with Turkey Dinner on the Menu which is subject to change.

Hope that all Members have received a letter from me that dues are currently due and payable by December 31, 2017. Let us keep Br. 5 strong and healthy in the New Year 2018. Please mail your check and paperwork if you need to change address or/and phone number as soon as possible. Your continued support is needed to keep Br 5 alive and well in the New Year.

Please bring your baby items to the Dinner/Meeting in November for the Layette on

December 3, 2017 at St. Lucy's in Campbell.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Members and their families.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

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

Branch 28 delegates returned from the 87th Annual National Convention in Sacramento California that was held on August 31st to September 4th 2017 with Branch 28's own Andy Pappani elected as Grand President of the Central Council. Andy shared in his acceptance speech the journey to this position. "My journey in the ICF began over 40 years ago when my father and mother introduced me to this wonderful organization which embodies the spirit of our Catholic beliefs and Italian heritage. Along with his brothers, my Dad and Mother influenced me in my culture and faith. Now, I hope to influence this orga-

nizations current and future members." Andy continued, "My journey now continues in the Italian Catholic Federation which started here in the Blessed Sacrament District in 2005, where I was elected to the Central Council. Now twelve years later, I am being installed as your Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation here in the Blessed Sacrament District. What a journey, but the journey has only began." As it is impossible to get any self-congratulations out of Andy we wish Andy to accept the whole-hearted congratulations of the Branch 28 membership for his hard work and guiding hand on the rudder that subtly pushes the Italian Catholic Federation in the right direction.

Thank you to all members for the support of the conventions raffle. No winners from our branch but there is always next year.

The September dinner meeting was pot-luck. The creative fare was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Please keep in mind, scholarship breakfast and bake sale December 3rd and Branch Christmas party at the Old City Hall Restaurant on December 18th.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

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

Our delegates had a great time at the Convention. Our Branch won Second Place Award for Heritage presentations. Marie Antonowicz or Denise Antonowicz presents a bit of Italian history every month at our meetings. Also, our President Denise was elected as Treasurer of Central Council! Congratulations Denise!

We recently received a letter from the Central Council thanking us for making it possible to present a Third Year Scholarship of \$600.00 to Justin Shumate of Morgan Hill. Justin is a student at U.C.L.A.

We have the new 2018 calendars for sale, full of photos, recipes and personal stories. Not only is it an interesting read, but there is a drawing everyday of the year and anyone who buys a calendar is entered for a chance to win. The prize could be \$30, \$50 or \$100! Call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 to purchase your calendar. \$5 from each calendar stays with our branch.

As I write this, plans are underway for our Ghosts & Ghouls Polenta Dinner Dance. More on how it turned out in the next Bollettino.

In closing, I ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters, and everybody who is suffer-



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Branch 391 Crazy Hats Day.

ing from the recent disasters and tragedies.

Ciao for now,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

The year is rapidly coming to a close. We have had a great year and are looking forward to the end of the year holidays. (At least I am.) I really like this time of the year.

Branch #191 is planning for the November 12th, St Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage at our church, St. Frances Cabrini in San Jose. We meet at the church at 10:45AM; process the perimeter of the plant carrying the statute of our patron Saint, while 5 different church members say a decade of the Rosary in their language. We then finish our procession in the church attending Mass together as one community. Very inspiring. After Mass, we meet in Essig Hall and have lunch.

This year we are honored to have Bishop Patrick McGrath as our Principal Celebrant, with co-celebrants Father Mike Hendrickson, Father Paolo Gobbo and Father Gabriel.

To all the branches in the Federation, branch #191 hopes you have a wonderful Halloween and Thanksgiving.

God Bless,

Jim Jones

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

President Mike Rossi thanked Al and Diana Vallorz for the delicious lasagna and sausage dinner, the servers, the hospitality group, and the people who set-up for the meal. Mike led the October meeting with officer nominations. Thank you, Cathy DeMaria, for being on the nominating committee.

Congratulations to our 2018 officers, who were re-elected: President-Mike Rossi; First Vice President- Marcie Rossi; Second Vice President- Doug Schenk; Secretary-Louise Vento; Financial Secretary -Tina Rossi; Orator-Sister Jane Garrison; Trustees -Susan Busco, Donna Rossi, and Russ Vento; and Sentinel-Linda Ochinerio. We continue to thank you for your service to our branch.

Through the generosity of our members, Branch 391 donated \$362 to the ICF Hurricane Relief Fund. Thank you, members! Also, Marcie Rossi collected our "Pledge of Prayers" for ICF's Spiritual Bouquet to be presented to the Bishop.

Since it was our evening of "Crazy Hats," Louise Vento included the history of hats and traditions of varied cultures in her interesting heritage report.

There are still a number of 2018 ICF Calendars available for sale. Calendars include a variety of Italian stories and recipes, and

some of the proceeds are returned to our branch. Remember to contact Louise.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 meeting (ham dinner) —November 7; St. Frances Cabrini Pilgrimage—November 12 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 10:45 a.m. march and 11:30 mass with lunch to follow; Spaghetti and Meatball Fall Fundraiser--November 19, 1:00 p.m.-3:p.m.; #391 Christmas Party—December 5; and Quarterly Communion—December 10, 8:30 a.m. mass.

Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

A heartfelt Thank You to all of our Donors and Supporters for our recent Parish Blood Drive . At this time of critical blood shortage, we were able to collect 28 productive units for which can be used for many of the surgeries at Stanford Hospital.

Our Branch also wishes to thank our many helpers for the ICF Fall Pancake Breakfast. This Parish wide Community Service Project was a big success.

The ICF Reception after the St. Francis Peace Service on held on 4 October gathered over 75 Attendees for Fellowship , food and Wine . Thank you to all our servers and helpers.

We look forward to the Bishop's Day in Morgan Hill and the St. Francis Cabrini Pilgrimage on Nov 12th.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of a long time ICF member and former Knights of Columbus - Rudi Baldini. Rudi passed away shortly before Labor Day. He was a long time supporter of our Branch

Please also pray for our sick members and friends— especially for Msgr Milani, Olive DeFrancisci, Dori Blefari, Edith Novak, Betty Deville, Fr. Chris Bennet and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill

Santa Caterina D'Allesandria, Br. 435

It won't be long before we turn our clocks to daylight savings time. It has been a long hot summer and we are ready for fall.

For our September dinner we were lucky to have Joshua Seifert (Giulia Gallego's grandson) prepare our dinner. We all enjoyed delicious pork tenderloin with all the trimmings. Thank you Joshua and his crew. We all had a good turnout for this yummy meal.

More information coming soon about our I.C.F. Branch 435 Christmas party.

Please keep in your prayers all the innocent people that were affected by the terrible tragedies that have occurred these past few months Please also keep Ken Ravizza in



Branch 408 Resurrection Principal Jacques Wright receives ICF Br 408 check from Patricia Look for new Tables.

your prayers.

Blessings and good health to all.

Donna Basilin

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

Our Branch hosted the Central Council Meeting on October 14th. Many thanks to Jim and Janie Falcone as well as Reyne Raffoth and Lorainne Sellarole for helping with the set-up and food.

A few members were able to attend Bishop's Day on October 21 and also plan to attend the Pilgrimage Mass at St. Frances Cabrini on November 12.

Our second coffee/donut Sunday went very well. Parishioners seemed to enjoy the refreshments as well as the fellowship following Mass.

Our Christmas and Spring fundraisers are still on the drawing board. Our first-ever Bunco group will start in January.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Richard Pfaff, Secretary

Santa Rosa

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Board officers, together with Deputy Bill Scinto, attended Bishop's Day in late September at St. Eugene's Cathedral, Santa Rosa. Bishop Vasa said Mass for the congregation before joining the group at Cattleman's Restaurant for a great lunch. He was presented with 2 checks for the seminarians.

Once again in October the members met at St. Leo's, but the remodeled facilities at Fr. Roberts Hall are expected to be completed for our Thanksgiving dinner.

Nominations for the coming year are "in the works," and the branch is formulating a slate of dedicated members to take over from the present Board.

Saluti,

Marie-Therese Denning

Recording Secretary

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

It's been bad times here in Sonoma County as you all have been hearing and reading about. Petaluma has been filled with smoke from the disastrous fires that are occurring. It's times like these that show the coming together of friendship, love and support. Our hearts go out to Carmen Kilcullen and her family, Linda and Glen Sherman and to all who have lost their homes. May all these people be able to rebuild and be back in their homes as soon as possible.

Our congratulations to the Santa Rosa District for the lovely Bishop's Day. The Bishop was pleased and so were the members of the Branches that attended. Thank you!

Nov. 13th - Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bring canned goods for the needy.

Dec. 9th - Quarterly/Communion Mass at 5:00 p.m. St. Vincent's Church with our annual Christmas Party following at Cattleman's Restaurant - Cost \$28 - Make your reservation with Louise: 769-7389.

Get well wishes to Kathleen Walker and to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to members celebrating at this time.

Thanksgiving is a time for appreciating all that we have in life and to thank God for all he gives us with his love and forgiveness. It is a time to enjoy families and loved ones. So make sure to enjoy the holiday and to tell the special people in your life that you love them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

Our Oct. meeting began with an opening prayer led by our new Chaplin, Fr. Pacheco.

It is with sadden hearts that we announce the death of Jim Spallino on Sept. 26. Jim has been a member since Feb. 16, 1989. He has served as Branch President as well as other offices and has chaired many committees. Jim was a marvelous cook. He made the sauce for our Chicken/Polenta fundraisers, and homemade Italian Sausage for Heritage Day, just to name a few. The importance of "family" was evident in his daily actions. He will be greatly missed.

November Coffee Hr. will be served by ICF. Call Pres. Judith to sign up.

The Santa Rosa District Christmas party will be held on Dec. 3. Items for our Christmas Basket are needed by the middle of November. Remember to buy your Christmas Raffle tickets - 9 for \$5 from Rosemary at the Nov. meeting or she can deliver them to you!

November 12 is our scheduled Biscotti/Baked Goods Sale at both Masses. Heat up those ovens!!!

The Nominating Committee presented the following 2018 Officers Roster: Pres. - Judy Cardoza, Vice Pres. - Joan DalPorto, Corresponding/Recording Secretary - Marie LaBanca, Treasurer/Financial Secretary - Elena David, Trustees - Tony LaBanca, Pete Stagnoli, & Bob Rocha, Sentinel - Shannon Gier, Orator- Rosemary Melendy, Chaplin - Fr. Pacheco, Deputy - Mike DalPorto.

Mark your calendar - Dec. 6 - Christmas Potluck. Offer prayers for: Larry Depeel (broken hip), Shar Evan(continued recovery), and the Spallino Family. November Birthdays: Dina MacDonald and Joe Rodrigues. Happy Birthday!

Blessing,

Rosemary

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

We began October with our annual fund raiser for our Jerry Colivas Scholarship Fund. We had a spaghetti dinner with spaghetti sauce made by Jerry and his son. As usual Jerry, you guys did a great job. We had two kinds of sauce, meat and marinara. Everyone raved how good it tasted. Our menu was spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. We had a full house. The servers did an amazing job keeping up with the pace. THANK YOU! Everyone had a good time enjoying their meal and visiting. Also thank you to all who helped to set up and cleaning after.

During our September meeting we welcomed new members Barbara and Gary

Sokolow and daughter, and Josephine and John Silva. Welcome to all.

Also discussed in September was the progress of purchasing a memorial brick in memory of our late member Anita Pera. The brick will be placed at St. Bernard High School.

Suanna reported on her experiences at the convention. She shared a lot of good information. Thank you Suanna and Marian for attending.

Next meeting will be October 10. Please plan to attend.

Please pray for all of our members and their families. Also for the victims of the hurricanes and the latest fires in California.

Peace and good health to you all,

Nancy Paoli

Stockton

District Council

The Stockton District was greatly honored to have the opportunity to have co-hosted this year's Convention with the Blessed Sacrament District. Attendees must have felt that this was a Pachinger Family Reunion. Pachingers were everywhere; at the opening ceremony welcoming everyone, at Bocce Ball, receiving awards, at the head table during the banquet. It was never ending. They were there at every Mass as Altar Boys. There was no escape. Thank you all for welcoming us as part of your family. We feel the love and appreciate it. This is what the Italian Catholic Federation means to us. Please let me take the time to send my appreciation to all the officers and members of the Stockton District who have made my duties as President very easy. I wish every district has members who are willing to sacrifice their time and effort in support of the organization, as we do. Our members were there, behind the scenes making sure that this Convention was a great one. My congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament District for their members who did the same. We shall cherish our bonds that we have. Paula and Hank Scarpelli, we are family!

The Stockton District has started planning for the upcoming Bishop's Burse. Thank you Steve Ridolfi for making certain that the support for the seminarians goes on without problems. The date may be in February. We shall let everyone know as soon as it is firm. Please have a blessed Thanksgiving as we give thanks to God and you.

May God bless everyone,

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Pachinger

Stockton District President

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

Thanks to all the help from our bakers we did very well at our bake sale. Thanks to all who baked and helped with the sale.

At our annual Mass and Breakfast in October 22, 2017 we attend the 8:00 am and for Breakfast we supported the altar servers at the breakfast they do each year at the same time.

Thanks to all our members that made cookies for the Food Tent at the Parish Fall Festival. Also thanks to the members that helped at the dinners and booths.

We have the convention calendars. To our members that are unable to attend the meetings give me a call and I will see that you get one. My number is (209) 524-7866. The calendars have a lot of good recipes this year and our branch gets to keep five dollars for each calendar sold.

We will have our Christmas Potluck beginning at 6:00 pm December 13, 2017. Bring your favorite dish, your family and friends and join us.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday November 5, 2017 and December 3, 2017 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

The refreshments for the November 8, 2017 meeting will be furnished by Nancy Souza.

Coming up:

Nov 5 - 1:30 pm District Meeting Br. 139 Tony's Kitchen, Lathrop

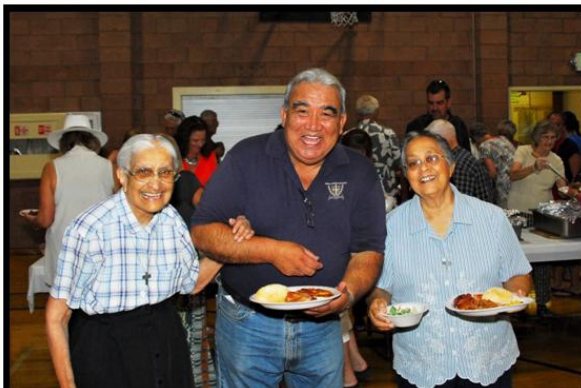
Nov 8 - 7:00 pm Meeting - Hall 7 & K Sts.

Dec 13 - 6:00 pm Christmas Potluck - Hall 7 & K Streets

Jan 7, 2018 1:00 pm Stockton District Installation of Officers J Street Church Modesto

Cecelia McGhee

Friends of Branch 390 Tracy



Central Council Member Dante Galeazzi from Manteca branch 139 helping Sister Bernadette and Sister Ann of branch 390



Rev. Fr. Ronald Manango our newest parish priest. He did the closing prayer Friday night at the ICF Convention



Robert Rickman, California Highway Patrolman and Mayor of Tracy



Father Sleevaraj Pasala our assigned ICF Priest



Bob Elliot San Joaquin County Supervisor and Branch 390 member

Stockton**St. Luke, Br. 138**

Italian Catholic Federation Branch #138 of St. Luke's Church in Stockton, California, held elections for officers at the general meeting on October 12, 2017.

Re-elected for second terms were:

Joe Curtis, President

Darlene Ravera, Treasurer and Financial Secretary

Kathy Hall, Corresponding Secretary

Sister Wanda Billion, Orator

Sister Odetta Bonini, Chaplain

Christopher Ketchen, Sentinel

Other officers elected for first terms or first terms in a new office were:

Danette Curtis, Recording Secretary

Michele Hoffman, Mary Lou Hoffman, and Pam Kelecheny, Trustees

Michael Hoffman, 1st Vice President

Steve Guasco, 2nd Vice President

Paul Vasquez, Sentinel

A pizza dinner will be served at the December 14 general meeting, which includes all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, and beverage at the bargain price of only \$8.00 per person. Following dinner, a Heritage Report will be presented by an ICF member or guest speaker. All are most welcome to attend.

Manteca**Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139**

St. Anthony's Parish culminated a nearly year-long celebration recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the parish in Manteca with a special Mass and reception on October 15. Branch 139 provided and served a luncheon salad at the reception. Anna Mello coordinated the food preparation and the serving.

Branch President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis

and First Vice-president Attilio Mussi represented our Branch at the Grand Convention and returned with a very interesting report given at our meeting.

Ida Queirolo reports that preparations are nearly complete for our annual Polenta Dinner to be held on October 28. The menu will consist of antipasto, polenta, chicken cacciatore, salad, rolls, beverage and ice cream. Raffles will be held and Marion Golisano is directing the silent auction for the donated baked goods. This event has been a popular and well-attended affair in past years.

Ms. Mello and Lori Pellegrino-Jackson are all set for our annual biscotti baking for the holidays. Baking sessions will be held on Saturdays during the month of November. This activity has been a major fund-raiser each year for our branch.

A report from our Nominating Committee and election of offices for 2018 will be held at our October meeting.

Rosemary Hekl and Tony Queirolo were the winners of the charity and attendance drawings at our latest Branch meeting.

Ciao,

Mariano

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

Our monthly dinner meeting in September was attended by 176 members and their guests - one of the largest turnouts yet. We paid all the bills and the net profit was over \$800! We want to thank all the members and their guests who donated great raffle prizes - we sold \$320 in raffle tickets, and thanks to all the members and their guests who provided two tables full of desserts enjoyed by all! We appreciate everyone and couldn't be as successful on these monthly meeting nights without your contributions. It takes a village as they say!

Anita Ridolfi reported on the 2017 Convention, which was co-hosted by our Stockton district and was a hugely successful collabora-

ration! It was the first time two districts tried this and the proof is in the pudding, as they say - great turnout, great meetings and great participation by all involved. It's nice to see that all those meetings the two branches held during the prior year before the event paid off so handsomely.

Our Branch 390 website is up and running, thanks to our own Steve Ridolfi, (with the kind help of his son) who has been supplying amazing collages of photos each month. Log on to icfbranch390.org to see photos, photo slide show, photo collages and announcements, recent events and lots of information about us - we are amazing, I must say! Check it out!

We have six new member signups since the summer break! Wow and welcome to all of you - hopefully you have your first issue of the Bollettino and are reading this right now! Best ever news!

Stay safe.

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

Thank you to all of the members that worked the pizza/Italian soda booth at the Presentation Fall Fest. It was a lovely day and the school appreciates all of our help.

Our branch will have a table at the Presentation Ministry Fair on November 5 from 8 to 5. Members will staff the table with information about our branch. This is an opportunity for us to recruit new members.

The District Meeting is also on November 5 at Queirolo' kitchen. Election of District officers will be held.

Start collecting those raffle prizes for the Polenta Dinner in February.

The annual Christmas luncheon is on Saturday, Dec. 2. All new members will be initiated, and lunch is free to all members. Trivia contest for \$\$\$\$.

Evil has once again struck in the Las Vegas massacre. Please keep the victims and their families in your prayers.

We also pray for our sick members.

Karen Rosson

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

We hit the floor running after the Convention, and we are planning our upcoming events. Although the Branch will not be having an October dinner (not enough time, problems with Parish, etc.), we are participating in the Mark Twain Wild West Fest. We have been participating in this event the last few years. As usual, we will be cooking breakfast and serving the local vendors and public. This month has been a little hard on a couple of our members. Our Sharon, our Secretary underwent a pretty serious operation and one of our youth members (Russell) also underwent a procedure. Please keep them in your prayers.

May God Bless everyone,

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Pachinger

Correspondence Secretary,

Branch 413

Stockton District President

Tucson

Green Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

On October 7, 32 Branch members will attend the show of song and comedy at Gaslight Theater titled "Phantom of the Opera" and dinner following at Pinnacle Peak.

October 12 is our Branch meeting with a pot luck dinner. We are celebrating 8 October birthdays for Branch members.

October 13 is the 100th anniversary of Fatima, celebrating Mass and Rosary for all ministries at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

October 22 is our Corporate Communion at Mass with breakfast at Los Agavos Restaurant.

October 28 is the White Elephant Parade and we advertise and sell tickets for our meatball and pasta "drive through" dinner fundraiser scheduled for November 4.

Tucson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Br. 434

Members of ICF Branch 434 were pleased to partner with the Knights of Columbus, Council 8077, for a mass celebrating the life of Fr. Vincent Capodanno Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 AM. followed by a reception at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church.



Attending the dinner during the Convention are members of Tucson Branch 433, President Melissa Rodriguez and Ron Uribe, also Tucson Branch 434 President Mary Colon.

Father Capodanno, the son of Italian immigrants, was born in Staten Island, NY on February 13, 1929. He was ordained in 1958 and served as a Maryknoll Missionary in Taiwan and in Hong Kong until 1966. At that time, Father Capodanno, was called to an entirely different vocational ministry. He became a Navy Chaplain, completed Officer Candidate School in 1966. Lt. Capodanno served the local villagers as well as the marine troops. Father Capodanno was a constant companion to his marines, living under the same battlefield conditions as the troops.

During his second tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, a Vietnamese ambush resulted in heavy fighting., Father Cap-

odanno, although seriously injured, spotted a wounded corpsman who was pinned down by a enemy machine gunner. Unarmed, Fr. Capodanno ran to the corpsman and ministered to his medical and spiritual needs. Father Vincent Capodanno died there on the battlefield, the victim of 27 bullet wounds.

Fr. Capodanno was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Bronze Star medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and the Purple Heart medal.

For further information contact Father Capodanno Guild, P.O. box 2942, 1025 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington DC, 20017.



Christmas is Coming!

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be emailed and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
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To place a message, please send in your ad, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the I.C.F. (noted Christmas ad), to:

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Please send emails to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10. Thank you.

Michelle Feldman
Editor, Bollettino

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

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In Loving Memory

Report Date: 10/16/2017		LENA MUNGAI	Branch 227
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Donations received by October 10, 2017	
Branch 32	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
Branch 40	Get well wishes for Elaine and Bob Osorio
Branch 392	Russ and Louise Vento
Branch 423	Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
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Bob Basuino	Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio	In memory of Tom Poggi
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The Antonowicz Family	Don and Mary Merucci
Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio	In memory of Herbert Di Grazia
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
In honor of the 90 th birthday of Elaine Osorio	In memory of Gloria Armstrong
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Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio	In memory of Pat Mueller
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Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio	In memory of Tom Poggi
	Joe and Philomena Buonsante
	In memory of Pat Mueller

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by October 10, 2017	
<u>Scholarship Convention Donations - 2nd Year</u>	
Deborah Rodondi	In memory of Tom Poggi
Deborah Rodondi	In memory of Pat Mueller
Deborah Rodondi	In memory of Herbert Di Grazia

Don't Forget: Donations make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Gifts of Love Donations Application

Our hearts go out to those members and friends who have lost everything in the recent fires in Northern California. If you, or someone you know, lost a medical aid device, wheelchair, walker, or any other special medical supply, please submit an application for assistance from the Gifts of Love.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Teresa Helfand
Gifts of Love Chairperson

*TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING
PAST GRAND PRESIDENT*

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Cocktails (No-Host Bar) - 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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MENU: Traditional Pyrenees Dinner - Tri Tip & Fried Chicken, Pyrenees French bread and butter, soup, beans, hot sauce, pickled tongue, marinated tomatoes, salad, spaghetti, French fries, vegetables, and wine. Ice cream or sherbet and coffee will be served for dessert.

Price: \$40.00 per person

RSVP By November 3, 2017

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FOR THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR

PAST GRAND PRESIDENT LEONARD ZASOSKI, Jr.

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Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

Congratulations!

At the recent Central Council meeting in October there were a few changes. Congratulations to Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for being voted as a Life Member of the Central Council. This opened a position on the Central Council. Pat Mages won the vote to move back as a voting member of the Central Council. Congratulations to both Leonard and Pat!



Congratulations to Teresa Helfand who was unable to be in the officers photo taken Monday at the Convention. Teresa is the Grand Sentinel for 2017-2018. Congratulations!



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