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ICF Presents Wildfire Relief Fund Check

Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate Charity Chairperson

Grand President Andy Pappani presented the ICF's donation of \$21,400 to Len Marabella, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The donation represents donations from branches throughout the Federation. Mr. Marabella expressed his gratitude towards the generous donation and said Catholic Charities will use the money to assist people affected by the fires who are without other resources. The money will help Catholic Charities with this mission.

Once again, the generosity of the members of the ICF was on display. Since the presentation we received \$100, which has been sent to Catholic Charities, and brings the total donation to \$21,500.

We also collected a total of \$3,539 for Hurricane Relief, which was sent to Catholic Charities USA to assist them with relief efforts for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The Central Council, at its February 24 meeting, will discuss a relief fund for the Southern California Wildfires.



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Congratulations to the 2018 Calendar Prize Winners

Top Selling Branches in each of 3 categories receive Five (5) 2018 Calendars

Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive:

One (1) 2018 Calendar

Top Selling Individual receives \$50.00

2nd Place Individual Seller receives \$30.00

3rd Place Individual Seller receives \$20.00

Category 1: 1 – 99 Members

1 st Place:	Branch 281, Bakersfield	Sold 87 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 343, Castro Valley	Sold 43 calendars

Category 2: 100 – 199 Members

1 st Place:	Branch 28, Gilroy	Sold 65 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 10, Alameda	Sold 46 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 191, San Jose	Sold 44 calendars

Category 3: 200+ Members

1 st Place:	Branch 39, Merced	Sold 85 calendars
2 nd Place:	Branch 14, Crockett	Sold 46 calendars
3 rd Place:	Branch 391, San Jose	Sold 35 calendars

Individuals

1 st Place:	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield	Sold 86 calendars
2 nd Place:	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced	Sold 78 calendars
3 rd Place:	Michael Cerri – Br. 33 – Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars

Grand President's Monthly Message

by Andrew Pappani

Here we are heading into spring time. Just as new life begins to bloom around us, a new beginning, a new life for all of us heading into the 2018 year.

I had the opportunity to install your newly elected officers in your branches and see new life bloom before my eyes. What a wonderful sight.

We have to remember we are here to support our Catholic faith and parishes, and our seminarians. This the future of our Catholic faith and parishes.

As we head into the season of Lent, we all become closer to our faith. During the Easter Vigil, we light a candle to remind us of the Light of Christ and that He is the Light of the World. We, as Catholics, who also have the Light of Christ in us. We give that Light of Christ through the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit. We are to make that Light of Christ shine not only during the Easter Season, but all year long. [We Come to Light a Fire.]

As membership is a vital part of the survival of our organization, new members are a must, but retention of existing members is even more important. New members must be nurtured and guided to become an active members, by inviting them to participate in our events and functions and making them feel that they are wanted and needed. Existing members can slip between the cracks and eventually lose that feeling of want and need that we gave to them as new members. We must continue to have the same passion towards our existing members as we do for the new ones that join us.

May you and your families have a Blessed, Happy Easter!

Grand President
Andrew J Pappani



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UPCOMING:**2018 District Installations:**

Apr. 26 Chicago

2018 Bishops' Days:

Apr. 8 San Francisco Diocese

Apr. 22 Chicago

Jun. 3 Stockton

Lent is Like Rock Climbing For the Eternal Prize

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
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Lent is, in a way, like rock climbing. We do penance and suffer to make us strong for Jesus.

Rock climbing is a special and dangerous sport. One has to train for a long time and be in perfect physical shape. Mistakes are not allowed. One mistake is fatal. It is not a sport for the careless and lazy person. The cliff is straight up and a challenge even for the best. Fear is not thinkable. Determination and meticulous planning permeates every waking moment. The goal is set. The prize is exhilarating.

Life is like a rock climb. There are many crags and precipices that can make the journey very difficult. One has to walk with care and precision. Sometimes the dangers are invisible, but you don't have to be afraid because you have a guide and mentor who will protect you. He travels your life's journey with you. He is your friend, the best of all your best friends. He is Jesus who loves you. Stay close, believe in Him always, and you will reach your goal. You will achieve the prize and your life will be filled with Faith, Love and Hope. Walk, especially in Lent, always with Faith.

May your lives be full of blessings and joy as you walk with Faith.



Membership Drive -- New Information on Website

Anne Interrante
Membership Committee Chairperson

As 2018 is well underway, it's time to start thinking about a Membership Drive. A Membership Drive will introduce parishioners (potential members) to your branch and the many programs, events and charitable opportunities it offers.

The Membership Committee has developed some new materials that can be accessed on our national website (www.icf.org) in the Members' Area under Membership Growth.

Here is what you will find:

Information for Membership Drive Team – materials listed here will help volunteers organize the membership drive

- 7 Steps to Plan Membership Drive
- Membership Drive Checklist
- Information Card
- Mass Script
- Church Announcements
- Retractable Banner Information

Handouts to be Printed for Table – materials listed here are placed on the

table and can be used as handouts for parishioners

- Branch Calendar
- Meeting Reminder Postcard
- ICF At A Glance
- Member Application
- Sign-Up Sheet
- Table Signs

Start planning now so that your branch will be organized and prepared as the scheduled date arrives!

Italian Studies Scholarship Program

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

To honor Mario Cugia, Past Grand President and Life Member of the ICF, an Italian studies scholarship program was created. Supplementing the Federation's scholarship program for lower-division students, the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship has been established to encourage and support students who

major in Italian studies. Applicants will be evaluated on scholastic achievement, financial need, leadership roles, faculty recommendations and extracurricular activities.

3rd and 4th year Italian Studies scholarship applications are sent to colleges in March.

The program offers two scholarships: (1) a \$600 award to a 3rd year university student declaring a major in Italian, and

(2) a \$1,000 award to a 4th year university student continuing his or her studies in Italian. Application are Due, August 1, 2018. Scholarship winners will be notified by September 1.

Don't forget... March 15, is the due date for 1st year scholarship applications, and for scholarship donations.

2018 1st Year Scholarship Program Deadline Right Around the Corner

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

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is **March 15, 2018**. Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. Download an application at www.icf.org.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:

A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation" - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2. Please visit or call your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

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

ICF Officer Training Slides are available on our website in the Members' Area for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator. You can also follow this link: <http://www.icf.org/membership/>

Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

I found this article and thought I'd share it with you. It contains some great information about gathering your family's histories.

Why Sharing Family History and Heritage is Important. Posted On 10 May 2017 By : [Dana Larsen](#)

Traditions and family history offer numerous benefits to families. By spending time with those we love and reflecting on life, love and family, we tap into our own identity. Researchers from Emory University discovered that knowing more about family history with strong emotional ties to loved ones helps with life stability.

“The more children knew about their family’s history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successfully they believed their families functioned,” reports the [New York Times](#).

It turns out that our self-confidence is related to our sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves — an “intergenerational self,” as psychologist Marshall Duke put it in the Times.

Family rituals, stories, traditions — even simple Mother’s Day activities — convey a sense of family history. Retelling positive moments also strengthens family bonds in the immediate term, and collecting an oral or written family history can help you and your loved ones tap into these benefits:

- 1. They connect the generations.

- 2. They offer comfort and security.
- 3. They provide a source of identity.
- 4. They strengthen the family bond.
- 5. They teach values.

Since information about families is lost in three generations if not written down, sitting down with Mom and Grandma to compile information about their childhoods and family lineage is not only a great way to bond, but also can be a priceless gift if family information is documented.

Learning amazing stories that are full of challenges and courage — whether it’s your heritage or stories from someone else’s that has affected your family — is not only interesting, but also fun and entertaining. Some families gather stories and pictures for a scrapbook, while others create hardbound heritage books that make for an excellent family heirloom. Today there are even sites for creating family history books, for this very purpose:

- [50 Questions to Ask in a Family History Book](#)
- [Creating a Family History Book at Geneology.com](#)
- [Creating Family Tree Templates](#)
- [How to Compile a Family History Album](#)

Mother’s Day is an excellent opportunity to connect and learn from your loved ones. Spending time with your Mom and Grandma can provide not only a familial bond but will also help you gather a voice and personal memories of individuals and communities to preserve your family’s history.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Some Thoughts After the Fires:

Generosity of the Italian Catholic Federation Members

Carmen Kilcullen
Past Grand President

The Italian Catholic Federation has always been in the forefront of responding to the numbers of tragic and catastrophic events over its ninety-three-year history. There have been floods, earthquakes, wars, fires, avalanches and others. Each time, the Federation has participated in helping and helping generously where assistance was needed. Although we have donated with the sincere intention of helping others, most of us never experienced any of these events personally. We gave and hoped that the funds went where they were supposed to go. I, myself fall into this category. How many of us actually stopped to think of the people who were affected?

The Santa Rosa fires of this past October certainly brought their devastation front and

center. Practically all of us either know or have heard of victims of this catastrophe. We ourselves are among them. Seeing in person the generosity, kindness and concern of so many put another face on tragedy. The spirit of goodness that emanates from so many is almost beyond belief. We, along with others find our lives enriched by this generosity.

The Federation’s Wildfire Relief Fund monies went to Catholic Charities in the Santa Rosa Diocese. Catholic Charities was in the forefront of helping fire victims and actually found homes for many of the last remaining homeless persons affected by the fire.

In closing, I ask that you love and cherish each other, keep prayers in your heart and continue the works of charity and goodness that you have embraced.

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1 Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$100
1/2 Judy Crosetti	213	San Bruno, CA	\$30
1/3 Judie Van Maren	442	Martinez, CA	\$30
1/4 Branch 358		River Forest, IL	\$30
1/5 Donna Cervelli	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
1/6 Nick Gilardi		Los Banos, CA	\$50
1/7 Joanne Alvarado	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
1/8 Gen Gorciak		Torrance, CA	\$30
1/9 Judith Partch		Merced, CA	\$30
1/10 Michael Watkins	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
1/11 Bobbie Etcheverry		Tracy, CA	\$30
1/12 Gianni Velez		Modesto, CA	\$30
1/13 Cheryl Simon	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
1/14 Brock Parsons		Santa Monica, CA	\$30
1/15 Nathan Thomas	14	Vacaville, CA	\$40
1/16 Jack Millpointer		Alameda, CA	\$30
1/17 Al Bruzzone	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
1/18 Luceen Dunn		Norman, OK	\$30
1/19 Carmen Foley		Gardena, CA	\$30
1/20 Nicole Lee		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
1/21 Steve Fritzen		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/22 Franczeska Velez		Ashland, OR	\$30
1/23 Michael Cerri	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/24 Ralph Marinelli	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
1/25 Dante Corsetti	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
1/26 Peggy Dunn		Agoura Hills, CA	\$30
1/27 Marylen Karsted	308	Fresno, CA	\$50
1/28 Louise Vicino	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
1/29 Branch 184		Los Gatos, CA	\$30
1/30 Claudia Cuneo	75	Cloverdale, CA	\$30
1/31 Gina D’Amico		Campbell, CA	\$30

FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1 Bruce Swarringim	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
2/2 Paul Raccanello		Novato, CA	\$30
2/3 Karen Waldvogel	227	Soquel, CA	\$30
2/4 Terry Wolfe	28	Gilroy, CA	\$40
2/5 Mary Lynn Rogers	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
2/6 Matt & Jennifer Hansen		Rockledge, FL	\$30
2/7 Faith Hill	213	Oakdale, CA	\$30
2/8 Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy		San Diego, CA	\$30
2/9 Rev. Joe Landi	365	San Francisco, CA	\$30
2/10 Nettie Descalso-Del Nero	39	Merced, CA	\$30
2/11 Kristi Chanterie	39	Merced, CA	\$30
2/12 Elaine Lencioni	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
2/13 Amber Cavazos	362	Huntington Park, CA	\$50
2/14 Aldine Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$100
2/15 Robert Hoffman		Salinas, CA	\$30
2/16 Ernie Poggi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
2/17 Fr. John Coleman	28	East Palo Alto, CA	\$30
2/18 Norene De Luca	214	Lafayette, CA	\$30
2/19 Cecelia McGhee	48	Modesto, CA	\$50
2/20 Joseph Tommei	351	Menlo Park, CA	\$30
2/21 Lisa Chapman		San Bruno, CA	\$30
2/22 Michelle Salmeri		Merced, CA	\$30
2/23 Sally Farinella	326	El Monte, CA	\$30
2/24 Fr. Robert Brocato	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
2/25 Mary Zadra	1	San Francisco, CA	\$30
2/26 Pat Pasquinelli	10	Orangevale, CA	\$30
2/27 Sally Darter	18	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
2/28 Mary Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30

BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro
Grand 1st Vice President
Branch 39, Merced



Alameda Legends, Volumes I and II

James Frances McGee
Small Miracles Publishing Company

ICF member James Francis McGee has written two volumes of his Alameda Legends series, books in which he tells the stories of different legends from this Bay Area city. These brief biographies, only a paragraph each, recount the lives of many inspirational men and women who have called Alameda their home.

One biography is about ICF's own Dave Rose. Dave was born in Alameda in 1942. He attended grammar school in Alameda and high school at Bishop O'Dowd High School. After graduation, he earned a degree in accounting from Armstrong College in Oakland. He later rose in the ranks at Kaiser Permanente to become a senior budget analyst. However, what makes Dave a legend is his love and kindness to our youth. Dave has worked

with more than 75 foster children over the years, and with many young men as part of the Big Brother organization. He has also given many hours to The Boy Scouts of America, continuing his service to our youth. Dave is also an active Catholic, volunteering at St. Philip Neri Parish in Alameda and The Italian Catholic Federation. For his many years of service to others, Dave received the Federation's Pope John the XXIII Award.

The book also contains a paragraph on Willie Stargell, famed Pittsburg Pirate. He attended Encinal High in Alameda. He went on to lead the Pirates in the 1970s on a team known as "The Family." The team won numerous World Series titles because of Willie's powerful hitting and skillful fielding. He was most known for his leadership and inspiration in the clubhouse.

A famous Raider, John Matuszak, lived in Alameda on Bay Farm Island. John was one of the most dominate defensive linemen of his time, winning two Super Bowls with the Raiders. The author recounts a time when John befriended him

by having him as his guest at a Raiders post-game party. Later, the author gave John a football picture of himself, which "The Tooz" carried in his wallet for years. While the author acknowledges that "John had a tough life and many demons," he also notes that "all in all [John] was a good man."

There is also a paragraph on the founder of the ICF, Sir Luigi Providenza. While Sir Luigi, as he is affectionately known by ICF members, founded the Federation at The Church of the Immaculate Conception while living in San Francisco, he and his wife Augusta later moved to Oakland and then Alameda. As we know, Sir Luigi's passion was to bring Italian-Americans back to the Catholic Church. He was concerned that so many new Italian immigrants did not attend mass in their new country and spent the rest of his life

bringing them closer to God through the Federation.

James also recounts the life of Solana Henneberry, a Mexican immigrant, who later called Alameda her home. She earned a degree from San Francisco State University and then had a long career in education. She worked as a special needs teacher and later served on the Alameda Board of Education "with the hopes of making a difference."

James' books are a testament not only to the "Island City," but also a reminder that our lives, whether they be filled with fame or not, can make a real difference in the lives of others. These short biographies are filled with tales of those that took the time to befriend others, help those less fortunate, or provide leadership to a cause.

You may purchase James' books from online bookstores.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 02/12/2018

ROY UCCELLI	Branch 007
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THOMAS J FITZSIMMONS	Branch 014
MARY REGALIA	Branch 014
MARY VACCARO	Branch 025
AMALIA K KOHATSU	Branch 036
IRENE CROSETTI	Branch 040
CLEMENCE J ZANATA	Branch 040
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CAROLE A JOBE	Branch 154

RONALD A CASTLE	Branch 227
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SALVATOR MUSSOMELI	Branch 246
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BARBARA BOTTARINI	Branch 258
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MARIE V DE GRAZIA	Branch 358
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LESLIE A PLECQUE	Branch 391
MARY ANN J JORDAN	Branch 425
VICTOR A ROTOLO	Branch 425

Monetary Donation Reminder

Denise Antonowicz
Grand Treasurer

Dear Members,

When submitting donations to one of our programs (Providenza, Gifts of Love, Scholarship, Cooley's Anemia, etc). please make the check payable to ICF or Italian Catholic Federation. In the memo, indicate the fund where you would like the donation directed.

Additionally, when making donations to multiple programs, please write a separate check for each donation as there is an individual account for each fund.

Finally, we ask that all donations be made by check, cashier's check or money order. We prefer to not place cash in the depository.

These simple steps will assist our office staff in processing your donations. Thank you for your continued support to the ICF programs.

- ICF is Going Green! If you prefer to read the Bollettino online and like the idea of saving a tree while helping the ICF save on printing costs, follow this link to sign up: <http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

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Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President

This month Grand Trustee Lisa Crudo asked to post this message and recipe for all of you to enjoy.

I would like to thank Mary Cardullo of Branch 285, Livermore for this wonderful recipe. I extend my sincere apology that I did not include it as an entry in the 2018Calendar. Mary sent me this recipe and because of issues with my email I did not receive it in time for publication. I sincerely thank her for her contribution and would like to take this opportunity to share it with every one now.

Please accept my sincere apology. I hope everyone enjoys these delightful Ricotta Puffs.

Respectfully,
Lisa Crudo

Ricotta Puffs Sfingi

- Ingredients:
- 3 eggs
 - 1 lb. Ricotta
 - 2 Tbls. Sugar
 - 2 Tbls. Brandy, Sweet Sherry or Rum
 - 1 Cup Flour
 - 4 Tbls. Baking Powder
 - 1/4 tsp. Salt

Oil for frying

Confectioner's sugar

Directions:

In a large bowl beat eggs, add cheese, sugar and brandy. Beat until smooth.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.

Stir into egg mixture, mixing until well blended.

Let stand for 1 hour, cover with a paper towel.

Heat oil to 375 degrees in a deep pot, fry a little in the oil to see if it sizzles.

Drop a small amount (teaspoon) in oil, push it off the spoon with fingertip.

Let a few cook at a time. When nice and brown or golden, take out with a slotted spoon, and place on a paper towel. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

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!

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:

Brian Crudo
Robert Cardelli
John Janini
Robert Cardelli
Nancy Brunner
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Carolyn Cugia
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THANK YOU FOR OUR DISTRICT INSTALLATION:

Vince Piro Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District
Andy Pappani Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District
Andy Pappani Officers/Members of Central Coast District

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

Scholarship Donations

Donations received by February 10, 2018

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Giulia Gallego
In memory of Laura Angelino
Carol Yamane
In memory of Laura Angelino
John and Carolyn Cardinalli
In memory of Patricia Mueller
John and Carolyn Cardinalli
In memory of Brian Crudo
John and Carolyn Cardinalli
In memory of Herb Di Grazia

Mario Cugia Italian Studies
Scholarship

Stephen and Barbara Lucich
In memory of Carolyn Cugia
Stephanie Lucich
In memory of Carolyn Cugia
Alexis Rauschkolb
In memory of Carolyn Cugia
John M. Lucich
In memory of Carolyn Cugia
John A. Rauschkolb, III
In memory of Carolyn Cugia
John Di Napoli
In memory of Carolyn Cugia

Gifts of Love
Donations

Donations received by February 10, 2018

Branch 391
James and Theresa Brotts
In memory of Giovanna Demonte
Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
In memory of Carmela Cosimano
Evelyn Taravella
In memory of Carmela Cosimano
Wade and Doris De Lashmutt
In memory of James Spallino
Rosalie Campisi
In memory of Alice Freitas

Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of John Janini
Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Carmela Cosimano
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In memory of Cloey and Jack Wilson
Bob and Elaine Osorio
In memory of John Janini
Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
In memory of Bernice Shoda
John and Kris Kaiser
In memory of Marie Oddone

Convention By-law Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, O.L.J.
Grand Parliamentarian

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

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

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

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified or changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or

underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

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

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

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

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

New Bishops Announced for Stockton and Tucson

The Diocese of Stockton is pleased to announce that Pope Francis appointed Bishop Myron Cotta to succeed Bishop Stephen Blaire as Bishop of Stockton. Bishop Cotta was born of Portuguese heritage in the Merced County community of Dos Palos on March 21, 1953. As a native son of the Central Valley he knows the area very well and in turn is well known for his pastoral leadership. He served as Vicar General in the Diocese of Fresno where he was a priest and most recently served as Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Bishop Cotta will be installed on Thursday, March 15, 2018.



Central Council Life Member Dante Galeazzi with Bishop Cotta.

Pope Francis has also transferred Bishop Edward Joseph Weisenburger from the Diocese of Salina to the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona. Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas has retired from his position as Bishop after his 75th birthday.

Bishop Weisenburger served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for almost 25 years. On February 6, 2012, he was appointed Bishop of Salina by Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop Weisenburger was installed as the Seventh Bishop of Tucson on November 29, 2017.



Bishop Edward Joseph Weisenburger

The Growing Number of Children in the United States with Thalassemia

Liberty Joy

Reprint from the CHLA Thalassemia Update Fall 2017

For more information contact Laurice Levine: LLevine430@aol.com

Did you know that the number of people who have thalassemia in the United States has been on the rise over the past few years? Care to guess what is contributing to this growth? The answer might be surprising. The fact is that there are dozens of children who are diagnosed with thalassemia being adopted by American families annually. These children are adopted primarily from China; however, there are a few who join us from India and Vietnam, as well. Most of these children have beta thalassemia major, and their adoption has given them a future that they otherwise would likely not have known.

In China, parents must pay up front for any medical care that their child receives. This means that if they have a child with an illness or a chronic condition, they must walk into the hospital with money in hand for their children to receive the medical care they need. For a family that has a child with thalassemia, this can become burdensome quite quickly, especially for the working class or for migrant workers. Families simply cannot pay for the ongoing lab work and transfusions. Many of these families face the unthinkable, a most difficult decision: they must choose between two options that both result in a huge loss. They can keep their children and be unable to provide them with the medical care that they need and watch them die. Alternatively, they can abandon their children and hope that the government will provide the foundlings with the medical care necessary to survive.

Our son's story began with a brave family in China making the impossible decision to leave him in a hospital corridor at what is estimated to be three months of age. He was severely jaundiced, had a hemoglobin level lower than 4, and was in very poor shape. He was sent to live in the local orphanage, where he received the minimum medical care he needed to survive. The



orphanage officials began to prepare his paperwork to make him eligible to be adopted internationally. Blood donations and blood transfusions remain taboo in Chinese society, which has led to blood shortages nationwide. In fact, there is very little blood available in the southern provinces of China. Our little guy was in a very poor orphanage in a small city in southern China. He only received a blood transfusion when his hemoglobin level fell below 6, which was generally every eight to ten weeks. The lowest hemoglobin he had (that we know of) was right before his first birthday, when it was 2.3.

Our son, Daniel, remained in China until he was 16 months old, when we finally completed mountains of paperwork and hours of education, paid all of our fees, and received approval from both governments to complete the adoption in the summer of 2013. Daniel is one of over 150 children with thalassemia who have been adopted and who now live and receive care in the United States. Daniel has been home for almost four years, is very healthy, and receives excellent care under Dr. Thomas Coates and NP Susan Carson at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

We returned to China to adopt two more children in 2014 and 2016, the youngest of whom we named Ava and who also has beta thalassemia major. She was frail and very small upon her adoption but is now



thriving and growing like crazy under the expert care at CHLA.

We are so fortunate to have these children in our family. As an added bonus, we feel like our family has been immensely blessed by becoming part of the amazing thalassemia community in the United States.

In China, the average life expectancy for orphaned children with thalassemia major is about 10 to 15 years. They receive substandard whole blood transfusions, most do not receive any chelation, and they have low growth and developmental delays. The only chance at life these children have is to be adopted by families in the United States, Canada, or Europe. Currently, there are many children with thalassemia in China who wait for families to choose to adopt them—mostly boys.

Let me share three of the many faces with you: Feel free to copy their pictures and link from these advocacy posts

Evan: <http://www.nohandsbutours.com/2017/02/24/waiting-child-highlight-evan>

Owen: <http://www.nohandsbutours.com/2017/04/24/urgent-medical-need-owen>

Shaw: <http://www.nohandsbutours.com/2017/04/22/waiting-for-you-tommy>

For more information about the adoption of a child with thalassemia from China, please feel free to contact me. Sources of information for families considering adopting a child with thalassemia:

<http://choosingthalassemia.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.nohandsbutours.com/types/blood-conditions/>

<http://www.nohandsbutours.com/category/thalassemia/>

<http://www.rainbowkids.com/adoption-stories/top-ten-questions-families-ask-about-thalassemia-831>



Children's Hospital
LOS ANGELES

We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)?

If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event.

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 02/12/2018

JOHN H PROUTY	Branch 007	MARY MOREHEAD	Branch 285
SUE D DELLA SANTINA	Branch 021	VIRGINIA WILLIAMS	Branch 285
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		DENISE M PATOCK	Branch 442
		MARY F RAGSDALE	Branch 442
		REV CHRISTOPHER BENNETT	Branch 445

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations Received by February 10, 2018

Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
In memory of Connie Baretta

Live to Give

Donating Blood in Honor of Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia)

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Program Consultant
Live to Give Committee

People with beta-thalassemia major (Cooley's anemia) each require approximately 36 units of blood per year to survive, as they are unable to produce working red blood cells.

Many members of the Italian Catholic Federation have asked if blood can be donated specifically for thalassemia patients. Due to high costs and administrative issues at the blood banks, this is not feasible. In spite of this, the importance of donating blood cannot be emphasized enough. Blood is not only vital to the survival of people with thalassemia, but to countless others, as well.

Consider the following blood facts:

- Every two seconds in the United States, a person (or 6 million people each year) will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, or cancer treatments or suffer from an injury and will need blood.
- Over 20 percent of all blood used in Northern California has to be imported from outside the state because of insufficient community collections.
- On any given day, more than 40,000 units of red blood cells are needed.

• Ninety-five percent of the community will use a blood product in their lifetime; however, only 5 percent of the population actually donates blood.

• A single trauma victim can use 100 units of blood in a few hours; in a single day, a patient needing a liver transplant can require 200 units of blood products.

• Adult males have 12 pints of blood and females have 10 pints of blood.

• A person can donate one unit of blood every 56 days.

• After donating blood, the body's liquid volume is restored within 24 hours, and red cells are replaced within three to four weeks.

You can help by donating blood or planning a blood drive in honor of thalassemia. If you or your branch are interested, please contact:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Program Consultant
(360) 860-2023
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IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2017 is the following:

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

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2017 is the following:

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

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

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2018. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2017. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Our Mission of Faith

88th Annual National Convention
San Diego, CA - September 23, 2017

Italian Catholic Federation Convention Yearbook Program

ARTWORK DEADLINE JUNE 1ST!

This is **YOUR** ICF Yearbook!
We're making this book one you'll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year's story of the ICF.

To do that it needs **your participation!**
What's YOUR part of the story?

The ICF Convention Yearbooks are:

- Collected & kept for years
- Referenced by members
- A visual history of the ICF

You need to be in this year's book!
Maximize your visibility:

- Create a **NEW** entry this year
- Use **COLOR** in your entry
- Submit individual entries for your members - very reasonable price!

BE SEEN!
Tell YOUR part of the story!

COLOR SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!
Full color 1/16th page sponsor entry for only \$25!
EVERYONE should be doing this!
(This is the actual size of the entry.)



Best of Wishes for a Successful Convention
Nettie Descalso-Del Nero
Branch #39 - Merced, CA

Did you know that each person who brings in a commercial ad gets a **20% commission check?**



COLOR!
Submit **COLOR ENTRIES** to bring some **WOW** to your images! Here's an entry that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!
What a difference!



The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2019 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Festas Around the World"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

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



ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations...

Branch and District events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Example: \$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 +\$10 or
\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2018

Mail information and checks payable to:

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

*The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino
Members: Denise Antonowicz, Franklyn Lopes, Jr. and Leonard Rossi, O.L.J.
Members At Large: Maria Di Paolo and Teresa Helfand
Assistants: Lisa Crudo and Patricia Mages*

For further questions, call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058

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Wild Fire Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.'s Wild Fire Relief Fund as of February 8, 2018.

Total Donations: \$21,500.00

Districts:

Central Coast
San Mateo
Santa Rosa

Branches:

7	12	14
19	25	36
52	75	115
127	145	191
198	213	214
217	227	258
327	368	391
403	438	445

Individuals:

Dawn Beck Ann Consul
Carmel Dufault Antonio Galleto
Xavier and Barbara Irias -
In Honor of Harry A. Pacini
Roselynn Jarrett Teresa Lubarsky
Donna McKay Bob and Elaine Osorio
Charlyne Pacini Mary Perata
Mary Peruzzo Jerry and Sandra Quintiliani
Leonard and Karen Rossi, O.L.J.
Jacqueline Weaver
Leonard and Betty Zasoski, Jr.
Anonymous Donations

Hurricane Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.'s Hurricane Relief Fund as of December 15, 2017. The campaign began with a starting donation of \$1,000.00 from the Central Council funds. Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief for the total amount donated.

Branches:

14	19
115	144
169	191
210	358
391	403

Individuals:

Leonore Dei Rossi
Gordon and Stephanie Hall
Mary Peruzzo
Leonard and Karen Rossi, O.L.J.
Domenica Yonke
Total Donations: \$3,539.00



Italian Catholic Federation Eighteenth Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

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

BANQUET: Prepared By Our Returning Chef Ed Leonard

2:00 -

Moose Lodge
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 -

Sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$170 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 20th, the price per golfer is \$185. Banquet only: \$50.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2018

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____

Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$50 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: \$185 per player after July 20th.

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



ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, # 110, Oakland, CA 94621 - 888-423-1824 - FAX: (510) 633-9758 - Web Site: icf.org - E-mail: info@icf.org

"Our Mission of Faith"



Italian Catholic Federation 2018 Convention Hotel and Travel Highlights Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California Thursday, August 30 – Monday September 3, 2018

Hotel Accommodations

- 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 •Direct phone: 619-291-7131
- Reservations: (800) 772-8527 •Book online: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116>
- Room Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy (hotel service fee waived)
- Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 7

Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights and for you to receive discounted parking and waived resort/service fee). Reservations are available until sold out or August 7, whichever occurs first. After August 7, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- \$5/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X3H-999 For travel between 08/27 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924.

Please refer to the Bollettino, ICF website and Facebook page for additional convention details and reservation forms for activities and dinners.

San Diego: Birthplace of the California Missions

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Welcome March! It's been a cold, blustery winter here in the Midwest but Spring has finally arrived, we all hope! This is a busy & exciting month for us at branch 358. We are preparing for our annual St. Joseph table on Sunday, March 18 even though the feast day of St. Joseph is March 19. We all are busy little bees preparing for the special day! Please join us if you can!

We are grateful to be able to celebrate this wonderful feast day with all our friends at ICF. This past year has been sad for our branch because we lost so many wonderful & dedicated, long standing members. The latest being Maria Victoria (Vicky) DeGrazia who passed away in January. She was a long time member and will always be remembered for her warm handshake & smile whenever she greeted us, not to mention her wonderful generosity with all the meals she provided for our meetings. May her soul rest in peace!

Stay warm, keep healthy & we'll see you at the St. Joseph's table on March 18.

Happy Birthday: Paul Calabrese, Divina Miceli

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

On January 7th 18 members and guests gathered at Roger Rocka's for a buffet lunch and to watch the play "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." The play featured the music of Neil Sedaka and was enjoyed by all who went. Thanks to Ann Rolan who organized the trip. The January meeting was on the 9th and members were treated to Jim's famous pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, potato chips and beans. Thanks to the January committee. Chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero; committee: Mary Conteras, Julian Rosales, and Art Berryman. Thanks Mark and Cari Beveridge pitching in at the last minute. On January 29th our president, Jim Cavallero, was honored as the 2018 Distinguished Graduate from St. Joachim School where he graduated in 1973. Congratulations Jim! I hope to see everyone at the March meeting on the 13th to enjoy corned beef and cabbage. Upcoming events in February are the orange sales and officer installation. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members, especially Betty Scalise who is ill.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero



Members of Branch 27 enjoying the play at Roger Rocka's. From Left Theresa DeFrank, Elsie Bottorff, Cari and Mark Beveridge.

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

The Lodge room was festively decorated for our Valentine's Day – Ash Wednesday meeting. Following our usual 5 pm social, we had a short Lenten service by Michael Belluomini and Distribution of Ashes by Sr. Rachel. Then we ate a delicious meatless meal prepared by Maryellen Mazzei and crew. During the meeting, members of ten years were recognized with a certificate.

The ICF will sponsor Coffee & Donuts after



Members of Branch 27, Mike and Mary Keitz, enjoying the play at Roger Rocka's.

the 7am and 9am masses on March 4 at St. Patrick's. See chairs Anne-Marie Bandoni and Stephanie Lucich if you would like to help.

Wednesday, March 14, is our next dinner meeting at the Italo-American Lodge beginning with a prayer service at 5:15 pm with Fr. Colnaghi. It will be followed with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 6:00 pm.

Mark your calendar to join us for Soup Night at 6 pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The meal will be followed by Stations of the Cross at the church.

Sunday, March 18, we will celebrate our Triduum Mass at 1 pm at St. Patrick's. St. Joseph's Table with a meatless potluck will



Mass at St. Peter's in Los Angeles.

follow across the walkway to the Parish Hall. Bring photos of your deceased loved ones.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Katherine Cesario, who was a member for 76 years! Buon giorno di San Patrizio.

*Cari Salute,
Stephanie Lucich*

**Fresno
Sanger, Br. 70**

Happy New Year from Branch 70. On January 14 we enjoyed a wonderful New Years party at the home of Ralph and Rosemary Wymenga in Dinuba. We had a delicious lunch of spaghetti and meatballs with mouth-watering side dishes. Rosemary informed us that Santa was unable to come this early in the year, but she did have another special guest. Mr. Leprechaun came to entertain us with his red beard and green suit. We all took pictures with Ralph Wymenga, I mean Mr. Leprechaun and had a lot of laughs. It was a wonderful day made even more special with the attendance of Father John Bruno, Deputy Fred DeRenzio and his lovely wife Jerry. Our thanks to Ralph and Rosemary for their hospitality.

President Kay Lopez informed everyone that the Fresno District installation of officers will be in Sanger. Our Polenta Dinner will be at the next meeting on Feb. 13.

*God Bless,
Orsolina Casella*

**Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281**

The beginning of March brought us the beginning of the Lenten season; this is the perfect time for members to reflect on both bettering ourselves for God and bettering our branch for our community. We will begin making sacrifices in honor of Jesus, seeking to prepare and improve our souls for His arrival. Perhaps we can also improve our branch. Could you bring a friend or two to the next meeting? What other ideas or efforts can you contribute to our branch to enhance the ICF's mission and services?

The Fresno District Installation was held on February 25th in Sanger at St. Mary's Church—it was a wonderful event hosted by Branch 70. A special thanks to our branch members who attended and showed their enthusiasm and devotion to our organization, and congratulations to the newly installed officers, including Branch 281 member Deborah Leary, who is now president of the Fresno District.

Our March meeting, on the 8th, will be the 45th Anniversary of Branch 281 serving Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A special dinner will be served at this distinctive meeting. Every member should plan to attend! No matter if you have missed the last few meetings, or have fallen away from our organization due to other obstacles or obligations, this is the meeting to return! Let's rekindle our fire and remember together why we joined the ICF in the first place.

*Baci e abbracci,
Kristen Zasoski*

**Los Angeles
Los Angeles Archdiocese
District Council**

Thank you to all who participated in our District Installation of Branch and District Officers. We had a great 'turn out' and a beautiful day. Special thanks to Branch 362, St. Raymond, Downey for hosting the event.

Due to a conflict with the Central Council meeting, our February 24, District meeting has been changed to March 3, 9 am to 12 pm. It will be held at Oliva Trattoria in Sherman Oaks. I apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused some. Our May District Meeting will be at San Antonio Winery, Los Angeles, on May 19, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Blessed Easter.

*Pat Mages
District President*

**Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67**

Over the past year there were discussions with members of various ICF branches who asked how Branch 67 is doing. I said we are in limbo at the moment while we rethink how Branch 67 can be a supportive part of Saint Peters Church in downtown Los Angeles and a productive part of ICF. As you know a branch depends on members of the local parish. Many Branch 67 members have moved farther away and are located in other parishes in other states. Since Saint Peters Church is an Italian National Church and important to all Italians, it would be of great benefit that ICF maintain a branch at this church



Members and vendor's at Branch 108's 2018 "Carnevale" themed Wine Tasting Event on February 10.

as part of the eight Italian Societies located there so that ICF and the other Societies can continue to support Saint Peters Church, their respective organizations and their Italian heritage through the celebration of new and traditional cultural events together in Casa Italiana (parish hall) and Saint Peters Church. Suggestions included reaching out to members of all ICF Branches and asking for their support by becoming corresponding members of Branch 67. Some even suggested asking each branch to become a corresponding member to help maintain Branch 67, our ICF charities and Scholarships and continuing our presence and support of Saint Peters Church. We would like to hear from you and your ideas on how we can make Branch 67 inclusive of local members and members from other States.

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

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year. Please call Carmelo at 626 372-7812 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
T. 626 372-7812
E. cas1810@aol.com*

**Burbank
Santa Maria Goretti, Br. 102**

May 2018 bring health and happiness to you and yours.

How quickly the years have passed by! I remember my first article, and now, this will be my last.

I will always remember the many dinners we prepared and the so many meatballs we made,



as well as the St. Joseph's Table with all of the delicious cookies, cakes and fruits. The years we worked together bringing hope and happiness to those less fortunate. The special Mass we had each year, remembering our members no longer with us.

To my wonderful and loyal Tarantella dancers - you brought joy and hope to everyone.

Thank you from my heart.

Dina Tomei

**South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108**

Thank you ICF staff, vendors and members for your support of the 2018 Wine Tasting Event on February 10th and making "Carnevale" a success. Big thank you to co Chairs Christy Shaw and Gina Sabatella for coordinating a well attended event. Excellent food, drinks, Raffles, Silent Auction, and Music entertainment - Mandolin and Violin and Opera Singer - were well received.

At the Branch 108 General Meeting on February 3rd, guest speaker David Fields, Executive Director along with William Cullinane, Treasurer of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, gave an overview of the what the Saint Vincent de Paul Society does for the community. Some members were inspired and expressed an interest in volunteering their help in some of the areas expressed in their presentation.

President John Maggiora with members also celebrated the February Birthdays of Tom Haubrick and Jackie Ficht and the Wedding Anniversary of board members Tad and Theresa Shaw (44 years).

On January 7th, Members started 2018 with an excellent Pot Luck Social of delicious food in the HF Parish Hall. At the General Meeting, new members Elizabeth Devers and Michael McCauley and guest Carla Pintone were introduced. During the meeting January Birthdays were celebrated along with the 66 year Wedding Anniversary of members Ernie and Norma Anderson.

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

Carmelo



Branch 108 presented a check to guest speaker David Fields, Executive Director along with William Cullinane, Treasurer of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.



Members of Branch 111 at the 2018 Officer's Installation



January Birthdays at Branch 111.

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Tony De Lorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, and Martha Alvarez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

This year we will be commemorating our 21st annual Feast of St. Joseph Table at St. Benedict Church. The Feast will take place at the Parish Hall located at 1022 W. Cleveland Avenue, in the City of Montebello, on Saturday, March 17th, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a Free pasta meal on both days to everyone attending the special event! The Feast will start on Saturday, March 17th at 12:00 PM, with the Holy Family, depicted by the Montebello youth and wearing garments common to those biblical times, seeking asylum and upon entering the Parish Hall they will take their place at the shrine and table, at which time the shrine, table and its contents will be blessed by St. Benedict's Pastor, Rev. Francisco Sandoval, O.A.R. Open house will follow the noon ceremony and everyone attending will receive a free plate of pasta, with a salad and a roll.

Traditional Italian foods, Italian sausage sandwiches, cannoli, and other desserts will also be available for purchase. Also available for purchase at nominal prices will be homemade breads, cookies, bottles of wine, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh flowers, and various blooming 1-gallon and 5-gallon nursery plants.

We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. The monies we will raise at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. Thank you for all you do for the ICF. May St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote on Greatness: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe".

God Bless!

Frank Salomone



Members of Branch 111 at the January Meeting



Members of Branch 111 at the Officer's Installation.

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115

Our February potluck meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. Our branch is so fortunate to have so many great cooks! Thank you to all who helped and contributed.

On March 3rd our branch celebrated the Feast of St John Joseph of the Cross with our annual crab dinner dance. The evening was spent eating, singing, and dancing. The dinner was a wonderful success. It always appears to happen effortlessly, but much planning and work is involved. Sincere thanks to all our volunteers. It takes many hands to make this event a success.

Upcoming events

Pala Casino day trip March 22nd \$20.00 for members \$23.00 non members Please call Pauline Iacono for reservations 310 8320563

Laughlin Trip April 15 to 17th Accommodations at the Riverside Hotel and Casino \$115.00 per person double occupancy \$145.00 single This includes 3 buffets Please call Pauline Iacono for reservations 310 832-0563

Mass in honor of Madonna dell'Arco will be held on Saturday April 21st at 5:15pm. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Lady. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.

April 28th Daytrip to Harrah's Casino fundraiser for American Cancer Society

Relay for Life Gioiello Jewels team \$25.00 donation Bus will leave from Boys and Girls Club 8:30am Please call Anita Trujillo 310 8327186 for reservation

Scholarship applications are available and can be downloaded from the ICF.org website. Applications can also be obtained from high School counselors.

Our next Branch meeting will be on March 15th 7:30pm Please plan on attending. Please invite a friend or two to next meeting. Help us keep the future of our branch alive for the next generation.

Please keep our sick members and those in need.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo, Treasurer

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

At our January meeting, President Jerry announced that our branch had donated a total of \$9,380 for the last year. Our goals were largely met and we need to congratulate ourselves for a job well done. A motion was made by Frank Berardi to name our donut sales after Kraig Keeler who was passionate about running the donut sales. The motion passed and names are being discussed.

The St. Joseph's Table is almost here. President Jerry is chairing the event and has filled all the chairs. We need your baked goods, entrees such as homemade soups or frittatas, eggplants, etc (careful on the ingredients – no mayonnaise) All baked goods should be brought to the church hall on Saturday, the 17th or early Sunday morning. Setup will be on Friday, the 16th and the 17th. We will be open on Saturday evening and all day Sunday, serving pasta dinners both days. We do need all the help we can get. This is always our largest fundraiser and we fully expect it to be a huge success this year as it always has been.

We will be having a 2nd Boutique, our Spring Boutique, on April 29th with setup on the 28th. Karen Berardi will be chairing this event and there will be more on it later.

Our next meeting is April 8th. Everyone have a wonderful Easter.

Lolly M.

Gardena

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,

We are in the mist of our Lenten celebration. Lent is a time to open our hearts to the breath of God. Three elements of the season are Pray, Fast and Give. "Lent is the favorite season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his Word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor" Pope Francis 2017. Let us use this time wisely!!

Next on our agenda is our annual trip to Laughlin in May. Details to follow next month. Also, we will be selecting our

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(Top) Branch 237 Gardena at Christmas, the under 13 crowd!



(Left) Gennifer Bohannon, Mike McClure on their Wedding Day with daughter Jaydin, son Reef and baby Leila. Gen is 1st VP for Branch 237, Gardena.

and given out and many people went home with smiles on their faces. We look forward to a wonderful and successful new year as the ICF continues to be run. We are thankful to everyone who supports us and hopes that you continue to do so!

Thank you and God Bless!

scholarship winners from our Elementary Schools. A special thanks to our parishioners for all their support to aid us with all of our charitable works. We could not do anything without you.

Welcome to our newest member Leila McClure born October 10th and congrats to her parents Gennifer and Michael.

“Hallelujah! How good to celebrate our God in song: how sweet to give fitting praise. Psalm 147”

Cordially,

Micheal Bohannon Roa

Claremont **Our Lady of the Assumption,** **Br. 319**

Getting ready for the annual St Joseph Table on March 11, 2018.

Get out your bakeware and start baking so the table will be full. Also craft items and raffle items needed. In addition to the table and demonstration will be selling sausage sandwiches since it was a success in January.

Future activities will include a casino trip, help with a Welcome dinner for new families, a movie night for kids so mom and dad can have a date night, Fiesta pizza booth and in June a Fun Day on the grass (hot dogs and Bocci) for the parish. More details to come.

As always pray for our sick members and friends and those who have passed.

Happy Easter to all and God Bless.

Downey **St. Raymond, Br. 362**

We have had a very nice start to the 2018 new year so far. We enjoyed a wonderful installation with delicious food and many warm thanks all around. We also had a wonderful children's bingo with many children and parents. Many prizes were won



An evening at the Paisano Club annual dinner at the Monterey Convention where more than 600 attended. Dante Galeazzi, life Member of Central Council is seen here thanking Gene Guglielmo of Guglielmo Winery for their donations to the ICF branches along with Jim Friebe from Hollister.

Monterey **Central Coast** **Santa Cruz** **Nostra Signora del Soccorso,** **Br. 21**

Happy Spring! Anne Bradstreet once said, “If we had no Winter, Spring would not be so pleasant.” To keep it pleasant, we offer our Soup Suppers during Lent. The next is scheduled for March 21st. Come to Holy Cross Hall and enjoy all you can eat of homemade soup, salad, and bread for a suggested donation of \$8.00. No reservations necessary....just show up with soup bowl in hand 5:30 – 7:30pm.

Our annual No Bake Sale has started. Remember, this is a way to give a ‘baked’ good without doing the baking....just send in a donation to a favorite charity instead! And on March 18th, we will celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a luncheon/early dinner. Information on both of these events will follow.

The Calamari Dinner in January was a big success and we would like to thank all those who helped. It takes a small village to pull off dinners like this, and an even bigger one to support and attend it. So we thank all the ‘villagers’: you are angels.

In closing, we sadly report the passing of Christine Walker who was a wonderful, long time ICF member. Also, we continue to mourn the passing of Branch 21's old friends, Rico Della Santina and Lena Silva. Their support and beautiful smiles will be missed. We send our good thoughts and prayers to the families.

Time to close. A Dio, tutti. May God continue to give us good energy and happy thoughts.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Monterey **Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

Congratulations to the new officers that were installed on January 13, 2018, at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz. Robert Huffer, President; Joe LoManto 1st Vice President; Turie Cavaliere 2nd Vice President; Suzanne Menendez Herbst, Recording Secretary; Josephine Favazza, Correspondence Secretary; Elaine Valentine, Financial Secretary; Barbara Lucido, Joann Riso Co-Treasurer; Liz Grammatico, June Serrano, Ted Ursino, Trustees; Jane Gasperson Orator; Antonia Ihnot, Sentinel. It was wonderful to



Eddie and Bella Leonard from Branch 36 received the Mentor of the Year award from the Central Coast District.

have all our Branches joined together from Central Coast Council. Congratulations to Eddie and Bella Leonard for receiving Mentor of the Year award from Central Coast District.

Branch 36 is in full swing having our Lenten Fish Dinners, started February 16, 2018, \$15.00 per person.

Doors will open at 4:30 PM – dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. We have take-out dinners available starting at 5:30 PM. The last Lenten dinner will be on March 23, 2018. We thank all our volunteers, who have been working during our Lenten dinners.

Our sympathy to the family of Amelia Kohatsu. Amelia was our member for 13 years and may she rest in peace.

Our sympathy to all our members and their families, who recently lost their love ones. We will keep you in our prayers.

Calendar 2018

March 2: 3rd Lenten dinner Cathedral Hall

March 9: 4th Lenten dinner Cathedral Hall

March 16: 5th Lenten dinner Cathedral Hall

March 18: St. Joseph Celebration Elks Lodge

March 23: 6th Lenten dinner Cathedral Hall

April 5: Dinner/Meeting 6:00 PM

Lent – Let light shine out of darkness ---- 2 Corinthians 4:6

Elaine Valentine

Branch #36

Castroville **Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51**

Happy Lenten Season Everyone,

Branch 51 has been very busy planning upcoming events. Thank you to all our members for sharing your time and talents. Many fun activities are in the works.

On February 16th a wonderful potluck dinner was prepared by all our members at General Meeting. After our delicious meal, our heritage speaker Carlo Cortopassi (my father) spoke on how he came from the war torn country of Italy after the WWII when he was only 20 years old, to the land of opportunity. Quite a story! It made all of us who were born in America appreciate all that we have.

During our meeting we also discussed our St. Joseph's Day celebration which will be held during our general meeting on Friday, March 16th. One of the items that we all agreed should be on the menu for our celebration is Frittelle di San Giuseppe, a popular item that is served on the feast day in Italy. Thank you to our friend Rosella Salarpi who sent us the recipe straight from Massarosa, Italy.

On Sunday, March 25th our branch will be hosting our District meeting in our parish hall at Our Lady of Refuge in Castroville.



Members of Castroville Branch 51 at the Central Coast District Installation Mass.

There is a 10:00 a.m. parish mass for those who would like to attend mass before the meeting. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and a wonderful pasta and chicken lunch will follow. The cost is \$10.00 per person. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by March 16th to 831-633-5012 or email me at clstefani@aol.com . Hope to see many of you there.

Happy birthday to our Branch #51 March babies- Frank Rossi & Nathan Cortopassi (my nephew)

And lastly, please mark on your calendars the date of our Polenta fundraiser. It will also be held in our parish hall on Sunday, April 22nd. More information about this fundraiser will be in next month's Bollettino.

As we continue on our Lenten Journey may we always remember God's love for us.

Ciao,

Cindy Stefani

Capitola

St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our Fish Fry dinners are off to a good start. Everyone is welcome to join us for delicious food, good company, and accordion music. Dinners will continue every Friday throughout the six weeks of Lent and are served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Price is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children, and a special family price of \$35. Proceeds from the dinners benefit our charitable giving programs.

Ten of our members joined folks from Branch 21 and the Santa Cruz Marconi Club to celebrate Italian night at the Santa Cruz Warriors game against the Texas Legends.

Thanks to Mary Lou Weidlich, Jim and Dottie Smith, and Rita Law for preparing the polenta and sausage dinner for our February meeting. It's a lot of work stirring that big pot of polenta, but it is much appreciated. A special thanks to Gary Podesto for making the sauce.

By the time you read this, we probably will have had our 50th anniversary party scheduled for March 10 at the Back Nine at the Inn at Pasatiempo. We'll tell you all about it in next month's Bollettino.

It's not too early to put the date of the annual picnic on your calendar. It will be Saturday, July 28, at the Forty Thieves picnic area of

DeLaveaga Park. Ken Olson will serve as chairperson again. Watch for more details as we get closer to July (which will be here before you know it).

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Branch 227 caption:

Arroyo Grande

St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Lenten Fish Frys are underway and have been a huge success so far! We served hundreds of dinners each night on Feb. 16th and 23rd. If you missed those dinners, you're still in luck! We have a few fish frys left in March—on the 2nd, 9th and 23rd—from 4PM-7PM in our parish hall. Please join us if you're in the area for a delicious fish dinner served with fries and homemade coleslaw, plus a large assortment of delectable cakes for dessert!

Br. 291 will be celebrating our St. Joseph's Table at our March 25th General Meeting. Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food or household items to the March General Meeting so we can display them on our beautiful table that day. After our meeting we will gather all the items and donate them to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

Please continue to pray for our members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time, including Dianne and Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Rose Haupt, Marina Lawyer, Susan McGaughy, Jennifer Nakamura, Rose Renna-Guzzetti, Throck Scudder, Jim and Pat Schiller, Rosemarie Thomson, Joanna Van Blaricom and Jens Wagner.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles

St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our November Pasta Dinner was very successful, 432 meals served and we made \$1224.00 selling 120 quarts of extra sauce with meatballs. The proceeds were donated to the Saint Rose Catholic School to offset the cost of their textbooks.



Branch 227, Capitola outing with Branch 21, Santa Cruz Warriors basketball game.

Our Christmas party was held at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo and everyone enjoyed a great luncheon, raffle prizes, and comradery; each member donated an unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots Program. Father Roberto Vera surprised us with his attendance and everyone was really excited to see him again and receive his spiritual blessings.

Our branch donated \$500 to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa for the Santa Rosa Wildfire Relief Fund. One of our members worked two weeks for CAL FIRE Incident Command Team 1 in the Finance Section on the Tubbs Fire and several other fires in the LNU Central Complex in the Santa Rosa area.

Ten members of our branch attended the Central Coast District Installation of Officers hosted by the Santa Cruz branch, we car pooled the 2 ½ hour drive to the event and everyone enjoyed the mass, installation, food and meeting new and old friends in the District.

Our next Pasta Dinner is scheduled for April 14th; the proceeds will be used for Scholarships for local area High Schools and Saint Rose Catholic School. The menu will be pasta, meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert, a glass of wine, coffee, soda, or water; Adults \$12.00 and Children under 12 years old \$6.00.

May God Bless You and the ICF,

David Zanini, President Br. 354

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

Well we made it through the Crab Feed and want to thank the many hands that helped to make it a success. The raffle baskets are always so well put together and a lot of thought seems to go into many of them. Nice work folks! And let's not forget the food, the hors d'oeuvres are always a treat and sometimes fill us up before dinner; the crab dinner is always special and this year was no exception. Thanks to all the hard work before, setting up, etc. and the hard work afterwards, everything was taken care of in a timely manner.

Congratulations East Bay District, Central Council President, Andy Pappani, presented East Bay District President, Leonard Rossi, with a certificate of thanks for our district sponsoring scholarships for each of the 4 years, (1st through 4) again this past year. Let's hear it for education!

The Quarterly Mass has been set for March 3rd, at 5 P.M. Mass at Corpus Christi Church in Fremont, sponsored by Br. #215. Here's



hoping for a good turnout and that we may continue this function.

We will be asking for your support of the Central Council's Golf Tournament, July 27th. Play, volunteer, go and have fun!

And as we close out these final days of Lent may we remember what we are here for and to offer our prayers and sacrifices for those who are most in need.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to All.

Patricia Grasso,

District Secretary

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Gracie, Br. 10

We were saddened by the death on January 23 of member Katherine Koepf, who had belonged to Branch 10 for over 34 years. Katherine lived to the age of 95 but was not the oldest living member of Branch 10. That honor goes to her sister, Louise Koepf, who will turn 100 on April 23 of this year. A large number of Branch 10 members attended Katherine's funeral on January 31 in Saint Philip Neri Church and offered the ICF "Farewell to Member" prayer between the Rosary and the Mass. Decades ago an associate pastor at Saint Philip Neri Church observed during a homily, "Nobody is perfect, with the possible exception of Katherine Koepf."

We are hosting our Lenten Fish Fry dinners, which began on February 16 and will continue through March 23, the last Friday prior to Palm Sunday. The dinners follow Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip Neri Church, which start at 5:30 on Friday evenings. The dinner includes pasta, salad, fish, dessert, coffee, wine and beer. Prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Reservations are not necessary.

We are in the final stages of preparation for our Irish Social scheduled for Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17. The program includes social time starting at 6:30 p.m. The dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and dessert will be served at 7:00. Entertainment and a raffle will conclude the evening. Prices are \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. For reservations contact Branch 10 vice-president Gina Foster at gfooster@cso.org.

On the following Monday, March 19, we will hold our annual Saint Joseph's Day Table. A special Mass will be said at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:30. The menu will consist of salad, pasta with pesto, chicken, vegetables and, per Italian tradition, a special dessert table. Prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youths 14 and under. For reservations, contact Michael Marcheschi, (510) 523-4720, prior to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12.



Happy Branch 285 members at the Installation.

The next event for our social calendar is our Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 17. We will celebrate our 92 years as an ICF branch. Details will follow in the April Bollettino.

We have been contacted by a number of persons who have expressed an interest in becoming members of Branch 10. If they join us, we will experience a slight dip the average age of our membership.

John Zugnoni
Publicity

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Well, Superbowl LII has come and gone and we have a new champion. The Philadelphia Eagles won Their very first Superbowl championship with a score of 41-33 over the New England Patriots. If your team was the victor; Congratulations. If not, our condolences. Whatever the case remember: It's only a game.

Here are some dates to remember:

Branch 215 will be hosting the next East Bay District Quarterly Mass and Communion on March 3, 2018 at Corpus Christi Church, Fremont (Niles District). Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided following the Mass.

ICF Branch 215 looks forward to joining the Legion of Mary and Simbangabi Organizations at Corpus Christi Church as hosts for a Soup Supper Night on Wednesday, March 7th.

Two memorial masses will be held for our ICF brethren: The first on April 22nd at Holy Spirit at 12:30 PM, the second on August 12th at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 10:30 AM. We ask our ICF family to attend if possible.

ICF Branch 215's bingo luncheon is tentatively set for April 19th. Additional details will follow.

It looks like our dry spell will continue for a while so bocce season will soon return to Our Lady of Guadalupe's track field which they have so graciously made available to us. Jack Navarra is our primary contact, he can be reached at (510) 656-0258.

We want to take this opportunity to wish all members with birthdays and anniversaries in March congratulations. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to those who are ill and for the safety of our first responders, military, and their families.

Ken Chiatello

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

Installation is over. Carolyn Cardinalli has accepted another year as our president. Thanks, Carolyn, for your dedication to our

branch and thanks to all our officers who have accepted the responsibilities so necessary to keep a branch viable. All happily took the pledge to uphold the ICF ideals as you can see in their smiling faces in the nearby photo. The empty plates speak for the quality of the meal at the Fratellanza Club.

We have a number of new members. And they are a delight and the lifeblood of any chapter. Lots of energy and new ideas to keep our Branch vigorous as we do our work for our ICF charities.

Speaking of charities, one of our biggest fundraisers is our Branch 285's annual Bingo Bash which will be on March 3rd at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton, starting at 6:00 PM. Only \$10 for 10 tickets and the prizes are always worth taking a chance for. Beautiful baskets for raffle, snacks, and drinks make it "An Affair to Remember." Seating is limited and we sold out last year. Want a seat? Call Christine Cardullo at 925-462-3704.

If you missed it, at our last meeting Dale Schauer, our own Rick Steves, gave a presentation on a "Rhine River Cruise with Amsterdam and Surroundings." Dale's presentations are always interesting and informative. Thanks Rick - I mean Dale.

i migliori saluti,
Chuck Meier

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

A big thank you to all those who took the time to bake for our Super Bowl Sunday bake sale, you helped make it a success. Now we are taking signups for orders for our Biscotti, they will be delivered after the Masses on Palm Sunday at both OLG and Transfiguration churches. The branch is helping out by providing some of the ingredients for our bakers.

Time off from baking to help prepare Lisa's delicious Minestrone soup for the Lenten soup meal the end of February. Thanks to all who were able to help.

In the meantime to keep our ovens working full time, we will have a St. Joseph's table at our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in March. The proceeds from this effort will be donated to Transfiguration church's St. Vincent de Paul Society. Busy hands are happy hands!

Lent is with us during all of this time of baking and cooking and this is one way to share with others during this time of sacrifice. Prayer can be acts as well as words, the choice is ours to make. Let us be Catholic and include those we may know or not know in our prayers during Lent and into the rest of the year.

In April we will be celebrating our 39th anniversary as a branch here at Our Lady of Grace, so dust off those dancing shoes and get



(Above) Members from Branch 14 who helped set up for our successful Polenta Dinner Thanks for all your support.

(Right) David Botta, Sandi Diaz, and Donna Hoffmann from Branch 14, Crockett. Welcome new member Sandi to their branch Congrats.

ready to have some fun.
Happy Easter to all with Blessings from above.
Patricia Grasso,
Branch Secretary

Contra Costa
District Council

My goodness, I looked on the calendar to find that not only is it Valentine's Day, but on the Feb. 14th I am reminded that this body that I love so much will become ashes. Ash Wednesday.. I decided that this year for Lent I am not going to give up any thing for Lent. I have a friend that is always so negative that I avoid her. I am going to kill her with kindness and that will kill me more then giving up candy. I wonder if I will last all of Lent.

Does it also seem like we just celebrated St. Joseph's Day? And on the 11th of March will begin Daylight Savings. I was just getting use to the dark. There was a news reel called "Time Marches On" It sure does

Enough, for we want to remind our members that Mar 1st will be a district meeting at Legends at Diablo Creek. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM.

Roselynn Jarret will be chairing the A's Baseball game Aug 4th Fireworks will be included this year. If you have not seen them, they are the best She has 150 tickets. There is a flyer that you will seen soon. Please contact her as soon as possible if you are interested

Wishing you a Happy and Holly Easter Season
Peace to all of us ---Joann

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

March, and here we are, almost in the middle of Lent already, with our March 10th Corned Beef Dinner just around the corner. An early thanks to Jim and Kathleen Thomas for their continued leadership in this popular dinner, and to the many who help make it so "Irish."

Our always enjoyable, popular St. Joseph's Table will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 13th. There is no mass but there is a Blessing of Tables at 6:00 (note time change), followed by a meatless pasta dinner. Please bring a meatless dish to share.

The famous and much-anticipated St. Rose Fish Fry will be held Friday, March 23. This is the parish's most important fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated.



Welcome to our newest member, Peggy Aiello Haggerty, who hails from Martinez. So glad to have you!
A special hello and get well wishes to Catherine (Cookie) Maricich. Sure miss you!

We have lost a beloved, longtime member, Mary Regalia. Our sympathies to Nancy and Jim Dooley and their family. For many years Mary generously offered a scholarship in memory of her husband, John. Also, condolences to Margaret Lehr on the loss of her husband, Tom, and to her brother, Ray Lehr. Tom was always present with a ready smile and a friendly hello.

Thanks so much to Pat Botta, "Bingo Caller Extraordinaire" for her dedication and sense of humor at our profitable Bingo Nights.

Was going to say Top 'o the 'Mornin but Google says that stereotypical phrase makes the Irish cringe, so a simple, sincere Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

We all had a great time at our January meeting. We had two theme's. Happy New Year and Super bowl. We had a lunch meat pot luck which was great. We had a guest join us. Maria Catanese Helburg. She is a member of the Martinez branch and co deputy / mentor of the Pleasant Hill branch. Thank you for joining us, Maria.

At the meeting we discussed our 2018 Calendar. We have some fun things planned. Joann is going to look into a bus trip to the Portuguese festival in Fort Bragg for later this year. Or we might stick with the bus trip to Monterey in Sept. for the Italian Festival. We have other things ahead as well. So now I will print out our calendars and bring them to our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on February 25. We will have a sweets potluck. We will also make plans for our St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day celebration coming up in March.

Our next district meeting will be held



Members from Branch 14 attending Installation, l-r, Ed & Allison McGuirk, Sue Giorgette, President Roberta Healy, Maria Marshall, MJ Murray, Geri Rugani, Veronica Peery.

on March 1. This will be held at Legends at Diablo Creek golf course in Concord in the party room at 7: 30 PM. Donna Stone will be a new district delegate representing our branch.

The district will once again host the Night at the Oakland A’s Baseball game for Italian night. This will take place on August 4. There will be Italian entertainment before the ball game and a firework show after the ball game. Each ticket is only \$30.00. Book early. Chairperson is Roselynnne.

We miss our member Grace Scanapico. She has not felt well enough to make the meetings and events. We hope to see her soon.

Please pay your 2018 dues unless done. Send payment to treasurer Helen.

Have a happy St. Patrick and St. Joseph day.

As we say in Pittsburg,

Sempre Avanti.

Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Branch 154 celebrated Chinese New Year with a tasty Chinese dinner. We hope your fortune cookie held an interesting insight into the New Year.

We hosted another successful fundraising event: The family Ravioli Dinner held at St. Jerome’s Rohan Hall. All those in attendance feasted on Ravioli, Chicken, Salad, bread and dessert. Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who brought a raffle prize.

We are sad to announce the passing of long time member, Clara Bracciotti. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Please pick up a branch calendar for a schedule of meetings, officers, and fundraising events. They are still available at the next meeting.

Another up coming date to keep in mind: Bus trip to Cache Creek, March 26, 2018. Call Joe Meneghelli, 510-234-2208 for your seat on the bus. Bring your friends too!

Did you know that Joe celebrated his 98th Birthday? HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOE!!

Dues are payable now! Annual dues are \$35.00 and Hospitalization is \$25.00. Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Mike Cannady, or Toni Reeder.

If your dues are not paid by March 1, 2018, you will be dropped from membership.

Next meeting is March 12, 2018. Corned Beef and Cabbage as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Mass to precede dinner. Walter and Toni make the best Corned Beef; it is not to be missed! Please call Dee at 510-236-0689 for a reservation.

If you haven’t been to a meeting in awhile

consider attending a meeting.

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214

Our January meeting and delicious potluck also included celebrating 13 birthdays for the month.

Nine of our Officers attended the Installation in Richmond.

We are busy working on the upcoming calendar of events for 2018. It is going to be a fun year! More to come on this soon.

Remembering our sick and elderly members and the passing of Mario Maggio an original member of our branch.

Ciao,

Christina, correspondence secty.

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Getting back into the swing of things in a big way, that’s what Branch 432 did. The first meeting of 2018 started the year off with a bang. A new President along with a new slate of officers got the ball rolling big time.

Following is a thumbnail view of the major events for Branch 432 in 2018. Some earlier published dates were inaccurate. What do you want to work on?

March..... Parish Breakfast (March 4), St. Joseph’s Table (March 19),

June..... Scholarship Awards Dinner (June 25)

July.....Parish Breakfast (July 1)

August.....Oakland Coliseum with the A’s, Italian Heritage night

September.....Parish Breakfast (September 2), 9th Annual Festa d’ Italia (September 21, ticket sales start September 1), ICF Convention (August 30 – September 3) November.....Parish Breakfast (November 4), Christmas/Anniversary Dinner (November 26).

Monday night saw two guests joining us for the dinner meeting. Angie Davis was the guest of Lynn Lacey. Hopefully, Angie found the evening entertaining and we can look forward to her future participation. President Kortuem hooked up with Frank Re of Branch 139 (Stockton) at the installation of officer’s breakfast. After exchanging ideas with our Branch President, Frank joined us for dinner and some superb wine. Thank you, Frank and Lynn, for being part of our evening.

Speaking of dinner, it looks like our new First Vice Presidents, Judee and Jay Risso know a little about food with some entertainment value. Three different Colonel Sanders



Branch 432’s 2018 officers. From L to R: Sam Scalise, Gene Simonetti, Linda Kortuem, John Kortuem, Jay Risso, Bob Hoffner and Linda Bray.

Kentucky Fried Chicken meals, each in a separate box were served for dinner, something for everybody, your choice. Pardon the pun but that’s thinking outside of the box. It doesn’t look like the Rissos are through entertaining us with meals either. Next dinner meeting, you bring the bowls and they will bring three deliciously different soups. Is that thinking outside of the bowl?

All in all it was a great meeting, getting the year off to an enthusiastic start.

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill
Christ The King, Br. 442

We had an early Valentine’s Day celebration during our February meeting with lots of sweets and desserts. Of course, St. Valentine was from Italy, as we were reminded by Nancy Santos during our heritage report. So, it was all most appropriate. We also had a special guest. Maria Catanesse Helburg from the Martinez branch. Maria is our new co mentor/deputy working with David Botta. Please help welcome her to our branch.

Final preparations are on their way for the Ladies Tea fundraiser. It will certainly be a wonderful event for everyone.

Sign-up sheets are now available for volunteers to help with preparing a dinner for our Winter Nights guests and to work the Salami Toss booth during the Church Festival. The success of these events depends on everyone’s participation. So please be sure to sign up. Plus, you are guaranteed to have a good time! Also, remember we will be hosting a dinner for our church youth group to introduce them to ICF and our branch. We are also planning other events or projects we can get involved with as a branch. Look out for meeting invite emails and plan to attend upcoming meetings so you can get the latest updates.

These last few months have reminded us we that the sharing of our faith and family values is not only during good times but also during difficult times. We have branch members who have lost loved ones recently and others who are ill or in recovery. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers and let them know that they are loved and cared for. We are with them in their sorrow and wish them all the best on their path to full recovery.

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Sunday, MARCH 11 is the date for our first meeting and dinner for 2018. Chicken and polenta will be served starting at 6:00 pm in Giovanni Hall. The Branch meeting will be at 4:30pm before the dinner. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. For reservations and information, contact me by March 6 at 916-508-1199.

SAVE THE DATE for a District Fundraiser on Sunday, April 29 at Tahoe Joe’s in Roseville. More details to follow at our March meeting.

Happy Birthday to Sandra Ranieri, our only member with a March birthday. Have a great day Sandra!!

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville
St. Clare, Br. 438

It looks like our branch is going to have a very busy year. If you have never chaired an event you might want to try it. This is such a rewarding experience. Working together as a team is what makes this branch so successful. The Calendar is made out for this year. Some of the events are the Lenten fish dinner, St. Joseph’s Table, Apple hill, Reno trip, baseball game, Gathering Inn dinners, and the yummy bake sales, If you have other suggestions bring them to the General Meeting. Michael Fuentes is asking members who would like to volunteer to work at the election precincts for the June and Nov. elections. Contact Michael if interested. Pray for all our sick members and those in need.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego
District Council

As the New Year begins, and before we start getting prepared to host the 2018 Convention the first order of business was the San Diego Branch and District Installation. The Installation was hosted by Our Lady of the Rosary Branch # 230, headed by Chairman Patrizia Vigili.

It began with a Reception in the Parish Garden followed by a Procession of the District and Branch Officers and their banners; Branch 230 Queen Yssabela Saaib; Princess Megan Sgalio; and Prince Dillon Sgalio followed by the Central Council Dignitaries consisting of 1st Grand Vice President Vince Piro and Robyn Piro; Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz, along with her mother and sister; Central Council Members Patricia Mages and Lou Mages; and Past Grand President Leonard Zasoski Jr. and Betty Zasoski; and Past Grand President and Central Council Life Member Emeritus Lady Jody Balistreri.

Branch 230 Chaplain Fr. Albino Vecina, Pastor and ICF San Diego Diocesan Director Fr. Joseph Tabique for a celebratory mass. The altar was beautifully decorated with a beautiful arrangement of white flowers specifically for the occasion, music provided by Organist Linda Colletti, and the OLR Choir, a moving rendition of the Ave Maria by choir director Ernie Grimm and an inspirational homily with a special blessing of all the officers in



attendance by Fr Joe, followed by a delicious luncheon catered by Tiramisu Trattoria and a wonderful Installation Ceremony. A special thank you to all in attendance, Branch and District Officers, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Choir, Organist, Choir Director, Chairman Patrizia Vigili and Branch 230 for hosting the Installation, Master of Ceremony Richard Barker, Assistant Pastor and Branch #230 Chaplain Fr Albino Vecina, and Pastor and ICF Diocesan Director Fr Joseph Tabique along with all of the Central Council Dignitaries, Photographer James (Jamie) Steidl and David Chiodo owner of Tiramisu Trattoria for making this a very special momentous occasion. Now we start planning an exciting convention! See you at convention!

By Partrizia Vigili

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On Sunday January 7, 2018 we began our first Annual Membership Drive with Board Members and members leading the quest to inform and educate friends and



Members from the various branches in the San Diego District, Central Council members, and even Branch 230's Queen, prince and princess attended the San Diego District Installation on a beautiful, sunny weekend in January.

parishioners about the Italian Catholic Federation. We emphasized we are a family-based organization and why everyone should be a member of this worthwhile organization. Our efforts were extremely successful, adding enthusiastic new members.

INSTALLATION The highlight of the month was our Branch and District installation. Our Branch hosted this successful fun event. The festivities began with a Coffee and Donut Meet and Greet in the garden. A Procession of Branch and District Presidents with their officers, banners, branch 230 ICF Queen and her Court followed by The Central Council Dignitaries our Chaplain and Associate Pastor Father Albino Vecina and Father Joseph Tabique ICF Diocesan Director of San Diego for the Celebratory Mass followed by a delicious luncheon catered by Tiramisu Trattoria and a wonderful Installation Ceremony. A wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to the Central Council Dignitaries who attended and took part in this special occasion.

Ciao, Patrizia Vigili

San Diego
St. Theresa, Br. 261

Hello Branch 261,
We had our installation of officers for 2018 and as follows are our branch officers:
President Pam Tallarida, 1st Vice President Tony Anthony, 2nd Vice President Bob Tallarida, Recording Secretary Vicki Striebel, Corresponding Secretary Robin Fielding, Financial David Beckenston, Treasurer Victor Tallarida Jr., Orator Francine Poirier, Trustee Bob Fischer, Trustee George Fielding, Sentinel Robin Fielding.
Also we are saddened by the loss of Rose Tallarida. She was a very involved and



Members of Branch 230 at the recent District installation.



caring person. Please keep in your prayers the Tallarida family.
Peace,
Robin Fielding

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

Dear Members:
Our recent installation and luncheon was enjoyed by all.
Upcoming:
February -- No Meeting
March 7 – Spuntino and Raffle, 6:30pm, cost \$20.00. Reservations: Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.
Stay Healthy!
Ciao!
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On March 11th we will have our Champagne Bingo. Menu - ½ chicken, vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea and all of the champagne you want. Please contact Mary Perata at (415) 239-5936 or Florence at (415) 468-1764. Hope you can make it.
Our sincere sympathy to Veronica Pisani and family. Barbara Bottarini, 79, was Pres. of Br. 20 of Epiphany Church for many years. She then transferred to Br. 258 and held the office of Treasurer for many years. She also took care of our Bollettino articles for many years. Barbara was a member of the I.C.F. for 42 years. Barbara, you will be greatly missed by all of us in Br. 258.
Our sincere sympathy to Gary Ashbrook and family. Gloria, 96, was a member of our Br. 258 for 43 years. Gloria made all of our table decorations for many years. We will continue to use them in her memory. Gloria always took part in all of our I.C.F. affairs. Gloria, all of your friends at Br. 258 will greatly miss you.
Our sincere sympathy to Vince Brogan and family. Ernie, 94, was a member of Br. 20 of Epiphany Church for over 55 years. She held an office for many years. Mary and I grew up with Ernie. There were 10 of us on Naples Street and we played baseball in the empty



lot. Epiphany School is there now. We have fond memories. Ernie, you will be missed by all of your friends.

Our sincere sympathy to John Cugia and family. Carolyn Cugia, and her husband Mario, were members of Br. 258 for many years. They both held offices in several Branches. John said his mom and dad had fond memories of Br. 38 and our Br. 258. Carolyn will be missed by all of her friends.

On Mar. 19th we have a trip to Thunder Valley. We still hope to hit a big one.

To all of our members with a birthday in Feb. and Mar. - we wish you many more years of Good Health and Happiness in the coming year.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Dates to remember:

Mar. 25th - Mass

Mar. 26th - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Mateo
South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Buona Pasqua South City!

Peter Cottontail is headed down the bunny trail and we know he plans on stopping in our neck of the woods for our post Easter dinner meeting on April 4. The menu has yet to be determined but President Diana assures us it will be good.

Bishop Day is coming up April 8 and is tentatively scheduled for Sts. Peter & Paul in North Beach. We encourage all our members to attend. A reception will follow after the Mass. Please contact President Diana for more information at 650-588-3431.

Keep all our members in your prayers, especially Jeanette Acosta, Marc Teglia and Marlis Risso.

The Branch would like to send our thoughts and prayers to two of our dedicated supporters, Joe and Frances Regalia. Frances is a long time member and together with her husband Joe they have been tireless volunteers for our Branch. They are currently living in Oregon close to their family but their SSF “family” misses them and we wish them all the best.

Finally, we are sad to announce the passing of Bertina Marcelo. Three years ago she was honored by Senator Jerry Hill as the “Quiet Hero” of Senate District 13 and nobody deserved it more than her. Bertina loved South City and worked everyday through numerous organizations to make our community a better place for all of us. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Ciao!

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Colma
San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

We have some exciting events coming up in March and April. Our March 12 meeting will be a potluck celebration for St. Joseph’s. Annette Novi 650-756-0934 is taking reservations for this event and will coordinate the food everyone is bringing.. March 17th is our champagne bingo starting at 1pm reservations being taken by Deborah Rodondi 650-583-0805 \$16 per person. April 9th our dinner meeting is our annual soup night, hosted by Kathy Trevizo, reservations to Cheryl Simon 650-755-0898 \$10 for members. April 14th we are having a Pedro Tournament, hosted by Donna Barnes 650-991-0178 \$35 starting at 9am includes hot dog lunch with all the trimmings.

Keep in your prayers the family of our member Wayne Fisher, who recently passed away. Also keep in your prayers, that God gives them strength, Deacon Lery and our member Christine Prudenciado in dealing with the loss of their granddaughter Tasia.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all!

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Our second meeting of the year was well attended and we enjoyed a delicious ham, potato, salad and dessert dinner chaired by Mara Barsotti-Millis. Great job and the dinner was provided by Leonardo’s Deli and Catering in Millbrae.

Our new President, Mary Ann Camacho, went over our calendar of the New Year and it was decided to donate a first year scholarship. Thank you Anita Cecena for volunteering to be our new Sunshine Person and we thank Diane Wagner who held that job for the past few years.

We will have a guest speaker for our March 8, 2018 St. Joseph’s Table potluck being chaired by Dorene Campanile. Our guest will be Laurie Levine who will inform us on the latest update on the progress of Cooley’s Anemia. The ICF has been donating to helping patients suffering from Cooley’s Anemia for many years.

Please call Dorene to advise what you will contribute to the potluck dinner and if you have any spare flowers that can be used for St. Joseph’s table. (650-344-7870)

For all those who play Pedro we will be having a Pedro Tournament on April 7, 2018 and more information will follow.

Great to see one of our sick members, Larry Cavagnaro and how well he is doing and also happy he was accompanied by Marge Silva who we haven’t seen for way too long.

Please pray for Frank Clyne, John and Dorene’s daughter, Connie, Jeannine, Jean Watterson’s daughter, John Watterson, and Linda Mustachia.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

We all enjoyed the past months activities, Installation of new officers and the special District “Holiday” dinner. It always fun seeing other members and catching up with what is going on in their Branch. The dinners are were enjoyed by all that attend and the special donations baskets that were donated by each Branch were beautiful- We all hoped to have the winning ticket. Thanks to the committee chairs for doing a great job hosting these activities.

Our Branch is fortunate to have dedicated

member that volunteered as our officers for this 2018 year. To get us started, President Barbara hosted our officers at a brunch this past month to make plans for the coming Branch activities, projects, and special events. They are busy setting up plans for the coming year and will be calling on members for support. Remember they need your input for new ideas and support.

Special thanks to Barbara Pettit, Renee Mintun and Joyce James for hosting our February Valentine Dinner. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and socializing with member prior to our interesting meetings.

Thanks to Joe and Judy Crosetti for continuing to put together a Branch Newsletter informing us of the past and coming activities and a sincere appreciation to Dorene Campanile for keeping us informed of the District activities thru her District Newsletter and attending our meetings. We know its a lots of work doing this for us but a Big “Thanks you” from all of us for taking on this job. If you are not getting it via-e-mail please contact them so they can get you on their mail list.

Our Branch will be hosting Chaplains Night this year. Mark your calendar— South San Francisco Elks Club, November 9,2018.The Chairperson for this event will be calling on you to help with this event- Decorations, Reservations and Hospitality. Saturday, June 16th we will be sponsoring the District Semi - Annual Mass and Communion at St Augustine Church at 4:30 PM. Plan on attending these two very important events that our Branch will be hosting this year.

Till next month,

Wishing all good health and World Peace.

Joyce James

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Thanks to Past President Carla Del Carlo for the wonder soup dinner she prepared for our February Monthly meeting. Also, thanks to her right hand Tina Pessagno, who is always willing to step in and help and to Carol Orfino for donating the dessert for the evening.

We recently celebrated St. Dunstan’s ICF 28th. Anniversary with dinner attended by many San Mateo district members and we greatly appreciate their support.

We will celebrate St. Joseph Day with our annual Pot Luck Dinner on March 20, 2018. We request that our members bring a pot luck dish to serve 10-12 and we always receive such an abundance of food that we are able to bring all left overs to the Catholic Hospitality House in San Bruno.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161

Cari Amici e Soci,

We hope your January has been a good start to the New Year! Lucia and I have been working hard on planning an exciting and action-packed calendar of events. We hope that you will find something to pique your interest to attend. Our meeting on February 20th fell the week after Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day but there still were delicious desserts to enjoy.

Your participation in any event is appreciated. Spread the word! There will be bingo, speakers, retreats, dinners, and a crab event on Epiphany! We hope you’ll encourage other members to attend and invite your friends to join.

Baci,

Jeanne & Lucia

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 20 - Dinner Meeting and St. Joseph’s Table at Marin Joe’s Restaurant in Corte Madera. RSVP required, seating is limited. Cost \$50 per person

Sunday, March 25 - Mass for ICF at St. Patrick’s Church at 11:30 a.m. followed by brunch at Café Verde in Corte Madera at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person plus raffle baskets. RSVP required.

Happily accepting new members, if you have a friend please bring them to an upcoming meeting.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley
District Council

District President Bob Bausino thanked Branch 191 for hosting the meeting and asked Jim Jones to introduce helpers. Jim then introduced Bob Bausino who is also president of the branch. The District received a Christmas Card from the San Jose Seminars current attending the Seminary in Chicago. The District also received a letter from Little Italy Foundation attendance at their recent festival. They raised over \$30,000.

Branch 5 is planning a Dean Martin night fundraiser. More info to follow. Todd McDonald said the Branch 47 will partner with the Parish School for a Pasta Dinner and Bingo night. Pat Cordich reported that Gilroy Branch 28 had a Christmas Food and Toy drive and \$500 was donated to St. Joseph Center for needy families. Branch 184’s Denise Antonowicz said the recent membership drive netted 15 new members.

Mike Rossi reported that Central Council goal is to open three new branches every year. President Bausino said that the District is planning a Luau luncheon fundraiser instead of the golf tournament. The date is April 21 at Da Kine Island Grill. Elaine Osorio has arranged for Our Lady of Peace Mass on Sunday June 24. Luncheon to follow at Michael’s Shoreline. Emily reminded everyone of the March 15 deadline for scholarship submittals.

Par Cordich made a plea for all Branches to help Andy Pappani’s trip to Australia to visit the Italian Catholic Federation that has been established there.

April District Meeting – Monday April 9 ICF Branch 408 - Resurrection Church

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Hope everyone in ICF Br. 5 is now healthy and well from the flu and other sickness. Officers and Members are ready for good food and information at each Month’s Meeting and Dinner. Look for the Agenda in the mail and call Bea Cunha for reservations.

A few members have not paid their dues. Please think about it and help Br. 5. All members note, invite someone you know to join the ICF Br. 5.

Time change-Saving Time is on March 11, 2018. Don’t forget to set your clocks. Joy-it will be light at night later so you can come to dinner/meeting each month.



Branch 28: Sam Bozzo (left) discussing with Dave Peoples the final preparations for the ICF ham and yam dinner.



Branch 28: Roy and Ardyce Swenson being installed at the January 2018 meeting.

St. Joseph's Day celebration is on March 26, 2018. Check in the Bollettino in Santa Clara Valley District Branches with events of St. Joseph's Table. Listen at the Meeting and look for fliers on the Parish Hall wall.

Holy Week is the end of the month. Please remember to go to Mass and the various events at your local Church.

Happy Easter to all and put joy in your heart.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our Branch 28 January dinner meeting was held on the 22nd and featured a "ham and yam" main course prepared by Sam Bozzo and crew followed by Sam's wife Judy Bozzo's signature homemade bread pudding. Thank you Sam, Judy and crew--an absolutely outstanding dinner.

New branch members Roy and Ardyce Swenson were installed into ICF Branch 28 at the January dinner meeting. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Swenson into the ICF Branch membership.

One of Branch 28's exceptional members is Marianne Peoples. Marianne is the Board Correspondence Secretary who sends the cards and letters regarding a "thank you" a "get well" or bereavement and condolences. At times the correspondence can be difficult but the eloquence expressive of the compassion shows a direct connection to the heart. Thank you Marianne for making sure no one is forgotten.

A valuable resource for all Italian Catholic Federation members is www.icf.org. It provides information regarding the Hospitalization Plan available to members, past and current issues of the Bollettino, surveys to gauge member opinion on ICF topics and all subjects ICF related. Please take advantage of this valuable resource that provides information and allows your input.

Keep in mind the "Taste of Italy" shrimp and ravioli dinner scheduled for April 21, 2018 that follows with a raffle of member provided raffle gifts. Ticket information will be forthcoming.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018 at Cullen Hall. Hope to see you all there.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

The committee is working hard on the Crab Feed - to make it delicious and enjoyable. They promise to give you a memorable evening, including some fabulous raffle baskets and silent auction items!

Our Branch will be hosting one of the Lenten Soup Suppers at St. Mary's, March 2, following Stations of the Cross. Plan

to attend, to worship and to help with the minestra!

Each year a dinner is held to raise money for the Seminarian Program. This year the District is hosting a Luau at Da Kine Island Grill located at 23 N. Market Street in San Jose, on April 2 from 11:30 to 3:00. Please call Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 for information or reservations.

Please save June 24 for the outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. It is always a special time with members from all branches praying together! Mass starts at 11:00 A.M.

Keep in mind St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19), in this delightful month of March. May these special Saints watch over us all!

Ciao,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

The year is starting out just fine. Branch 191 is fairly organized, the officers are working together, our committees are formed, we have a budget for the year and we will be having our first fund raiser this month. Only one person asked me for the procedure for impeachment of the President....

Our fund raiser this month is a polenta chicken cacciatore dinner dance and I am really excited about it. The theme is Bellissima Italia with great decorations, music, and wonderful polenta, chicken with red sauce and spumoni ice cream.

I have asked each officer to share writing the Bollettino Article each month, starting in April. Should be fun.

I may have forgotten to wish you all a happy Valentine's Day but I found out that it's not too late. It seems there are several St. Valentines. Saint Valentine of Viterbo has a feast day on November 3rd, so this may be a bit early, Happy St. Valentines Day.

Have a Blessed Lenten Season.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Our branch ushered in Lent with two themes at our February 7 meeting: Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. We feasted on appetizers, soup, salad, and desserts. Thank you, Dick Hanley, Mike and Mary Clarke, Ron and Jackie Morton, and Ledda Morales, for all your work. The red and white tablecloths lit up the room.

We welcomed four new members: Mike and Mary Clarke, Judy Platt and Mary Jane Dyson. It is always so touching to initiate new members. All are welcome!

Our special thanks go to Matt Dutra, who shared with us his projected photos of Mother Cabrini Shrine, which he and his wife, Tina Souza Dutra, our branch mentor, visited



Branch 191 honored Jo Bertaccini at the January 2018 meeting for her dedicated service as president from 2015 to 2017. Congratulations Jo!

recently. Matt recounted Mother Cabrini's life and her finding of water in a very dry section of Colorado in 1912. The address for the shrine is: Mother Cabrini Shrine, 20189 Cabrini Blvd., Golden, CO 80401.

"The bus is full," as John Janini used to say. Mike Nunciata is now organizing the bus trips, this time to Black Oak Casino. Thank you, Mike!

Our crab feed was a huge success, raising about \$12,000. Joyce and Phil Robba deserve so many thanks for all they do for our branch and for the parish. Joyce is a wonderful leader and a delight to work with. Thank you so much!

We are sending \$700.00 to the Central Council for the scholarship fund in honor of our members who have recently passed away: Bruce Gill, Carmela Cosimano, and John Janini.

Happy Lent!

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our opening prayer was led by Fr. Abe, and Russ Vento served as our meeting facilitator representing President Mike Rossi. Our "Dean Martin" dinner of Pizza and Pasta was enjoyed by all thanks to Al and Diana Vallorz.

Steve Lencioni presented his financial report, and members approved our budget. Tina Rossi reminded members to submit dues (\$40.80) by the March 15, 2018 deadline. Statements had been mailed to members in January.

Mary Lipari, our Scholarship Chairperson, reminded us that scholarship applications are available online and are due March 15.

Louise Vento's heritage report included two Italian festivals that are celebrated in Italy during the month of February—St. Agatha, patron saint of Catania, and St. Biaggio, patron saint of the ritual blessing of the throats with crossed candles.

Our popular 31st Annual Valentine Dinner Dance, "Love Around the World," was a great success thanks to Jessie Romero, Pete Sanchez and their hardworking team. Also, a big thank you to our chefs, Al Vallorz and Bob Gorini, for the wonderful grilled steak dinners.

Remember to notify Mayme Abbott, our Sunshine Person, if you hear of our sick and deceased members.



Branch 391's Cathleen Lencioni greeting members at the door.



Upcoming events: Branch 391 March Dinner Meeting—March 6, 2018 at 6:30p.m.; ICF District Meeting—March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. hosted by our branch in St. Martin's Community Building.; and "Wine and Dine with ICF"—May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Martin's Gym--tickets will be sold at our April Meeting.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Resurrection, Br. 408

Lent started on Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day 14 February and ICF hosted the first Lenten Soup Supper in the Farana Center (FC) on Friday 16 February. Gung Ho Fat Choy! We served ten (10) soups to kick off this Annual Parish Event.

Our First Blood Drive of the year was held successfully on Saturday 3 March in the Farana Center. Br 408 held a Membership Drive at the same time. Stanford was grateful for our donations as the Flu is impacting their blood supply.

Our ICF High School Scholarship Applications were submitted by 15 March 2018.

Good Luck to our Candidates.

We look forward to our Annual PASTA Dinner on Saturday 17 March @ 6 PM. We will need Volunteers as usual for this key Fundraiser.

Please pray for our sick members—especially for Monsignor Milani, Olive DeFrancisci, Steve Richey, Dori and Paul Blefari, Edith Novak, Betty Deville, and Carolyn O'Connor.

Morgan Hill

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

On January 6, 2018 we celebrated the installation of our new officers for 2018 - President Giulia Gallego, First



Lynda Vallorz and Jessie Romero, Branch 391 31st Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance.

Vice President Maryclaire Sampognaro, Recording/Corresponding Secretary Gloria Subocz, Financial Secretary Catherine Ellis, Orator Loretta Wilson, Sentinel Frances Scalzo, Trustee Helga Brooks, Trustee Carol Tacci, and our Branch Mentor John Gillio. Congratulations to all and a big thank you to Transfiguration Parish for hosting the mass and luncheon.

After all the holiday celebrations and the installation ceremony most of us took some down time to renew our spirits. One of our trustees takes renewal very seriously in the form of cruising on the high seas. Helga Brooks celebrated her 90th birthday aboard the Royal Caribbean ship Oasis of the Seas with her son and daughter-in-law and about five or six thousand fellow passengers. She was given the royal treatment and the captain toasted her with champagne. Helga told us that the ship is so large that you don't even feel the movement. She has been on many cruises and almost always meets up with old friends she has traveled with before.

We are getting back to business now and have a variety of activities planned for 2018, including a polenta dinner on February 22nd, corned beef and cabbage dinner for St. Patrick's Day on March 15th, and a Lenten soup supper on March 16th following the St. Joseph's Table distribution of food put on by the students of St. Catherine's School. More to come.

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our opening prayer was led by Fr. Abe, and Russ Vento served as our meeting facilitator representing President Mike Rossi. Our "Dean Martin" dinner of Pizza and Pasta was enjoyed by all thanks to Al and Diana Vallorz.

Steve Lencioni presented his financial report, and members approved our budget. Tina Rossi reminded members to submit dues (\$40.80) by the March 15, 2018 deadline. Statements had been mailed to members in January.

Mary Lipari, our Scholarship Chairperson, reminded us that scholarship applications are available online and are due March 15.

Louise Vento's heritage report included two Italian festivals that are celebrated in Italy during the month of February—St. Agatha, patron saint of Catania, and St. Biaggio, patron saint of the ritual blessing of the throats with crossed candles.

Our popular 31st Annual Valentine Dinner Dance, "Love Around the World," was a great success thanks to Jessie Romero, Pete Sanchez and their hardworking team. Also, a big thank you to our chefs, Al Vallorz and Bob Gorini, for the wonderful grilled steak dinners.

Remember to notify Mayme Abbott, our Sunshine Person, if you hear of our sick and deceased members.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 March Dinner Meeting—March 6, 2018 at 6:30p.m.; ICF District Meeting—March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. hosted by our branch in St. Martin's Community Building.; and "Wine and Dine with ICF"—May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Martin's Gym--tickets will be sold at our April Meeting.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Janis Patellaro



Br. 52 Healdsburg recently initiated 8 new members at our January Polenta Dinner. Congratulations to our new members who are pictured with Branch President Richard Passalacqua and Fr. Sean Rogers.

San Jose

Transfiguration, Br. 445

We had a very spirited meeting on Thursday, January 25, and discussed many issues.

One highlight, was the presence of our Chaplain, Fr. Chris Bennett, whose input was very helpful and inspiring. It was also Jim Falcone's, (our new president) first general meeting.

To celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day, Donna Pfaff suggested the possibility of having a "St. Joseph's Table" in Tabor Hall, which we will celebrate on March 22. This is a big feast day which originated in Sicily.

Coffee, Juice and Donuts/Rolls have and will be provided on the first Saturday/Sunday of every month by ICF Branch 445 at each mass.

Our Christmas Sees Candy Fundraiser netted \$1300.00 and was suggested we do Sees Candy again at Easter. It was also suggested we do a "Canned Ham Drive" to distribute to CMO or, other worthy charities.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola
Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa
District Council

Greetings from Alexander Valley where we are staying in this lovely old farmhouse amid the vineyards!

Lauren and I traveled to Eureka/Arcata where she represented the Grand President at these branches' installation. It was a lovely evening, especially seeing old friends. Lots of good time!

We hope to have a large number of people travel to these branches for their anniversary on April 21-22. Get your carpool groups together as soon as possible. More information is to come. The two branches (#144 and 145) have an interesting evening planned.

The district installation went very well with Grand President Pappani presenting the Wildfire Fund check of over \$21,000 To Catholic Charities Director Len Marabella. A big thank you to all who helped us so much after the fires. Your kindness is overwhelming.

Sadly, we say "good-bye" to Napa, #12 which has decided to close. It was once a mighty branch in the ICF, but times have changed and, it seems, that it can no longer do the

great works that it did. We will remember them well.

Remember us all in your prayers, take comfort in each other and love and cherish your families and your fellow man.

CK

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Thank you to all the soup makers who brought soup for the Lenten Soup Supper on February 21 at St. John's. All the soups were delicious!

Upcoming Events:

March 13: Branch meeting, 5:30 PM at the Rectory.

March 23: Our 4th Annual Fish Fry. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. This event is always a sellout. In addition to the delicious dinner, we will have a silent auction, raffle and buy-ins. Reservations a must by calling Mary Madden 431-0438. Please read the branch newsletter for exact times and pricing.

We are looking for raffle prizes and items for our silent auction at the Fish Fry. If you and your family can donate a prize or would like to donate a themed basket (garden, spa, kid's, men's, crafts, coffee/tea, food, wine or dessert baskets) or donate money for us to purchase prizes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call either Nancy Buchanan (433-8133) or Lauren Kilcullen (433-1210) to arrange pick-up of your items. Checks for monetary donations should be made out to ICF Branch 52 and mailed to: Lauren Kilcullen, PO Box 1531, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The Fish Fry, along with the Golf Tournament this year, are our two largest fundraisers. Most of the money we raise comes from the raffle and silent auctions. We thank everyone for your past and future generosity.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

St. Peter, Br. 75

Our ICF Branch is growing!

Nearly 25 attended our monthly Meeting in January.

We had a good showing at St. Eugene's for the District Installation of Officer.

Congratulations to our 2018 officers:

President – Mary Jean Dell'Aquila; VP – Francesca Giacalone; Rec Secretary –



At it's recent Installation, the Santa Rosa District Council honored three deserving people with it's District President's Award. Pictured are award recipients Joe Bonino of Br. 145, Eureka, Dennice DiGirolamo of Br. 127, Petaluma, and Cathy Burton, who's husband Spence Burton received the award posthumously. All three members have been active supporters of their branches and the District.

Shannon Lawton; Treasurer and Fin Secretary – Christine Flaherty; Trustees – Joe Dell'Aquila, Ron Brown; Sentinel – Barbara Covello; Orator – Claudia Cuneo. Our Pastor, Fr. David Galeana, has agreed to be our Chaplain.

Our biggest event of the year was held on February 17th. We have put on this annual BBQ Chicken and Spaghetti Dinner for over 60 years!

Our next meeting will be March 15th at 6:00pm followed by a delicious St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Sonoma wished all a Happy New Year and in addition our branch took the opportunity to welcome our new officers at out January dinner meeting.

Chef Diane presented a beautiful inaugural dinner of soup, salad, meatloaf, veggies, and homemade biscuits. Who says that we can't enjoy a full and delicious meal so soon after the holidays? So many attended that it was considered a sell-out crowd. A special thank-you to those who continue to bring so many delicious desserts.

Our next dinner is scheduled for February 12, a special dinner for our newly installed officers. The menu includes London broil, polenta, roasted tomatoes, green beans, caesar salad and rolls. Another inaugural dinner!! and all this to honor our newly installed officers and our minor board members who have supported our branch for years.

Since Lent begins on the 13th of February let us honour the season with prayers for vocations and peace.

Tanti Saluti a Tutti

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording Secretary

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

What a beautiful day it is today. We are having some unusual weather right now, with warm days, cool nights, not your typical winter weather right now. My tulip tree is getting beautiful flowers on it and it is great to go out in the garden and be able to enjoy the day.

With the bad weather and with all the flu and colds going around we did not have too many members at our last meeting. We did have our Soup and salad that night which really warmed us and was so delicious. So thank you Bruno Fomasi for the wonderful job you did in cooking that delicious minestrone.

We will have had our All You Can Eat Crab Feed by the time you read this article, so I

will give a report in the next edition of the Bollettino.

We had a good group of members at the Installation of Officers. Our President Dennice DiGirolamo was recipient of the President’s Award and Kathy Burton received a President’s Award honoring her late husband, our Past President Spence Burton. They were well deserving of this honorable award. So congratulations to them on this great honor.

Our compliments to St. Eugene’s Branch for hosting the Installation, The Mass was beautiful and their hospitality and food was great. Thank you so much.

March 12th - Regular Meeting

March 24th - 5:00 p.m. - Quarterly Communion/Mass for living and deceased followed with our St. Joseph’s Table Dinner in St. James Church Hall.

6:00 p.m.: O’erdures; 7:00 p.m. Dinner; Salad, pasta, salmon, dessert, wine and coffee. Cost \$25. Charlotte Barbieri is Chairman for this dinner. Make your reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

April will be our Bakeless Bake Sale. More on this later.

Get well wishes to Lillian Ward and to Kathleen Walker and to anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day and a blessed St. Joseph’s Day to all.

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

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

The February 7th meeting was opened by President Judith.

Our January Installation of officers dinner was well attended by Br. 144 and Br 145. Thank you Carmen and Lauren for installing the new officers.

Save this date – April 14 --Our miniature terrarium workshop fund raiser is scheduled from 7 – 9 pm. at Leavey Hall and only \$35. per person. There will be hors d’oeuvres and wine (for a donation) and prizes to win. All supplies and instructions will be given by Miller Farms Nursery. After a fun evening, you leave with your individualized terrarium. The workshop will be limited to 25 -35 participants. Bring your friends!! Call Anne for reservations – 845-7699. Members are asked to donate prizes. See you there!!!

Thanks Shar Evans for time spent on the scholarship and Sunshine committees. Replacements: Toni, Sunshine and Alfred, Scholarship.

Carmen K. sent notice that beginning in March the Bollettino can be read on-line.

Deputy Joe announced that the district meeting will be at St. Eugene, Santa Rosa.

The Jerry Colivas Scholarship will be increased to \$1,000. through memorial donations received in his honor.

March is a busy month. Sunday, March 11 is game day after the 11 O’clock Mass, Friday, March 16th we serve the Meager Meal after the Stations of the Cross, and March 18th is St. Joseph Table.

March Birthdays: Wade Delashmutt Jr., Patricia Macdonald, Sabrina Macdonald, and Mary Tanferani. Happy Birthday to all!! Mike and Joan DalPorto celebrate their 47th Anniversary.

Happy St. Patricks Day,
Rosemary



President Robert Pachinger, 1st Vice President Frank Re along with Life Member Dante Galeazzi discussed topics from the agenda of the recent February meeting plus the upcoming Bishops Day for our new Bishop Myron Cotta on June 3, 2018.

Eureka
St. Ambrose, Br. 145

During our January 10th meeting we voted on our new officers for the 2018 year. New officers are president, Ken Griffith; vice president Gene Senestraro; Treasurer/Secretary Treasurer Joe Bonino; correspondence secretary Marian Griffith; recording secretary Suanna Rowell; orator Betty Senestraro; sentinel John Silva. Trustees are Lora Canzonieri and Joe Pera. Officers were installed at a January 27th dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse. Congratulations! Also a big thank you to Arcata Branch 144 for hosting.

Also during our meeting Gene brought the memorial brick for past member Anita Pera. It will be placed at St. Bernards along with other memorial bricks.

Dates to remember are the Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, April 21st. Time and venue to be announced. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14. Please to attend.

Peace and good health for the new year to all,
Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

Our branch hosted the District Installation on Sunday, January 21st in the Brinker Room of St. Eugene’s Cathedral. Tom Saska, Glenn Sherman, and Steve Azevedo prepared a wonderful lunch of Cornish Game Hens, Italian Beans, Rice and Salad with mini Cream Puffs for dessert.

Grand President, Andy Pappani, presented a check from the Central Council in the amount of \$21,000 to Len Marabella, executive director of the Santa Rosa Catholic Charities for the victims of the October firestorms.

This year, Valentine’s Day, February 14th, is also Ash Wednesday. As we travel the 40 days of Lent, let’s use this time to enrich our spiritual lives as we prepare for Easter. Some ideas: attending daily Mass, praying the Rosary daily, reading the Bible daily, spending time with God in quiet meditation.

Our March meeting will be on the 12th – not the 5th. This is our annual St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner meeting and will be prepared by Ernie Giampaoli and his crew. Cost is \$10.00. All are welcome. Reservations are not required. We will be awarding our three St. Eugene Elementary

School Scholarships at this meeting.

Happy birthday wishes to our Orator, Mary Desideri, and our Mentor, Lorraine Vannetti. Happy anniversary wishes to our 1st Vice-President Tom Saska and his wife, Carol. They are celebrating their 60th anniversary this month.

Ciao,
Gail Bongie-Azevedo

Stockton
Modesto

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Our St. Joseph’s Table Celebration will be March 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm. It will be held in the “J” Street Church Hall at 7th and K Streets. You are invited to join us it is Potluck so bring your favorite dish, your family and friends. The food is always the best and we have a lot of fun with our gift raffle. You never know what you will get because everything is wrapped. The proceeds from the gift raffle go to St. Vincent De Paul to help feed those in need.

Reminder that all scholarship applications should be submitted by March 15, 2018.

We have our bake sale coming up May 5th and 6th. That will have all of our bakers very busy. The help is greatly appreciated since the bake sales are our main fund raisers.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays March 4, 2018 April 1, 2018 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

The refreshments for the March 14, 2018 will be furnished by Tom Silvaggio

Happy St. Joseph’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day!!

Coming up:

Mar 14 7:00 pm Meeting in the Hall 7 & K Streets

Mar 18 2:00 pm St. Joseph’s Table Hall 7&K Streets

Apr 11 7:00 pm Meeting in the Hall 7 &K Streets

May 5-6 Bake Sale after all the masses

May 9 6:00 pm Mother’s Day Potluck

Cecelia McGhee

Manteca

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

After we enjoyed chef Tony Queirollo’s delicious oven-baked chicken with rotini pasta at our monthly branch meeting, President Elizabeth Demichelis reported that our branch membership continues to grow. Central Council member Dante Galeazzi encouraged everyone to sign up a new member this year.

Our parish will have its Lenten soup suppers again this season, with the different parish groups participating. The ICF will be providing the soup—ministrone, of course—on February 19. The Queirollos will be the cooks.

Our ever-popular “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner is set for April 7. Chair Lori Pellegrino-Jackson encourages everyone to sell tickets, which should not be difficult for this event. There will also be raffles.

Dante Galeazzi reminded all that Italian Night will be June 30 at the minor-league Stockton Ports baseball game.

It was reported that our branch easily meets the ICF By-laws section that requires branch membership to be at least 51% of Italian descent. Our membership is 70% Italian, with 30% wishing they were Italian.

As always, our branch meeting closed with a prayer by Orator Vince Hernandez and the singing of the Federation anthem.

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

District meeting on Sunday February 7 was held in Tracy at St. Bernard’s Church in Father Fleming Hall and everyone had lots of fun!

On February 22 members again enjoyed a fabulous dinner meeting - country ribs, special secret recipe beans and coleslaw were served up and eaten very quickly! It’s always fun to watch the faces of the guests and members when they see how great the food is and how large the portions are when they are served. Raffle also brought in a good amount of money, so the board members are discussing scholarship funding at this time.

Our next monthly meeting will be Thursday March 22nd and menu will be our own Italian roasted chicken, special potatoes and vegetables, bread and butter and desserts furnished by our generous members, who by the way, also donate raffle prizes that brought in over \$375 in raffle ticket purchases! As we’ve said before, the profits raised at our monthly dinner meetings are only there because of our members and their guests. January profits from the polenta dinner were \$1,353 - that’s only because of the consistent contributions from our dinner folks. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our diocese will have a new bishop this year - The Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta, who grew up on a dairy farm in Dos Palos in Merced County - sounds like the perfect fit for us. He is currently the Auxiliary Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese. We will have the honor of welcoming him at the Bishop’s Day event in Tracy on Sunday June 3rd. A Mass at 11:00 AM will be celebrated at Holy Family Center.

Be sure to check out Steve Ridolfi’s beautiful website - especially if you like to see photos of yourselves and all our upcoming events. Go to icfbranch390.org and enjoy!

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars



Let's eat! Members, families and friends enjoyed the Branch 395 polenta dinner.

Stockton Presentation, Br. 395

It is hard to believe that a cornmeal mush that originated in Northern Italy as peasant food would draw over 400 people, but it sure did! Our annual fundraiser was a huge success. Attendees enjoyed a delicious polenta and cacciatore dinner, accordion music and fantastic raffle prizes. Much thanks go out to Karen Rosson and her committee for putting on a very successful event. And for all of those who attended thank you, as well as our members who generously donated.

Our branch hosted a Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper this month. We appreciate all those who participated and donated during this Lenten session.

Just a reminder to get those first year scholarship applications in. The deadline is March 15.

I'm sorry to announce the passing of two of our long time members, Carolyn Deiro and Angelo Stagnaro. Both will truly be missed.

Our branch looks forward to hosting our next district meeting in Stockton on May 6. All are welcome. Looking ahead, there are a couple of summer events you will want to get on your calendars; Saturday, June 30-Italian Heritage Night at Stockton Ports Baseball and Sunday, July 29-Festa Italiana at the Lodi Fairgrounds.

Alla prossima e buona pasqua a tutti,

Mary Ann Piana Chapman

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

The weather has been very nice here in the foothills this past week. It brings out the beautiful green grass and colorful flowers, but you'd better hurry if you want to see it that way because it doesn't last without rain! March 18th is our St. Patrick's Day Corn beef sandwiches that we sell after the 10:15 a.m. Mass in Angels Camp. The sandwiches are delicious and come with a side of potato salad and a pickle. If you are coming up our way and want to know the cost of the meal, please call me at (209) 754-9619.

March is also in Lent, and the 2nd of March is the Friday that our Branch will be making the Lenten Meal before the Stations of the Cross,

for the Parish. Easter will be very interesting this year because it lands on the 1st of April. I'm not sure if Bob the ICF Easter Bunny will make an appearance this year, but I know that our Branch will be sure to have a treat for all the little children who will be attending the Mass at 10:15 a.m. in Angels Camp.

May we all stay well, and may God heal those among us that are not well. We keep all of you in our prayers and ask that you do the same for us. God bless and keep you.

Ciao.

Annette Pachinger

Correspondence Secretary, Branch 413



The Millingar's and the Rinaldo's checking-in



Joe and Greg serving libations



New Members, Gary & Susie Del Carlo

Tracy Branch 390 January Dinner/Meeting



Chuck & Marilyn Tusso with Guests the Chen's and the Shack's



The Hall is getting fuller



Mike Bacchetti is cooking.



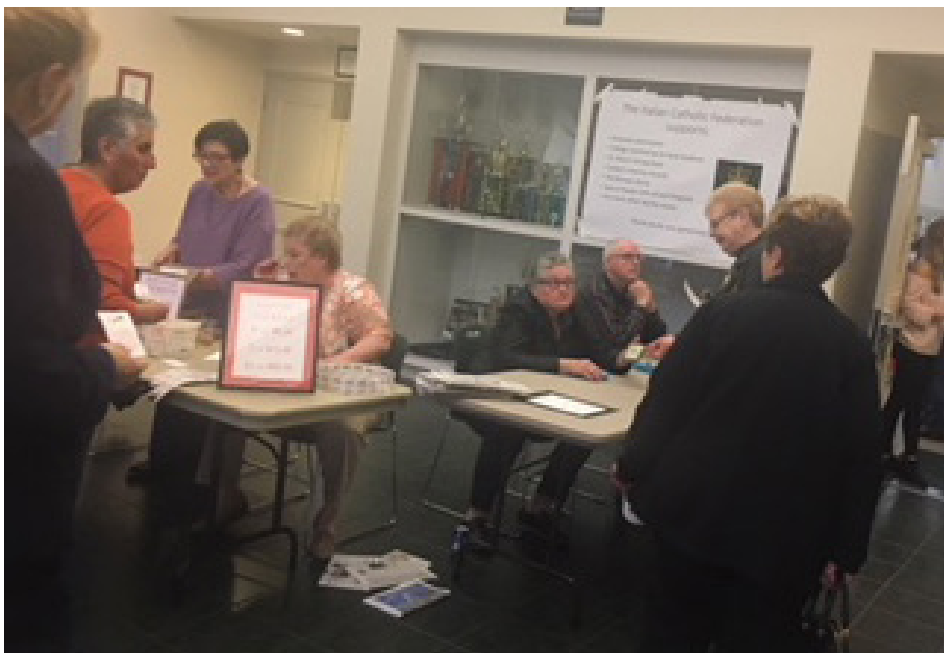
Sisters Mary & Marlene getting Polenta



New Members, Vince & Patty Marchini



Branch 395 members Carol Quijada and Karen Rosson.



Branch 395 members help with check-in and sell Raffle tickets.



In January Branch 425 enjoyed a fun Hawaiian luau themed dinner with hula dancers!

Tucson

Green Valley Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

It is a busy time in Green Valley in the months of January, February and March with our snowbirds visiting and the weather so gorgeous!

In January our branch had a wonderful Hawaiian luau with a hula group performing for the participants. We served pulled pork on a roll; rice, salad, and individual pineapple upside down cakes (cause what's a luau without pineapple?) The hula dancers were wonderful from the little ones to the adults and what a show they put on! The danced for almost 2 hours!

We are now preparing for several activities including our Installation Dinner for our three area Tucson branches; Bishop's Dinner on the 17th of February and our BIG fundraiser, our sit-down and take- away Lasagna Dinner on February 10th. This has become a big community event and supported by many in Green Valley!

March will bring our annual St. Joseph's Table and our Spring Cookie Sale. We are a busy bunch, to say the least! And we always have fun. Ciao fino al prossimo mese!

JoAnne Sapp



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Hotel Accommodations

- 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 • Direct phone: 619-291-7131
- Reservations: (800) 772-8527 • Book online: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116>
- Room Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy (hotel service fee waived)
- Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, August 7

Note: The ICF group code must be used to ensure we meet our contracted room nights and for you to receive discounted parking and waived resort/service fee). Reservations are available until sold out or August 7, whichever occurs first. After August 7, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay from Friday evening – Monday morning.

Transportation

- \$5/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles ICF Code: X3H-999 For travel between 08/27 - 09/06, a 10% discount is offered when you call and provide this code. (800) 872-7245

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

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

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE:

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

COURSE:

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

FORMAT:

Four Person Scramble

START:

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

BANQUET: Prepared By Our Returning Chef Ed Leonard

2:00 –

Moose Lodge
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
No-host Cocktails

3:00 –

Sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner

RAFFLE:

There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

PRICE:

Golfers: \$170 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 20th, the price per golfer is \$185. Banquet only: \$50.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2018

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

SIGN UP:

Name _____	Handicap _____
Name _____	Handicap _____
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Banquet only



Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$50 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: \$185 per player after July 20th.

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



ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621 - 888-423-1824 - FAX: (510) 633-9758 - Web Site: icf.org - E-mail: info@icf.org

The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2019 "Daily Raffle" theme:

"Festas Around the World"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

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



ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations...

Branch and District events.

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Example: \$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10 or
\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2018

Mail information and checks payable to:

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

The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino
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For further questions, call the I.C.F. office at (510) 633-9058

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

Review the five award opportunities and complete the application. There is one shared application available for all categories. The deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is May 1. Previous year's nominations are eligible for resubmission.

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

The highest award bestowed by the I.C.F. is presented at the Saturday Night Convention Banquet. The recipient may be of any religious denomination and shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors 2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man 3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities. A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award during the Sunday General Session. A \$1000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award will be presented during the Sunday General Session to an outstanding lay member of the Federation. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

The I.C.F. Family of the Year is recognized during the Saturday General Session. This award honors an I.C.F. Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A \$500 donation will be made to the family's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and possesses the enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision to become a leader who will guide the Federation in the decades ahead. The recipient will receive this award during the Saturday General Session. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.