



BOLLETTINO



Mike Rossi Honored For Humanitarian Work

by Leonard Rossi, OIJ
Past Grand President,
Grand Parliamentarian

Life Member and Past Grand President Mike Rossi has been accepted as a member in The Military and Hospitaller Order Of St. Lazarus Of Jerusalem. The Order of St. Lazarus is an order of chivalry that has been operating for more than 900 years in the service of humanity and to defend Christianity. In a world wide community, the Order is guided by its beliefs of love to ease burdens for people in need and inspire members to a life following the guidelines of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the Order is:

1. To maintain and defend Christianity.



2. To help support vulnerable and ill people, particularly those who suffer from leprosy.
3. To promote and perpetuate principles of Christian Chivalry.

from Chicago, Illinois, where he was strongly influenced by our Italian Catholic Federation.

The FCI is also a parish based organization, and provides parishioners with a religious influence and a sense of belonging as an Italian community.

The FCI is currently comprised of 19 branches or "Sezioni" throughout Australia, and currently has more than 800 members. There are 9 branches in Victoria capital [Melbourne]; 7 branches in New South Wales [Sydney]; and 3 branches in Queensland [Brisbane].

Sid and I accepted the invitation to attend the Federazione Cattolica Italiana's National Congress back in January from the 26th-29th, 2018.

I was asked to do a presentation on the journey of the Italian Catholic Federation of America throughout the years. My presentation was well received, and I had a 30 minutes question and answer session after the PowerPoint presentation.

The masses, prayer sessions, and Congress meeting were all done in the Italian language that is prominently spoken by the FCI in Australia [with an Aussie accent]. The National Congress is held every two years, and the next one will be in 2020 in Sydney, Australia. The FCI brothers and sisters of Australia were very warm and welcoming people that couldn't do enough for Sid and I. The FCI National Congress 2018 was held at the Queensland Women's Collage in Brisbane, Australia. More information on the Australia trip to continue next month.

THOUGHT OF MIND

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.

--Vince Lombardi

4. To operate in a Christian unity Mike submitted various letters and documents indicating his humanitarian accomplishments and his background as a person of high character. He was also interviewed by a high commanding officer of the Order. Mike will be invested at The Grand Prioral Council to be held October 11-14 in Houston, Texas. Mike Rossi will now be introduced as Michael Rossi, OIJ (Officer of St.Lazarus of Jerusalem).

Mike will be the fourth person who served as Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation serving in the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. They are: Richard Valli, (deceased) Larry Marsalli, Leonard Rossi and now Michael Rossi.

The Italian Catholic Federation congratulates Mike for this wonderful honor.

Hope you and your families have had a Blessed Easter.

Andrew J. Pappani, Grand President

Grand President Andy Pappani and First Lady Sid introduce their new grandson Leo.



Leo Anthony Pappani
Born March 1, 2018
6 lbs 14oz, 19.5 inches



Central Council Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

Saturday, February 24, 2018

San Jose, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Grand President Andy Pappani.

Opening Prayer: led by Jim Jones.

Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge, Roll Call of Officers and Members and Introduction of Guests.

Central Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes for October 14, 2017 were approved as corrected.

Communications

The communications were read.

Reports

Grand President – Andy Pappani

The Grand President gave a list of the events he has attended and will be attending.

The new Bishop in Tucson is from the Midwest. He was presented with checks from the Providenza Fund and the Tucson branches and is excited about the ICF.

Grand President Pappani thanked Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi and Lauren Kilcullen for standing in for him when he couldn't attend events.

Grand Treasurer –Denise Antonowicz

The UBS report was distributed. Vic with UBS reassured Denise Antonowicz that the recent downturn is a correction and we've recouped the losses. The Silva Fund and Liotta Fund monies have been distributed.

For the Hospitalization Fund, we've exceeded the benchmarks we need to maintain.

Mentor Chairperson – Vince Piro

Vince Piro has had phone conferences and trainings with the District Mentors.

Deborah Rodondi is working with San Francisco. Theresa Shaw is working in Los Angeles. Bob Basuino is working in Contra Costa with David Botta and Roselynn Jarrett to get a new District Mentor. Vince Piro is working in Fresno. Dick Silva is the Mentor for Tucson and is working with those branches.

Committee Reports

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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

Sept. 16 Santa Rosa

Sept. 30 Monterey (Central Coast)

Oct. 6 San Jose (Santa Clara
Valley)

Oct. 31 San Bernardino

Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief Fund

The Central Council, at its February 24 meeting, voted to start a relief fund for the Southern California Wildfires and Mudslides. The fund was started with \$2,500 from the general fund and an additional \$300 was collected when a basket was passed around the table.

Districts, branches and members are encouraged to donate to this fund to assist victims of the December 2017 wildfires and the January 2018 mudslides in Southern California. Our donation will go to Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Donations will be accepted thru June 30, 2018 and should be sent to the Central Council Office: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland CA 94621. Checks should be made out to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Southern California Relief on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for the victims of the natural disasters and pray that 2018 brings many fewer of these disasters.

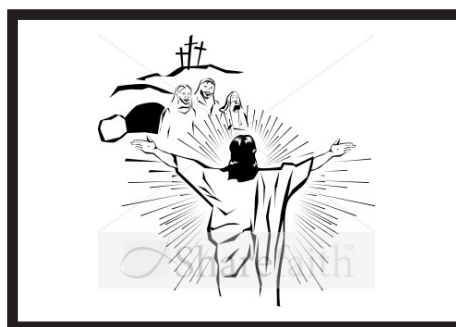
We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord, And Profess Your Resurrection Until You Come Again

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
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Before Jesus came, people were bewildered without a true moral Guide, without true Love, without spiritual Life, without Hope. Jesus came and showed us the way to live by His teachings, His healing, His gospel, His Life.

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

Easter is the greatest feast day in the



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

This is the greatest of all great gifts.



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

Membership, Why it is Essential to the Success of Your Branch and the Federation

Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Immediate Past Grand President

Over the past several years you have seen a great push for membership throughout the Federation. It seems like, at times, that it is all that we might be focused on from the Central Council level.

Our job as the organization's board of directors is the stability and wellbeing of the Federation. To achieve this, we need to have a constant focus on our membership in all areas.

Our greatest success as an organization would be that the ICF will be there for the next generation. I have seen many great things that our members have done in their parishes, local communities and especially in keeping their members close to their faith.

We have been going through a transition in many areas with efforts to engage the next generation. To be successful at this we must not only involve the new members and the youth, but we must let them become an

active part of our branches. This includes listening to their ideas and letting them try new things or making changes to an existing event, all of this with an open mind.

Membership has to be an ongoing top priority at your branch either through membership drives, having a membership table at all of your events with someone there to talk to those attending, asking friends, fellow parishioners or your family members.

Membership is essential to the success of your Branch because it not only helps keep you active with a good member base to achieve your goals as a branch, but it also helps bring in new ideas for moving into the future.

I pray each week for the growth and success of the ICF, along with a prayer for our Grand President and the members throughout the Federation. I would ask all members to please join me weekly with saying prayers for our great Federation because with God all things are possible.

Workshop Committee

Lauren Kilcullen
Committee Chairperson

The Workshop Committee recently sent out a letter to all District Presidents regarding having a Workshop in the near future. As stated in our letter, the Workshop Committee members, including Bob Acquistapace, David Botta, Dante Galeazzi and Carmen Kilcullen, are encouraging all Districts to schedule a workshop this year. Workshops may be held in conjunction with your District meeting or held on a separate day, whichever works best for your District and will guarantee maximum attendance.

Workshops are a great way for officers and members to increase their knowledge of the Italian Catholic Federation officer

duties and programs. We have found that Districts who have workshops show an increased member participation in district and branch events.

The Committee has developed a basic workshop program that will show a PowerPoint presentation of ICF history, discuss officer duties and present information on ICF programs. In addition to these topics, the Committee can personalize the Workshop to topics about which your members want to learn. Workshops are scheduled for between 1 to 2 hours, depending on the depth and number of topics to be discussed.

At your next District meeting, please discuss having a workshop. One of the committee members will be following up with all District presidents to schedule a workshop.

Important By-Law Change: Branch Closings

Vince Piro
Grand 1st Vice President

At the 2017 ICF Annual Convention, delegates voted that no Branch shall vote to close on its own. If a Branch wishes to close, the Branch must write a letter of this intent to the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Branch, at least one (1) year before any vote to close. At this time, the Executive Committee will appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to resolve the problems and/or challenges facing the Branch and administrate the Branch if necessary.

The delegates felt that this change was necessary to give the Central Council more time to work with Branches to help them resolve problems and/or challenges and re-organize to move forward.

Recently, a few branches have voted to close without following the guidelines established by this by-Law. This is unfortunate because it does not allow the ICF to work with such branches to see if issues and challenges can be overcome. The Central Council truly wants to assist branches to see if it is possible to keep them alive. Votes to close taken after the last convention a branch without following current by-law guidelines, of course, cannot be accepted because we cannot break our established by-laws.

Please, adhere to the current by-law and please, understand that the ICF Office, staff and Central Council members are here to help.

Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2018 Convention

Application Process

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

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

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

Campaign Rules

- 1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director.
- 2. Campaign flyers and non-consumable campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food and beverage items may not be distributed during "Meet the Candidates."
- 3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order

- to follow the quiet time policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
- 4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
 - 5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the I.C.F. Facebook page.
 - 6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items.
 - 7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
 - 8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

- 1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
- 2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
- 3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
- 4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the I.C.F. Convention Director.

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

Next Review of Applications Occurs in June, 2018

Teresa Helfand

Gifts of Love Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

training or assist them in their daily lives. In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the I.C.F. Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the I.C.F. Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the I.C.F. Office at info@icf.org.

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

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

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand



Apostolate – Charity Committee

Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate Committee Chairperson

The 2018 Apostolate – Charity Reporting Form is available for all branches online at the Members Area at icf.org. The Committee urges all branches to complete the form and return it to the Central Council Office by the July 15 deadline. Judging of the forms will be held in early August and awards will be presented at the Convention in San Diego.



More than completing the forms to see if your branch will win a prize, the forms are our way of compiling accurate data regarding all the good works our branches do. All branches have some apostolate – charity work, so there should be no reason not to complete the form. In opening new branches and recruiting new members, it has been found that many people join the ICF because of our charitable giving. Having the information from the forms, will give us accurate information to use in our recruitment process.

Scholarship Corner:

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

The Scholarship Committee will meet soon to select the 1st year winners. In May, letters will be sent to the scholarship winners and postcards will be sent to those not selected. Additionally, letters will be sent to the branches, districts, and individual donors

notifying them of the scholarship winners. Thank you for your participation in this worthy program.



MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1 Pat Taormino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/2 Ginny Hollis		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/3 Louie Cordich	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/4 Mario Cavallaro	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/5 Al Bronzini	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/6 Christine Ragusa	362	Downey, CA	\$30
3/7 Mary Jennings	48	Riverbank, CA	\$30
3/8 Lorrie Brescia		Montgomery Village, MD	\$30
3/9 Rose Marie Presti	73	Granite Bay, CA	\$30
3/10 Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/11 Joseph Zasoski	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/12 Tom Malaspina	327	Redwood City, CA	\$30
3/13 Gavin Maricich		Richardson, TX	\$30
3/14 Steve & Charlene Drobeck	362	Downey, CA	\$30
3/15 Jim & Bertha Iavarone	161	Mill Valley, CA	\$30
3/16 Jessica Bauer		Monterey, CA	\$30
3/17 Robert Rodondi		So. San Francisco, CA	\$50
3/18 Fr. Tito Cartagenas		San Jose, CA	\$30
3/19 Bert Canepa		Groveland, CA	\$50
3/20 Joe Canchola	446	Ontario, CA	\$30
3/21 Lisa Stewart		Le Grand, CA	\$30
3/22 Maureen Benito	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
3/23 Rita Merrill	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
3/24 Sandra Mihal		Nipomo, CA	\$30
3/25 Tracie Di Miceli		San Jose, CA	\$30
3/26 Most Rev. Richard J. Garcia		Monterey, CA	\$30
3/27 Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/28 David & Mary Tomlinson		Hollister, CA	\$30
3/29 Peter S. Fazio	365	San Francisco, CA	\$40
3/30 Foley Selvaggi	210	Fontana, CA	\$50
3/31 Jeff Sanson	425	Green Valley, AZ	\$50

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BOOK REVIEW

Vince Piro

Grand 1st Vice President
Branch 39, Merced



365 Ideas for Recruiting, Retaining, Motivating and Rewarding Your Volunteers: A Complete Guide for Non-Profit Organizations

by Sunny Fader

Atlantic Publishing 2010. 312 pp.

I am going to break from my usual book review content - usually about heritage or culture - to recommend a book to assist our branch leaders and all members with a concern that they have been sharing with me lately.

As members of a non-profit organization in the 21st century, we often find it challenging

to recruit and retain members and volunteers. Many books have documented the decline in civic participation over the last several decades (such as Putman's *Bowling Alone*); however, few books offer an exhaustive set of strategies to recruit and retain members as Fader's *365 Ideas for Recruiting, Retaining, Motivating and Rewarding Your Volunteers: A Complete Guide for Non-Profit Organizations*.

It contains such useful chapters as "How to Use Word of Mouth Ambassadors," "What about Age," and "The Challenges of a Wired World." And while not every aspect of this book pertains to the Federation and its structures, it contains many good ideas to solve some of the challenges we are having today.

One myth that Fader quickly dispels is that there is a lack of volunteers (and those willing to join non-profit organizations) in today's world. However, she does note that the ways we must recruit and retain members has changed.

Below is the publisher's description of the book, summarizing its contents.

"According to recent statistics by the U.S. Department of Labor, 26.7 percent of the population volunteers. Unfortunately, while the population is increasing, the percentage of Americans who volunteer is decreasing each year. What this means is that you must hang onto and keep your volunteers happy and coming back, perhaps bringing new volunteer recruits with them.

This new book is packed with hundreds of simple and inexpensive ways to motivate, challenge, and reward your volunteers. Volunteers today need constant reinforcement and recognition, and here is how to do it. With real life, proven examples and case studies from actual nonprofit organizations, you can use this book daily to boost morale and productivity and find

fundraising activities.

This is your opportunity to build an organization that people love to volunteer, and you can do so by using these quick, effective, humorous, innovative, and simply fun solutions. Make your organization a happy place to volunteer, and reap the benefits."

Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice. Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed.

Family Recipes

By Deborah Rodondi

Grand 2nd Vice President

This month I am sharing another recipe sent in by a member. Ann Henning, from Branch 10 Alameda, sent in this recipe of her mom's (Corinne Delucchi Henning), it also graced the pages of the St. Theresa's Mother's Club Cookbook.

Ann shared that her mom was 100% Italian, whereas she was only 50% Italian. Mom always said Ann wasn't a great cook. Once, when heating the olive oil in the Pyrex, Ann left it unattended and headed to her computer to do some work. Suddenly, she heard what sounded like glass shattering and thought someone was breaking in. Well, the entire Pyrex had exploded into millions of pieces. It was a mistake to leave it unattended, but it was good that she wasn't in the kitchen at the time. Needless to say, that batch of torta was lost because glass went everywhere and it had to be tossed. Ann stated that she knew her Mom was having a good laugh up in heaven. I have to say I sympathize with Ann. They say a watched pot never boils, but you can't leave something on a stove unattended because disaster will strike. There has been a time or two I was sidelined from what was on the stove and set off all the smoke detectors in the house, unfortunately they are wired to my security system. One time I was not fast enough to stop the call from going out, and the South San Francisco Fire Department came out for a visit. They were very gracious and made sure everything was safe here at the house before they departed. A very embarrassing moment.

Italian Green Bean Torta

Ingredients:

2 chopped onions ⁽²⁾

1 tsp. parsley ⁽³⁾

1 tsp. rosemary or marjoram (Corinne favored Marjoram)

2 pkgs. frozen Italian green beans, or fresh beans ⁽⁴⁾

1 pkg. frozen chard or spinach, or fresh chard ⁽⁵⁾

5 eggs

½ to ¾ cup milk

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper to taste ⁽⁶⁾

Bread crumbs or mashed saltine crackers as needed ⁽¹⁾

Olive oil



Instructions:

Chop onions, parsley and rosemary; fry until soft and set aside to cool. Cook spinach or chard and drain. When cool, squeeze out excess water and chop very fine. Cook green beans and cool. Beat eggs; add milk, cheese and onion mixture and chard or spinach; mix vigorously, and season with salt and pepper. Then add green beans. Pour into a 9" x 9" pan in which olive oil has been heated (Caution-do not heat a Pyrex with olive oil on the stovetop - it will explode into thousands of pieces. I recommend a stainless steel pan). Bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until set. May be served warm for dinner or cold as a hors d'oeuvre.

Comments from Ann:

1. If the mixture appears to be too liquidy, her godmother's trick was to add bread crumbs; you can also add more parmesan cheese. Be sure to drain the onions and the spinach, which make excess water after cooking.

2. Onions - recipe did not specify type - Ann used white; yellow may work as well.

3. She buys fresh Italian parsley and put it in the chopper with the onions.

4. BirdsEye C&W makes cut Italian green beans. However, they are not of the quality they used to be. They do taste better when boiled in water rather than microwaved.

5. Safeway Kitchens Chopped Spinach is a 10 oz. box.

6. Never added salt - It doesn't seem to need it.

NOTE from Deborah: I used yellow onions(hand chopped) and I added Rosemary towards the end of the onion cooking, which gave the dish a wonderful flavor...don't skimp on this. I found there was no need for bread crumbs and because of the Parmesan Cheese no salt is really necessary. I used a corningware dish and since I stayed at the stove there were no problems with heating the oil. The spinach and egg mixture bind the beans together.

This is a great vegetarian dish. I will be making it for my annual Rodondi Christmas party this year.

I made this last night for dinner as a side dish, hoping to share my brothers input on this with you, unfortunately he was too tired to eat much. I will tell you I thought it was VERY good and put the rest in the freezer to share at my Branches St. Joseph's Table next week.

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!

- 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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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:			
A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by the Santa Clara Valley 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 March 10, 2018		Deborah Rodondi
		In memory of Robert Cardelli
Scholarship Donations - 1st Year		Deborah Rodondi
Women In Touch II		In memory of Wayne Fisher
In memory of Laura Angelino		Deborah Rodondi
Officers/Members of Br. 51		In memory of Asia Schanbeck
In memory of Hugo Tottino		Officers/Members of San Mateo District
		In honor of Deborah Rodondi for
Scholarship Donations – 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year		installing our officers
Officers/Members of Br. 161		Scholarship Donations - Mario Cugia
In honor of Deborah Rodondi for		Italian Studies Scholarship
installing our officers		Ryan and Brittany Warner
Deborah Rodondi		In memory of Carolyn Cugia
In memory of Brian Crudo		

Gifts of Love
Donations

Donations received by March 10, 2018		Officers/Members of Br. 21
Triant Varellas		In memory of Lena Silva
In memory of Mary Kosturos		Officers/Members of Br. 291
Bob and Elaine Osorio		In memory of Adrienne Schiller
In honor of the 62 nd wedding		Officers/Members of Br. 291
anniversary of Lorraine and Mike Nunziata		In memory of Karen Zasoski Lerma
Bob and Elaine Osorio		Officers/Members of Br. 51
In honor of the 58 th wedding		In memory of Thelma Sbarra
anniversary of Gus and Mary Mauroudis		
Sharon Campbell		
In memory of Laura Angelino		

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, 2018. 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.

In Loving Memory

Report Date: 03/13/2018

JAMES H DUNCAN	Branch 010
FRANCIS SANZA	Branch 012
PASQUALE CONTESTABLE	Branch 014
WAYNE A FISHER	Branch 019
MARJORIE AVELLAR	Branch 027
PAULA BARALDI	Branch 027
BERNARD PARADISO	Branch 031
GERI HREPICH	Branch 036
BILL T VALUCH	Branch 036
THELMA SBARRA	Branch 051

HUGO B TOTTINO	Branch 051
THERESIA BURRIS	Branch 130
MARY MEDRANO	Branch 209
FRANK V BAVARO	Branch 291
MARGARET E HENSLEY	Branch 291
NORM PANTO	Branch 380
ANGELO STAGNARO	Branch 395

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.

Prevalence of Thalassemia Around the Globe

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

World Thalassemia Day is May 8th. In honor of this day, some facts about thalassemia around the Globe.

Thalassemia is one of the most common genetic diseases of the blood. Globally, prevalence is estimated to be 288,000 and about 60,000 patients are born each year with the most severe form of the disease. In the U.S. and EU prevalence is estimated to be 15,000 and about 1,500 patients are born each year with the disease. For a child to be born with Thalassemia in the major form both parents must carry the trait for the disease. There are over 240 million carriers of thalassemia worldwide, i.e. 1.5% of world population. Thalassemia trait developed as a protection against malaria. Therefore, while thalassemia CAN occur across the globe, it is most common among people in parts of the world where malaria is prevalent:

- Italians
 - Greeks
 - Cypriots, Sardinians (Mediterranean region)
 - Southeast Asians (Vietnamese, Laotians, Thais, Singaporeans, Filipinos, Cambodians, Malaysians, Burmese, and Indonesians)
 - Chinese
 - Indians
 - Bahrainis
 - Egyptians
 - Africans
 - Middle Easterners (Iranians, Pakistanis, and Saudi Arabians)
 - Transcaucasians (Georgians, Armenians, and Azerbaijanis)
 - Romanians
 - Bulgarians
 - Albanians
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- Italy: 1 in 12 people carry the trait.
 - Sicily 1 in 8 people carry the trait.
 - Greece 1 in 7 people carry the trait.

- Iran has 20,000 patients,
- The estimated number of thalassemia births in China will be over 20,000 per year. The estimated number of thalassemia carriers is around 47.48 million, making it one of the most common hereditary red blood cell diseases in China.
- India is the "Capital" of the thalassemia world; 3-4% of the population carry the trait which translates to 35 to 45 million carriers. 10,000 – 12,000 babies are born annually with the most severe form of thalassemia.

Ways to recognize World Thalassemia Day:

- Donate blood.
- Organize a blood drive.
- Educate someone new about thalassemia.
- Call your favorite thalassemia friend.
- Have a branch meeting to talk about thalassemia.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

Live to Give

An Italian Hero: Nicholas Green

Eileen Fritsch
Organ Donor Awareness Rep
Live to Give Committee

I can think of nothing better than being able to give a healthy organ to save or improve the life of another person.

Potential organ donors are slipping away, and with them, slip away the hopes of countless people and families." » James Redford

"I can think of nothing better than being able to give a healthy organ to improve the life of another person." » Alex Pocock

"For me, donating one's organs brings new meaning to the idea of life after death. I hope that it would also help reduce the feeling of loss for my family in that my death was helping to bring new hope to others." » Jon Ward

"What good is burying or cremating my remains without first seeing whether my organs could be of use to someone else? It would be such a terrible waste if another life could have been saved or improved." » Fiona Mitchell

These are quotes from "The Nicholas Effect", a book by Reg Green, father of 7 year old Nicholas Green, who died from a gunshot wound to the head during a family holiday in southern Italy, almost 25 years ago. Reg and his wife Maggie, made the decision to donate his organs to seven Italians, something that was very uncommon at the time. The aftermath of press coverage and the graciousness and poise of Reg and Maggie, spurred Italy from one of the lowest percentage countries of registered organ donors, to triple their numbers. This has been called, "The Nicholas effect".

The family had long planned this extensive family vacation in Italy, and Nicholas read for many months beforehand, of Roman soldiers, ancient buildings, gods, clothing styles and anything imaginable about the fascinating tales of Italy. He wondered what people ate in those ancient hot days and how they kept it cool, what they wore, and why anyone would want to eat fish with honey, a recipe Maggie made from a Roman cookbook. He laughed at the stories of the gods and gobbled up books on the archeology and buildings of Rome.

After spending some time in Switzerland, the Green family headed to Italy, which was Nicholas' favorite of all the countries he had visited in his young life. He felt the Italians' generous love of children, enjoyed the Sea at Portofino, and hiked in the Alps and Dolomites. He had been to Pisa, Florence, Verona, Asolo, and Marostica, where he marveled at the human chess pieces in the square, but Venice was his favorite. He had not been as far south as Rome, and when he was killed, the family was driving at night, headed for Sicily. During the drive, in Calabria, a dark car came up on them quickly, and in a menacing fashion. Reg, who was driving while the rest of the family slept, decided that these men, shouting angrily and pulling up next to the Greens, meant serious business, and he accelerated and tried to outdrive them. The men had guns, and shattered two windows in the Greens' car, barely missing Reg and Maggie, but as they learned later, sleeping Nicholas was hit in the head.

In my next article, I will continue with the wonderful stories of the lives that little Nicholas was able to save and improve.

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Donations Received by March 10, 2018
Branch 391
Branch 416

Officers/Members of Br. 368
In memory of John Janini



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.

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/members/>

Benvenuti Membri Nuovi

Report Date: 03/13/2018

ISAAC J ELLEN	Branch 010
ROSA M ELLEN	Branch 010
SANDI F DIAS	Branch 014
MADLINE MARTIN	Branch 014
GINO E CIVIELLO	Branch 027
NINA M CIVIELLO	Branch 027
PATRICK A CIVIELLO	Branch 027
REGINA M CIVIELLO	Branch 027
MARY PISTACCHIO	Branch 027
PATTI A ALBERTI	Branch 031
RON E ALBERTI	Branch 031
RICK L BOHR	Branch 031
TINA L BOHR	Branch 031
PAT GALLICHIO	Branch 031
DARRALL D GARGANO	Branch 031
KATHY A GARGANO	Branch 031
GIOVANNI GILARDI	Branch 031
JOHN M GILARDI	Branch 031
JONELLE GILARDI	Branch 031
MICHELLE L GILARDI	Branch 031
PETRINA GILARDI	Branch 031
JAYNE GONSALVES	Branch 031
GENE LOEWEN	Branch 031
DONNA MURPHY	Branch 031
SUSAN T TOSCANO	Branch 031
FATIMA YRIARTE	Branch 031
ANNE FERREL	Branch 050
JOSEPH Q HUYNH	Branch 051
THOMAS J MARTINEZ	Branch 051
AMBER J SOUZA	Branch 051
CLAUDIA A BARON	Branch 052
PAULA ROLLER	Branch 052
RICHARD P YATES	Branch 052
MARY D BOVONE	Branch 075
TERI LUCKY	Branch 108
ROBERT A SEQUEIRA	Branch 139
SANDRA M STRUBE	Branch 139
KEVIN J MENEZES	Branch 169
CARMEN A O'NEILL	Branch 169
JOSEPH MICHAEL WARNERT	Branch 169
LOUISE A WARNERT	Branch 169
MARCUS R WARNERT	Branch 169
MAURIZIO CARRUBBA	Branch 184
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MELISSA A CARRUBBA	Branch 184
NICO CARRUBBA	Branch 184
SOFIA CARRUBBA	Branch 184

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JAMES FOLEY	Branch 184
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PATRICK FOLEY	Branch 184
SCOTT FOLEY	Branch 184
ALESSADRO MORETTI-FUCCI	Branch 184
CARA MORETTI-FUCCI	Branch 184
GAIA MORETTI-FUCCI	Branch 184
LUCA MORETTI-FUCCI	Branch 184
MATTEO MORETTI-FUCCI	Branch 184
CATHERINE JULIA CORSETTI	Branch 209
BECKY PERKINS	Branch 209
LORRAINE LAMBIASE NEIRA	Branch 215
ANGELINA ALVAREZ	Branch 230
CESAR ALVAREZ	Branch 230
ISABELLA ALVAREZ	Branch 230
STEVEN ALVAREZ	Branch 230
ADDISON A CASSADY	Branch 230
ARNOLD J SGALIO	Branch 230
TERESA A SGALIO	Branch 230
ROSALYN CASTELLO	Branch 291
DELIA PADILLA NORRIS	Branch 291
ED SMITH	Branch 291
KATHY D GONDOLA	Branch 332
LARRY J GONDOLA	Branch 332
PATRICIA L MINOLLI	Branch 332
JACK R POLAND	Branch 332
JEAN G POLAND	Branch 332
PETER E TORRE	Branch 332
MARY JANE DYSON	Branch 368
ANNA S HANLEY	Branch 380
JANE B PESCE	Branch 380
VICTOR L PESCE	Branch 380
MARGARET VIOLA	Branch 380
FILIPPO FAVIA	Branch 392
MARCO FAVIA	Branch 392
WILLIAM J FRY	Branch 395
WILMA BELLAMY	Branch 425
ELAINE C WATSON	Branch 434
PIER ANTONIUCCHI	Branch 435
FRANCES D LE CLAIR	Branch 438



Tucson and Green Valley held their annual Bishop's Day on February 17, 2018 at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Green Valley, Arizona. Bishop's Day was celebrated at the Saturday Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church with the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger. Mass was followed by a wonderful evening at Lavender's Restaurant. Branch 425 was the host branch with President and Co-Event Chair Bob Burdick and Co-Chair Michele Lewis organizing the day's festivities. Father Francisco Maldonado, Arizona Area Mentor Dick Silva and Central Council Grand President Andy Pappani of the I.C.F. were in attendance. A Seminary Burse donation of \$1,500 was presented to Bishop Weisenburger.

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 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?

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 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!



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 Magee

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

May 5, 2018



Backyard Bocce Ball

The Italian Catholic Federation (Fresno District) is holding a backyard Bocce Ball tournament on May 5, 2018. We encourage everyone (beginners and more experienced players) to attend and have a good time. Families are especially welcome!

Place: San Joaquin Memorial H. S. (Fresno)

Time: 9 AM (Check-in: 8:30 AM)

Cost: \$30 / team of 4

Lunch and Prizes included.

(Non-Players: \$10 / person \$5 / child for lunch)

For more information, contact Allen Watts 661-363-3803



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 -

RAFFLE:

Sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner

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



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Workshop – Lauren Kilcullen

Lauren Kilcullen will be sending a letter to all District presidents encouraging them to have a workshop, this year. Lauren encouraged all Central Council members to encourage their districts to have a workshop.

Ways and Means – Bob Basuino

The committee is working on the 2019 calendar. Send Bob Basuino articles on Festas with pictures and recipes. The calendar needs advertisements for birthday, anniversaries, etc. There will also be advertisements at the bottom of the pages, each month, for businesses.

Golf Tournament – July 27. Eddie Leonard will be the chef. The tournament is at Laguna Seca Golf Course. He asked

Central Council members for raffle donations, please bring them to the June Central Council meeting.

95th Anniversary – June 2019. There will be three functions, in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago. (similar to the 90th Anniversary).

Trip prior to convention. Ideas are either a ferry cruise to Catalina and spending two days on the island or a Mexico cruise from Los Angeles and chartering a bus to go from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Trip in 2019 – The committee is looking at a possible land trip to the British Isles for 15 days. The ICF will receive 10% of trip cost for each person who goes on the trip.

Task Force – Vince Piro

Today, the committee discussed a national membership, which would be for people whose branches have closed and still want to belong to the ICF and for people who live outside the areas in which we're located. Dues will be the same as a regular membership, as to not to compete with local branches. Membership requirements are the same. The national

members will receive the Bollettino. They would also receive notices from local districts. The goal is to implement the national membership by the end of March. By mid-year, the members would have a Facebook page to foster a sense of community. It will be Branch 900. The committee will send a letter to District Presidents to explain the concept to them. Members will be recruited by advertising in the Bollettino and announced on the current ICF Facebook page and past members whose branches have closed will receive a letter.

Scholarship – Franklyn Lopes Jr.

The first-year scholarships are in process. The high schools have received the application forms and the forms are on the website. The judging will be Friday, April 20.

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski

The deadline for columns to the Bollettino will be moved to the first of the month to help the editor and to give more time for proofreading. The deadline for branch articles will stay at the 10th of the

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month.

The committee wants to add an upcoming events section on the 2nd or 3rd page of the Bollettino for Central Council and District events and branch anniversaries and milestones.

Leonard Zasoski will ask the office for a monthly report regarding the number of advertisements and the revenue from the advertisements.

The committee will be reviewing the ICF website quarterly to make sure it is up-to-date. The photos on the front page of the website will be updated.

Dante Galeazzi asked about postage and delivery of the Bollettino. What is the cost difference to upgrade to a higher class of mail? Leonard Zasoski will investigate it.

Membership – Anne Interrante

The new membership brochure was presented. The new brochure is a tri-fold brochure and will replace the current rack cards. Deborah Rodondi asked if the photo on the front is an ICF family or a stock photo. Anne Interrante said it's a stock photo because we do not have a high-quality photo from the photos we have of ICF members. Deborah Rodondi asked about the blank spot on the back of the brochure. Anne Interrante said branches could use the blank spot and place contact information there. The committee made a motion to print \$10,000 at a cost of \$1050. Motion passed.

Membership Drive materials are online in the membership area. The new brochure will be placed online.

Membership perks. The committee is looking at perks to give to current members to encourage them to keep their membership.

The committee is working with the Mentor program to assist branches with 35 members or less. The committee is also reaching out to branches without membership chairpersons.

Live to Give – Michael Cannady

Laurice Levine said the blood drive is all set for the Convention. The hours will be 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Laurice Levine received a call from the Oakland Red Cross that they have a shortage of blood. If a branch would like to have a blood drive to help, please contact Laurice.

Hospitalization – Lisa Crudo

The Hospitalization Fund is very healthy. At the end of January, the fund had \$898,176.26. Lisa Crudo received the 2016 report: The fund's income was \$9,600.21 from dues and paid \$11,550 in claims. In 2017, the income was \$8,837.14 and paid \$8,600 in claims.

The committee is focusing on marketing and updating the claim form. The fund's new brochure will also have the claim form attached.

Heritage – Denise Antonowicz

Denise Antonowicz reported that we need to become activists with our heritages because they are under attack. We're currently sitting back and letting this happen. We need to support the people who are working to save our heritages. Carmen Kilcullen asked what steps are we taking? Denise Antonowicz said that in San Jose there is grassroots organization with petitions to send to the city council. Denise is getting together with the Little Italy group and will be the catalyst for the group. Pat Mages said that Columbus Day is still October 12 in Los Angeles. Indigenous Peoples Day is the 2nd or 3rd Monday of October. San Pedro has the largest population of Italians in the Los Angeles area and they are looking at creating a new Little Italy in the city. Vince Piro said that we need to be sensitive to people who don't like Columbus.

Bob Acquistapace said that when branches have an active heritage program, the meetings are more interesting.

Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand

The Committee met this morning and read all the applications. The committee awarded \$11,510 this morning. 12 applications were reviewed, and nine applications were awarded money from the fund.

Finance Committee – Denise Antonowicz

The committee met on February 8. We currently have a \$27,000 deficit. The postage has increased.

Bob Acquistapace complemented Denise Antonowicz and Deborah Rodondi as they analyzed the operations of the office for equipment leases, etc. to save us money.

Expansion – Anne Interrante for Mike Rossi

St. Dorothy, Br. 179 in Glendora was opened in November. This is a reopen of a previously closed branch. The committee is working on American Martyrs in Westchester. A few more people are needed to start the branch. St. William in Chicago and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bakersfield are also possibilities.

There are a lot of possibilities, but the committee has a challenge getting the human resources to go to the parishes. One item that is a challenge is finding a good mentor for a new branch.

Roselynn Jarrett recommended that new branch openings and sign-up weekends should be better publicized.

Convention' Director's – Roselynn Jarrett

The Sacramento Convention had a \$24,428.88 profit.

San Diego Convention:

Convention registration is staying at \$250 if branches send in their registration by June 30. After that date, there is a \$25 late fee. Please remind branches to have election of delegates in April or May.

The theme this year is Our Mission of

Faith.

Steve Fuentes will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Friday night opening. The idea is to have each district carry a replica of a California Mission to the stage and be placed on a map of the Camino Real. Missions will be randomly assigned to districts. As in Sacramento, there will be appetizers at the Candidates' forum. The reception may be outside to take advantage of the poolside bar.

The workshops will be listed soon.

Forrest Price will be Master of Ceremonies at the Saturday night banquet.

The Sunday night dinner and dance will have an "USO Salute to Swing" theme.

District activities – The San Diego District is arranging Novelties, tours on Friday and the Thursday night dinner, which will have a "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" theme.

There may not be Bocce on Friday due to space constraints and competing with tours.

The deadline for hotel reservations will not be extended, as there's another Convention on site.

In December, Roselynn Jarrett was able to get a good deal for the 2021 Convention at the Santa Clara Marriott. The Santa Clara Valley District is excited to host the Convention.

By-Laws & Rituals - Leonard Rossi

The committee met on February 9 for 5.5 hours. They reviewed all the Central Council statutes that will be voted on at the June Central Council meeting.

Apostolate & Charity – Lauren Kilcullen

The committee is focusing on having 100% return on the reporting forms.

The committee is looking at some potential changes to the reporting form for 2019.

We collected \$21,475 for Wildfire Relief which was presented to Len Marabella, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for San Rose Diocese at the Santa Rosa District Installation. We also collected \$3959 for Hurricane Relief, which was sent to Catholic Charities USA.

At the Executive Committee meeting, it was voted to start a fund for Southern California Wildfire and Mudslide Relief. The fund will start with \$2500 from the Central Council. The deadline in June 30. Money will be sent to Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A basket was passed and \$316 was collected.

Bob Acquistapace said that we have a new focus on apostolic and charity works in the ICF. We need to let people know what we do and that it's worth people joining us to continue our good works.

Grand President Pappani said that the Santa Rosa District Council alone donated \$9000 to the wildfire relief. This is a great example of members helping members.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mike Cannady said that the Central Council meeting dates need to be set and not changed. Districts and branches plan events around the Central Council meeting dates.

Closing Prayer: Led by Jim Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm by Grand President Andy Pappani

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kilcullen

Grand Secretary

Next Meeting: June 9, 2018

Chicago

River Forest

St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

Here in Chicago we are finally getting a break in the weather. We can actually see sunshine more often as we enjoy more light hours. However, we still need some warmer temperatures. We are looking forward to seeing blooms on the green shoots that are peeking through the soil. We are hoping for beautiful weather as Easter approaches.

On Sunday, March 18th we hosted Memosa Sunday in our new parish hall after all the Sunday masses. Our parishioners enjoyed special treats of cannolis and zeppole (in honor of St. Joseph's Day) and doughnuts, sweet rolls, memosas, orange juice and coffee. After the celebration, our ICF members adjourned to our business meeting and a light lunch.

As we look forward to warmer days and summer sun, let us pray for the victims and their families who have suffered great losses and pain from the many school shootings which are becoming more and more common. Let us pray for the courageous students who will march and rally in Washington, D.C. for new laws to protect our school children and all Americans from gun violence.

CIAO

Barbara B. Capozzoli

Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The February meeting was on the 13th and members were treated to a veritable smorgasbord of delicious treats: tri-tip, chicken, pasta, salads and desserts. Thanks to the February committee chairmen: Angie and Jerry Kelzer; committee: Bob and Ann Rolan, Elsie Bottorff and Betty Scalise. On February 17th members cleaned and packed over 100 bags of oranges. The 18th found members selling those oranges at the church for a profit of \$600.00. Eight members made the trek to Sanger for the Installation of officers on February 25th. Thanks Branch 70 for a wonderful lunch and enjoyable day. I hope to see everyone at the April meeting on the 10th to enjoy lasagna. Upcoming events in May are the Bocce tournament and the take-out spaghetti dinner. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members. The community of Madera and Branch 27 lost a long-time member and civic leader. Paula Baraldi who passed away in January after a brief illness. Our sincere condolences to her family.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero



Members of Branch 27 at the installation at St. Mary's in Sanger. From left Kerin Cavallero, Secretary; Elsie Bottorff, 2nd Vice-President; Ann Rolan, Trustee; Carol Espinola, Treasurer; Jim Espinola, Trustee; Ila Schoettler, Orator; Theresa DeFrank, Trustee.

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

Elaine Lencioni, President; Monica Ficher, 2nd Vice-President; Beverly Magana, Record-Secretary; Betty Farmer, Corresponding Secretary; Paulette Volpa, Financial Secretary; Patricia Vivenzi, Treasurer are the recently installed officers for 2018.

At our February meeting, Vince Piro, 1st Grand Vice President of the District Council was our guest speaker. He gave our branch some great ideas on how to promote new membership, as well as fundraising.

If you have not signed up for the Shares program, which can earn our branch 3% back from your purchases at Save Mart and Foodmaxx grocery stores, please contact Paulette Volpa.

We thank God for the snow and rain which we have been blessed with, please continue praying that we receive more.

Members served soup on March 9, after the Stations of the Cross.

Happy Easter!

Merced

St. Cecelia, Br. 39

At our March dinner meeting we began the evening at 5:30 with a Triduum Mass by our own Fr. Andrew Colnaghi. Afterwards, we ate an amazing and delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. Thank you to Maryellen Mazzei and her kitchen crew. The hall was festively decorated in St. Patrick's Day green.

To continue our Easter Triduum, we hosted St. Patrick's Lenten Soup Night on Friday, March 16, at the Parish Hall. It was well attended. We walked across the courtyard to the church for a solemn Stations of the Cross. Completing our Triduum on Sunday, March 18, was our annual St. Joseph's Table. The meatless potluck, which honored our deceased family and friends, was held at the Parish Hall. Many thanks are extended to Millicent Piro who has chaired this popular Easter event for many years.

Our next meeting is April 11. Social Hour at 5 PM. 6 PM dinner of chicken alfredo, salad, bread, dessert and wine. Meeting at 7 PM. Join us!

The Italo Lodge Pasta-to-Go will be April 19. Contact Nick Pugliese at 209-704-0192 for tickets.

Mark your calendars. Our sell-out Biscotti and Cookie Sale will be on April 28 and 29 after the masses. Thanks to Janet Pugliese (704-0194) and Maryellen Mazzei (658-1724) for chairing. They can use your help. Please contact if you can bake cookies at the Lodge or on your own.

Please offer up prayers for the family of Rose Mussotto. A very active member,



FRESNO Br. 250, Clovis Fresno Dist. Installation of Officers. (L to R) Angelo Lavagnino, Isabel Ronzano, Flora DePasquale, Jenny Campopiano, LeAnne Lavagnino, Cindy Newton and Frank Pimentel. Seated are Sherrie Attolico

Rose passed away on February 19. Keep our members in your prayers as they recuperate: Josephine Bellardita, Rose Devaurs, Maria Giampaoli, and Evelyn Way. Goditi la nostra bellissima primavera. Enjoy our beautiful spring!

Stephanie Lucich

Gustine

Name, Br. 54

Ciao!

Branch 54 has been busy. We had a pasta take-out in January that was very successful. The community is always very supportive plus they don't want to miss out on the famous Borrelli family pasta sauce. Our new president, Diane Rebelo, has done a great job leading the meetings. A big heartfelt thanks to all the dedication given by Frank Borrelli all his years as president. Thankfully he is staying on as second vice. At the last meeting, members discussed & came up with some new ideas to boost membership. Everyone is looking forward to the nice warm weather spring is going to bring which means the planning will start for our big celebration for Our Lady of Petterutto in August. We will keep you posted on the details as they come up.

God bless,

Regina Chavez, branch 54

Sanger

Name, Br. 70

Branch 70 celebrated Valentine's Day with a delicious polenta dinner accompanied by many mouth-watering side dishes and desserts. God bless our cooks!

On February 25, Branch 70 hosted the Fresno District Installation of Officers. We were honored to have Grand President Andrew Papani, past Grand President Leonard Zasoski, First Vice-President Vince Piro, Fresno District President Deborah Leary and past President Allen Watts attending. Emeritus Pat Magis officiated the installation.

Our dinner for the installation was provided by Robin Piro and her crew while our own Elaine Lincioni created some wonderful hors d'oeuvres. Thank you all so much.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and good health.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Our February meeting was preceded by a delicious dinner of polenta, pasta and sausage. Thanks to the kitchen crew of Frank, Doug, Jeanette, Isabel and Angelo.

Add Rueben Silva to the list of talented cooks

of Branch 250. He produces a delicious fish dinner every Friday for St. Helen's parish.

Shirley Mitchell enjoyed a 2-week cruise with her Visalia High School classmates of 1949, visiting the Hawaiian Islands and a stop at Ensenada before returning home.

LeAnne Lavagnino just returned from an artist's conference in Las Vegas. She reports that while the conference was interesting, the slots were uncooperative.

Belated March birthday wishes to: Mark Budd, Anita Dupras, Alice Reyes, Nicole Lang, and Elizabeth Weatherly.

Happy Birthday wishes for April to: Jennifer Campopiano, Mary Beth Mueller, Dee Schultz, Nathaniel Schultz, Jeanette Shriver, and Mary Zanarini.

Did you know that in Parma, Italy leftover Parmesan cheese is fed to swine, and that's why their prosciutto is so delicious?

How often have we taken Italy's great contributions for granted. Remember Dante, Michelangelo, Vivaldi, Verdi, Puccini, Fermi and Joe DiMaggio.

"Set your heart on brighter things, each day contains a promise. Light the hours with sunshine thoughts, and hope will paint a rainbow." (Hoff)

Ciao,

Roberto Bacala

Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

Although football season is over and March Madness is coming to a close, we at Saint Anthony's continue providing food and fun for 2018.

In January, we held our first sausage sandwich sale, with our next one to be held April 14th and 15th. And during Lent, we are hosting our Sixteenth Annual Friday Dinners.

We start serving by 5:00 PM and our guests enjoy salad, garlic bread, complementary punch or coffee, and a light dessert, with:

On Week 1: Fish and Chips

On Week 2: Five Cheese Ravioli with Chief Bernie's Sauce made from scratch



Branch 308 Members, Ready To Feed The Faithful on 2-16-2018.



Branch 308 Kitchen Team led by Chef Bernie Squio (in white) preparing the Lenten Dinner on 2-16-2018.

Branch 308 In Service at their First 2018 Lenten Dinner held 2-16-2018.



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

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Mass at Branch 67, St. Peter.



Branch 108 celebrated St. Joseph's Day with a beautiful display to honor the day.

South Pasadena

Holy Family, Br. 108

Thank you members for your support of the Saint Joseph Table on March 11th in Holy

Family Church Parish Hall. Co Chairs Theresa Shaw and Sandy Fielding did an excellent job successfully coordinating this multi ministry event in the Parish Hall. The pasta and sausage and eggplant parmiggiano dinners by member chef Michele Silveri were delicious along with the many pizzas, cakes, produce items, baked goods and dessert donated by members, parishioners and vendors were a blessing and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you also to members who provided by askets, gifts and certificates for the raffle that also added to the success of the event. Proceeds will be distributed to the Holy Family Church Giving Bank and Saint Paul Society with produce also being distributed to the Cloistered Carmelite Sisters located at the Carmel of St. Teresa Carmelite Monastery in Alhambra, California.

On Sunday March 4th, President John Maggiora with members celebrated the March Birthdays of Tom Haubrick and Paola Fratino and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Pat Avila at the Lunch social and General Meeting in the Heritage Room of San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles.

The next lunch social and general meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 8, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Holy Family Church Parish Hall.

Save The Date

- May 5, 2018 - ICF Cinco di Mayo Dinner Dance coming to the HF Parish Hall. More information to come. RSVP to 626 372-7812.

- April 11, 2018 - ICF Branch 108 Fundraiser dinner at Villa Italia in Duarte from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring family, friends and parishioners for excellent Italian food and friendship and help our charitable causes.

- April 8, 2018 - Mother Cabrini Chapel Open House 9 am to 12 pm hosted by the ICF San Fernando Valley Region followed by the ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Meeting from 12 pm to 2:00 pm. Call 626 372-7812 for more information.

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 Sabatella, Past President

LAADC and ICF Branch 108

Email: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello

St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table "Thank You" pre-meeting dinner dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table!

At the April General Meeting we will have the honor to have Laurice Levine visit our branch. Laurice is the ICF Thalassaemia ("Cooley's Anemia") Outreach Program Consultant, with Children's Hospital Los Angeles. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Dante Terramani, Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile ICF charities.

Please mark you calendars and make plans to attend the 6:00 p.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, April 21, 2018 - the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, I leave you with the following quote of the month for Gratitude: "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting".

A Presto!

Frank Salomone

Los Angeles

Los Angeles Archdiocese

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 California and 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 as part of the eight Italian Societies located there so that ICF and the other Societies can



Branch 111 celebrated St. Joseph's Day with prayer and food.



San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross Br. 115

April greetings from Branch 115! I hope you all had a wonderful and joyous Easter.

Thank you to all who attended the Pala Casino day trip fundraiser. These trips help fund our any charitable endeavors.

It is spring break for our branch! Our branch has 2 trips planned this month. Please keep our members and friends in your prayers as they will be traveling to Laughlin and or to Alaska on a cruise. Thank you Pauline Iacono for organizing the Laughlin trip and to Leticia Chapparro for organizing the Alaskan cruise.

Please join us for 5:15pm Mass on April 21st as we honor Madonna Dell Arco. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Lady.

San Pedro Relay For Life will be held on May 19th. Our branch is fortunate to have 2 teams involved in this event The Gioiello Jewels and Angels Watching Over Us.

The Gioiello Jewels will be hosting a fundraiser to Harrah's casino on April 28th. Please call Anita Trujillo at 310 8327186 if interested in attending.

Our next general meeting will be on April 19th at 7:30pm. Please plan on attending.

Our May 17th meeting will be our potluck meeting. We will be meeting our scholarship winners at this meeting.

May spring showers bring happiness and peace to all.

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

Arcadia

Holy Angels, Br. 218

Please delete the sentence in my article regarding Al and Jeane Bernabei. Replace it with the following: We lost a member recently, Al Bernabei. Al was a longtime member of our branch, very active, and really a sweetheart. Our sympathy to Jeane



Celebrating February birthdays at Branch 111.



Celebrating March birthdays at Branch 111.

and family.

Thanks, Lolly M.

Diamond Bar

St. Denis, Br. 317

2018 has been pretty busy so far for Branch 317.

In January, the Board members attended the ICF Installation. We had a few changes to our Board this year. Pamela-Anne Roemer is our new President. Julia Scalise is our new 1st Vice President. Patrick M Roemer is our new 2nd Vice President.

In February we held our Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser And our Dining to Donate to raise money for our ICF Scholarships. We also set up a Scholarship to help a Confirmation student from St. Denis to attend the Youth Conference at UCLA in Aug. In Honor of our Past President, we named it the Roxanne Perry Youth Conference Scholarship. This year recipient is Alex Ginez. Alex is a 1st year Confirmation Student And has been volunteering for ICF since November.

At the beginning of March we attended a party to Honor and Celebrate our past President Roxanne Perry at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello. Roxanne looked Great and everyone had a Wonderful Time. In lieu of gifts, Roxanne asked that donations be made to our new Scholarship..The Roxanne Perry Youth Conference Scholarship.

On Friday March 9th, the ICF teamed up with our Lectors Ministry and hosted a Lenten Soup and Movie Night. We had 6 different types of soup, bread and crackers. This year we showed the movie-The Song of Bernadette in honor of the 160th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Lourdes. We were able to raise \$90 in donations for Operation Rice Bowl. A Very BIG THANK YOU to ALL the members who helped with the Soup and Movie Night.

This past Sunday, March 11th, we started our Holy Cannolis pre sales. We did quite well for



Branch 115 San Pedro celebrated the Feast of St John Joseph of the Cross on March 3, 2018 with the Crab Dinner- Dance and a mass on March 5 celebrated by the branch Chaplain, Fr. Martin Benzoni.

The Annual Crab Dinner was started in 1987 and it has been the Branch best fundraiser. This year we served 335 people.

San Giovan Giuseppe della Croce was born on the island of Ischia in 1654. The San Pedro Ischian community celebrate his feast in March and August.

the first day. We will continue to take orders on 3/18, 4/7 and 4/8. Due to Palm Sunday and Easter, Our Cannoli pick up date this year is April 15th. So anybody who gave up "sweets" for Lent, will be able to enjoy the Cannolis this year.

We are in the process of organizing and getting vendors for our Annual ICF Arts and Craft Faire at St Denis. This year our Faire will take place on April 29th. ICF has decided to sell pizza again at this year's Faire.

On Behalf of everyone at Branch 317, we hope that you all had a Wonderful and Blessed Easter Season and May God Continue to Bless you All.

Pamela-Anne Roemer

President, Branch 317

Claremont

Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Happy Easter to all (and that's no joke)

Our St Joseph table and sausage sandwich was a success. This year the sandwich addition was successful. thanks

We start the month with a "Fun" raiser to



San Manuel Casino.(April 9). It has been awhile since we have been there. Let's see how "Lucky" we are.

On April 21, we will sponsor a Welcome Dinner for newcomers to the parish. At this time we will introduce them to a number of the parish ministries and services the church provides.

We are preparing for Fiesta in May. We will again be selling pizza. We look forward to this weekend yearly even though it is tiring but lots of fun.

Future events will be our fun day in June when we have bocci, hotdogs, bouncey for the kids. We will hopefully get so excited new members. The we will have our June dinner and presentations of charity gifts and scholarship winners.

It will be busy until summer, then we rest.

Keep our sick in your prayers.

God bless all our members.

Andrea Linn, Correspondence Secretary



Branch 380 Members wearing green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



We celebrated Branch 380 member Natalie Alessandrino's 16th birthday with a cake and a chorus of "Happy Birthday".



Branch 26 celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

The month of March finds the Branch conducting its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in Temple City CA, at St. Luke's auditorium on March 18, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. The cost is \$7.00 for those 13 years and older, 4 to 12 years \$3.00 and under 4 is free and the breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and coffee, orange juice and milk.

Birthdays celebrated in April are Ann and Jack Baziak, Andy Bonura, Carmen Federico and Val Magro. And a happy anniversary goes to Sally and Tony Farinella.

Thought of the month: One kind word can warm three winter months.

Prayer of the month: Dear God let me rejoice not at thine enemy's fall – and don't rush to pick him up either.

Tony Farinella

Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

At our general meeting on March 3rd, Branch 380 celebrated St. Paddy's Day by wearing green, playing an Irish trivia game, and screening several educational videos regarding Irish culture and the history of the holiday.

Branch members brought homemade corned beef and cabbage to share for dinner. Our monthly attendance drawing was not won by anyone this meeting, and so has now increased to \$75 (If you are a member, join us at our next general meeting to have a chance at winning). We joined together to celebrate the 16th birthday of member Natalie Alessandrino by singing "Happy Birthday" and sharing a cake. We welcome our newest members, Anna Hanley and her mother Margaret Viola, as well as Jane and Victor Pesce.

The board and members of Branch 380 remain hard at work planning our 32nd annual St. Joseph's Day celebration. Overall, it was a fun and productive meeting!

Upcoming Dates:

April 6 (Friday) -- General Meeting

May 4 (Friday) -- General Meeting

June 2 (Saturday) -- Bocce Ball Tournament

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our treasured member Norm Panto, whose music brought joy to all, and we keep his family and friends in our prayers.

Simi Valley St. Gianna, Br. 443

Every February, to kick off the ICF New Year, Simi Valley Branch 443 sponsors an annual bowling party for ICF members, family and

friends. This year, we had a fantastic turn out. We reserved and used 10 lanes (more than past years!) and made some wonderful memories. Over 40 people attended either to bowl or support the bowlers. We served delicious pizza and soft drinks. Yummy snacks and desserts were brought in by some of our members. We mingled the 'old' members with the new and soon-to-be new members. We had adults bowling with children. We had gutter balls and strikes, laughs and cheers, friendship and good old fashion fun! It was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Linda Fabry

Branch 443, Simi Valley CA

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Bowling fun at Branch 443!



Rancho Palos Verdes St. John Fisher, Br. 444

Ciao a tutti!

We have a lot of exciting plans for this year. In March we had a Lenten Soup Supper which raised money for the "Get on the Bus" program which reunites children with their incarcerated parents. At our April 12th meeting, we will have a fun evening of Beginning Italian conversation lessons and desserts. Looking ahead, we are very excited to have Laurice Levine as our guest speaker for our July 12 meeting. She will be speaking to us on behalf of Cooley's Anemia.

Annamarie Ellington, secretary

Monterey Central Coast

Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

"Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!" Along with the miracle of God's Light comes longer days and warmer nights. At Branch 21 we 'lightened' the Lenten season with two delicious Soup Suppers. We thank all who came by for the cozy evenings and also the 'souper' cooks who prepared the suppers.

In April, we have several events coming up. On April 20th, we will have our Spring Dinner so be sure to watch for more details. And, on May 1st, we will celebrate Cinco De Mayo with a yummy Mexican dinner and will also initiate our newest ICF Branch 21 members. Appetizers and socializing will start at 4:30, followed by a brief meeting and

initiation, and then dinner.

Then, on May 7th, stop by our Italian Homemade Sweets Table on your way out of mass at Holy Cross. Proceeds will go to St. Francis' Kitchen, Holy Cross Food Pantry, and ICF Scholarships.

As you know, our storage shed outside the hall was recently vandalized and, along with various articles, we also lost our ICF Banner. This was most heartbreaking as the Banner was awarded to our Branch when it opened nearly 90 years ago! But, God provides, and with the sewing skills of Branch member Joanne Juhl, we now have a new banner. Together with bits and pieces from a closing Branch's banner, she fashioned a lovely replacement. Thank you so much, Joanne.

In closing, here is a saying by Hal Borland that can sweep away the winter blues. "No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn." May God continue to bless us one and all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Three Branch 25 officers attended the Central Coast District Officer Installation in Santa Cruz.

This year, Branch 25 is preparing an award submission for the annual convention. Thank you to Oakland for providing sample materials on the process.

Branch 25 is in the planning stages for the Central Coast District Picnic that will be held at JM Ranch on Saturday, August 5, 2018. Activities will include swimming, bingo, a bocce tournament and a Pedro tournament. Invitations will be going out in early June.

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

We hope everyone had a good Lenten experience and a joyful Easter!

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Hollister Sacred Heart, Br. 26

Hello Everyone,

Branch 26 would like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Our branch just celebrated their corn beef and cabbage dinner. We had a wonderful turn out. We are planning for Bishop's Day on September 30th, 2018. Our branch will also be holding some fundraisers this year,



so stay tuned on when they will be. Our next meeting is on April 4th, 2018 at Paines Restaurant and we will be having Chicken Parmigiana. The price for the meal is \$20.00. If you would like to come and have dinner with us at our general meeting please feel free to contact me at 831-207-3214. Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates their special day in March. Prayers to all the people who are ill.

Sincerely,

Cheri Huntley

President Br. 26

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Our Lenten dinners were a huge success, serving about 700+ dinner per night. The Board would like to express their gratitude and all the dedication to our volunteers that worked so hard during all our Lenten dinners. A big thanks to our executive Chef Peter Curatolo for his expertise for providing us with his fine Italian cuisine menus each week. Our Chef PJ started us with a gourmet salad,

then fish of the day, which is breaded Sicilian style, and fried. Fish is served with pasta with homemade sauce. Also, served with our famous garlic bread, recipe handed down from generations. We thank all our members who brought in homemade cakes, pies and other bakes goods. Our desserts are also a big hit, especially our guest that have a sweet tooth.

Our sympathy to Rosemary and her family of Bill Valuch. Bill was a member for 8 years.

Our sympathy of the family of Geri Hrepich. Geri was a dedicated member for 28 years and she was a district mentor for several branches.

We continue to pray for our members, who are ill and unable to attend our events.

May 20, 2018, we are having a Bingo fund raiser, at the Moose Lodge Monterey at 12:30 PM

Calendar:

April 5, 2028 Dinner/Meeting

May 3, 2018 Anniversary/Initiation/Scholarship Night Dinner/Meeting

May 20, 2018 BINGO - at Moose Lodge, Monterey 12:30 PM

He has risen ---Have faith in Him
And He will always be there for you!
Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter
Sincerely,
Elaine Valentine

Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Buona Pasqua!

At our general meeting on March 16th our Branch celebrated St. Joseph with a wonderful meal that consisted of polenta, pasta, olives, salad, bread, frittelle and so many other wonderful items, it was truly a feast. We also had a little presentation about the history of St. Joseph. It was very interesting and we all learned so much about this wonderful man.

During the meeting we had the honor of installing 3 new members. Congratulations to Joseph Huynh, Thomas Martinez and Amber Souza, welcome to the I.C.F. Branch #51 family.

As part of our Charity Project this month members were asked to bring a jacket or sweater that they no longer use. All donated items were given to the Castroville Family

Branch 36, Monterey's kitchen volunteers at the recent fish fry. Weekly Chef Peter prepares delicious meals ranging from calamari steak to sand dabs and shrip scampi. All accompanied by their delicious garlic bread. Most nights serve approximately 850 meals.

Resource Center. Thank you to all that participated in this project and thank you to all that helped and attended our St. Joseph's celebration.

On Sunday, March 25th our branch hosted our District meeting in our parish hall. The food and fellowship was wonderful and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all that attended.

Our Polenta Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 22nd. This event will be held in Castroville at Our Lady of Refuge Church in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be served from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and take out is available. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under. If you would like to purchase tickets please call me at (831) 633-5012.

Happy birthday to our Branch #51 April babies- Vera Doris and Gino Grier

And lastly as we celebrate our resurrected Lord, let us remember we are His hands and feet.

Arrivederci,
Cindy Stefani

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our 50th anniversary party was a great success thanks to the efforts of the Coordinating Committee Franklyn Lopes, Ellen Pauly and Dolores McCartney. Over 90 people gathered to greet old friends and make new friends. Especially enjoyable was a running video presentation of gatherings from the past 50 years. (Thanks to Don Robinson who did the photography.) Special guests included our two



A few members from Castroville Branch 51 enjoying Capitola's 50th Anniversary Dinner.

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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION



Members of Branch 291 had a very busy Lenten season hosting 5 successful fish frys!

remaining charter members—Frank Locatelli, age 96, and Alice Ponza. Past Presidents of the branch who were introduced included Frank Locatelli, Ken Waldvogel, Heidi Ambiel, Richard Vote, Bob Montonye, Franklyn, Dolores and Ellen. We were honored to have so many members of the Central Council in attendance, especially Grand President Andrew Pappani, who presented Ellen with a banner honoring the 50 year anniversary, as well as Past Grand Presidents Jim Jones, Bob Basuino, Leonard Rossi, and Central Coast District President Rosa Radicchi. Thanks to members of Santa Cruz Branch 21, Castroville Branch 51, and San Jose Branch 191, who joined us in celebrating this memorable occasion.

Applications for Perlino Scholarships are due by April 15 and should be turned into Andy Armanino by then.

Congratulations to Loretta and Ken Reaves on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Welcome to new members Sandy and Vittorio Federico, Julie Scurfield, Bryan Stow, Howard and Betty Lou Barber, and returning member Luisa Oderman.

Shauna Scott has been named Membership Chairperson.

Get well wishes go out to Bob Montonye, Ken Reaves, Sylvia Beccaria and Ida Lomazzi.

Have a blessed Easter Sunday.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

The members of Branch 291 are taking a well-deserved rest after a very busy Lenten season! We held five successful Fish Frys during Lent and served nearly 3000 fish and chips dinners overall. Thank you to all the dedicated members who worked week after week in a variety of jobs to serve our customers delicious dinners! From the morning crews who made the cole slaw, filled containers with tarter sauce, sliced lemons and cut the fish, to the evening crews who sold tickets, battered and fried fish and fries, assembled dinners, delivered dinners to tables, bagged take-out orders, worked the bar, sliced and served cakes, cleaned and reset tables, took out the trash, cleaned up the hall, washed dishes, scoured the kitchen, put away tables and chairs, and much more, your hard work was greatly appreciated and made each dinner run like a well-oiled machine! Our net proceeds from the fish frys will go back into our church community, local scholarship programs and other local community organizations.

At our March General Meeting, Br. 291 celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Members brought in non-perishable food and household items that were displayed on our beautiful table that day. All the donations were then given to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program to help feed those in need in our community.

Branch 291 is sad to announce the passing of one of our founding members, Mary Ann Zogata. Mary Ann would have turned 91 on March 23rd. Please keep the Zogata family in

your thoughts and prayers during their time of grieving. Also, please continue to pray for members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time.

Ciao!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Our Branch #354 will be having our pasta dinner on April 14. If you are in the area, you are very welcome to stop by.

We will be granting a \$5,000 scholarship to our St. Rose School. We have donated funds in the past to the school to help them purchase books and computers. Irma Zanini volunteered to make Easter favors for our local convalescent hospitals in our area. Thank you Irma for your hard work.

Hud Banks, a long time member, passed away. There will be a memorial for him on Saturday, March 3, at 1pm at the Quail Run. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers are needed for our sick, Mary Mazzo. Kathy Marmelejo, branch member's mother passed away. Keep her and her mom in your prayers.

The Kudija's shared that they will be grandparents in July. Congratulations to the Kudija's.

We have had rain in our area for the last 3 days. Blessed be to God, we are so thankful.

Sylvia Romero, Corresponding Secretary

Oakland

East Bay

District Council

The District Crab Feed netted a profit of just over \$3000 which has already been put to good use! Our district has voted, again, to fund the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year ICF scholarships. This has been a source of pride for our district as we have been the only district in the Federation to do this over the last several years. Give yourselves a hand for all of the participation in the district events that make this possible! Thanks to Br #215 for hosting a lovely District Communion Mass and reception! Don't forget to save the date for Day at the Races Thursday, June 7 at Golden Gate Fields. Tickets are \$46/person and include valet parking and buffet lunch at the Turf Club. Always so much fun! Don't miss out! Deadline is May 5th. Call Fran La Torre @ (510) 887-1509. Our Convention raffle books are here! Remember to appoint a chair from your branch & \$10 from each book sold stays with your branch! Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland A's Sat, Aug 4 @ 6:05pm vs Detroit. It's a fireworks night as well. Contact your branch president for info! As we find ourselves rushing toward an upcoming summer season, let us not forget the blessings of Christmas, Lent and the great Promise of Easter! Please pray for all our members who are ill, deceased and in need! Dio la Benedicta!

Karen Rossi,

acting District Secretary

Alameda

Nostra Signora Della Grazie, Br. 10

Our active social calendar continues with our 80th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 19. The location is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The festive evening starts with social time at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served promptly at 7:00. The menu will be announced in the May Bollettino. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for young people 12 and under. For reservations, please contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or (510) 326-3474, prior to noon on Monday, May 14.

We concluded our Fish Fry dinners on March 23. A total of more than 450 persons attended over the six Fridays of Lent. We also welcomed large groups to our Saint Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 17 and our Saint Joseph's Day Table on March 19. The music for the Saint Patrick's Day event was provided by the gifted teen-age Nguyen brothers of Alameda. Several of our members assisted with the East Bay District Crab Feed held in Monsignor O'Brien Hall on February 17.

At our March 1 meeting we voted to award a total of four \$500.00 scholarships to four graduates of the elementary schools in Alameda, Saint Philip Neri and Saint Joseph, who will be entering a Catholic high school in the fall. We are also contributing \$400.00 each of two high school-to-college scholarships to students to be selected by Central Council.

The March Bollettino noted that we finished in second in calendar sales for branches of between 100 and 199 members with a total of 46 2018 calendars sold. Thanks to member Sheila Doan for helping the Branch to receive this recognition.

We lost a member on March 2 with the death of Jim Duncan. Jim lived to age 93, had belonged to Branch 10 since 1993 and, as an usher, became a familiar face at Sunday Mass



Father David Mendoza-Vela, Pastor of Corpus Christi and Branch 215 Chaplain, took this picture in front of the altar at Corpus Christi with a group of Branch 215 members in front of the altar proudly displaying our branch banner, Saturday following the East Bay District's Quarterly Mass. Our thanks to Shirley DeLucci for sending it to us.

Included in this photo (in no particular order) were: Fran LaTorre, Nadine Mattier, Vilma Romo, Yvonne and Clem Brum, Shirley and John DeLucci, Sharon DeSouza, Joan Lampe, Paul and Julia Ferrario with their children Amelia and Domenico as well as Theresa Ferrario, matriarch of the Ferrario clan. Father David acknowledged and welcomed the ICF at the beginning of mass. Fifteen adults and three children attended this mass and reception. There were plenty of appetizers, desserts and beverages. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It was a real Italian "Sputino".

at Saint Philip Neri Church. We arranged for an ICF Mass offered on March 22.

At the same time, several members of younger generations are expressing interest in joining our Branch. We are looking forward to increasing our membership during the coming months.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Fremont

St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

As this article is being written, we are well into the Lenten season eagerly anticipating the coming of Easter. It is our hope that the celebration of the resurrection will instill a renewal of faith and energy to cope with the daily challenges we all face.

Welcome to our newest member; Lorraine Neira. Lorraine joined Br. 215 on 2/26/2018 and is a Corpus Christi parishioner of Italian descent. She is married to John Neira, a native New Yorker and active member of the St. John Paul II Council of the K of C. at Corpus Christi Church. They have one child, Nick, who is a high school senior. Nick has submitted an application for an ICF First Year College Scholarship.

Please pray for our member, Sharon De Sousa. She will be undergoing more surgery soon as part of her ongoing battle with cancer.

Our Bingo Luncheon is set for 4/19/2018 and announcements will be posted in the Sunday Bulletins of all the Catholic parishes in Fremont on March 18 and March 25. Tickets are now available as well as flyers. Reservations can be made through Fran LaTorre at (510) 887-1509 or (510) 589-8498. The reservation deadline is 4/01/2018.

Corpus Christi will be holding its Parish Festival on 6/10/2018. ICF Br. 215 will once again help organize, set up, and sell donated items at the Flea Market that is part of the Parish Festival. Gently used items and/or new items can be dropped off at CC Parish Hall from June 4 through June 9 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The East Bay District's Day at the Races will be held on 6/7/2018 at Golden Gate Fields. \$46.00 will get you seating in the Turf Club, valet parking and a delicious buffet luncheon. Reservations need to be made with Fran LaTorre no later than May 5. Call Fran at (510) 887-1509 or (510) 589-8498.

As always, we wish all members with birthdays, Anniversaries, and any other celebrations our 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

Branch 215

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Our Bingo Bash at St. Augustine's was a great success. Almost 200 eager bingo players attended. It was a fun filled evening with musical interludes filled with players dancing to the tune of "YMCA" and the Chicken Dance. Wish there was a video I could show here - the seniors gave the lively teenagers some competition. Our thanks to Phyl Buonsante, Chairman, Christine Cardulo, reservations, Judy Wellbeloved, snacks, and the many who helped with set up and the clean up afterward. A special thanks to Laurice Levine for sharing her own story with everyone to give a very personal meaning to our charitable work on behalf of the Cooley's Anemia Foundation at Children's Hospital, LA. Our meeting on April 20th is our annual St. Joseph's Table can goods donation meeting. Father Leonard Marrujo will attend and provide a spiritual reflection on Lent. Our speaker for the April meeting will be Steve Minniear from the Camp Parks History Center. The Center celebrates the establishment of Camp Parks as a West Coast Navy facility during World War II to the present day use by the U.S. Army Reserve. It includes permanent exhibits of the Navy Seabees life here during World War II and Camp Parks' historically important role in integrating women and minorities in the military. Ciao a tutti,

Chuck Meier

Castro Valley

Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

All set for our 39th Anniversary dinner dance on April 21 at OLG Stack Center. Now, all we need is you! 6pm, Happy Hour, 7pm Dinner, Dancing 8pm - 10:30pm \$40/person. Reservation deadline April 17th. Call Lisa @ 510-861-9835 or Pat @ 510-326-5439. Our biscotti sale has been a real success! We have presold 141 doz so far. Delivery on Palm



Someone say coffee?? Branch 14 had Continental breakfast after Mass on Sunday for members. Mmmm good.

Sunday just in time for Easter! Mille grazie to all of our bakers ! A special welcome to our newest member, Laura Catrina, who's son, Michael, baked 7 doz !

Corned beef dinner was well received and we were able to donate \$100 to SVDP at Transfiguration parish here in CV.

April meeting will be a potluck so get out your favorite recipes to share! Don't forget to sign up @ the April meeting for Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland A's, Sat , Aug 4. 6:05pm start with fireworks after. Always a fun evening! \$30/person.

Continued blessings to allduring this Easter season!

Karen Rossi

acting Branch Secretary

Contra Costa

District Council

At our last meeting, March 1, we were pleased to see that their was representation from each branch We pray this be a repeat at our next district meeting April 26th at Legends

Peggy Hagerthy gave a heritage report on St. Joseph. Thank you Peggy. We will have a guest speaker give a heritage report at one of our future meeting. Her name is Jo Lee and she is a member of the Concord Branch.

Let us not forget the baseball game! We always seem to have good fun, and this year will have the fireworks. Please get a hold of Roselynn August 4th--See you there.

Just a reminder--District Communion Breakfast Sunday May 20th at St. Catherine's Martinez. Mass will be at 10:30 AM followed by breakfast in the parish Hall. Great for \$5:00

Easter has come and gone by the time of the next Bollettino, but we have Spring. The budding of flowers, and the rebirth of many of His wonders. What a beautiful time to renew our faith, for as sad as things may be, He has assured us that He is still running His world.

So Happy Easter Season to you and your families.

Joann

Martinez

San Martino, Br. 13

As we complete our Lenten Journey, we look forward to a joyful Easter. Mark your calendars! Branch #13 is holding a kick-off to summer Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner on Saturday, June 2 in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall beginning at 6 PM. All are invited. More details to follow.

On March 18 we partnered with the Knights of Columbus to serve at the monthly pancake breakfast; and, members celebrated St. Joseph's feast day on March 19 for the parish with a soup dinner and traditional breads prior to the communal Reconciliation. The St. Joseph's table included an antique statue of St. Joseph and flowers.

Two members, Anne Crisp and Roz Devincenzi, shared their Italian escape after Thanksgiving for heritage at the February meeting including many photos. Their first introduction to Michelangelo was attending and Italian Mass at Saint Mary of the Angels and Martyrs (Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri). Michelangelo designed the Church to include the central hall of the Roman Baths of Diocletian. They were further amazed and overwhelmed by the works of Michelangelo in the Vatican and David in Florence. Roz was happy to be able to order Moscato wine by the glass. Anne still found Chianti wine, even in Tuscany, a little too dry for her taste; but, she now likes pistachio gelato. Is a return trip to Italy in their future?

We wish all of you a blessed Easter.

Ciao from Martinez,

Anne Crisp

Crockett

San Carlo, Br. 14

So, what does April have to offer our ICF members? First, we have our regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10th. Mass at 5:30, a free dinner at 6:30, and our meeting at 7:30, when we will hear about the success of our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Convention delegates will also be elected; the convention is in San Diego this year. Nice place for a convention, right?



Members from Crockett Branch 14. Taking a break from decorating for Corned beef dinner. Thank you for your support.



Crockett, Branch 14 members serving Corned beef dinner. Fun times.



Crockett, Branch 14 Corned Beef Head Chef J. Thomas and Sous Chef D Hoffman. Great dinner.

We have a scheduled Pedro and Card Night on April 27th at 7:00 P.M., and light refreshments will be served. Bring your card expertise, and especially your luck.

For all baseball fans and anyone who enjoys a fun night out, mark your calendar for August 4th, when ICF members attend an A's game together.

Welcome to our ICF family to Sandy Dias and Maddie Martinez. So pleased to have you!

Very glad to hear Mary Jo Townsend and Catherine (Cookie) Maricich are doing better, but Clare Alvarado is still being challenged.

It is with a sad heart that we bid farewell to Pasquale (Pat) Contestable, a long time respected, favorite ICF member and a "Crockett Boy at Heart." We offer sincere condolences to Julie and their family. Another well known, beloved member, Randy Yacovetti, has also passed; our heartfelt sympathies to Randy's family members.

At long last, spring has arrived! The days and nights are beginning to warm, birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and soft breezes rustle new, shiny green leaves. It's again time to wish everyone a glorious spring season!

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

A big thanks to our first vice president Jane Russo for giving the heritage report at our Feb. meeting. The report was about Chinese New Year. It was very interesting. During the report each of us was able to summit the year we

were born in to find out what the animal of that year was. Thank you, Jane!

On March 18 branch 72 celebrated both St Joseph and St. Patrick's Day. We did a novena to both saints. We decorated in green for St. Patrick and yellow for St. Joseph. We also talked about the annual St. Joseph day celebrations we had back in the day. We would start with Mass followed by a raffle in the hall and a free cookie and fruits give away. The evening would end with the branch going out to dinner. Many of our branch leaders who planned and worked so very hard on these yearly celebrations are no longer with us. We miss them. We will never forget all the lasting memories we made.

It is a tradition for us to have our April meeting out at a local Pittsburg Restaurant. Watch for your invitation in the mail with the date, time and location. Those who bring a friend will receive a free raffle ticket. Also, at our April meeting we will have nominations for convention delegates.

Save the date for Sunday May 20 to attend the Contra Costa District Mass. We call it Communion Breakfast. We will gather at St. Catherine's in Martinez for the 10:30 AM Mass. Breakfast will follow in the parish hall for \$5.00. Please wear your black and yellow ICF Pittsburg jackets if you have one. Your family and friends are also welcome.

That is it for now.
As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.
Till next time.
Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Walter Costa and Toni Reeder's not to be forgotten Corned Beef and Cabbage. We swear that is the best corned beef ever! Thank you, Toni and Walter for a splendid meal.

Again thanks to everyone who made our Ravioli Family Dinner a success. To everyone who donated raffle prizes we greatly appreciate you donation. Next fundraiser is October 20th 2018.

The bus trip to Cache Creek, on March 26, 2018, was a day of fun. We heard there was some lucky winners on the bus trip home. The next bus trip is July 23rd. You have plenty of time to save up for another fun day.

If you have not paid your dues by now, you may have been dropped from membership. Please call Mike Cannady @510-245-3844, if you wish to continue your membership or you are not sure you have paid your dues.

Next meeting is April 09, on the menu is Risotto and salad \$8.00, Branch Anniversary, honoring past presidents.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while consider attending a meeting.

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214

Our highlight last month meeting was the St. Joseph's Table. We Thank Franca Schepis for her beautiful presentation each year.

Update on our new board members & Heritage: Paul Schepis is now our Vice President, Angie Monson is 2nd. Vice President and Jo Ann Lee is our new Heritage person.

Memorial mass sign ups are \$5 per name for Convention mass; see Veronica or Roberta at meeting. Convention will be held in San Diego this year.

Prayers continue for our sick and elderly.
Bless your Easter,
Christina, correspondence secty.

Danville
St. Isidore, Br. 352

Happy Easter to All! The year is flying by and the Danville Branch has definitely been active. On February 12 Chef Angelo served a delicious pork loin and pasta dinner. Our meeting was attend by prospective members that engaged us with Italian conversation and appreciation of our heritage.

Next was our March 19th dinner meeting, celebrating a belated St. Patrick's Day! Chef Angelo whipped up his best-ever corned beef and cabbage - which was much appreciated by all of our members and guests!

Before we know it, our April 14th "Festa Primavera," one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, will be upon us. Ideas are swirling for this Spring event, including themes, food & raffle prizes and band. So plan to join us for an exciting evening of fun, food & friendship ... and dance the night away! Tickets are \$40, with a discount for early RSVPs. Email Marianne at marbo2000@yahoo.com for additional information. Don't miss it!

Ciao,
Cathy Kedzie
Recording Secretary
ckedzie@challengesales.com

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Last month you were given a little preview of Judee and Jay Russo's February dinner

meeting's menu, "you bring the bowls and we'll bring the soup." And, they did: Minestrone, Clam Chowder and Chicken Noodle. A gourmet repast, as far as soup goes. Thank you, Judee and Jay.

While we're thinking food, let's talk about the mini crab feed coming up on June 23rd. As most of you well know, Branch 432 and the Knights of Columbus, Council 7467, are going to combine forces in 2019 for a crab feed fund raiser. To that end, they are going to have a practice run at it. The dry run, so to speak, will give both organizations a hands on feel of what to expect and the amount of help needed to carry it off.

Spearheading the effort for ICF will be 2nd Vice President, Bob Hoffner and the Knights' counterpart will be Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Romero. On an individual basis, both, Bob and Chris have put together feeds for various organizations and groups successfully. Previously, neither the Knights nor ICF has been involved with crab feeds at all. As the date draws nearer, more information will become available.

Looking a little further into the year, August 4th is Italian Heritage night at the Oakland Coliseum. Reservations are being taken now. Tickets are \$30 apiece. For more information contact President Deacon John at (925) 625-4131 or jolin1040@sbcglobal.net

"Go as far as you can see. When you get there you will be able to see further."

la vita è buona

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Benvenuta Primavera! And a wonderful Easter Season to everyone.

On Sunday March 11th our branch sponsored "Seekers and Saints, Women of Transformation" a one-woman show written and performed by Tiffany Hoover. Tiffany is a long-time resident of Pleasant Hill and parishioner of Christ the King. She gave a standing ovation performance, brining three strong spiritual women to life: St. Teresa of Avila, Dorothy Day and Ruth. There was a great parish turnout and our branch was well represented. Thank you to former branch president Paul Nuti and the Nuti family (also known as the stage crew) for organizing the event. They not only helped Tiffany transition from one act to the other but did a wonderful job setting up, providing appetizers, refreshments and welcoming guests. A most enjoyable event indeed.

Brick by brick as they say... We will donate a brick in the name of our branch to the new Ministry Center fundraising campaign. If you are participating and would like your brick placed alongside our branch brick, tag your form as part of ICF. A great way to leave your name and the name of ICF for future generations.

Our parish is part of Winter Nights, a program that assists and houses homeless families. On April 10th, we will prepare, serve and share a meal with these families while they are guests in our parish. Thank you in advance to all of you who chaired and made preparation for this event.

May is Parish Festival month, and fast approaching. So, if you haven't done so yet, please be sure to sign up to help with our Salami Toss Festival booth. Not only is it a wonderful fundraiser for the Festival but it is great fun.

Don't forget to keep an eye for our event online invitations so you don't miss any of the activities.

Spring is off to a great start.
Eileen McGauran

Reno

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

Because of the threat of snow, only 14 members and guests came to our meeting February 2018. Those that came enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner with the branch supplying the ham. Thanks to all who cooked.

At the meeting, members voted to give a \$400.00 first year scholarship to Central Council for a Reno area graduating senior to be used for college. We voted to give a \$200.00 tuition assistance scholarship, to each of the three Reno Area Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Albert the Great, Our Lady of Snows, and Little Flower). It was also voted to give two students attending Manogue Catholic High School \$400.00 each for tuition assistance scholarships.

President, Charlyne Pacini and Mary Jo Wiese reported on the Diocesan Conference held in January where we had an information table and received several names of people who will be called in the future for meetings.

At the March 11th meeting, 20 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Bobbie and Rachael Ferrari. Many thanks for the delicious food

The polenta and chicken dinner and other fund raising ideas were discussed at the meeting. A decision was postponed until the next meeting.

Two of the members, Mel Sullivan and Frank Brunelli, had been ill, but thank God they had recovered and were at this meeting.

In the absence of the Heritage Chairperson, President Charlyne talked about St. Joseph's table and read the legend of the Fava bean.

The next meeting will be April 8th. Buona Pasqua.

Ciao

Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

A great time was had by all at our last dinner on March 11th. Thanks to the branch crew who worked hard to put it all together and thanks for new member Frank Lienert who joined in the kitchen to serve the chicken. We also celebrated Fr. Sejo's birthday.

SAVE THE DATE for our next meeting and dinner on Sunday, May 6th. Contact me for information at 916-508-1199.

Our District Fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 29th at Tahoe Joe's in Roseville. Cost is \$20 for your meal and you can attend throughout the day between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. including take-out. Choices are steak, chicken breast, or ribs. Contact me for tickets at 916-508-1199.

Please keep sick members Maria Keller and Dorothy Heick in your prayers.

Birthday wishes to members in April: Sandy Boruff, Janet Dumonchelle, Annji Ebert, Ted Olson, and Renato Ranieri.

Ciao,

Janine

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

On the evening of 10 March, Branch 73 held its biannual polenta/chicken dinner. Some 180 people attended, a smaller number than usual due to our nemeses at this time of year,

crab feeds held the same evening. Once again we thank Tony and Kathy Barsotti and their kitchen crew for preparing the delicious food. Also to be thanked are those who sold dinner tickets, cleaned the chickens, prepared the hall, sold bar tickets and manned that facility, and prepared the raffle and sold tickets for it.

As an example of what Branch 73 does with the money it earns, at the February meeting the members present voted to provide a first year college scholarship of \$400.00; this is the amount established for it by the Central Council.

Quest' anno Pasqua e' il primo aprile, ed il Bollettino arrivera' dopo la festa, ma auguriamo buona Pasqua a tutti.

Nel Bollettino di febbraio abbiamo dimenticato il compleanno di Hilda Blay; era il suo novantaseismo. A cento anni, Hilda.

Buon compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti I soci della sezione 73 nati nel mese di aprile.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all of our members who donated goodies or volunteered their time at St. Teresa's April Hospitality Sunday. We were able share and speak to the parish about our wonderful group and hopefully were able to attract a few new members while celebrating the joy of Easter Sunday.

We hope you all have your tickets to our Bunco fundraiser and luncheon that will take place on April 14th from 11:00 to 3:00 at St. Joseph's Hall in Auburn. Tickets are \$20 which includes a sandwich and salad lunch. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased from JoAnn at (530) 305-3512 or MaryAnn at (916) 759 - 8466. Hope to see you there.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville
St. Clare, Br. 438

We had two huge events in the month of March. On March 17 and 18 we presented our St. Joseph's Table. We had so many bakers bake all kinds of goodies. This year the proceeds went to the St. Clare Parish Funeral Ministry. Thank you to all our members who helped make this a very successful event.

On March 23rd. Michael Fuentes, Sandra Fuentes and their helpers cooked and served our annual fish fry. We have been presenting this dinner for five years with a lot of success. This year the proceeds went to the fund college scholarship program and provide assistance to our Diocesan Seminarian Alejandro Valtierra. I will be filling in the details on both events in the next Bollettino.

Please pray for all our sick members and the needy people. A special prayer for Carol Austin.

Your Reporter,

Yvonne Perry

San Diego

District Council

We are excited and busy getting ready for Convention. The excitement is building we are planning and exciting fun experience for you in one of the most fun and beautiful cities in the USA.

Plan on definitely attending an extremely special surprise Thursday night event for you and your family a five star exciting fun event!



The tours of our beautiful city will be interesting, informative and fun, these first two days are being designed to start your Convention weekend off with a bang. Watch each month for the exciting updates. This Convention is not to be missed. See you in San Diego, California Labor Day Weekend.

Patrizia Vigili

Chula Vista
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 229

The Superbowl Sandwich Sale was a huge success.

The Branch Anniversary Event (50 years) was fun. The Branch invited the parishioners to come for free food and fellowship.

The Branch held the annual St. Joseph's Day Table on Palm Sunday. The statue of St. Joseph was carried in a procession held by the Men of St. Joseph.

Please pray for our deceased members, for those who are sick, for all military personnel, and for victims of terrorism and disasters.

When you see a man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service to our country! God bless our military! God bless America! God bless the ICF!!

Ciao!

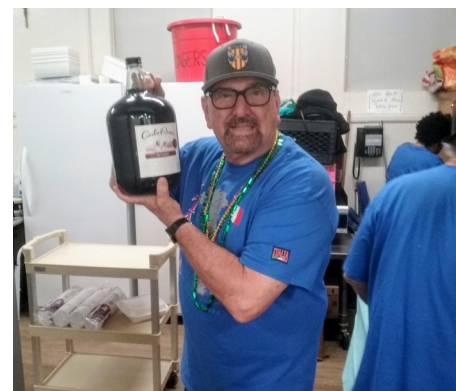
Karen Judson

Recording & Corresponding Secretary

San Diego
Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Annual Fish Fry

On Friday February 16, at 1:50pm everyone took their positions at their stations, with anxious anticipation preparing for the doors



Branch 230 hosting a wonderful Lenten fish fry.

to open for our largest fundraiser of the year, Our Annual Fish Fry. The Curbside take out station in front of the church equipped with a special phone for take out orders, lights, banners. Father Joe's Galley decorated with authentic fishing nets, Kitchen crew all set and in place ready to excite the palate with an outstanding menu featuring our special recipes for Alaskan Cod so delicious it melts in your mouth, crispy French Fries cooked to perfection, coleslaw so good you could eat it by itself, freshly baked Italian Bread and Butter, Italian Sorbet and Coffee for dessert with homemade Cannolis to satisfy your sweet tooth. Hostesses, servers and seating crew ready for our guest. The doors to the Upstairs Parish Hall opened at 2:00pm sharp 2 hours earlier than in previous years and the excitement began. The staff dressed in special ordered blue t-shirts to commemorate the occasion. Upon entering after purchasing dinner tickets, guest took a stroll down the Seawall of Shops, consisting of Fine Jewelry,

Our Lady of the Rosary gifts, Bella Luna Lavender, Taste of Italy Shop, and The Sweet Tooth Shop with Italian Cookies and Cannolis available for purchase. Guest we're entertained at the SandBar lounge by Accordion player Joe Columbo, continuous old world movies of fisherman many of whom founded our Parish, while sipping their favorite beverage. Under the Sea games for children and adults, a walk through our old world heritage Display emphasizing our Italian Heritage and last but not least A Coral Reef of Raffle Prizes. It was an outstanding event enjoyed by all, an extremely successful event Many Many thanks to the outstanding dedicated volunteers. A very special thank you to everyone one who donated to this event too numerous to name. Our very generous main donors Joey Principato for his fish and special container donation and Luke Vinci for all his advice and donation. Thank You all for your dedication and support. Peace of Christ and many Blessings too all.

Patrizia Vigili

Celebrating 50 years at Branch 229



Spring Valley Santa Sophia, Br. 416

After a most successful Super Bowl Sunday Sandwich Sale we are now preparing for our annual St. Joseph Table. We sold over 184 sausage and meatball sandwiches for SBSSS. We hope to sell just as many for St. Joseph's Day. Almost all members show up and help make the sausage and meatballs so it does make for a fun afternoon. We sell the sandwiches after all of the Masses and we have things pretty well cleaned up by 1pm so everyone can get home to watch the game.

For St. Joseph's Day we sell the sandwiches and cannolis. Our St. Joseph Table is set up in the center of the hall and we have a free will donation for citrus and bread. The proceeds go to the church for its' Outreach program. We also have a membership information table set up at all of our functions. The membership table has lots of ICF information on it including our history, Information on St. Joseph, scholarship information, Information on our charities, and, of course, applications.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new member and he is an international member. His name is Kyumin Jeong and he comes to us from Busan, South Korea. "Min" is a visiting student and he is staying with one of our members. He had so much fun learning how to make sausage that he wanted to join. So, we signed him up !!! Now looking forward

to St. Joseph's Day. Tim Smith

San Francisco

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

Dear Members:

Please note these upcoming events:

April – No meeting

April 8 – Archbishop Day. Details TBA.

Keep well!

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

San Francisco Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38

Our branch had its first 2018 meeting on Feb. 10th. We had Old Business to report: our ICF Calendar Sales, our Dec. Mini Meeting/Christmas Party, and the Br. #38 report on our 2018 Annual Dues, which ICF Grand

President Mr. Andy Pappani asked Cosmo to collect. Our branch still doesn't have officers, but we've been caring on just like we have for the past seven years. Each member did our thing...and in the end it worked out fine!

As far as the Membership Drive, we haven't heard when it will take place. We were originally told it would happen in February, but we hope it will occur soon. When or if I hear news I will notify our paid up members. Actually, only two people have not paid their 2018 dues...most of our ICF Br. #38 members have been very loyal...Grazie!

Maria Gloria, our past 1st VP and Heritage Chairlady, at the meeting gave her report on Casanova. Being near Valentine Day his life story was very appropriate and interesting...we knew Casanova had many mistresses, but, we didn't know, Casanova was also a very well educated man! Maria, we all enjoyed hearing his story...you always come up with timely topics. Grazie anche for all the goodies you gave us.

A nice occurrence in February was our dear Br. #38 member Eva Belloni, on Valentine's Day, celebrated her "100th" Birthday. We were hoping Eva might be able to attend our meeting, but her sons felt it was not best. We purchased large Strawberry Shortcake for our meeting anyway. After the meeting Cosmo, Dora, and I delivered, to Eva's home, a nice piece of cake for her and her caregiver to enjoy, and we also gave Eva, from our branch, a card with a beautiful white Orchid plant. We also brought Madeline Torre a large piece of cake that we owed her from our Christmas Party...coincidentally; February 3 is her Birthday, too! Madeline, you know why we owed you...is Cosmo forgiven now?

We wish to thank our good friends Joe and Ann Basuino, members of Br. #365, and Patrick Ramsey for attending our meeting. Your presence really added to a very pleasant afternoon. After the short meeting, we had lunch, and as Dora Varacchi said, "I really liked the meeting today. After lunch we sat and enjoyed good conversations and relaxed!" Dora you're right...I wish we had new members to enjoy our meetings, too.

Branch 38 next meeting will be April 21 at 12:00 noon in the PC (expect a phone call)!

Ciao,

Mara Amato

San Francisco Santo Stefano, Br. 50

Our last meeting was held on March 7th, with our President Joe Figone presiding. Our opening prayer was lead by our Vice President, Louie Massanti. Although it wasn't one of our most attended meetings, the members present were mighty in force! Many had remembered to wear of touch of green honoring all our Irish friends.

How wonderful that Anne Ferrell stepped in for me, and reported on our last meeting with her up to date minutes. Our President reported having received one letter since our last meeting. It brought a sad note to our meeting, as it was from Sandra Rulli notifying us of her husband Rocco's passing.

Treasurer Annette Farrell read her financial report, and all bills were moved to be paid.

It was at this time that our President brought to our attention the Scholarship Fund. All agreed that we should continue this tradition, and it was agreed upon to once again provide a \$500.00 scholarship to the deserving eighth Grade Graduate of St Vincent de Paul School.

We thanked Eleanor Pieretti for her service of contacting our dear members with cheerful cards, and expressed our thanks to Anne Ferrell for her offer to take over this task.

Joe Figone then closed our meeting, thanking our Hospitality Crew, lead by Mimi Ysturiz,

for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day Dinner prepared for us. Salad, Soup, Corned Beef and cabbage, and all the trimmings ! God Bless them all !

Until next time,

Ciao,

Anstell Ricossa

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our Champagne Bingo was another great success. Thanks to all who helped make this possible. A big thank you to Bill, who was our Bingo Caller. Much Appreciated!!

On March 19th we had a trip to Thunder Valley.

To all our March Birthdays - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health in the coming year.

A big 90th Birthday to Anita Ferroggiaro. Much Happiness and Good Health this coming year.

A Super 100th Birthday on March 19th to our good friend Josephine Palmieri!! Good Health and Much Happiness to you in this coming year. What a beautiful accomplishment!!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

A Blessed and Happy Easter - Buona Pasqua - to all of our members and their families.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Apr. 22nd - Mass

Apr. 23rd - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

San Mateo South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Buona Festa della Mamma South City!

Our May business dinner is traditionally our Cinco De Mayo dinner and for years it was hosted by Gayle Mangini. In her memory we plan to continue this special event and celebrate the diversity of our City and Branch. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 2 and head over to All Souls for some great food and camaraderie.

Your Branch is looking to host a Sunday Pedro tournament in the next couple of months. Please reach out to President Diana Ferrari or Donna Smith if you or anyone you know is interested in playing. Before we commit to this fundraiser we need to know what kind of demand there is for these types of events.

It's that time of year again when the convention raffle tickets are mailed out. Please help defray some of our convention costs and purchase or sell the ticket books sent to you. As always, please return any unsold tickets.

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Branch 327 volunteers, Tom Malaspina, Joe Sheehan.



Branch 327 President Carmel Dufault.

This month marks a major milestone for one of our great members, Eyda Giachetti, who turns 101 years old on April 28. While this is an incredible milestone, it's not nearly as incredible as Eyda. We wish her the happiest, healthiest and best of birthdays.

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

In honor of all mothers remember, mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

Ciao!

FHR

Colma

San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone,

Here we are already in Lent and making preparations for Easter. You can share in Lent by attending the following:

Coming Activities:

Sunday, April 1st: Easter Sunday

Monday, April 9th: Annual Lenten Soup Night, bring your bowls and spoons and enjoy the delicious homemade soups. Call Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com by April 6th. Easter favors will be made during soup night.

Saturday, April 14th: Pedro Tournament hosted by Donna Barnes. 9:a.m. Coffee and donuts. 10:00 a.m. Pedro Tournament. Cost TBA, includes hot dog lunch with all the fixings.

RSVP and payment to: Donna Barnes,183 Santa Paula Drive, Daly City CA 94015. (650) 991-0178

Friday, May 25th: The Baccalaureate Mass/Breakfast. Cheryl Simon is the Chair Person and all help will gratefully appreciated.



Branch 327 guests Barbara Firpo, Dorene Campanile.

The Branch will be sponsoring an evening with a spoke person from Cooley's Anemia to come to a meeting to share stories and talk about the program.

Please remember Julia Padreddii (long time member) and all our members who are in need of our thoughts and prayers.

N. Thurman

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We just celebrated St. Joseph's Feast Day at our last Thursday's meeting and our chairwoman, Dorene Campanile, did a beautiful job of decorating and planning the prayers to honor him. Also, thanks goes to all members who brought food for our potluck.

We also had a guest speaker, Laurice Levine, from Cooley's Anemia who kept us up-to-date on the latest discoveries at the Los Angeles Hospital where she continues her work and commitment.

Our Lady of Angeles Parish will hold a Lenten Supper in the Hall of Saints for the Parish on March 23, 2018 and special thanks to our ICF members: Dorene Campanile, Maria Camicia, Anita Cecena, Lori Clyne, Janine McNally Bea Tomasello and Luci Witherspoon who are adding their contributions.

April events: April 7, 2018 we are having a spaghetti, meatball, salad, dessert, wine

and coffee dinner \$25.00, \$10.00 for 12 and under. Open to all branches, Raffle

Prizes. Reservations by 3-20-18 contact Dorene Campanile (650) 344-7870.

Our Pedro Tournament will be held later in the year. Also, Bishop's Day is still in the planning stages and more info to follow soon.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers: Dorene & John's daughter, Connie,

Jean Watterson's daughter, Jeannine, Linda Mustachia, Lorraine Rollandi and John Watterson.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco

St. Augustine, Br. 213

This month's meeting dinner was hosted by Carolyn Ternullo and Roberta Franchini.

Thanks gals for taking time to provide a wonderful meal for us. We truly enjoyed your dinner.

President Barbara Gabriel reminded us to purchase our Raffle tickets at the next meeting, \$20.00. Remember this is a fund raiser from the District that helps us too - we get to keep a portion of the proceeds.

Prayers go out to John and Fran Cannon for speedy recovery and hope to see them at a future branch meeting.

Reminder to all our member to check our Branch Newsletter for upcoming branch events and make plans to attend one of them.

June 16th we will be hosting the semi-quarterly communion. Please contact President Barbara to let her know what you will be bringing for the reception. We need your help.

We continue to enjoy the friendship of our members at these events and the effort by all Branch members making them a very special I.C.F. activity. We need to support them.

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Joyce James

San Carlos

St. Charles Br. 327

Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Thank you to Gloria Haars and her ladies who prepared a delicious meal for our February dinner meeting.

We had a wonderful Chicken Soufflé casserole and an even more wonderful dessert of homemade German Chocolate cake. Thank you to all who helped prepare the meal and also all who stayed after the meeting to clean the tables and chairs and do all the dishes.

Please remember that our ICF dues are due and payable now. Please submit to Alma Brennan if you have not already done so.

Our March meeting was our annual Anniversary corned beef dinner. It was our 41st Anniversary and was celebrated by all who attended. The dinner was prepared by the St. Charles Mens' Club, served by young volunteers from St. Charles, Sequoia High School and Bellarmine, with live musical entertainment. The proceeds from this dinner are used to provide scholarships for St. Charles' 8th grade students.

Hope to see you all at our April 17 meeting.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We have donated \$400 to the Scholarship Program in honor of our Past President Carla Del Carlo.

Our annual St. Joseph's Table Pot Luck was again a successful event with many delicious dishes prepared by our members. We had such an abundance of food that all leftovers were delivered to the San Bruno Catholic Hospitality House for the homeless.

Our next monthly meeting will take place on April 3 in the Parish hall with a social at 6:00PM and a lasagna dinner at 6:30PM.

We have distributed the Convention Raffle Tickets and ask that our members sell or purchase the tickets as it is a great fundraiser. A book of 12 tickets is \$20.00, but \$10.00 stays with our Branch.

Rose Marie Morando

Correspondent Secretary

Marin

Larkspur

St. James, Br. 161

Cari Amici e Soci,

The February 20th meeting was a speedy one held at Healy Hall with delicious desserts to enjoy afterward. Please see the minutes that Anna Biggio sent out.

On March 20, our meeting was held at Marin Joe's in Corte Madera, while enjoying a delicious dinner, the St. Joseph's Table, and a guest speaker.

On Sunday, March 25 we had an ICF Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, followed by Brunch at Café Verde in Corte Madera.

Wishing all our members a happy birthday, happy anniversary, happy Lenten season and a Happy Easter!

P.S. If you have not already done so, please send in your dues as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 15 - Dinner at Chalet Basque Restaurant in San Rafael. No Host Bar at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Menu is Pate Maison, Soup of the Day, Green Salad, choice of Poached Salmon in Champagne Sauce, Half Roasted Chicken in Mushroom Sauce, Veal Piccata, or Entrecote (N.Y. Steak) with Bearnaise Sauce, and Spumoni Ice Cream with home made cookies, coffee, soft drinks, white and red wines. Price per person \$60 tax and service inclusive. There will also be raffle baskets.

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 Easter.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley

Santa Clara

N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Let us all come to the Dinner/Meeting(s). Mike Holder has a wonderful Meal Menu planned. Watch your mail box for the agenda each month. New members always welcome, and maybe join Br.5. Remember to call for dinner reservations to Mary Ann Ruiz.

Thanks for everyone who paid dues for 2018. We have 70 members paid.

Please pray for Bea Cunha who is recovery from a surgery procedure.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Ruiz for being elected to a District position. Good Luck.

Don't forget the April 28, 2018 when we have a Dean Martin show/dinner. Seating is limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Hope everyone is enjoying the time change. Enjoy.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy

Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our February 26th dinner meeting was a potluck affair where members brought food and prepared dishes. The potlucks always turn into a treat of international fare prepared from member's favorite recipes. Thank you



President Gennaro Filice and Orator Roy Shackel getting ready to begin the prayer at the February 26th meeting before dinner.

members.

Grand President and Branch 28's own Andrew Pappani gave a brief description of his recent trip to Australia representing the Italian Catholic Federation of this country. What is probably not well known is that the Italian Catholic Federation was established in Australia in 1960. As stated by Andy the I.C.F. Australian members were very friendly and gracious and very appreciative of his visit. What stood out to Andy was how the Australian members wanted to meet and talk to the "American." Thanks to Andy and Sid for this ambassadorial visit to our sister Australian Italian Catholic Federation branches. Take a look at www.italiancatholicfederation.org.au/encontact.html for more information regarding the Australian Italian Catholic Federation.

This year's annual picnic is scheduled for July 14, 2018 at Las Animas Park in Gilroy CA. Ideas and help for this event are appreciated.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival is coming up on July 27, 28, and 29, 2018. Any members interested in volunteering contact President Gennaro Filice. Your efforts are much appreciated and it is a very helpful fundraiser for Branch 28.

Thank you to Branch 28 members for sending in your annual dues payment for 2018. Please remember to bring your membership card to our dinner meetings for there will be a prize drawing for one lucky member in attendance.

Due to a scheduling conflict the "Taste of Italy" ravioli and shrimp dinner scheduled for April 21, 2018 has been put on hold. The Santa Clara Valley District Council's "Meet Me at the Luau" luncheon will be held on the same date in San Jose. If you are interested in attending please contact a board member for tickets. We encourage members to support the District's fundraising luau and hope to see you there.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018 and Cullen Hall.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



Grand President Andrew Pappani telling membership about his trip to Australia in January 2018 at the February 26th dinner meeting.

Los Gatos

St. Mary, Br. 184

Our Branch Crab Feed was very well received. The last time we held a crab feed was about 20 years ago! The salad, pasta with clams, cracked crab, and chicken for those who don't eat crab, were served and enjoyed by all. There were fabulous raffle baskets and silent auction items which were all thoughtfully crafted. Thank you to all who made the evening such a success.

Recently member Eileen Fritsch chaired a membership drive. We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Branch. A very warm hello to Melissa Carrubba and family, Mary Foley and family, Josie Co, Evy Meyer, Paula Ballon, Jill Cox and Charlene and Jeff Staricco. We hope to see you all at our functions.

Speaking of which, the quarterly Mass and breakfast was held March 4. After the 7:30 A.M. Mass, the group then met at the Hickory Pit for fellowship. Donna Pfaff is the lady to call if you wish to attend the District Luau, to be held at Da Kine Island Grill on April 21. The proceeds from this lunch go toward the Seminar Program. Donna's phone number is 408 265 7902. Finally, the Peace Mass, June 24 at our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara, is always a beautiful time when all branches come together to pray. The Mass is held outdoors at 11:00 A.M. Please call Donna Pfaff if you wish to attend the luncheon following Mass.

Buona Pascua - Happy Easter to all,

Lucy Amico

San Jose

St. Francis Cabrini, Br. 191

Branch 191 had a very successful Polenta/Chicken Cacciatore Dinner Dance on March 3rd. I love polenta and this was the best. Our Past President Jo Bertaccini was the Hostess along with Co-Hostess Shirley Catania. Good job and thanks to everyone who participated and those who attended.

At the end of March we will celebrate St Joseph's Day at our meeting on the 28th,

with the tradition altar, St Joseph Statute, a meatless meal of Linguini and clams and multiple desserts supplied by the members. Looking forward to this celebration.

Happy Easter to your members, you and your family as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Branch 191 wants to wish you a wonderful Easter.

Jim Jones

San Jose

Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

The Gillios and the Nunziatas make a fantastic polenta! Thanks to you, Gus and Mary Mavroudis, Avis Erkel, Joe and Ann Gresch, and Carol Layne for the tasty meal of polenta, meatballs, and Italian sausage at our March meeting.

We thank Paula Radzinski for her many years of faithful service as branch secretary, and we welcome Anne Cordoni to the position. Thank you both!

Jackie Morton is our resident quilt maker, who has donated many gorgeous quilts to our branch fundraisers. She sews with her machine and with her heart. We are so proud of her and so thankful for the money she has raised through our raffles. Special blessings on your hands and fingers, Jackie!

Our current project is our pasta dinner to be held on May 12. Anne Cordoni and Mary Ridi have generously volunteered to co-chair the event. They are calling on our branch members to once again donate their time and talent to making the dinner a success.

Our branch has adopted a child to help through St. Jude's Hospital. Enthusiastic St. Jude's supporters Joan and Jerry Delfino had dinner with Danny Thomas at one of the ICF conventions and found him very gracious and kind.

Praying for the health of our members is constantly on our minds. Take care of them all, O Lord. They are very special to us.

A blessed April to all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose

St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Mike Rossi opened our meeting by thanking Al and Diana Vallorz and team for our "Blarney Stone" Irish dinner of corn beef and cabbage in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. What a feast!

Laurice Levine from the Cooley's Anemia Program at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles returned to our branch to give us an update of her work with Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia), which has been the ICF's National Charity since 1984. Her informative presentation was followed by a Q & A session. For additional information about this program, visit <http://www.icf.org/charity/childrens-hospital-los-angeles/>

Steve Lencioni reported that our branch is financially doing well; we are off to a good start at this time of year.

Louise Vento spoke of the life of St. Patrick in her report—from his birth in Scotland to his experiences in Ireland, where he built churches, preached of the Holy Trinity, and planted "Shamrocks" which represented the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Tickets are now on sale for our popular "Wine and Dine with ICF" being held on May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Martin's Gym. Contact Susan Busco or Steve Lencioni.

If you are wondering what events are coming up, pick up your copy of Branch #391's calendar at our next meeting.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 April Dinner Meeting—April 3, 2018 at 6:30p.m.; St. Martin's Ladies Guild Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser—April 19, 2018, and "Wine and Dine with ICF"—May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Hoping you had a Happy Easter!

Janis Patellaro

Morgan Hill

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

We had our annual polenta dinner on February 22nd attended by about 65 ICF members and guests. The polenta was expertly prepared by John Gillio, our district mentor, and the sauce and sausage by Maryclaire Sampognaro. In addition, we used this opportunity to bid farewell to Fr. Russ Roide, SJ, who is moving on to the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos. Fr. Russ has been a faithful ICF member for years and will be missed by all. Br. #435 also hosted the hospitality gathering after all of the Sunday morning masses so that the rest of the parish could say good-bye to Fr. Russ as well.

March brings a variety of celebrations - corned beef and cabbage on March 15th for St. Patrick's Day, and the fresh produce giveaway hosted by St. Catherine's Middle School Ministry and the ICF, concluded by a Lenten Community Soup Supper at the Parish Center on Friday, March 16th. There are so many ways we can help each other out.

Longtime board member, Gloria Subocz, celebrated her 90th birthday on March 5th. Gloria brought chips and dip to our board meeting to share with all. Happy Birthday, Gloria!

We will be having our pasta fundraiser dinner on Saturday, April 21st, to help with our various charitable contributions. This is always a fun evening and an opportunity to introduce the ICF to others in our parish.

Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose

Church Of The Transfiguration, Br. 445

Jim Falcone, our ICF President, scored lots of points at our monthly meeting, for preparing a special dinner featuring, "Pasta", "Salciccia" and "Sugo"! It was Delizioso!

Our guest speaker at our monthly meeting was Eileen Fritsch, (from ICF Branch 184, ST. Mary's, Los Gatos) who presented us with a wonderful insight on the "Organ Donor Program". Eileen spoke about the program's merits, how much it can help people, how easy it is to be an organ donor and, how age is no impediment. Organs can be harvested without delay regardless of traditional burial (casket) or cremation. Organs include lungs, liver, heart, cornea, pancreas, and small intestine. Kidneys can be transplanted either before or after death. Last year over 10,000 various organs were transplanted. Eileen urged members to enroll in the organ donation program when renewing their drivers' license at the DMV.

Heritage Chairperson, Jan Stumhoffer, posted two maps of Italy, one giving an overview of the entire country, the other breaking it out into 8 regions. Three of Jan's four grandparents were from Italy and Jan talked about her early memories of growing up in the Overfelt & Holy Cross areas, recalling her relatives Mary and Nelly's (Marinelli) vegetable farm. Jan noted the population growth/migration of Italians to America dramatically increased from 20,000 between 1848-1870 to 4 million between 1890-1914.

Our ICF Members donated 23 Canned Hams to CMO for distribution to worthy charities.

St. Joseph's Table has been moved from March 19 to March 22, which is our next General



Branch 435 members enjoying great gatherings together.

Meeting. It will be a meatless meal with plenty of bread/fruit/pasta/fava beans/pastries, etc.. Jean Cosentino suggested we “borrow” a statue of St. Joseph from the church’s Nativity scene! Jean will serve on the committee.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola
Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa

District Council

The weather is lovely out here in the country; even some snow on the higher hills!

The members of the district are gearing up for the trip north to the Eureka/Arcata branches for their anniversaries on April 20-21. Flyers have been distributed with all the information. Let’s make this a big deal!

Branch membership chairpersons have been appointed – so let’s get out and bring those members in. There is a lot of information about membership drives on the website at icf.org.

District mentor Kathy Acquistapace presented the Mentor of the Year Award to Bill Scinto, mentor of #103, Sonoma , who was not able to receive it at the District Installation. Well done, Bill!

A District Workshop will be held on June 3 at the Meeting in Healdsburg, #52. Information will be forthcoming. This workshop is for all officers and members of the Santa District. Plan to attend.

The district was very proud to be able to give the Wildfire monies to Catholic Charities Director, Len Marabella at the Installation. This donation represented money given throughout the ICF.

We remember in our prayers, Ernest “Jeep” Sanza who passed away. Jeep had been a driver for General Patton in WWII and long time member of #12, Napa.

Let’s get out and support each other’s activities. Check your district calendar for dates.

Take care of each other, love and comfort each other always.

CK

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our 4th Annual Fish Fry! It was a great success. We also thank everyone who cooked, set-up, cleaned-up, served the dinner, manned the bar, served the wine and managed the raffle, silent auction and live auction. We couldn’t put on this event without everyone’s help. Photos will be in the May issue.

Upcoming Events:

April 8: Branch meeting, 5:30 PM at the Rectory.

May 8: Branch meeting. 5:30 PM in the Rectory.

May 12: Painting Party. Come and unleash your inner Van Gogh or Monet! If you didn’t sign-up at the Fish Fry for our Paining Party, please contact Lauren at 433-1210. We will be painting a picture of the Fountaingrove Round Barn. Price: \$45.00 includes all supplies, wine and appetizers. Time: 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM. Space is limited!

May 15: Mother’s Day Dinner and Meeting. 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. In addition to a delicious dinner honoring our Mothers, we will take our branch photo for the ICF Yearbook.

Looking ahead – our Golf Tournament will be on October 7 at Healdsburg Golf Course - Tayman Park. Mark your calendars! More details in the coming months.

Happy Easter!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

St. Peter, Br. 75

We would like to report that our Chicken and Spaghetti Dinner was a great success! We served close to 300 people who all raved about the food. Of course, we have many people to thank, especially our cooks, Ken & Claudia Cuneo, Joe Duran, Judy Miller, Ron Brown, Nancy McKean; our bartenders and servers, ticket sellers and those in charge of the auction items.

Our St Patrick’s Day Dinner Meeting was delicious, thanks to our deputy, Bob Aquistapace, and his sidekick. God bless the Irish along with the Italians!

We are looking forward to our next event which will be a Dinner in the Vineyards. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Happy Easter!

Sonoma

St. Sebastian, Br. 103

At last our evening skies are accommodat-ing the residual members from Napa #12. So happy they have decided to retain their membership with ICF, thanks to President Ken Marshall who was also a member of Napa #12.

To all of Sonoma’s faithful #103 I have de-cided to highlight several of our members out-standing achievements up to and including the world of sports and entertainment. Our twins, Jane and Mary hail from the Midwest where winter sports prevailed. Figure skating at 13 up until late teens enabled them to skate, without audition for Mr. Shipstad, the owner of the Shipstad’s and Johnson Ice Follies. For 7 seasons their synchronized skating delighted and impressed audiences.

Fortunately, our 1st. vice-president Tom Wurst



Santa Rosa District Mentor Kathy Acquistapace presents the 2017 Mentor of the Year Award to Bill Scinto. Bill has been an outstanding mentor to Br. 103, Sonoma and is also Santa Rosa District President.

continues to tend bar despite his hectic real estate involvements.

Cheers to you, Tom!!

Sonoma’s group is small but mighty. So many dressed in green to honor St Patrick’s feast day on the 17th, who by the way was the son of Roman citizens.

Our Irish dinner was cooked to perfection by Chef Diane, 27 were present.

This is the season for Fundraiser dinners and while I have your attention President Ken Marshall and Deputy Bill Scinto are preparing for a June dinner. I will certainly keep every-one well informed as the date approaches.

Easter is quickly approaching and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our members

Una Santa Pasqua
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording Secretary

Petaluma

St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Looked out the window this morning, saw the beautiful tree I have in my garden just loaded with beautiful purple magnolia flowers. A sight to see. We are all so lucky to live in an area where trees are covered with blossoms and new leaves are starting to bloom. Petaluma is a great place to live and enjoy.

We recently had our All You Can Eat Crab Dinner and it was a huge success. We had 117 people that attended. The cooks did a great job and all the people that helped are greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of work to put on a dinner and we are lucky to have the members who are willing to help. So thank you to all who helped in any way and thanks to Angelo Leone’s grandchildren for helping with serving the dinner. Its nice to know there are all these nice teenagers that are so willing to give their time. You so seldom hear about the good teenagers.

April is Bakeless Bake Sale. You will be receiving a notice from our Chairman Margaret Cordrey to donate to this great fund raiser that we have. The nice part is you really don’t have to bake at all. So help with the sale by sending in your donation.

May 12th we will be having our Pizza/Bingo Nite. We will hold it in Room 9. There will be a short meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by pizza/dessert and we will play Bingo after eating. Cost for pizza - \$5 Bingo \$5 for 5 games. Please join us as this is a great evening for socializing with your fellow members and having some fun. Reservations: Call Louise - 769=7389.

May 19th - Chicken Cacciatore Dinner: O’erders 6:15 p.m., Dinner: salad, chicken cacciatore dinner, dessert, wine and coffee



Branch 75’s bartenders.

- 7:00 p.m., Cost \$20 Adults and Children 5-11 yrs. of age \$10. We will be honoring our scholarship recipients and their parents at this dinner. Reservations: Louise - 769-7389.

June 11th - Regular Meeting

June 17th - Quarterly Communion/Mass 10:30 a.m., St. Vincent’s Church with a Brunch following the Mass. Details to follow at next meeting.

Our condolences to Ann Kiefer on the loss of her companion Howard Smith. Ann Kiefer is a long time member whom we have not seen in quite awhile. She was responsible for all our lovely decorations and setting up of tables for our past dinners and events. Howard, altho not a member helped the Branch in so many ways. We want to thank Ann for all she did and remember Howard for all the help he gave to our Branch.

Get well wishes to Kathleen Walker, Lillian Ward, Margaret Cordrey and anyone else who is ill. Frank Cresci we send you our best wishes.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Happy Easter to everyone. Celebrate Jesus and enjoy your day with family and friends on this special day. Keep the homeless people, our servicemen and women and our Country In our prayers.

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

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata

St. Mary, Br. 144

Our March 7th meeting began with a prayer.

It was reported that our February Chicken Polenta Dinner netted \$3,900. Thank you to the cooks, helpers, servers, and all who were involved in making this a successful dinner.

We will again be able to support our needy charities and scholarships. We immediately donated \$300 to Gifts of Love and \$300 to Thalassemia Fund.

Plant night – April 14 is quickly approaching. Reservations are required with a limit of 40 guests. Call Anne at 845-7699 for a night of fun – hors d’oeuvres, no-host bar, door prizes, and fun for all. Learn how to choose plants for your miniature garden and learn their proper care. Best of all you leave with your very own miniature garden. See you there – bring a friend!

Convention raffle tickets have arrived for us to buy or to sell - \$20 a book. Our branch is expected to sell 41 books. Be sure to leave the stubs stapled.

Paula’s husband, Michael, will have back surgery on March 16 – keep him in your prayers.

Thanks to all who helped make the St. Joseph Table and our Friday Night Meager Meal a success. Many hands make little work!

April Birthdays are: Marie LaBanca, Lucia Monge, and Ruth Monge. Happy Birthday to all.

Our next meeting is April 4th – Pizza & Salad Night beginning at 6 pm. See you there!

Happy Easter to all,
Rosemary



Branch 395, Soup Supper 2018.

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

At our March meeting, our members enjoyed a traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Many thanks to head cook, Ernie Giampaoli, and his crew: Dick Carrera, Marc Bisio, Mike Milano and Vic Torchio, Jr. for an outstanding meal.

Also, at our March meeting we awarded scholarships to three St. Eugene Elementary School students: David Muniz-Toro, Jaxson Gilardo and Abril Cardiel.

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet for our Spring Fundraiser Dinner at the Monsignor Becker Center on Saturday, April 14th, you still have time to contact Bill Scinto (707-823-2275). The cut-off for ticket sales is April 6th. Chef Steve May and his crew will prepare a wonderful Chicken Cordon Bleu and Tortellini dinner. Cost is just \$22.00 and includes cocktails and dinner. What a bargain!

We extend our sympathy to Marge Milano and her family in the recent loss of her brother, Martin Hogan. May his soul, and the souls of all our departed members, rest in peace.

Buona Pasqua.

Gail Bong-i-Azevedo

Stockton

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Our February meeting was held at Cecelia McGhee’s home due to the fact that it was Ash Wednesday and it would be impossible to park to get into the hall. That is always one of the biggest days for attendance at church.

We have our bake sale coming up May 5th and 6th. That will have all of our bakers very busy. We have Biscotti, cookies, cakes, pies, breads and much more. We are in front of the church after the masses until we sell out. We appreciate all the support of those who buy our baked goods.

We will have our Mother’s Day Potluck at our May 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Bring your family and friends and join us at the hall at 7th & K Streets.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays April 1, 2018 and May 6, 2018 at the 8:00 am at the Maze Blvd. Church.

The refreshments for the April 11, 2018 will be furnished by Mary Jennings.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Coming up:

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

All is in readiness for our Branch’s annual “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner. Organizers Lori Pellegrino-Jackson, Cary Posz, Michelle Harmon and Ida Queirolo have done a splendid job of preparing everything from furnishings, decorations, Silent Auction, raffles to food for this popular event. Ticket Chair Rhonda Mussi reports a possible sell-out. Funds raised will go for scholarships and charitable donations.

Father Chris Varghese, newly-arrived Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony Parish, was a special guest at a recent Branch meeting. Two new members, Barbie and Nick Ratto, were also welcomed.

The new bishop of the Stockton Diocese, Most Reverend Myron Cotta, will be installed at St. Stanislaus Church in Modesto and Branch 139 will have several representatives in attendance.

The monthly Heritage Committee report included a presentation Jordyn Posz shared on her Italian roots.

The I. C. F.’s contribution to our parish’s Lenten Soup Suppers, Ida and Tony Queirolo’s famous minestrone soup, had 63 persons attending.

Branch President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis and Past Branch President Frank Re were selected as delegates to the Grand Convention in San Diego in September. Frank is a candidate for Central Council. Alternate delegates will be Attilio Mussi, Jim Alfieri and Dante Galeazzi.

This month’s \$50 Charity Drawing went to the Manteca CAPS for developmentally disabled adults.

Our meeting was adjourned, as always, by the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Ciao,

Mariano

Tracy

St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our dinner meetings continue to thrive and we are grateful to Mike Bacchetti and his

crew of cooks and helpers who volunteer their time buying, cooking and serving these monthly meals for all of us. Without them we wouldn’t be the community we are today.

In April we will celebrate our annual Italian Heritage Night. We are treating our members and guests with authentic homemade meatballs prepared by various board members and friends again this year. Some folks call it work but when we get together to spend the day mixing, blending, measuring (sometimes), and chatting, we can hardly call it hard work...and we manage to roll over 400 meatballs! Our grandmothers would be proud to see us elbow deep in preparing family favorites! Then we just need Mike Bacchetti to make the spaghetti (hey, that rhymes!) and gravy - this year it will be Thursday April 26th so don’t miss it. Last year’s Heritage Night had 163 diners and we had contests, raffles, fun and wine.

Our Branch 390 will be hosting Bishop’s Day this year. The event will be held Sunday June 3rd. The Mass will begin at 11:00 AM at Holy Family Center on Valpico Road. It is a regularly well-attended Mass in Tracy so if you plan to attend please get there early for parking and seating.

Be sure to check out the fabulous photos taken by Steve Ridolfi’s on our beautiful website. Go to icfbranch390.org and enjoy!

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

Stockton

Presentation, Br. 395

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with their family and friends.

As I mentioned, we hosted Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper in March and we had a wonderful turnout for both. Attendees who stayed for soup donated over \$100 which we sent to our local Saint Mary’s Dining Room.

Our branch will host our next Stockton District meeting at Presentation Church on Sunday, May 6. All are welcome. Get these summer events on your calendars, June 30-Italian Heritage Night at Stockton Ports Baseball and July 29-Festa Italiana at the Lodi Fairgrounds. Hope you can join us for both!

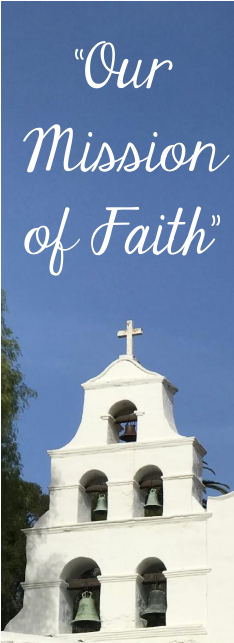
Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

Angels Camp

St. Patrick, Br. 413

Happy Easter! We hope that you have a wonderful time with family and friends. It is time for Spring and all of the breathtaking changes of the season to bring a sense of renewal to our hearts. We also have events to



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plan and participate in. This month, Bob the bunny wasn’t able to visit us, but the children did receive a holy card and some candies from our Branch Members, Sharon and Bob Dunn. They are our Easter Committee. Other than that, April and May are our quiet months. June brings the Baccalaureate Mass, and we are trying something new this July. For many years, we have had a BBQ Dinner and Dance, but it will be a BBQ Picnic Lunch and Games this year. We are hoping to get the Parish families to participate by offering a venue of food and family games after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. The date is set for July 22nd after the Sunday Mass. Our Chairpersons are the Brown’s and the Bertrand’s. They make a good team, and this is sure to be a fun and delicious family event. We will have more information as the event draws near.

The Stockton District will be holding its annual Bishop’s Burse at St. Bernard’s, Tracy with Mass at 11 am on June 3rd.

Ciao for now!

Annette Pachinger, Correspondence Secretary
Branch 413

Tucson

Green Valley
Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

Ciao a tutti. The month of February found our branch at the height of activity! Our first exciting pursuit was the Installation of our new board. First Vice President, Vince Piro from Central Council was on hand to install our new board.

On Saturday, February 10th, we had our annual Sit Down and Take Away Lasagna Dinner. It was another rousing success! We served approximately 200 dinners in the Holy Family Center of the church and about 250 meals were taken home to eat by some very happy people in our community!

Then on Saturday, February 17th we were honored to have our newly appointed Bishop, His Excellency, Edward J. Weisenburger, join us for mass and dinner. 4:00 Mass was celebrated and he, our Pastor, Father Francisco Maldonado, and our Deacon Joe Roinick and his lovely wife Carol joined Branches 425, 434, and 433 for dinner afterwards at Lavender’s Restaurant in Green Valley.

In March, we will continue to be busy with our annual St. Joseph’s Day Table slated for March 10th and our annual Spring Cookie sale on March 24th and 25th.

Here is hoping everyone has “una bella primavera”!

Submitted by: JoAnne Sapp