Retirement and a New Life Member

Past Grand President Larry Marsalli Passed Away

We are making the change to have our email tied directly to the Italian Catholic Federation.

We are also in the process of having email addresses for all Central Council Members along with the Central Council Committee Chairs with the icf.org association. We will post the new email addresses in the next issue of the Bollettino.

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... Building for the Future!

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director
ICFSpiritDir@aol.com

In June many students graduated. What follows is written for graduates.
To build a house now, is certainly building for the future. You can live in a new home for a long time. Houses can stand for hundreds of years. Build a school now, is also building for the future; the future education of children for many years. Maybe for your children, or even your grandchildren.

Building strength of character now is definitely building for your future: your future as a person of integrity, of faith, of trust, of commitment, of perseverance, of love, of hope.
You do not want to be just an ordinary person, the run of the mill, the maybe yes, and the maybe no type person.

You want to build yourself into a person with conviction, commitment, and respect. This is, indeed, building for the future! When people see you coming they will say, “Now there is a person worthy knowing”, because your reputation precedes you. People will clamor to meet you, to know you, to be your friend. They feel secure with you and gain strength from just being with you.
You have this edifice of power because you have a secret source from which you draw these qualities. Actually, they are not really yours. You got them from a very dear friend of yours who loves you. He loves you so much, he died for you so that you could believe in him and his message. This friend, of course, is Jesus. He gives you the reason to be, and therefore, the reason to build for the future of your life, here and hereafter. Whatever you do, wherever you go, however you live, whenever you build, do it all for Jesus, the best of all your best friends.

May you always build a future for yourselves that includes Jesus every step of the way. May He be with you, guide you and bless you always.

Membership Retention

Forrest Price
Central Council Member Emeritus
Membership Committee Member

All of the functions and activities of the Federation, its districts and branches have an impact on membership. And conversely, membership has a bearing on the ability of the Federation to sustain itself and fulfill its mission to aid the Catholic Church in saving souls and to aid our fellow man. At the branch level membership is crucial to enable the branch to grow and play its role in the overall mission of the Federation.

Generally, most of the previous articles in the Bolletino from the Membership Committee have been devoted to the extremely important subject of methods of attracting and recruiting new members. However, this present article is devoted to the very broad topic of membership retention. And, of course, the ultimate and ideal goal of membership retention should be efforts to retain members for life.

Whether or not a member becomes a life-long member certainly depends a great deal upon his or her rapport with fellow branch members including the officers, the inner satisfaction of being part of a group that serves the Lord and that achieves goals and objectives in a pleasant, enjoyable manner and harmonious atmosphere. Therefore, the conduct of all members and especially the branch officers towards others is paramount. Here are some thoughts on the subject:

Membership Committee. 1. The ideal is for every branch to have a membership committee composed of more than one or two members including a chairperson. 2. The chairperson of the committee should be asked to attend the officers meetings by the branch president and to report on progress. 3. The branch president should call on the Membership Chairperson to report his or her progress at every general meeting. 4. Members of the Membership Committee should continue to be mentors to new members for a substantial period of time in order to introduce them to others, explain proceedings, answer their questions and make them feel that they are part of a dynamic and welcoming organization. 5. The membership committee should also encourage the new member to promptly become involved in the branch activities. 6. Within a year the new members should be encouraged to at least accept one of the lower ranking offices, and, 7. Thereafter the new member should be encouraged to accept higher offices if he or she has the ability and is willing to do so.

The Role of Officers. The President sets the tone for meetings. The President should enjoy presiding at meetings. The President should have a written outline of the meeting agenda but know the agenda well enough so that he or she would rarely have to refer to it. The President should certainly welcome members with some light remarks and then follow the prescribed format for conducting the meeting as set forth by the Central Council. The meeting should be pleasant. The President should be well-versed in “Robert’s Rules of order and always

after a motion and a second, ask if there is any discussion on the motion, instead of simply calling for ayes and nays. The President should allow ample discussion on serious matters and should be courteous and fair to all. The President should be prepared to handle amendments to the motion and “calls for the question” and the voting on motions. The wise President will also thank Committee Chairpersons for their reports and praise excellent work. Also, the successful President will make the necessary telephone calls, e-mails and letters that are part of the job in between meetings and also make those contacts that are a necessary part of meeting preparation.

The Other Officers: The other officers in the branch also have an important role to play in the functioning of the branch. Although the performance of the 2nd vice president, the secretary and the treasurer are of key importance, all of the officers including trustees should competently fulfill their duties. Secretaries need to present their minutes in a pleasant and audible voice and present the events of the previous meeting in a concise manner. Treasurers should also present their reports in an audible voice and in an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates an organized manner. Secretaries need to present their minutes in a pleasant and audible voice and present the events of the previous meeting in a concise manner. Treasurers should also present their reports in an audible voice and in an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates an organized manner. Secretaries need to present their minutes in a pleasant and audible voice and present the events of the previous meeting in a concise manner. Treasurers should also present their reports in an audible voice and in an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates an organized manner. Secretaries need to present their minutes in a pleasant and audible voice and present the events of the previous meeting in a concise manner. Treasurers should also present their reports in an audible voice and in an organized manner. A pure recitation of a hodgepodge of numbers frustrates an organized manner. 

Role of the Membership: The burden of having a successful branch does not fall on the shoulders of officers alone. All members of a branch should do their part in volunteering to serve on committees, help with special events and help create a pleasant atmosphere at all events including meetings. On the positive side, members should treat one another with politeness, courtesy and respect and especially make new members or prospective new members feel welcome.

A few negative items that members should avoid come to mind: 1. members should avoid having exclusive dining groups that exclude other members especially new members, 2. in the formal discussions taking place during meetings, a member should discuss his continued on page 7

Upcoming:
2018 Bishops’ Days:
Aug. 12 Oakland
Sept. 16 Santa Rosa
Sept. 30 Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 6 San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 21 Blessed Sacrament
Oct. 28 Fresno
Oct. 31 San Bernardino
Nov. 11 Los Angeles
Dec. 2 Reno
Scholarship Corner:
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

We need scholarship donations for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year. Please donate, $500.00 for 2nd year, $600.00 for 3rd year, $1000 for 4th year. August 1 is deadline for scholarship donations. and applications. Mario Cugia Scholarship has been established to encourage and support majors in Italian studies. The program offers two scholarships: (1) a $600 award to a 3rd year university student declaring a major in Italian, and (2) a $1,000 award to a 4th year university student continuing his or her studies in Italian.

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Who Are We?
Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

On this federal holiday, also known as Independence Day, marking the Colonies’ adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which declared independence from the Great Britain and its king, (although it was signed on July 2 1776). We are already familiar with the fireworks, parades, barbeque and festivities like picnics, fairs, concerts and parties that take place on this day, but there are some things you may not know about the Fourth.


2. Only John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence on July 2, 1776. All the others signed later.

3. The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.

4. The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (76) of Pennsylvania. The lead author of The Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, was 33.

5. One out of eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were educated at Harvard (7 total).

6. The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and both died on July 4th.

7. The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.

8. The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

9. Barbecue is also big on Independence Day. Approximately 150 million hot dogs and 700 million pounds of chicken are consumed on this day.

10. Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.

Hope you have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

Join the Italian Catholic Federation 2018 Cruise Vacation

Aboard the Carnival Imagination Fun Ship!

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City: Los Angeles
Port: Port of Long Beach
Cruise Terminal
Begin Sailing: 2:00 p.m. End Time: 5:00 p.m.

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City: Los Angeles
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were labeled “enemy aliens,” and suspect. Many Italian immigrants during World War II, Italian-Americans became the United States entrance into World War II, Italian-Americans became suspects because of their Italian heritage. However, with the rise of Mussolini and the Fascist regime in Italy, Italian-Americans in the United States began to face increased scrutiny and discrimination.

Deborah’s Raw Vegetable Salad

Take hard vegetables (whatever combination that works for you) and cut into small bite size pieces (1 do dime to nickel size).

I use:
- Cauliflower
- Broccoli
- Carrots, sliced
- Celery, sliced
- Pimento stuffed green olives, sliced (must have)

Mix above together with some green olive juice (about 1 Tablespoon) and Zesty Italian Dressing (I have used Good Season’s Italian Dressing with a little Balsamic Vinegar to give it the zest). Let set up over night.

NOTE: Using hard vegetables gives it a longer shelf life.

The portion of each vegetable is not important, some of us like one vegetable more than the other, also it depends on how many you are making it for. Rough guide: ½ cauliflower, 1-2 crowns of broccoli, 2-3 carrots, 2-3 stalks celery and ¼ cup sliced green olives. I am a fan of cauliflower and I love green olives. Add more zest use jalapeno or garlic stuffed green olives.

Here is another favorite of mine, macaroni salad from my dear friend Kathy Trevizo, also a member of Branch 19 in Colma. Any dinner we have that requires macaroni salad, this is the one we ask for. And of course, she always makes a little extra for me to take home! I would think by now Kathy would be tired of making it. My brother Robert, who is not a macaroni salad fan, enjoys this one.

Macaroni Salad

1 pound macaroni (“Ditalini” short Tubular pasta), cooked and drained
Mix with:
- 2 to 3 stalks celery, finely chopped
- ¼ onion, finely chopped
- 1 jar pimento, chopped

By choosing to approach this history through a fictionalized account of this time, DiStasi is able to make the story more intimate, focusing on the pain and tragedy of these times on a more personal level. And as such, Suspect Love makes for the perfect compliment and companion to Una Storia Segreta and Branded.

The trilogy acts as a reminder that as a community that has faced discrimination and injustice in the past due to its immigrant status, Italian-Americans must be vigilant against any prejudice and inequity faced by today’s immigrant communities. As Catholics, it is also our religious obligation to assure that all people are treated fairly and equitably (as Pope Francis has reminded us on numerous occasions).

Lawrence DiStasi is an editor, writer, and college instructor. Since 1994, he has been the project director of the traveling exhibit Una Storia Segreta: When Italian Americans Were ‘Enemy Aliens.’ He is also author of Mal Occhio: The Underside of Vision (North Point Press, 1981) and Dream Streets: The Big Book of Italian American Culture (Harper & Row, 1989). He is (president of the American Italian Historical Association’s Curator/Newsletter Editor of the American Italian Studies Association’s Western Regional Chapter. His books can be purchased through various online bookstores.
Dear I.C.F. Brothers and Sisters:

Just a note of thanks for all of the prayers and get well wishes I have received over the last couple of months. It is very heartwarming and comforting to know that I am in your thoughts. I miss seeing all of you and think of you often.

May God Bless all of you and the I.C.F.
Fraternally Yours,
Sir Robert Dianda
Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council

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

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Just a note of thanks for all of the prayers and get well wishes I have received over the last couple of months. It is very heartwarming and comforting to know that I am in your thoughts. I miss seeing all of you and think of you often.

May God Bless all of you and the I.C.F.
Fraternally Yours,
Sir Robert Dianda
Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council

THANK YOU

Donations received by June 10, 2018

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In Loving Memory

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Denise Antonowicz
Grand Treasurer

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.

Gifts of Love

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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
**Children’s Hospital Los Angeles**

We Treat Kids Better

Interested in learning more about the ICF’s National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia)? If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event.

Contact Information: 360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

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

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**Live to Give**

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

**7th Annual Convention Blood Drive**

**Friday, August 31st, 2018, 8am**

at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

**Sponsored by:**

The ICF Live to Give Committee

**We NEED 40 ADVANCE SIGN-UPS**

For more information:

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**CONVENTION DINING OPTIONS**

**No-host Breakfast**

Terrace Market, Terrace Café, Room Service

**No-host Lunch and Dinner**

Charlie’s Bar and Grill, Terrace Market, Terrace Café, Room Service

To help expedite the meal rush, please be mindful of fellow members waiting to be seated.

Across the parking lot of the Royal Palm Tower (back side of property) there is a pedestrian bridge to the local shopping mall with a food court.

**Thursday Dinner Show**

(See a San Diego District Representative to purchase tickets, upon availability).

**Saturday and Sunday Banquets**

(See Rose Jarrett to purchase tickets, upon availability).
or her feelings on a subject without becoming angry or extremely emotional. Members should follow the “Golden Rule” in their dealings with one another.

Special events: A branch would be wise to have some special events in addition to the district and CC events. Honoring your branch chaplain, or outgoing presidents or long-time members or having a heritage night or Christmas Party are all worthy endeavors.

Participation in District and Central Council Events and Programs: A branch which truly wishes to retain members should support its district, the district special events and central council programs. The vibrant branch should also adopt projects to aid the parish and worthwhile charities. However, programs of this nature should not be substituted for district and central council programs but should be in addition to those programs.

As stated earlier the purpose of this article is to describe how the conduct of branch members and especially branch officers play a major role in the success of the branch and its ability to retain members, hopefully for life. Preparation, friendly laughter and excellent camaraderie are the order of the day.

Larry Marsalli

Larry lived his life and served his community with honor and dignity at all times. He was a wonderful role model to his family and friends. Over his 92 years, he served in several capacities. He was a volunteer at St. Clare’s Parish, served as Grand President of the Italian Catholic Federation as well as many officer positions in the local ICF Branch #5, was Past President and on the Board of Directors of the Serra Club of Santa Clara, a Founding Member and Board President of the Mission City Community Fund, Member of the Santa Clara Elks Club, Member of the Santa Clara YMI and Chairman of the YMI Annual Parade of Champions for 50 years, just to name a few. He was knighted as a member of The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. His Community Service to the City of Santa Clara earned him the name “Mr. Santa Clara” and included serving in several capacities on: the Santa Clara Charter Revision Committee, City of Santa Clara Planning Commission for 3 years, Santa Clara Civil Service Commission for 8 years, Santa Clara City Council (11 years) and Served as the City of Santa Clara Mayor in 1967-1968. Larry was also Chairman of the City of Santa Clara Bi-Centennial Celebration Committee in 1976. He served as Assistant Fire Chief for the Santa Clara Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years, and was Co-Chairman of the Santa Clara Stadium Committee. In 2007, Larry and his family began the Marsalli Family Foundation which sponsors a Charity Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Clare Hall to serve those in need in his community.

Larry is survived by his wife Elise of 69 years, daughter Denise (husband Jerry), daughter Lauri Ann (husband Mike), grandchildren Jerod Marsalli, Brian Marsalli, Janelle Marsalli-Smith (husband Jason), Michael Quieto, Lisa Quieto Colliss, Kelsey Taylor, David Taylor, Katie Taylor, and great-grandchildren Kaylee Smith, Caitlyn Colliss, Allison Smith and Tyler Marsalli Smith, sister Doris Geraci (husband Mario), and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son Jerry Marsalli, and daughter-in-law Nancy Marsalli, and his sister Alma Pirono.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Santa Clara Kaiser Hospice and Visiting Angels for the wonderful care provided at the end of Larry’s life. We are also profoundly grateful to the countless friends who have expressed their sympathy and love to our family.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Visitation and Rosary Service Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Clare Church, 941 Lexington Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 13th at 10:30 A.M. also at St. Clare Church. Interment will immediately follow at the St. Clare Chapel of Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

For those wishing to honor Larry, the family suggests a donation in his memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Santa Clara Kaiser Hospice.

New ICF Brochure

A beautiful new ICF Brochure is available now for use by all branches. This is a great marketing tool to distribute to guests at monthly membership meetings, information tables at branch events, and for membership drives. On the inside of the brochure, there is a reserved area to place your branch contact information. Please contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924 to have brochures sent to your branch.

Dave Rose

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 10, serving the ICF in numerous capacities. He earned the Pope John XXIII award, the highest honor given to a layperson in the Italian Catholic Federation, for his years of dedicated service to others. Dave was a wonderful person who donated thousands of hours to the Alameda community during his long and happy life of giving. He was a steadfast Oakland Raider fan since the team’s inception in 1960. Dave is survived by his loving sisters, Barbara Payne (Jerry, dec.) and Patricia Kennedy (John) as well as his adored nieces and nephews Linda Rose Payne, Tessa Payne Rohan, Mary Payne-Omohundro, Karen Kennedy Bieletich, Matthew Kennedy, and David Kennedy; sons Whitney Gaunt (deceased), James McGee (Kristina) and Erick Waddington (Carmen) as well as grandson Paul Waddington; Godsons David Campos, Donte Cullins, Miles Jones, Jonathan Piffer, Emilio Garcia-Sanchez, Safi Hasseeb, Jesse Groves, Keith Murray, Marco Gonzalez, the Norris girls (Hope, Michaela, Sarah, Kate, and Anne), the Henderson’s (Charlie, John, Tom, and Mary) and Maggie Hobson Caracciolo. Rosary to be held on Friday, July 13, 2018 at St. Philip Neri Church at 3100 Van Buren St, Alameda, CA 94501; viewing 5:30 - 7:00 and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Church. Reception to follow Mass in church hall. Donations can be made in Dave’s name to: Bishop O’Dowd “60” Scholarship Fund, Boy Scouts of America Alameda Council, St. Joseph’s Grammar School, Hanna Boys Center, Alameda Meals on Wheels, St. Philip Neri Grammar School, or the Italian Catholic Federation.
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Due to a glitch in the system none of the Branch report photos have made it to print. A bug was received to the editor and the photos were the victim. Photos will appear in the Convention issue as long as the glitch has been fixed.

Sorry for any disappointment this has created.

Editor
CONVENTION BINGO

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego
Friday, August 31, 2018 3pm – 5pm

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

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

Jackpots based on the number of participants.

Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch #

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Please make your check payable to ICF and write bingo in the memo.
Mail to I.931 Lagwell Drive, Suite H, Dallas, TX 75230. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is $30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door. Bingo location will be announced on the Convention Agenda.

2018 Convention Checklist

- Convention Souvenir Book Arts (prices vary)
  - Due: June 1
- Delegate Registration $275
  - Due: June 1
- Late Delegate Registration $399
  - Due: June 1
- Central Council Candidate Application
  - Due: August 1
- Central Council Candidate Boltelino Article
  - Due: August 1
- Branch and District Convention Boltelino Entries
  - Due: August 1
- Thursday Welcome Dinner/Concert Reservations
  - Due: August 1
- “Remembering Frank Sutter” 973
  - Due: August 1
- Tour 1: Mission San Diego De Alcala, Junipero Serra Museum & Old Town San Diego $65
  - Due: August 1
- Tour 2: Explore Little Italy and Coronado Island $65
  - Due: August 1
- Town and Country Hotel Reservations (must check)
  - Due: August 1 (firm)
- Non-delegate Guest List
  - Due: August 1
- Convention Raffle Tickets sent to office
  - Due: August 1
- Friday Night Tournament Signups 2:00
  - Due: August 1
- Friday Bingo Early Bird Signups 2:00
  - Due: August 1
- Bingo After August 15 or Walk Ins 3:00
  - Due: August 1
- Saturday Banquet Reservations
  - Due: August 1
- Non-delegate Adult $65, Children $30
  - Due: August 1
- Sunday Salute to Swing Banquet Reservations
  - Due: August 1
- Adults $65, Children $30
  - Due: August 1
- Friday Night Drive Signups Priceless
  - Walk-ins Welcome
- Friday Piano Lessons Signups Free
  - Walk-ins Welcome

No reservations are required for Italian Scholarship, Convention/Inclusive Ceremonies, Meet the Candidates Social, Masses, General Sessions or Workshops. Non-delegates are welcome to participate in all activities, however only Delegates can speak at the General Session and vote.

All figures and reservations forms are available at www.lagwell.org
*Indicates that the reservations are submitted to the San Diego District.
All other reservations are made through the ICF Office.

Italian Catholic Federation Eighteenth Annual
Golf Tournament
Frida.y, July 27, 2018

Course: Laguna Secca Golf Course
18220 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Format: Four Person Scramble

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

Banquet:

- Sponsored by Your Delaware High School

2:00 -
Moorse Lodge
555 Campes De Rey Blvd., Del Reo Oaks, CA 93948
Moo-beest Cocktails

3:00 -
Sunrise Beach Yacht Club Banquet

Dinner:
There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!

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

Reservation Deadline: July 20, 2018

Sign Up:
Name:  Handicap
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Banquet only
Make check for total amount ($170 per player plus $50 for banquet meals), payable to the ICF Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 20th deadline.

Remember: $100 per player July 20th. The ICF Council and Tournament Committee are very read to all of you sponsors and supporters.

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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) 772-8327 • Book online: https://aws.passkey.com/e/49392116
- Group Code: ICF
- Group Name: Italian Catholic Federation
- 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 airport curbside pickup (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

- $8/night self-parking
- San Diego International Airport – 7 miles
- Amtrak – 5 miles • ICF Code: X35H-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 we 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) 423-1924.

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

San Diego: Birthplace of the California Missions

Pedro Reservations

Branch Number: ____________________
City: ____________________
Attendees for Complimentary Lessons: ____________________
   Meal or beverage: ____________________
Pedro Tournament Players:

Tournament Players: ____________________
X Entry Fee Per Player: $10
Total: ____________________
Check Number: ____________________

Please make any check payable to ICF and write “Pedro” in the memo. Entries must be received by August 15. Mail to the ICF Office (see address on back of booklet).

CONVENTION SUGGESTED ATTIRE

Thursday
Day – Casual
Evening – Black Tie Optional

Friday
Day – Casual
Evening – Smart Casual

Saturday
Day – Business Casual
Evening – Semi Formal

Sunday
Day – Business Casual
Evening – Military Dress, Respectful Military Costumes, 40s Vintage or Dressy Casual

Monday
Day – Business Casual
Saturday Night Convention Banquet
Non-delegate Reservations
Branch #
City
Non-delegate Reservations
$30
per adult
$10
per child (8 years and younger)

Please mail your check
to the ICF office by August 15th
9925 Capossil Drive Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

Seating arrangements will be
distributed during convention
registration. Please reserve your
seats in one form if you wish to sit together.
Names of Non-Delegate attendees

Please mail a star note to the names of
children attending the banquet. Each
note requires a hostess ticket.

Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Italian Catholic Federation Tour # 2
EXPLORE LITTLE ITALY AND CURACAO ISLAND
Milky August 31, 2018 Cost $365 per person

TRANSPORTATION: pickup and return via the San Diego Tour Trolley at your hotel!

Tickets: Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Junipero Serra Museum;
City of San Diego Parks and Recreation (Museum)

SCHEDULE: 8:30am pick-up at Mission San Diego de Alcalá with guided tour of
Mission Serra Museum;
9:00am visit to the Balboa Park in downtown San Diego;
12:00pm lunch at the Gaslamp Quarter;
3:00pm visit to the Old Town San Diego Historic Site;
5:00pm visit to the Whaley House;
6:00pm dinner at the Beautiful Coastline;
7:00pm visit to the Old Town San Diego Historic Site;
9:00pm return to your hotel.

ENJOY THE BEST OF SAN DIEGO!

SATURDAY NIGHT CONVENTION BANQUET

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City
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per adult
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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 1 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 1.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the I.C.F. Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1.
3. Email admin@icf.org and icfeditor@gmail.com.
4. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules
1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during “Meet the Candidates.” Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel’s food and beverage guidelines. For example: candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. In lieu of candidate hospitality rooms/campaign parties, refreshments hosted by the Central Council will be served during “Meet the Candidates.”
4. 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.
5. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
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!
celebrants! They are: Father Robert (7/18); Madeline Conatser (7/22); LeAnne Lavagnino (7/24); Roberta Schultz (7/27); and Michael Weatherly (7/71).

"Set your heart on brighter things. Each day may bring a new surprise. Each year may bring a new beginning..."

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Los Angeles

Los Angeles Archdiocesan District Council

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and relaxing with friends and family.

I want to remind everyone of the 31st Annual Cooley's Anemia Steak BBQ, July 14, held at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena. The event is sponsored by Br. 108, and the Sabatella and Shaw Families.

It is a fun and rewarding event. And, this year it will be in an air conditioned hall. So no "rain-out" or summer heat with which to contend!

Come and join us to raise awareness and funds for Cooley's.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in San Diego. The Los Angeles Archdiocesan District Council will host a hospitality room and hold our quarterly district GM during the Convention. More information will be emailed closer to Convention time.

Blessings,

Pat Maggs
District President

Los Angeles

St. Peter, Br. 67

The next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for September 9, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. Bring family, friends and fellow parishioners for a visit to the Chapel where Mother Cabrini visited daily and prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians for strength and guidance in her work as the leader of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The annual Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon in honor of Mother Cabrini is celebrated the first Sunday of each December starting at 12:30 pm. For more information call 626 372-7812 or email cas1810@aol.com.

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.

May they rest in peace.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

San Pedro

St. John Joseph of the Cross Br. 115

Time marches on and so do the members of branch 115.

On June 2 our adopted seminarian Ian Hagan was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angeles. Neal and Anna DiLeva, Nancy Ventimiglia, Pauline Iacono and Filomena Boccanfuso attended the beautiful ceremony. The following day Neal and Anna DiLeva and Pauline Iacono attended Frank Salomone’s “marriage” to Julie Billard Church in Newbury Park. Congratulations!

Our parish fiesta will be held on July 20th thru July 22nd. Our monthly July meeting will be moved to Thursday July 12th at 7:30pm. Once again our branch will be hosting the pizza/meatball and sausage booth. On
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218

At our last meeting, everyone enjoyed the Father’s Day luncheon of hot dogs and all the trimmings. A big thank you again to JoAnn Hudson, Audrey Lucchetta and the rest of the helpers for putting together a fun day. The initiation of new members who joined in the last two years was done by Ann Arrenio. There will be no meetings until September. Everyone have a wonderful summer and will see you then.

Lolly M.

Glendora
St. Dorothy, Br. 179

On Thursday, May 17, at our General Meeting, ICF Branch 179 hosted a delicious pizza, salad and wine dinner, with an outstanding performance by professionally trained singer, Greg Lima. Greg is a graduate of a local Catholic high school, Bishop Amat in La Puente, in 2012. He received a scholarship from our Lady of the Assumption Parish’s branch of the ICF, and went on to attend The Catholic University of America in Washington DC, where he studied Vocal Performance. He acquired a Bachelor’s Degree from the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music in 2016. Greg has worked in film, television, and theater, and currently, is pursuing a career in real estate. St. Dorothy’s Parish is so fortunate to have Greg as one of our very talented Cantors.

Greg’s performance consisted of three beautiful songs in Italian. Afterwards he taught us the Italian lyrics to our Federation Anthem. The entire evening was so much fun and everyone really enjoyed themselves, even our youngest member! We’re hoping to do this again in the future!

Andrèe con Dio, ciao.
Patricia Auermann
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Garbena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,
May 6-8, 40+ members and patrons traveled to Laughlin, NV. The weather was great, food delicious and plenty of good times for all.

Thanks for making our trip a successful event! May 24th, President Connie presented the ICF scholarship to Senior Ryan Simone from Bishop Montgomery High School. Ryan will be attending UC Santa Barbara. (See photo)

June 8th, we presented two scholarships to our St. Anthony Elementary School students, Hernan Castillo and Kamila Rodriguez. Both will be attending St. Pius X- St Matthias High School. Julieta Roa daughter of our vice-president is pictured presenting the awards.

June 9th, Francesca Villanueva, a graduate from our neighboring parish, St. Catherine, received our scholarship to Bishop Montgomery HS. Congrats to all the graduates and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

Rose Marie Moore our Special Events Coordinator and Johnny Roa, Branch Jr. President presented the award.

Congratulations to all the graduates and best wishes for a wonderful and successful future. A very special thanks to all the parishioners and patrons that support our many events. We are very blessed to be able to provide so many scholarships to these special students.

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know it is near.” Matthew 24:32. Have a blessed summer.

Cordially,
Michaele Bohnannon Roa

Diamond Bar
St. Denis, Br. 317

Our ICF Scholarship Recipient is Joseph Lueken. Joseph is Currently a Graduate at Chino Hills High School. He has been a member of the Drum Line for 4 years and is currently Drum Captain. In Rich 4 years, the Drum Line placed First three times in the International Competition in Dayton, Ohio. They were just Honored by the City of Chino Hills for 1st Place Win and Record Breaking Score Of 98.775 at theWGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. He will be attending John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido. His major is Business with an emphasis in Creative Entrepreneurship.

Joseph is the Grandson of Branch 317’s Mother and Barbara Northland.

Joseph, on behalf of the St Denis Italian Catholic Federation Branch 317, we are Honored and Proud to present you with this year’s ICF 1st Year Scholarship. We know that you will do great and wish you All the Best in your College Adventure. May God Continue to Bless You.

Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Happy 4th of July

We are now into the summer months. Many of the branches are going dark and so will we in July. The next meeting will be in August. Our June festivities on May 23rd were the church was very successful. We will be doing it again July 1

Some upcoming events for the branch.

August is the annual church picnic and ministry expo.

Sept 23rd will be the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle

November 11 is Bishop’s Banquet at St. John Seminary.

Pray for our veterans and all.

God Bless all

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

Although the Branch did not have a meeting during the month of May, it does not mean that the membership was not active. Indeed we were. In addition to remembering our earthly mothers, this mothers day, we honored Mary, our heavenly Mother, especially during the month of May. And we honored and paid tribute this Memorial Day to those brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in order that we may continue to practice in what we believe in. And for those who have served and those who are still serving, we honored those men and women with a Blue Star and BBQ. Thanks for standing tall for our flag.

It is graduation time. Eligible St. Luke’s grammar school eighth graders will receive scholarships from Branch 326 as the students graduate June 1st. Photos will follow as they become available.

Let us not forget our June birthday people: Mary Ann Law; Cal Margo; Rose Marie Perfetto; Annette Tombrerro and Tony Farinella.


Jests for laughs: “If your work speaks for itself, don’t interrupt.”

Take care,
Tony Farinella
ICF Branch 326, First Vice President

La Canada Flintridge
St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

Three St. Bede School seniors, Faith Ellis, Lily Fontes, and Natalie Hanna, were recognized for their service to their school, church, and community on Sunday May 20th at the monthly meeting of the Italian Catholic Federation branch 374 held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Montrose. The students each received a cash award of $100 from ICF branch president Jack DeZell.

They had been selected by a special branch committee led by Mark G. Mannarelli, Scholarship Chairman, who reviewed essays submitted based on the services students provided over the past school year.

Each of the students exceeded service expectations for the year by many hours and a wide scope of services.

Lily Fontes and Natalie Hanna will be attending the Mayfield School in Pasadena, and Faith Ellis will be attending Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada Flintridge.

The branch initiated these Distinguished Service awards several years ago to single out and recognize students who go above and beyond expectations for their contributions of service. The organization also awards scholarships throughout the year based on academic achievement, but highlights special students who go above and beyond to give back over their time and efforts on behalf of others, exemplifying the spirit of ICF.

Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

June is busting out all over! Hello Summer. On June 5th we held our annual awards night where we presented $4,000 to 3 students that gave us over $12,400 in donations and scholarships to our parish, ministries and school. Be sure to join us on June 24th for our Reverse Raffle. Our next Bingo will be July 15th. I would like to congratulate our newest branch 447. Good luck to you. Happy Father’s Day to all Dads. St Raymond Parishes Sr Paula a happy retirement. Have a very relaxing summer to all.

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

This month, Branch 380 kicked off the summer with our 6th annual Bocce tournament. Many members and guests alike went head-to-head to earn the first place title. It was a fun tournament that ended in a very close match between the last two teams.

We ask that you consider donating to our upcoming garage sale which will raise money for our ICF scholarship fund. This fun is given out in scholarships to current and prospective college students every year. If you have any questions regarding the garage sale, call Anne Interrante at (805)990-5725.

The Branch 380 delegates for this year’s ICF convention are Jean & Matt Bridges, Joyce Alessandri, and Marie Chodowski. We’re looking forward to seeing all our friends from other branches in San Diego this year.

There is no general meeting in the month of July, so we’ll see you in August!

Ryan Interrante
Corresponding Secretary

Rancho Palos Verdes
St. John Fisher, Br. 444

Ciao a tutti!

We had a very fun Karaoke night in May where lots of our members belted out their favorite tunes. The theme was “Kissin’ in the Dark Night” and our ICF member Dick Anthony gave a great talk about jazz appreciation. We enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner from “The Appetizer”. At our June meeting we had another beginning Italian lesson. On July 12, we have Laurie Levine as our guest speaker. 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

Buon giorno! Are you enjoying the wonderful days of summer? Do you remember the summers of your youth...getting sunburned on the beach and beaches; sitting beneath the fantastic 4th of July fireworks; the family bar-b-ques at local parks; cruising the ‘drag’ on warm evenings? Those were the days, for sure, but we continue on in our tradition of Branch 21 and it’s tradition of community and celebration.

Upcoming events include the annual District BBQ in Chula Vista on August 5th. This year the push is to simply get together and enjoy good food, good conversation, and the sprawling views of the Richards ranch. If you have never been before, car-pool with us. You will see familiar faces and also meet some really nice folks from other branches. Then on August 11-12th Branch 21 will have the annual very fun and wonderful Annual 90th’s Birthday Celebration. And on Labour Day Weekend, will be the ICF Convention! So stay tuned for more information and events.

We want to congratulate Father Dat Nguyen on the success of his first mass which was held at Holy Cross. As you know, Father Dat is our Branch’s chaplain and we understand that Holy Cross will continue to be his parish. So we are doubly blessed! In closing, we ask that you pray for Bishop Garcia who has been ill, and also for those Branch members who are struggling with July 2018
illness. Thomas Watson once said: “Prayer delights God’s ear; it melts His heart; and opens His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul.”

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Branch 25 President, Julie Richards, presented scholarships to two outstanding students from Notre Dame High School in Salinas, Gabriella Graziano and Christine Wooler, on their graduation and ordination ceremony on May 16, 2018. Both young ladies and their families were invited to our June 12 luncheon meeting. We are looking forward to learning about their college choices and goals. Congratulations to both deserving winners!

We are sad to report that long time branch member, Emilio Rossi, passed away on May 10, 2018. Emilio and his wife Rosa both joined ICF in 1962 and were strong supporters and participants in Branch programs and fundraising events. At the commemoration following the Mass, President Julie Richards, accompanied by several Branch 25 members (including his daughter and member, Connie Rossi Rains), gave a short tribute to Emilio from the ICF Ritual guidelines; and she got a chuckle from the attendees when she looked up and said: “Emilio, if there is going to be a Polenta Luncheon in Heaven, I hope you sell lots of tickets, just like you did for Branch 25!”

Two branch officers, JoAnn Sullivan and Rita Dominy, attended the Central Coast District Meeting in Paso Robles on June 3, 2018. Host Branch 25 has begun preparations for the annual Central Coast District Picnic to be held at JM Ranch on Saturday, August 4, 2018. This year we will have a soccer tournament and a Pedro tournament, along with Bingo, swimming, a ranch tour, and our usual silent auction and raffles. Doors will open at 8am and the festivities begin at 10am. The flyer will be emailed and mailed out right after our June 12, 2018 meeting.

Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffley. Members are encouraged to visit him at the rehab center on Rome Lane.

Best wishes for a fun filled July 4th and safe travels to all.
JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Hope everyone had a Happy Fourth of July in celebrating our Independence. We thank our immigrant forefather who came to America to live in celebrating our Independence. We thank our Sympathy to the family of Claudine Sir Robert Dianda in your prayers. It may open His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul.
We also wish to thank Grand President Andy Pappani and the following other ICF officers for their attendance: past Grand President and East Bay District President Leonard Rossi; Leonard’s wife Karen, the president of Branch 234 of Castro Valley; Central Council member Dante Galeazzini, Lawrence Francis, the president of Branch 40 (Oakland); Lawrence’s mother Mary Ann Franco, and Branch 234’s representative to the East Bay District; Frances LaTorre, mentor to both the East Bay District and Branch 10; Nadine Matier, Branch 215 (Freemont) trustee; and life member Emeritus Leroy Taddei and his wife Stella from Branch 343. We also received congratulatory messages from Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz, Denise’s sister Marie Antonowicz, Grand Trustee Anne Interrante and Central Council member Dave Botta.

We have awarded $500.00 scholarships to Saint Philip Neri Parish school graduates Ashley Robinson and Jimmy Russi. Receiving the Branch’s $400.00 first-year college scholarship was Miles Carson of San Leandro High School.

Fifteen ICF officers and members attended the Rosary on May 21 for Branch 10 member Albert Raineri. Al lived to age 92 and belonged to the ICF for 70 years. He is survived by his wife Holly, daughter Ann, nephew Thomas Galletti and his wife Judy and niece Carla Gaul and her husband Mark. Leonard Rossi and the ICF prayer, and Frances LaTorre read the scripture passage.

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Oakland
Santa Rita, Br. 40

Happy 4th of July. Everyone. We liked to thank all of the people who supported our Bingo Luncheon. The ICF members from other Branches, our Branch 40 members and Sacred Heart Church Parish members. And Thank you to those who made a donation but were unable to attend. Because of all the support was a great success for our Branch. And equally offense to all of the living and deceased ICF Branch 40 Members.

Please remember in your thoughts and your prayers David Rose and his Family.

Happy Birthday to Lawrence Francis, Diane Greene, Vivo Muscardin and Betty Young.

Thought: “The measure or our Holiness is not in the perfection of personality and the avoidance of all faults, but the extent of our Love.” Fr. Joseph SM.

Ciao.
M.A. Francis and L. Francis

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

July is a month of celebration, both of our Independence and family vacations. Here’s hopes that both are safe and a lot of fun.

Branch 215’s June meeting hosted a potluck to greet prospective members in the ICF. Our thanks to our members who provided a wonderful dinner. There will be no meeting in July as most families are on vacation.

There will be a mass for deceased members of branch 215 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Saturday, June 23 at 10:45 a.m. Mass will be held at 3:30 pm followed by dinner.

Branch 215 will hold its regular meeting August 14th at 7:00 pm at Corpus Christi Parish Administration Building. All are welcome.

Condolesences to Clem & Yvonne Bruin for the loss of Yvonne’s son, James Webster and to Sharon & Xavier de Sousa our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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 Chiattolo
Branch 215

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our annual Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner was an overwhelming success! The cuisine was excellent as demonstrated by the many empty plates. Cannoli for dessert filled our sweet tooth. Background music was provided by an Italian accordion player. It all went smoothly thanks to the efforts of so many. Judy Wielbelved did a superb job with the meal preparations and servings. Elizabeth Meier and so many more help to set the hall and the tables the atmosphere of an Italian “ristaurante” on a piazza in Italy (see the photos nearby.) And in this day and age, we have to say thanks to our “techie lady,” Christine Cardulllo, who handled everything from flyers, to menus, to tickets, ad infinitum. And the prize baskets seem to get better every year. Fifteen elegant baskets were raffled off to some very lucky winners. Our president, Carolyn Cardini, co-hosted the event with Judy Wielbelved and introduced, Cassie Bates, one of our four ICF Scholarship winners. Three winners, Cassidy Bates, Gabriella Bond, and Gabriella Vilter, were funded by the Branch. Our thanks to the District for funding the fourth, Evelyn Morehead. At the end of the evening, everyone was happy with a happy winner of Good Food, good friends - old and new, and feeling they had an enjoyable evening while supporting worthy ICF charities.

As part of our May Heritage meeting, Anna Morehead hosted a talk by Sister Mary John of the Sisters of the Visitation. Sister Mary John provided us with more presentations at meetings in the future. It’s interesting to be informed of the different perspectives and lifestyles that are part of our culture.

Ciao,
Charles

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It may be the beginning of summer, but we still have a lot of happy and fun things to do at the District Night of Recollection at 3:30 P.M. by at 3:30 P.M. by the East Bay District at Corpus Christi Church.

The District Communion and Breakfast at St. Catherine’s in Martinez last May, though lightly attended, was excellent. The Italian Night baseball game between the Oakland Athletics and the Detroit Tigers is on Saturday, August 4th. Tickets for the field level seats are $30.00 each, not the usual $42.00. First pitch at 6:05 PM. There will be post game fireworks and A’s Italian bobble heads. Make your check payable to “ICF Contra Costa District”. Contact Rose Jarrett at angelr199@aol.com or at (925)-381-4709.

Bishop’s Day Mass and Dinner will be hosted @ 3:30 P.M. by the East Bay District at Our Lady of Grace church in Castro Valley on Sunday, August 12.

District Night of Recollection will be hosted by our Richmond branch on Monday, September 10. Our District Chaplain encourages every member to attend, the food will be delicious and Father Young’s talks are always very inspirational.

I leave you with a quote by Charles Kingsley: “Beauty is God’s handwriting.”

Joseph Flores (josephflores33@comcast.net)

San Martino, Br. 13

With fellow parishioners, members of ICF Branch #13 joined in the 145th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Catherine Parish. We wish to express our congratulations and about Martinez; followed by Mass with Parishioner Archbishop Anthony Lee and Branch 913 Chaplains, Deacons Albert Dixon and Dave Holland. Former Pastor of St. Catherine, Fr. Leo Asuncion currently leading the faithful at St. Rose of Lima in Crockett, joined in the anniversary festivities cooked together hamburgers and singing through the otherwise quiet streets of our city. A deliciously lovely luncheon was catered by Zanconelli’s to conclude the festivities with a refreshingly merriment of the Catholic faithful in Martinez.

Just one day later, we were happy to join representatives of six branches of the Contra Costa District at the ICF Convention Breakfast held at St. Catherine of Siena

church. We all thank Joseph Flores for his generosity in treating district members present.

And, we had a successful kick-off’ to summer Spaghetti and Meatball family dinner. Many thanks to all those involved either as donors, guests, cooks, bar tenders, ticket sellers, servers, bar servers, cleanup crew and/or servers. Everyone together made it all worthwhile. Thanks to Marty, a first time dinner coordinator, for pulling it all together.

Wishing you all a sunny, safe, and fun-filled summer!

Ciao from Martinez
Anne Crisp

Crockett
San Carlos, Br. 14

Can’t wait to celebrate our Branch’s 91st Anniversary on Tuesday, July 10, with a Tri Tip BBQ dinner. There will be no mass or meeting; dinner is at 6:30, and we will play Free Bingo for awesome prizes after Johnny V’s prepared culinary treat.

There is no August meeting, but who doesn’t like a picnic? Join with your ICF friends at our Branch Picnic at our Branch Picnic at the Bocce Courts, Sunday, August 12. Branch provides Italian sausages, buns, chips, condiments, and dinnerware. See the May to September Calender for the details. If you want to attend, please contact Pat, 787-1131 or Donna, 799-2356 if you plan to attend. If you are going to play bocce, please let me know by August 5th.

The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m., and lunch is about 11:30 or noon.

A hearty welcome to John Collins, who transferred from another branch. Glad to have you, John!

Sincerely get well wishes to Gerard Lesmesiter, and our sympathies to Peggy Aiello Hagerthy on the loss of her father.

Congratulations to your year’s scholarship recipients. Branch 14 awarded scholarships to two Vacaville High students, Macguire Buss (Pat Sullivan’s great nephew) and Maddie Thomas (Bill and Diane Thomas’ granddaughter). In memory of John and Mary Regalia, Jim and Nancy Dooley offered a scholarship to Claire Farias, of Carondelet, and Louise DeTomasi offered a scholarship to Claire Farias, of Carondelet, to bank to Camp Lejeune. Meagan Nachand, of College Park. Meagan and Maddie were able to attend; Meagan will attend Sacramento State and Maddie will attend Loyola Marymount. Best wishes for successful college days to all.

Hope everyone is enjoying this warm sunshine and long summer days. On the 4th of July, remember to say a prayer of thanks for America’s blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May God bless the USA!

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

A big thanks to all those who took part in our Membership appreciation event. This was held at our June meeting. Our theme was Patriotic red, white and blue. Our heritage report given by our very own Vet, Denny O’ Laughlin. The All American BBQ was a hit. Many of our guests brought side dishes and everyone had a nice evening. Each member was given a thank you raffle ticket and was thanked for being a member. Each member said when they joined branch 72. It was nice to hear some of the old time members share stories of how things were back in the day. We also thank our hostess Josie Leontini.
The annual ICF convention will be held in San Diego over labor day weekend. This will be held at the Marriott Mission Valley hotel. Book early and get the ICF rate. If you plan to attend let us know so we can submit your name for your guest badge.

Save the date of Sept. 30 for the Fleet party at a good place to meet. We will have an ICF table at this festival. If you know of any member who is ill, the branch will be happy to send a card. Just let us know.

That is all for now.
As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti
Patty

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Not a lot has happened since we last touched base. There wasn’t a meeting in May and June so we are doing it early. The Bollettino is out now and the full scale event in early 2019, don’t worry. Originally to be a joint effort with the Catholic Daughters of America donating 20% of the proceeds. That is all for now.

Pleasant Hill

Christ The King, Br. 442

Hello Members,

I am sending this months report in the absence of our current President. Please pray for her (Eileen McGrauman) her father recently passed away. We offer condolences from all at Branch 442.

We welcome our new ICF member Father Mario Rizzo. He will be associate pastor at CTK starting in July. Father Mario was recently ordained. He is well known to ICF.

Our branch has been very busy. As you know we have themed meetings with delicious food, music, and a free raffle. Soft drinks and a Mediterranean potluck dinner meeting in July. Watch for your E-Vite with details for our August meeting. We will go over convention proposals. We will also collect for our December Scholarship and we will get the December newsletter.

Do not have convention raffle tickets? No problem. We have plenty. Let President Matt or financial secretary Jodi know. The deadline to buy and turn in stubs and money is August 12. This raffle is an easy fundraiser. Our branch keeps half the proceeds. Prizes range from $1,500.00 to $5000.00 and as ticket seller you can win $150.00 to $100.00. Each book of 12 tickets is 20.00.

Congratulations to our member Joanna Mackinson. She is the ICF Young Adult award recipient for 2018. We are so proud. Our convention delegates will be President Matt Dallara. Elected delegate is Diana Mackinson. Anyone can join the festivities in San Diego over Labor Day weekend.

Our Salami Toss booth was once again a favorite at the festival. A big thanks to all that set up, worked, and broke down. All proceeds go to the Scholarship fund.

We have awarded several ICF scholarships. The winners of the first year scholarships are Colette Cote and Julia G. We wish them well in college.

Happy Birthday to all born in July.

Happy Summer.

Fraternally yours,
Patty Jarrett

San Diego

St. Albert, Br. 135

At our meeting on May 20th we enjoyed a dinner of Ham, Cheese Ravioli, Roasted potatoes, salad, and apple pie with ice cream. We had a wonderful time with the May 20th celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary. The membership voted to enter into a Joint Venture with the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3118 to put on our successful Polenta & Chicken Dinner on November 17, 2018. Those attending will be given a large pool of workers and enhance ticket sales to many new people. We will be sharing the profits. The President, Charlyne Pacini will be attending as the delegate to this year’s convention, August 30-September 3 in San Diego. The members voted to place a “Half-page” black and white ad in the Convention Book.

On June 10th our members enjoyed Roasted Chicken, cheese ravioli with meat sauce, vegetables, salad and a decorated cake in honor of Julia Frediani prepared by Ron and Romie Frediani.

At this meeting we honored Julia Frediani, the daughter of our treasurer Ron and his wife Romie Frediani, who received the Central Council scholarship that Branch 135 donated. Our annual fund-raiser will be a polenta with cheese and chicken dinner and all the trimmings to be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Reno on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Our next branch get-together will be our annual picnic on Sunday, September 16, 2018, being held at President Charlyne’s house at noon. The Branch will furnish the meat and drinks. Everyone else attending should bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Hope everyone is having a good summer.

Ciao!
Charlyne Pacini

Sacramento

St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all who helped to make our June Appreciation Dinner a big success! Many hands helped to set up, prepare food, donate raffle prizes, and clean up after the event. At our dinner we were able to honor member JoAnn Swars for her outstanding service to our branch and we were able to install Tammi Cuthill and her daughter Stormie as new members. We also awarded to eighth grade scholarships to Angelo Pizziali and Stephen Ordoñec. Our high school recipients were Cecilia Huckins and Brannna McCie. Congratulations to all who were honored.

Our annual members picnic will take place on Sunday, July 22nd at ARD Park in Auburn. We hope you will be able to join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, and fun. Please let our branch will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. The calling committee will be contacting you soon to see what you would like to contribute to the potluck meal.

We are saddened to report the passing of charter member Ida Granada. She was very active in our branch and the Blessed Sacramento District and was also very active in her church and community. She was the Director of Religious Education by the Placer County Board of Supervisors for her “humble, unassuming and selfless generosity and service to the weakest and neediest in her community.” She told the best stories and will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

San Diego

Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

ICF #230 enjoyed an exciting May and looks forward to more of the same in June and the summer months to come. Last month’s General Dinner Meeting was a success with pizza, salad, and garlic bread dinner topped off with Tiramisu desert for the general membership. The event was well attended and highlighted by the AA Distinguished Guest Speaker. The branch is grateful for the support of the local Italian clergy. The topic of the evening was immigration to the U.S. and experience and memories growing up in San Diego’s Little Italy neighborhood and Our Lady of the Rosary parish. Additionally, the branch initiated 12 new members at the meeting. ICF #230 was honored to represent the Italian American community at the first annual Pentecost Multi-Cultural Mass and Festival at Good Shepherd Parish. Attendees were treated to an inspiring homily by Bishop Robert McElroy and blessing of the altar, entrance procession, hymns and readings in various languages, dance performance, and the first ever dedication of the St. Joseph statue outside of San Diego’s faith communities. The event was an overwhelming success and one which the branch looks forward to participating in every year for years to come.

On June 24th, ICF #230 will celebrate ICF Recognition Day with a Special Mass at
San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258
Our trip to the Lavender Farm in Turlock was very interesting. The lavender was not in full bloom, but still beautiful. We saw many items that were made with the lavender.

Our stop to the Scabiosa Oil Co. in Modesto was great. We were able to taste 8 different types. Oil with garlic, lemon, pesto, rosemary, orange, lime, sweet mission and regular olive oil.

Our day on May 23rd was fantastic.

On July 13th, we will have our Annual Potluck Lunch. If you bring food it is free and if you don’t think the price is $12.00. You will not leave hungry with all of the homemade food. It is always an enjoyable day. We will award Nicholas Orpozera with his Scholarship Certificate. Congratulations, Nicholas!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

To all of our members that have a Birthday in July, many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Ciao
Eva Perata, President

San Mateo
South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7
Happy Fourth of July!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 1, hosted by San Bonanno and Jim Ekt. It’s our annual “Pasta alla Bononno” with meatballs feast, and some special guests will be in attendance.

This year we awarded scholarships to two students from our local SSP parochial schools, Wyatt Hart of All Souls and Emily Gomez of St. Veronica’s. We also awarded a college scholarship to Isabella Medeghini, granddaughter of Branch member, Maria Medeghini. They all plan to attend our August dinner so we can congratulate them in person.

Let’s all welcome our newest member, Craig Guglielmetti. Talk about deep roots in our Branch and Community! Craig’s nonna Norma, and both his parents Ed and Patty, were all long-time members of Branch 7.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our long time.orator, Leonore Armanino. She has decided to take a break from her volunteer work, and we will dearly miss her presence at our opening meeting prayers. If interested, please contact Diana Ferraro.

Please remember to purchase the raffle tickets, which you should have received by mail. These funds help to alleviate our delegates’ travel costs, as we keep half the proceeds of the ticket sales. Plus, you could be a winner!

Finally, please continue to pray for member Mark Risso.

Ciao,
FHR

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173
We are still awaiting summer as it has not quite arrived yet with cool and windy weather. Of course after writing this, we will have a heat wave.

Our president, Mary Ann Camacho and also our Financial Secretary, Brenda Wemiz, will be organizing this day.

We hope all raffle ticket stubs have been sent in as the deadline is close at hand.

San Francisco
Our Sunday, June 24, 2018 Ravioli Dinner will be held at the OLA Gym 4:00 PM no-host Cocktails and 5:00 PM dinner. Contact Dorene Campinan 650-344-7860 Adults: $25.00 Children: 12 and under $5. Donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated along with a small prize.

Also July 22, 2018 we will not have a meeting but will have a picnic at Beresford Park in San Mateo. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Vegeburgers, Soda-Water along with games, prizes, Boce Burgers, face painting will be provided. $15.00 Adults Children: 15 and under $5.00 Please bring something to share and contact Ann Camacho at 415-285-1219 after 6 PM or email: MA3@comcast.net

Please keep our sick and recovering members in your prayers and a wonderful Father’s Day to all who are with us and in memory of those we keep in our hearts.

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213
Our June meeting was hosted by Donna DeVoe and Joanne Wallace. They provided us with a special pizza and salad party honoring our scholarship recipient Shannen Sulipzio. She shared with us her educational goals and we wished her a successful year a school. Thanks to all the members who supported this scholarship program.

Welcome to Victor Spango who attended this meeting, we look forward to him joining ICF.

Semi-annual district mass on June 16th was a very beautiful event. Everyone did a great job providing enjoyable food for all who attended the celebration and thanks to Jackie Smith for organizing this day.

Our delegates will be attending the Convention in San Diego in Sept and will report back to everyone the latest ICF information/updates at the following meeting.

Well wishes go out to our members who are ill and special prayers for a speedy recovery.

We wish you all a fun summer, remaining everyone that there will be no meeting in July, but back in August.

Till we meet again,
Joyce

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327
Happy Summer to everyone! Everyone is out and about enjoying the wonderful weather and all the things our fine peninsula has to offer.

There will be no meeting in July. However, there will be a board meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 4:00PM. Our regular meeting will resume on Tuesday, August 21st. Please plan to attend.

If anyone still has convention raffle tickets, the unsold tickets or the stubs and money need to be turned in to Marie DeRosa by August 15.

Our upcoming events are:
Saturday, September 22 - Branch 327 hosts our District Dinner at St. Charles Church, San Carlos, 5:00pm
Friday, November 9 - Branch 213 will be hosting Chaplains Night at the South San Francisco Elks Club.

And our thanks to Dede Waters-Masters who prepared a wonderful chicken dinner with all the trimmings for our May meeting. Delicious!

Happy 4th of July!

Milbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403
Our recent fundraiser, Spaghetti & Meatball dinner was successful thanks to our cooks from the Milbrae Lions Club who volunteered their services. Our Branch has donated a $400 scholarship to a student from Mercy High School, in honor of Carla del Carlo, our past president. We do not have a meeting in July, our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, and we will be served KFC.

Save the date! On Saturday, September 16, 2018 is our annual Polenta Dinner in the Parish Center, with no-host cocktails at 4:00PM and dinner at 5:00PM. The cost for this popular event is $25 per person. Dinner includes antipasto, salad, polenta, chicken and sausage, wine and dessert. For reservations please call (650)692-4029, Rose Marie. We welcome our newest member, Paul Borque.

Corresponding Secretary,
Rose Marie Morando

Marin
Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161
Cari Amici e Soci,
Meetings are on hold for the summer months. We will resume in September. Mark your calendars for our September 9th Grandparents’ Branch (watch your mail for details) and our regularly scheduled meeting on September 18th.

Remember to buy convention raffle tickets! The convention is during the Labor Day weekend in San Diego this year. If you’re interested, email Marlene Farber (marlenefarber@gmail.com) for details.

We wish you all a pleasant summer full of family fun and frolic; safety to all who are traveling; good health to all who are ill; and an arrivingdo a presto.

Jeanne & Luca

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council
Our meeting was prefaced by celebrating the crowning our Blessed Mother statue with a floral wreath and singing “Oh Beautiful Mother” and reciting the Memorare. Two letters from ICF Scholarship Chairman Franklin Lopes expressing gratitude for the SCV District scholarships. ICF Branch 184 Denise Antonowicz said the branch donated three first-year, a second, third and fourth-year scholarships. She also added that the Antonowics family raised $1,200 at the yearly open house and funded two scholarships.

July 2018
Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5
Hope all ICF Members and their Family had a wonderful 4th of July.

ICF Br. 5 is hosting the Santa Clara Valley District Meeting in the St. Clare Parish North Hall on July 14. Please help with setup and refreshments around 4PM to 7PM from all members who can help. After 7PM Meeting will be held.

Please save the date for the Dinner/Mass & Reception. The Santa Clara Valley District is having a Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos on August 5. Call Mary Ann Ruiz for more information.

See you at the Dinner/Meeting each month.
Ciao, Los Gatos
Marlene J. Rotolo

Picnic—July 3, 2018, 6:30pm, no tickets reserved.
Upcoming events: Branch #391 Family Picnic—July 3, 2018, 6:30pm. Contact President Jim Jones-408-210-5541.

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408
Congratulations to our 2018 ICF Scholarship Winner—Brenna Thoms. You have seen her helping out at many of our various functions. We are very happy that such a deserving candidate has been selected. Brenna plans to attend San Francisco State next year to study nursing. We wish her all the best.

Remember the Santa Clara District Mass is coming up June 24th @ 11 AM outdoors under the statue of Our Lady. Please mark your calendars.

See you in the future!

Morgan Hill
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435
In May, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Branch #435 at St. Catherine’s Parish. Our current president, Giulia Gallego, introduced the past presidents, including John Sorci, Jim Friebl, Andy Pappani and Jerry Caravelli. A special guest was Santa Clara’s own Bishop Garcia. ICF Br. 391 also presented Msgr. Carol Tacci (Corresponding Secretary) and Johanna Tacci (Orator).

Most of the founding members (pictures) were able to attend the wonderful dinner prepared by Maurizio Cutrignelli. We feasted on delicious antipasto including prosciutto, cheeses, olives and artichokes and had his signature dish, Rotelle di Parma, for the entree. For dessert we enjoyed wonderful cannoli, vanilla cake and cookies. It was a memorable evening.

We also hosted the Santa Clara Valley District dinner/meeting on May 14th and learned what the other branches are doing. Our sentinel, Frances Scalo, gave an interesting account of how the Italian Catholic Federation started in San Francisco. We all learned something new.

It’s hard to believe that the year is halfway through but here we are in June. Our fundraiser dinners as well as our monthly dinner meetings are always well attended and enable us to continue to contribute substantially to our scholars and seminarians, but we couldn’t do it without all the wonderful members and our donors at St. Therese’s VC and in neighboring branches. Thank you for your generosity.

God bless!
Maryclare Sampognaro

San Jose
Church Of The Transfiguration, Br. 445
ICF Branch 445 sponsored scholarships to Jim Joseph Falcone from Archbishop Mickey Hume High School and David A. Oronti from Presentation High School.

Our branch has been well received by the parish for sponsoring Donuts, Coffee and Juice on the first Sunday of every month.

July 14th is the date for the “Italian” version of the TV hit game show “The Price Is Right!” It includes a Prime Rib Dinner, complete with Sautéed Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, French Bread and Dessert! Tickets are $40 (and limited, only 100 can be sold) and may be purchased at all Masses, at church or by calling Jim Falcone at 408-326-2061.

Host the program will be Angelo La Scola.

There will be many, many chances to win prizes throughout the night! Naturally, the prizes won’t be as expensive as the TV version but the fun will be!
Net profits will go to the church.
Angelo (Andy) La Scola
Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa
District Council
Greetings from the farmhouse in the vineyard where the grapes are maturing fast!

The next district meeting is on Sunday, August 19 at #75, Cloverdale. Please call MJ Dell’Aquila (707-894-7896) to give a number attending from your branch.

The next big event is the Day of Recollection on Sunday, August 26 at the St. Francis Heritage Center. Information has been sent out to the branches. Please inform your members.

Branches need to elect their delegates to the Convention which this year is in beautiful San Diego. The Convention Committee is planning an interesting and exciting event. Make your reservations early for all events.

Update - At this point, our house is steadily going up with the garage level almost finished. Maps for the new neighborhood start next week.

Peace and love to all. Comfort and support each other always.

CK

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52
Our Father’s Day Dinner was a lot of fun. We honored our fathers over 80. Pres. Richard Passalacqua and Teri Rolleri cooked an excellent meal. Our ICF contributions to our Convention delegates, elected at the dinner: Pres. Richard Passalacqua, Rick Norman, Mary Lou and Bill Jones and Barbara Thomas.

Upcoming Events:
August 26: Santa Rosa district Day of Recollection at St. Eugene’s Cathedral. Mass 12 Noon. Day of Recollection begins at 1:15 PM. Presentation include St. John the Baptist and Deacons and Acolytes. Price: $7.00 includes lunch. Call Carmen or Lauren: 433-1210 or reservations.

September 11: Harvest Potluck Dinner/Meeting. Our Convention delegates will give reports on the convention. Come and share your culinary creation with other members. Time: 6:00 PM.

October 7: Golf Tournament at Healdsburg Golf Course - Tayman Park. Mark your calendars!

All branch members have received a Convention Raffle Ticket Book. Please consider purchasing a book of tickets. Br. 52 keeps 50% of the proceeds. In addition our scholarship recipients were attending with their proud parents. Congratulations to Emma Maggioncalda and Alyssa Schimm. Each of the girls gave a brief synopsis regarding their chosen academic subjects and future plans. Both girls lovely and delightful.

Our doors opened to a lovely crowd of our faithful monthly dinners, but in addition 3 lovely ladies from Petaluma, Br. 127. Thank you so much for coming, Bea, Mary Ellen and Sharon. Unusually good was our end of “semester” dinner of roast chicken, macaroni salad, green salad, rolls and large dollops of vanilla ice cream with toppings!!

Since this is our last dinner until September I want to thank Fran and her lovely petite sister, Coni for decorating and setting our lovely round tables, John Boragino and Bill Scinto for assuming my scheduled task as “bar-person”. Thank’s a million guys!! Unfortunately there is no rest for the wicked. Our August picnic at Larson Park Winery is looming on the horizon and details demand our attention. The date is August 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Great place, great games, great Bocce!! Don’t ever forget that August is the perfect month for a picnic. Hopefully for the remainder of the year we will have a complete crew. OK, Tom?

In the meantime, enjoy the summer!
Ciao,
Marilyn Sylvestri

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144
It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our member Sharr Evans. Sharr was a talented cook, master of perfection, and a wonderful friend to all. She took great pride in serving on committees, and presenting new ideas. We will miss her presence and her wonderful smile.

Our June meeting was opened with a special “Taste of Italy” treat cooked and served by Alfred and Anne Emme who had just returned from a Culinary Tour in Italy!! Yummmmy!! A revised calendar of events was distributed. If you were not at the meeting be sure to get a copy from Pres. Judy.

Heritage Day will be Aug. 5 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Again, Homemade Italian Sausage will be served. Mark your calendar.

If you need more convention raffle tickets call Elena. Return the stubs (still stapled) and money as soon as possible to Elena. Our May bake sale was a great success. Thanks to all bakers.

Our Newman Center graduate Matthew Flaherty will be leaving this summer to serve one year in Denver with the organization Christ in the City. It is a mission of high tone, love, and serve the poor who live on the street. We voted to send $500 towards his $8,100 necessary for him to serve. Keep him in your prayers.

Pres. Judy presented our ICF Scholarship to winner Jacob Smith at the McKinleyville High School Award ceremony. Congratulations Jacob!

Have a blessed and safe summer!
Rosemary

Sebastopol
St. Michael, Br. 209
We had a wonderful time at our annual Bocce Tournament, chaired by Tia Polfley and Debbie Whallin, which took place after the 10am mass at St. Michael’s Church on May 20th. Eight teams took part in the tournament with our youngest team making up 21 of our old timers. Kyle & Katie Vannetti, member Dominic Petuya and Josh Tamborimin. Everyone took a break after the first round of bocce for a delicious lunch of hotdogs, salads, beans and desserts, all overseen by Barbara Bidia and her helpers. After playing rounds of bocce, there was a final playoff game for 1st and 2nd place. The first place team consisted of Gene Vannetti, Rikki Vannetti, Larry Wasson &Don Becchetti. 2nd place was a team from St. Eugene’s ICF and 3rd place from our own Branch #209 – Dante & Jackie Corsetti, David Armstrong and Bill Cole. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who enjoyed a day of bocce, sunshine and great company.

If you haven’t done so already, please sell those convention tickets and return the ticket stubs and money to Barbara Bidia.

There will be no July ICF meeting.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer, and bon voyage if you’re off on any travel adventures.
Ciao,
Sharon Vannetti

Manteca
Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139
Our Branch is mourning the passing of member Jane Lewis, who passed away recently. A long-time ICF member, she was very proud of her Italian heritage. May she rest in peace. A week later, our members attended a Mass in St. Anthony Church in memory of her and other deceased members. Our chaplain, Father Chris Varghese, was the celebrant.

At our last branch meeting, President Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis welcomed Central Council member Dante Galeazzi, mentor Steve Ridolfi and his wife as guests.

After a successful “All You Can Eat” shrimp dinner in our parish, plans are already being made for our annual Polenta Feed, scheduled for October 13. Ida Queirolo will chair this event and workers are being lined up. Michelle Harmon will be in charge of the Silent Dessert Auction.

Our Scholarship Committee awarded our $400 First Year Scholarship to Emily Cunial, a graduate of Manteca’s Sierra High School. She was Senior Class President and the daughter of branch members Dan and Annie Cunial and the granddaughter of branch members Dino and Sharon Cunial. She will attend the University of California, Santa Barbara. Anna Bongiolo, granddaughter of members August and Roberta Bongiolo, was awarded the Brocchini Scholarship by our branch to attend UC Merced. Our new member, Barbara Anna, is a valedictory graduate of Escalon High School and will attend UCLA.

Our branch voted a generous monetary donation to our parish in support of kitchen upgrades in both the cathedral and in the recreation hall. Joe Pellegrino and Ed Fichtner are handling the details.

A busy five weeks ended with the annual Branch picnic on the beautiful grounds of the home of Deacon Sharon Cunial. A Bocce tournament was held after which we enjoyed steaks barbecued by chef Tony Queirolo, along with homemade salads and dessert. All guests included retired Bishop Stephen Blake of the Diocese of Stockton, our chaplain Father Chris and Grand President Andy
Contributions for Seminarians were given to the new Bishop of our Diocese, the Most Reverend Myron Cotta. After various branches presented their donations, the Bishop received over $8,000 for education of our young men who have proclaimed a vocation to serve God and their communities. It takes over $35,000 per year for their education. In a beautiful acceptance speech, Bishop Cotta requested that we pray for the future vocations here and in foreign countries, where many of our local priests come from to help with the shortage all over our country.

Also we must say a great resounding thank you for the vocalists at the Bishop’s Day event, sisters Ashley and Amber Willett, who sang like angels! Beautiful voices singing beautiful songs were enjoyed by all with a standing ovation!

Our June dinner meeting featured Italian Meatloaf similar to last year at this time with a few variations that improved the taste and was well received. We continue to thank our attendees not only for their participation but for their kind donations each month at our dinner meetings. If it weren’t for you, we would not be able to contribute to the continued growth and maintenance of our parish.

Our congratulations to scholarship winner Michaela Sobrero from Tracy High School. See you all at the annual picnic on August 19th.

Don’t forget to look for yourself on our website: icfbranch390.org.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

**Stockton**

**Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395**

Branch 395 is taking the month of July off after a very busy and fun ending to June. Italian Heritage Night was held at the Stockton Ports Baseball ballpark on June 30. Many local Italian organizations came together for a night of culture, music and of course baseball. A great time was had by all.

Festa Italiana is back at the Lodi Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 29. This year’s event is bigger and better. So call your friends, fellow ICF members and make the drive. Tickets are available at the gate.

Buone vacanze everyone!

Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

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**Angels Camp**

**St. Patrick, Br. 413**

We have been a busy branch, so far. Today we had the Baccalaureate Mass for all of the graduates in our area who wanted a special blessing to start them on their life’s journey. It was a beautiful Mass, and we had eight local high school graduates participate. One of the eight, Alyssa Ritzel, was a home school student using Seton Home Study School out of Front Royal, Virginia for her curriculum. The other seven were all from Bret Harte Union High School. We congratulate them and their families and wish them well in their endeavors.

Summer begins! I hope you all have a wonderful 4th of July! We will be holding our first BBQ Lunch for families this year. The date is set for July 22. We will be having Chicken or Steak meals with the beer and wine included for $25 each adult. The children who are 12 and under eat a delicious hot dog meal for free. We plan to have games for all the members of the family, with raffle prizes and lots of fun. Tickets are available until July 16th. We hope to see you there.

August brings the Stockton District Picnic at the picnic grounds in Escalon. It starts at 11 a.m. Be sure to send your check to the District Treasurer and let her know the number of people coming from your branch. Please don’t forget to bring your own plate, utensils, and drinks. It is always a great time seeing and talking with all our ICF Family at this event.

Then, it is time for Convention 2018! Wow, how time does fly! Our Stockton District will have a new candidate for Central Council this year, Frank Re. He is a very active member of the ICF, and has lots of good ideas to share and keep the ICF growing.

Ciao for now!

Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary