



BOLLETTINO



San Diego Convention a Grand Success



Congratulations to our newly-installed Central Council Officers. Top row: Leonard Zasoski Jr. (Past Grand President), Dante Galeazzi (Grand Trustee), Teresa Helfand (Grand Sentinel), Franklyn Lopes Jr. (Grand Trustee), Denise Antonowicz (Grand Treasurer), Pat Mages (Grand Trustee), and Mike Rossi (Grand Parliamentarian); Front row: Lauren Kilcullen (Grand Secretary), Vince Piro (Grand 1st VP), Msgr. Daniel Cardelli (Spiritual Director), Andrew Pappani (Grand President), and Deborah Rodondi (Grand 2nd VP).



Laurice Levine PR Committee

The 88th Annual ICF Convention over Labor Day Weekend was held in sunny San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel, which was a lovely setting for what proved to be a fantastic weekend. With the theme, "Our Mission of Faith," the branch delegates and members of the ICF began to arrive on Thursday, ready for a weekend of renewal, connection, laughter, and fun.

The San Diego District, along with Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett and her committee, did an outstanding job putting on a memorable convention. The

weekend kicked off Thursday night with "A Tribute to Frank Sinatra Dinner" at the Saint Therese Parish Social Center. Guests dined on an exquisitely prepared, Sinatra-inspired gourmet dinner catered by the executive chefs from RoVino Rotisserie+Wine Restaurant. Following was a memorable musical concert featuring Sinatra's original music sung by highly acclaimed award-winning jazz vocalist and recording artist Patrizia Vigili, the sultry Lady of Jazz. Patrizia also happens to be the goddaughter of the late Frank Sinatra and the president of Branch 230 in San Diego. A raffle with an array of unique prizes topped off the evening.

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Thanks from San Diego District

San Diego District Board and Convention Committee

The San Diego District, Branches and Convention Committee were extremely excited about the 88th Annual Convention held in San Diego. As the hosting district we put our best foot forward to make our contribution to the convention different, exciting and fun. The first being our exciting Thursday night Gala evening which began with guests being picked up at the entrance of The Town and Country Hotel & Convention Center by the San Diego Tour Trolley, one of the best kept secrets

for fun transportation, which transported guests to the St Therese Social Center.

All of the guests were greeted with a no host cocktail reception featuring an amazing gourmet antipasti station with an array of culinary delights, imported cheeses, olives, vegetables, fresh fruits and so much more, specifically prepared for the event which started the evening off in grand style. This was followed by an excellent Sinatra-inspired gourmet dinner prepared by the Executive Chefs and co-owners of the fabulous award-winning

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Andrew Pappani

(As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the Grand President's acceptance speech from the Convention.)

As our 88th Annual National Convention comes to a close and I reflect on this year's theme "Our Mission of Faith," this is a perfect fit for our journey in life in the Italian Catholic Federation. One family, one Faith.



Our Mission is to help others who cannot help themselves, support our Catholic parishes by staying connected with them, and assist our seminarians as they become future Catholic priests.

Our Faith is what we believe in that keeps the driving force going in every one of us. We believe in our Faith and Jesus Christ.

What a great job Chris Murphy and the San Diego District has done with their warm hospitality for us here in San Diego. I also would like to acknowledge Rose Jarrett and the entire Convention Committee for putting on our 88th Annual Convention.

I APPLAUD YOU ALL.

We will be taking the ICF on the road again this year. We will be coming to a town near you. So if you hear us knocking, let us in. Welcome us in with open arms and an open mind.

We want to hear your concerns and ideas about the ICF.

Our expert teams will be out there in force to assist you. The Workshop, Task Force, Membership and Expansion Committees, and YES, even the "Grand President," are here to help you expand your Districts and Branches.

Last year, I had challenged all branches to achieve 10% membership growth. Some branches accomplished that challenge, but overall we fell short. I ask all branch presidents to please go back to your branches and challenge your members to a contest to gain members. Remember, the Central Council Committees are here to help you accomplish this goal. We can do it!

I want to hear back from the branches that were able to accomplish 10% membership growth. Just write me a note explaining how you achieved that success so that we can share with others.

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2018 Convention: Great Success, Great Weather

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli *ICF Spiritual Director*

You could almost feel the excitement in the air at the convention in San Diego. The doors of the guests' rooms opened out into the outside air. People "bumped" into each other frequently, which contributed to the camaraderie. The weather was so nice that no one was in a hurry, making for a thoroughly mellow event.

We had a good number of first time delegates who contributed to the spirit of our theme, "Our Mission of Faith." It was a joy to feel their love and enthusiasm for the ICF.

Many of the delegates were young. Delegates representing all the branches in the ICF experienced the emotion of pride. It feels good for them to know that they are members of a federation of thousands of people: this federation, whose purpose is to grow in the love of God and love of neighbor.

How do we explain Love of God? You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Mt. 22:37) We strive every day in all our actions to have a personal relationship with Jesus and to keep Him close in our hearts.

How do we explain Love of neighbor? You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt. 22:39) We strive to bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people and to treat everyone - always - with love, respect, and kindness.

Special congratulations to this year's award winners and thank you for your service to God and His people. May God bless you for your commitment and dedication.

As it is every year, this convention was a wonderful experience. My prayer is that all of you who participated gained your own spiritual conversion and enhanced your faith in God. May you continue to

grow in your love of God and share your new growth with the members of your branches.



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Finally, a reminder that **ALL branch
and district reports need to adhere
to word count requirements (no
more than 250 words)** or they will be
shortened or possibly excluded entirely
based on editor judgement.

Please keep your submission positive
and informative.

Thank you!

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Grand President

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Just think, if you are a branch with 50 members, finding 5 new members will get you to 10% growth. That is not impossible.

So please, let's enroll new members and ask our brothers and sisters, neighbors, sons, daughters and grandchildren to participate. Educate them about the rich history of the ICF and the role it has played in your own family history. Tell them how your parents or grandparents migrated to America and joined our organization. Let's carry on the legacy of the Italian Catholic Federation.

I would leave you with this thought:

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." - Vince Lombardi

"There is a fountain of youth; it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age." - Sophia Loren

The wording under our ICF insignia states **IGNEM VENI MITTERE**, which means **WE COME TO LIGHT A FIRE**.

Once again, let's go forth and spread the good deeds of the Italian Catholic Federation.

God Bless America and God Bless the
Italian Catholic Federation!

*Thank You,
Your Grand President
Andrew J. Pappani*

How Does the ICF Stack Up in Apostolate/Charity?

Lauren Kilcullen
Apostolate Chairperson

As Chairperson of the Apostolate/Charity Committee, I thank all the members for your efforts this past year to make this one of our most successful years. I also thank the members of the committee: Lisa Crudo, Jim Jones, David Botta, Maria DiPaolo and Laurice Levine. This year, out of 121 active branches, we received 83 reports. Next year, I want to see 100% of the branches sending in reports. All branches do apostolic and charitable activities, please submit a report, so we know about your activities. The districts or areas with 100% participation are:

- Contra Costa
- Fresno
- Marin
- Reno
- Santa Clara Valley
- Santa Rosa

They will be receiving a certificate at their 2019 Installations.

Below are some statistics from the submitted reports.

Of the 83 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:

- 75 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2017
- 59 Branches have an Apostolate Chairperson
- 40 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting
- 40 Branches have an active Chaplain
- 14 Branches attend Mass together Monthly
- 20 Branches attend Mass together Quarterly
- 18 Branches attend Mass together Semi-Annually
- 26 Branches attend Mass together Annually
- 56 Branches recite the Rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting
- 70 Branches offer Masses for deceased members

Participation in Branch or District Sponsored Events:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| • Retreats | 15 Branches |
| • Pilgrimages | 18 Branches |
| • Day/Night of Recollection | 34 Branches |
| • Bishop's Days | 73 Branches |
| • Special Religious Events | 44 Branches |
| • Italian Masses | 24 Branches |

Total Dollars Donated = \$561,835.73

Branches with highest monetary donations (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018):

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1-50 Members | 101 – 150 Members |
| 1 – Br. 229 Chula Vista | 1 – Br. 227 Capitola |
| 2 – Br. 362 Downey | 2 – Br. 392 Chicago |
| 3 – Br. 354 Paso Robles | 3 – Br. 191 San Jose |
| 4 – Br. 317 Diamond Bar | 4 – Br. 21 Santa Cruz |
| 51-100 Members | 151 or More Members |
| 1 – Br. 209 Sebastopol | 1 – Br. 52 Healdsburg |
| 2 – Br. 435 Morgan Hill | 2 – Br. 14 Crockett |
| 3 – Br. 108 South Pasadena | 3 – Br. 36 Monterey |
| 4 – Br. 327 San Carlos | 4 – Br. 291 Arroyo Grande |

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Going
Green!**



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<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>

Are You Connected with the ICF?

Michael Rossi
Membership Committee

Have you ever felt like you aren't connected to the ICF and wondered whether your membership matters? Let me assure you, your membership means a lot. Remember, as a member you are supporting the Church, our clergy, the community, seminarians, college scholarships, medical research, and many other charities. God works in the community. He did not create us to be alone. We are truly better in the community where we grow, are challenged, stretched, and inspired to live. Life is meant to live with others in community. However, the ICF is not perfect. There may be issues, there can be annoying peo-

ple, or people who think differently, so you may feel it is just easier to stay home. It may be messy, difficult and frustrating, but it is so worth it. To feel more connected, find out how you can volunteer in a way that suits your interest. Introduce yourself to other members and ask how they are involved. We are members of the same family and we all should feel like we belong. Attend as many meetings as you are able. Help where you can. Attend fundraisers. Explore the ICF website at ICF.org to find out more about the organization. Attend the Annual Convention and be inspired. Attend the next District event and meet new people. Have fun. There are so many ways to improve your membership in the ICF. Do it today.

The Legend of Santa Rosalia

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

According to legend, it all began in 1624 when a desperate man climbed to the top of Mount Pellegrino in Palermo with the intention of taking his own life, after the premature death of his wife. It was in this painful circumstance that the beautiful Rosalia appeared before his eyes with a great revelation: she indicated where her remains were to be found and ordered him to bring her bones to the city of Palermo and to carry them in procession through the city. The man found Rosalia's bones in the cave as she described and her remains were carried around the city three times and then the miracle: the plague ceased. After this incredible event, Saint Rosalia started being venerated as the patron saint of Palermo, and locals built a sanctuary in the cave right where her remains were discovered. This is the moving and miraculous story that bonds Palermo to its patron saint. The city renews its devotion to its beloved "Santuzza" (Little Saint) every year on July 14th, remembering these facts dating back to the seventeenth century and handed down from generation to generation. The celebration is called – in local dialect, rigorously! – U Festino and is a very touching event but joyful and lively at the same time. The whole city of Palermo is involved: folk songs and popular dances with the Norman Arab architecture of the majestic Palermo's Cathedral on the background. The 85th Annual Festa Italia

Fisherman's Festival honoring the local fishermen of Monterey, past and present was celebrated on the weekend of September 7th to the 9th, 2018. It is a celebrated event with wonderful Italian food and drink and amazing entertainment. The Italian Catholic Federation has celebrated this event by participating in the parade and staffing food booths at the festival.



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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

PRESENTED AT CONVENTION:

Branch 19
Branch 281
Branch 395

Grand Total: \$1,385.00

RECEIVED AS OF SEP 9, 2018:

In Memory Of:	Donated By:
Robert Zoccoli	Chuck and Juliana Boccone
Mario Galeazzi	Roselynn Jarrett
Dave Rose	Roselynn Jarrett
Larry Marsalli	Roselynn Jarrett
Mario Galeazzi	The Kilcullen Family
Dave Rose	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Art Fricke	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Dolores Arata	Officers/Members of Br. 327
Loretta Speziale	Officers/Members of Br. 144
Bob Zoccoli	Rosa Radicchi
Mary Stagnaro	Rosa Radicchi
Larry Marsalli	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Dave Rose	Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Rosalia Mata	Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
Robert “Bob” Zoccoli	Mike and Cori Gabbert
Edward Stoyack	Officers/Members of Br. 229
Larry Marsalli	Sal and Denise Campagna
Larry Marsalli	Paul and Dory Blefari

Get Well Wishes:	
Michael Cannady	Roselynn Jarrett
Rose Arnaudo	Richard and Donna Pfaff
Rose Arnaudo	Jim and Janice Jones
Rose Arnaudo	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Congratulations - St Teresa Of Calcutta Award Recipient:	
Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani	Mike and Marcie Rossi

Happy 100th Birthday:	
Elsie Scagliotti	Officers/Members of Br. 26
Albert Oneto	Millie Franzoni

Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary:	
David and Pat Botta	Bob and Kathy Acquistapace

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary:	
Bob and Kathy Acquistapace	The Kilcullen Family

In Honor Of:	
2018 Convention Delegates and Attendees	Pat Mages

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

In Loving Memory (as of 9/9/18)

Betsy Bongiovanni	Branch 010	John P Di Giorno	Branch 054
Blanche Burnett	Branch 014	Bernice Bartolucci	Branch 139
Delma Vaninetti	Branch 025	Jane M Lewis	Branch 139
Alvin E Baudour	Branch 036	William Tognotti	Branch 173
Frances Di Girolamo	Branch 036	Barbara Fomasi	Branch 209
Ellen Moltini	Branch 036	Edward J Stoyack	Branch 229
Edith M Nahas	Branch 039	Eve Pasternak	Branch 317
Roland P Noya	Branch 039	Regina M Irwin	Branch 365
Patricia J Bair	Branch 054	Barbara E Moore	Branch 423

September Calendar Winners

Day	Name	Br	City	Amount
9/1	Lance & Marisa Parsons		San Mateo, CA	\$30
9/2	Gliceria Rosario		Gardena, CA	\$30
9/3	Fr. Guglielmo Lauriola	1	Oakland, CA	\$100
9/4	Glenn Sherman	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
9/5	Mary Bodisco	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
9/6	Cathy Kapper	40	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
9/7	Amy & Jim Thorpe		Patterson, CA	\$30
9/8	Jocelyn Crudo	343	Colorado Springs, CO	\$30
9/9	Sue Tidball	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$50
9/10	Robert Andrini		Colma, CA	\$30
9/11	Bessie Setliffe		San Diego, CA	\$30
9/12	Larry & Pat Fachin		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/13	Deanna Crichton		Modesto, CA	\$30
9/14	Jeff Bondi	31	Los Banos, CA	\$30
9/15	Darlene & Joseph Sylvia		Kailua - Kona, HI	\$30
9/16	Sharon Marchini	39	Le Grand, CA	\$30
9/17	Branch 237		Gardena, CA	\$30
9/18	Branch 217		Redlands, CA	\$30
9/19	Jim Rosa	39	Merced, CA	\$30
9/20	Nancy Donato	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
9/21	Renee Wallis		Colma, CA	\$30
9/22	Branch 191		San Jose, CA	\$50
9/23	Alice Marshall	14	Concord, CA	\$30
9/24	Jackie Smith	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
9/25	Bill Andreozzi		Chino Valley, AZ	\$30
9/26	Tony Miranda		Modesto, CA	\$30
9/27	Janine Mooney		San Bruno, CA	\$30
9/28	Peggy Aiello-Hagerthy	14	Martinez, CA	\$30
9/29	Candy & Pete Peters	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
9/30	Joe Colombo	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30

Scholarship
Donations

PRESENTED AT CONVENTION:

1st Year
The Antonowicz Family
Total: \$400.00

2nd Year
The Antonowicz Family
Total: \$500.00

2nd - 4th Year
The Antonowicz Family
Total: \$200.00

Grand Total: \$1,100.00

RECEIVED AS OF SEP 9, 2018:

2nd - 4th Year
Aldine Grisenti
In memory of Tina Mezzetta
Officers/Members of Br. 434
In memory of Kelli Raffanti

Mario Cugia Italian Studies
Stephanie Lucich
In memory of Carolyn Cugia

2018 Bishops’ Days

Oct. 6th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 21st	Blessed Sacrament
Oct. 28th	Fresno
Oct. 31st	San Bernardino
Nov. 4th	San Diego
Nov. 11th	Los Angeles
	Archdiocese
Dec. 2nd	Reno

Welcome to Our New Members! (as of 9/9/18)

Mary L Camera	Branch 021	Jeannette A Vanbibber	Branch 352
Renetta Parry	Branch 021	Robert W Schilling	Branch 362
James A Friebel	Branch 026	Audrey Joy	Branch 379
Jose Cisneros	Branch 032	Ann F Radzicki	Branch 379
Joseph Rebelo	Branch 054	Rev Joseph Nguyen	Branch 395
Rev Brandon Macadaeg	Branch 091	Alicia Espinoza	Branch 403
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Manuel Rodriguez	Branch 111	George L Bennett	Branch 413
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Janet-Marie Petric	Branch 285	Joe Favia	Branch 418
James Hatcher	Branch 291	Tina Favia	Branch 418
Mary Jane Hatcher	Branch 291	Cory Helfand	Branch 418
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Margie Favro	Branch 352	Jim A Valenti III	Branch 435

Gifts of Love Donations

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Branch 33
Branch 48
Branch 139
Branch 173
Branch 184
Branch 229
Branch 230
Branch 281
• In Memory of Marian Zasoski
Branch 285
Branch 291
Branch 308
Branch 374
Branch 380
Branch 390
Branch 392
Branch 413
Branch 446
Al and Diana Vallorz and Family
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr.
• In Memory of Leonard and Marian
Zasoski, Sr.

Grand Total: \$8,344.50

RECEIVED AS OF SEP 9, 2018:

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Branch 327
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 In memory of Most Reverend
Richard J. Garcia
Officers/Members of Br. 291
 In memory of Jerry Becker
Frank and Kathryn Ditto
 In memory of Mary Ann Landucci
Officers/Members of Br. 291
 In memory of Mary Ann Becker
Officers/Members of Br. 291
 In memory of Refugio (Cuco)
Elizondo
Joan and Jerry Delfino
 Get well wishes for Rose Arnaudo
Eva Stern
 Get well wishes for Rose Arnaudo
Mr. and Mrs. Chet Polini
 In memory of Larry Marsalli
William and Cynthia Schuette
 In memory of Tsutako Young
Rosa Radicchi
 In memory of Tsutako Young
Bob and Elaine Osorio
 Get well wishes for Rose Arnaudo
Bob and Elaine Osorio
 In honor of the birthday of Joan
Delfino
Joan and Jerry Delfino
 Get well wishes for Don Arnaudo
Paul and Dory Blefari
 Get well wishes for Bob and
Elaine Osorio
Italian Catholic Federation
 In honor of Joanna Mackinson -
 2018 Young Adult Leadership
 Award Recipient

2018 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle:

1st Prize, \$2500 + \$250 Seller's Prize:
Laura Hohn
Br. 343, Castro Valley, CA

2nd Prize, \$1500 + \$150 Seller's Prize:
Phillip Robba
Br. 368, San Jose, CA

3rd Prize, \$1500: Domenica Bellissimo
\$100 Seller's Prize: Antonietta Gerardi
Br. 392, Chicago, IL

4th Prize, \$1000: Steve Henderson
\$100 Seller's Prize: Patty Jarrett
Br. 72, Pittsburg

5th Prize, \$1000 + \$100 Seller's Prize:
Dolores Enos
Br. 161, Larkspur, CA

6th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize:
Diana Hill
Br. 217, Redlands, CA

7th Prize, \$500: Richard J. Antuzzi
\$100 Seller's Prize: George Midwin
Br. 191, San Jose, CA

Special Drawing for Branches that sold more tickets than last year:
Two prizes of \$250 each.
Branch 48, Modesto, CA - \$250
Branch 52, Healdsburg, CA - \$250

Southern California Wild Fires and Mud Slides Relief Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the I.C.F.'s Southern California Wild Fires and Mud Slides Relief Fund as of June 11, 2018.

The campaign began with a starting donation of \$2,500.00 from the Central Council funds.

Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the total amount donated.

Branch:

391

Individuals:

Betty and Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

Anonymous Donations

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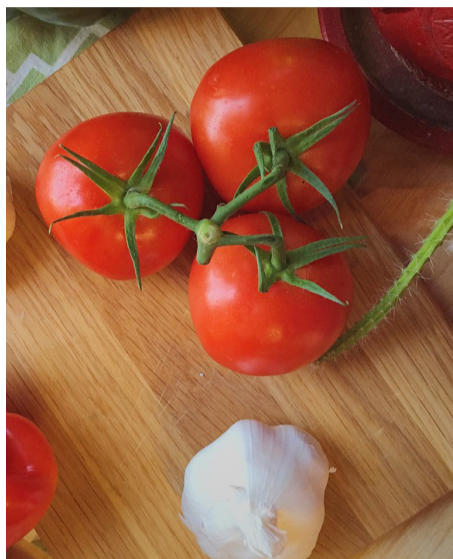
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Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President

The Italian Catholic Federation's Spiritual Director Monsignor Daniel Cardelli sent this recipe to me a few months ago. He originally got the recipe from his cousin Rita, who lived in Massachusetts. Those of you who know Msgr. know he is a very good cook, so when he sent me this recipe I was very excited and could not wait to try it. I did have to wait a week or two until I



had several taste testers/critics in the house for the sampling of this delightful dish.

PASTA CON POMODORI E BRIE
(pasta with tomatoes and brie)

This is a great summer pasta, the ingredients being fresh keep their distinctive flavors and smell wonderful.

- 4 or 5 tomatoes, chopped (I used vine ripe tomatoes)
- 4 cloves of fresh garlic, minced
- ½ cup virgin olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons fresh basil, chopped (I used 3 Tbls.)
- 1 wedge of Brie, sliced very thin (about 8 ounces; the small rounds that you find at Costco and many other stores are a good size)

Mix all ingredients except the Brie, set Brie and marinade aside separately overnight or at least a few hours (mine ended up marinating for 48 hours, in the refrigerator).

It goes well with Linguini, Angel Hair or Fettuccini. Make your pasta (1 pound) according to the directions on the package, drain. Mix Brie in the tomato mixture (room temperature), pour over hot pasta, toss and serve.

I wondered about this and thought how strange that the Brie is going to be in pieces on the pasta, but once you toss it the Brie melts away. As you know with an Italian cook the ingredients are all adjustable to your taste. My nephew was one of my test tasters, so I beefed up the garlic. The tomatoes I used were the best vine ripe I have ever come across in the store, almost like home grown - very tasty and produced a lot of juice.

My food critics were my nephew Tony Rodondi and his finance Rebecca Piziali. Tony loves food and is an amazing cook; I knew this recipe was going up against a discerning palate. I have never made pasta with a cold sauce, so I was a little skeptical on the outcome of this meal.

The recipe got a 5 star rating. Tony loved the fact that the basil and garlic flavor stood out. He did add crushed red peppers to his, but then he always adds it to his pasta. He is taking it one step further and stated the next time we make it to add prawns to the dish.

The final test to the pasta was eating it cold/leftover. Tony took it to work and enjoyed it all over again the next day.

Thank you Msgr. Cardelli for sharing this wonderful recipe with all of us.

Did you know that if you buy a bunch of fresh basil you can keep it fresh for a week or two by putting it in a glass of water on your counter (place the stems in water, about ½ inch...change water every couple of days...mine lasted 2 weeks).

I am 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!

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Salute to the Military at San Diego Convention

Denise Antonowicz
Heritage Chairperson

On Sunday, September 2, 2018, the Italian Catholic Federation honored our Veterans. We were fortunate to be able to present 10 of our own with the following Thank You. In attendance were:

Victor Arnaudo
Army Reserve
Br. 1 - San Francisco

Sal Campagna
Cal National Guard
Br. 184 - Los Gatos

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Br. 380 - Thousand Oaks

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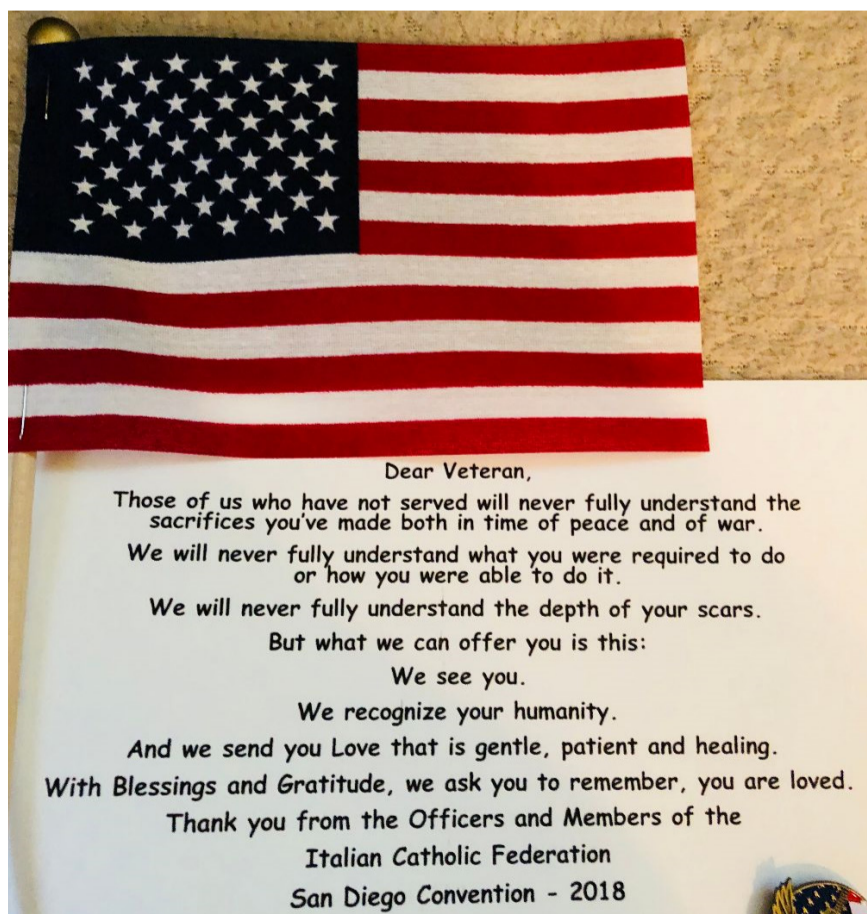
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US Army 4th Armored Div
Br. 285 - Livermore



Member Spotlight: Al Oneto

Louise Oneto
Br. 258, San Francisco

Albert "Al" Oneto celebrated his 100th birthday on September 23, 2018.

He joined Italian Catholic Federation Branch 20 in San Francisco on October 24, 1963 and later became a valued member by sharing his many talents and resources, not only for his own branch, but for other branches and for the San Francisco District and Central Council as well.

Albert Paul Oneto was born to Stefano and Minnie Giambruno Oneto on September 23, 1918 in San Francisco, California. He was later joined by his siblings, Anne and Edward.

He lived his entire life in San Francisco with the exception of the time he spent proudly serving his country.

Al was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1941 and was honorably discharged in December 1945 after serving in World War II.



In 1947 he met and married Louise Fernando, and in 1949 they were blessed with their first son Thomas Albert. In 1955, their son Steve Joachim was born. In 1991, grandson Francis Albert was welcomed into the family.

In 1950 Al became a partner of the Royal Baking Company in San Francisco which

tions were from Frank Sinatra's most outstanding performances dating back to the beginning of his career. The music was really good, Patrizia sounded great, it was an evening enjoyed by all in attendance, and she did it her way.

The Convention was fun, exciting, informative beginning with a fun sing-a-long with special emphasis on the heartfelt, inspirational message by the 88th Annual Convention keynote speaker Reverend Joseph Tabigue, C.R.S.P., ICF Diocesan Chaplain and the Pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish in Little Italy. Congratulations Central Council Officers and Staff, all Central Council Members and everyone involved with all aspects of the Convention. A special thank you to Rose Jarrett for everything.

Thank you all so much for a wonderful Labor Day weekend.



had been founded in 1918 by his step-father-in-law Pellegrino Matteucci.

Al has always loved cars and has owned quite a few in his lifetime; but, the car that brings a big smile on his face and a gleam in his eyes is when he mentions his

unforgettable 1931 Auburn.

Having survived the Great Depression and the horrors of World War II, Al takes nothing for granted. He is indeed a worthy member of the Greatest Generation.

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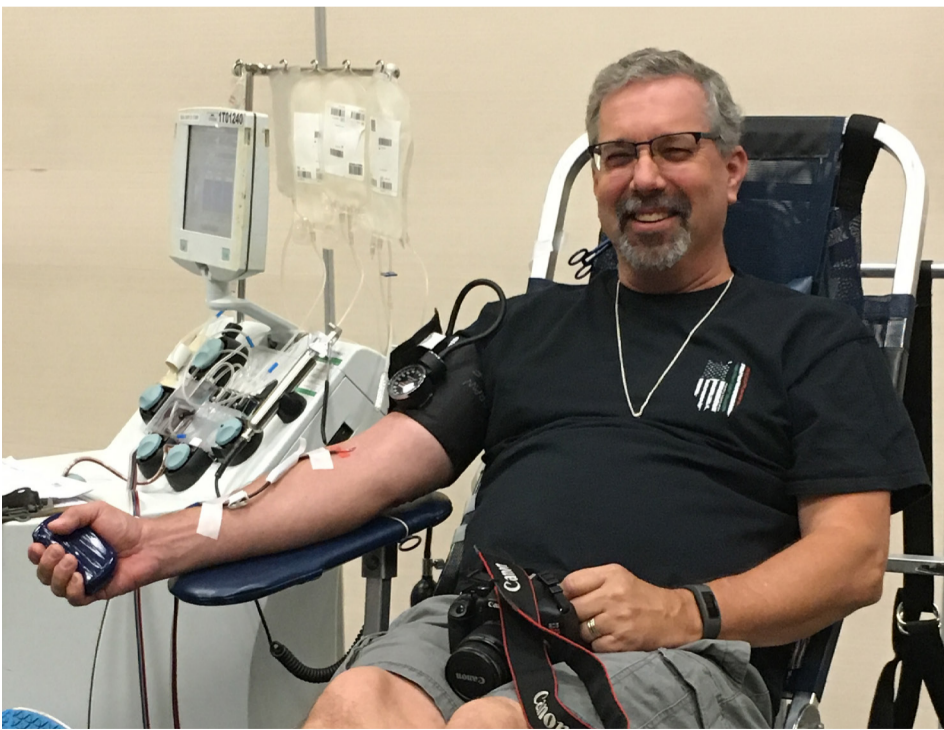
Convention Blood Drive Will Save Over 100 Lives

Laurice Levine
Live to Give Committee

The 7th Annual Live to Give Convention Blood Drive, in honor of Cooley’s Anemia, was a huge success. 41 people came to donate and 37 units of blood were collected. Each unit of blood saves 3 lives – 111 lives will be saved as a result of this endeavor!

The Live to Give Committee would like extend their gratitude to Leslie Eagan and her incredible team at the San Diego Blood Bank and sincerely thank the following people for giving the gift of life:

- Lorraine Acuna
- Joseph Aguilar
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October 1, 2018

Dear Grand President Andy Pappani, Apostolate Chair Lauren Kilcullen, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

We were so honored to be included in the 88th Annual Italian Catholic Federation Convention in San Diego. Thank you for once again adopting the Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) as your National Charity and for the donation of \$74,000. We are incredibly grateful to the ICF Members, the Shirley Silva Trust, the Joe Liotta Trust and The Kemp Foundation for their generous contributions.

The ICF's dedication to the thalassemia community is unparalleled! Your donation makes a real and vital difference in the lives of patients and families with thalassemia. In the past year, ICF funds have been used in the following ways:

- To support the PASSAGES Transition Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA).
- To develop adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives.
- To launch "In That Vein," the thalassemia newsletter for parents/families/community.

With your recent donation we plan to continue growing these important programs as well as commence new projects, such as the creation of a thalassemia website which has been a longstanding goal.

Educating the community about thalassemia and keeping you abreast of the work we do here at CHLA is a priority for us. Therefore, if your branch is interested in learning more and scheduling a visit to a branch meeting or event, please contact Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com.

Please Save-the-Date for the Thalassemia Christmas Party at CHLA – December 7, 2018 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. An invitation will follow. Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our program. You are making a difference in countless lives!

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Coates, MD
Section Head for Hematology
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(The following resolutions and communications were read and adopted at the 2018 Convention in San Diego)

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of San Diego for their 88th Annual Convention on August 31, 2018 – September 3, 2018 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication To Pope Francis

We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

Communication To Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy Bishop Of San Diego

We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for their continued service to the people of the San Diego Diocese. We are grateful for their participation in this year's convention, representing the Diocese of San Diego.

Communication To Msgr. Cardelli

We wish to thank I.C.F. Spiritual Director Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the I.C.F. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the I.C.F. We look forward too many more years of his friendship and guidance and congratulate him on his 61st year of Ordination.

Communications To Grand President Andrew Pappani

We wish to thank Grand President Andrew Pappani, for his leadership during this past year. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

Communications To All Bishops And Clergy Attending The Convention

We are grateful for your participation in this year's convention, representing the members of our diocese. We appreciate the time you have taken to spend this weekend with us. We value your guidance, advice, and prayers.

Communication To All Bishops And Priests Where The Federation Is Established

We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ's Body and the Church; and we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values: faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

RESOLUTIONS

To The Men And Women Serving In The United States Military Forces

As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well-being and safe return, especially in these uncertain times.

To All Elected Leaders Of Our United States Of America

We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well-being of ALL in our United States of America and in the world.

To The People Of The World Who Have Suffered From Natural Disasters And Violence In 2018

We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2018. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for

the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

To The Convention Director's Committee, Local Committees, And Diocesan Chaplains

Whereas, the preparation of the annual convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Roselynn Jarrett and the chairs of various local committees under the guidance of Chris Murphy, the Local Chairperson of the Convention, the success of the convention was assured. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

To The Office Staff Of The Italian Catholic Federation

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith.

To Members Of The Federation Who Are Absent Due To Illness

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

To The Delegates And Non-Delegates Attending The Convention

We thank them for representing their branches and for their dedication in preserving and keeping the Italian Catholic Federation, a strong and vital organization in their communities. We wish them all a safe trip home.

To The Family Of The Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia, Bishop Of Monterey

We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop Garcia on his recent passing. Bishop Garcia was a great spiritual leader and friend to so many. He will truly be missed by the members of his Dioceses including those members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

To The Family Of Past Grand President Thomas Poggi

We offer our condolences to the family of Thomas Poggi on his recent passing. Thomas was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation and served as Grand President with distinction from 1954 - 1957.

To The Family Of Past Grand President Larry J. Marsalli

We offer our condolences to the family of Larry Marsalli on his recent passing. Larry was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation and served as Grand President with distinction from 1984 – 1987 and as a former Convention Director.

To The Family Of Dave Rose

We offer our condolences to the family of Dave Rose on his recent passing. Dave was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation not only in his Branch and District but also helping with the accounting for the Federation.

To Bollettino Editor Michelle Feldman

We offer our thanks and appreciation for the many years of service in preparing the Bollettino for publication and for the many convention photos over the years.

To The Victims Of The Fires Ravaging The State Of California And The Flooding In The East

We offer our prayers that they will recover from the effects of this tragedy and with the help and encouragement of the American people, they will be able to resume as normal a life as possible.

To Our First Responders, Fire Fighters, Police, Medical

We offer our prayers that they will continue to be there for all of us when needed and that they are also protected from harm.

Friday at the Convention

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On Friday, the day began with Mass and the ICF Live to Give Committee's 7th Annual Convention Blood Drive. Many participated in a tour of Little Italy and Coronado Island. Other goings-on were registration, Pedro, bocce ball, reconciliation, the Italian Marketplace, and bingo.

After an exciting day, the members gathered together for the official Grand Opening of the Convention. Past Grand President Leonard Rossi, O.L.J., and former First Lady Karen Rossi entertained those arriving for the opening ceremony with an Italian sing-a-long. Soon after, Allen Watts appeared on stage dressed as Father Junipero Serra and captivated all with his good humor and charm.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Life Member and Past Grand President Bob Basuino, Sr. Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director, graced everyone with an opening prayer. The Boy Scouts of America conducted the presentation of colors, and Karen Rossi sang the National Anthem.

When Life Member and Grand President Andy Pappani entered along with First Lady, Sid Pappani, they were showered with warmth and applause. President Pappani proceeded to give an enthusiastic welcome to all the ICF members, delegates, and friends and encouraged everyone to

enjoy the weekend to the fullest and bring ideas home to their branches.

Chris Murphy, San Diego District President, gave a sincere welcome on behalf of the host district and roll call included each district representing the California missions.

The keynote speaker was Reverend Joseph Tabigue, C.R.S.P., San Diego Diocesan and District Chaplain. Karen Rossi sang the closing prayer with the federation anthem, "Noi Vogliam Dio."

The Tiki Pavilion and Courtyard was an ideal setting for the traditional "Meet the Candidates," where delegates and members socialized with Central Council candidates who were eager to discuss their plans for the future of the ICF, as well as passing out mementos and goodies for all to enjoy. The camaraderie and excitement were palpable!



Allen Watts as Father Junipero Serra



Friday at the Convention



Saturday at the Convention

With an early morning start on Saturday, the delegates were ready to attend their choice of the following workshops:

- Spiritual - presented by Reverend Chris Bennett, 2017 Recipient, St. Teresa of Calcutta Award.
- Successful Branches - presented by Branch 291, Arroyo Grande, and Branch 362, Downey.
- Heritage - presented by the Heritage Committee.
- ICF Programs - presented by the Apostolate Charity, Hospitalization, and Scholarship Committees.
- Open Forum - presented by the Executive Committee.
- ICF Best Practices: Leadership, Marketing, Retention—presented by you, the delegates!

Following the morning workshops was a Memorial Mass, and the Convention General Session ensued after lunch. Highlights included the presentation of the Young Adult Leadership Award, given to Joanna Mackinson from Branch 442, Pleasant Hill; the Family of the Year Award, presented to the Alessandrino Family from Branch 380, Thousand Oaks; and inspirational speeches by Central Council candidates.

The Pope Saint John XXIII Banquet was a definite highlight of the weekend. Forrest Price, Member Emeritus, was the Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was given by Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli. Grand President Pappani had the honor of presenting the Pope Saint John XXIII Award to Bryan Stow from Branch 227 in Capitola, who has inspired us all with his story of courage under duress and his anti-bullying campaign.



Young Adult Leadership Award: Joanna Mackinson, Br 442, Pleasant Hill



Family of the Year Award: The Alessandrino Family, Br 380, Thousand Oaks



Saturday at the Convention



Pope Saint John XXIII Award: Bryan Stow, Br 227, Capitola



Sunday at the Convention

At the Sunday session, the following candidates were once again voted on to the Central Council: Denise Antonowicz, Lisa Crudo, Teresa Helfand, Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Vince Piro, and Deborah Rodondi. Pat Mages was re-elected to the Central Council. The two new candidates voted on were Ken Marshall and Frank Re.

Life Member and Grand President Pappani presented the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani, Santa Clara Valley Diocesan Chaplain. Due to health reasons the Monsignor was not able to be present, thus Ric Shimshock accepted the award and read a speech on the Monsignor's behalf. Josephine Bertaccini from Branch 191 in San Jose was honored with the Grand President's Award. Life Member and Past Grand President Leonard Rossi gave meaningful sentiments to Past Grand President Michael Cannady at his Presentation to Life Member Emeritus. Michael, with his family present, gave a moving response. Presentations and awards were later given out

from the various ICF Committees.

Grand President Pappani also made the National Charity presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates of Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Laurice Levine, who both spoke, as well. Cooley's anemia was once again named the ICF's National Charity.

The morning ended after charitable donations were made to Cooley's anemia, Gifts of Love, the Providenza Fund, and Scholarships. During Good of the Order, Rose Jarrett recognized Anne Interrante for her years of service on the ICF Central Council and was applauded by delegates and guests. In a closed meeting over lunch, the Central Council members elected officers.

The Concelebrated Mass conducted by Bishop McElroy was very well attended. The Sunday Banquet was a Salute to Swing Dinner Dance, with many attendees donning their military best. Lots of dancing and conversation filled the night. The evening concluded with the convention raffle and drawing.



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award: Ric Shimshock accepting for Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani, Santa Clara Valley Diocesan Chaplain



Grand President's Award: Josephine Bertaccini, Br 191, San Jose



Life Member Emeritus: Michael Cannady



Laurice Levine and Dr. Thomas Coates of Children's Hospital Los Angeles accept donation on behalf of Cooley's Anemia, the ICF's 2018 National Charity



Sunday at the Convention



Monday at the Convention

After three fun and inspirational days together, it was time for the annual convention to come to a close. At the prayer service, conducted by Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed. The 2018–2019 Executive Board are Grand President Andrew Pappani; Grand 1st Vice President Vince Piro; Grand 2nd Vice President Deborah Rodondi; Grand Secretary Lauren Kilculen; Grand Treasurer Denise Antonowicz; Grand Trustees Dante Galeazzi, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., and Patricia Mages; Grand Par-

liamentarian Michael Rossi; and Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand. With one last recital of “Noi Vogliam Dio,” the convention came to a close. Goodbyes were said and hugs exchanged until everyone meets again at the 2019 convention in Tucson, Arizona.

A huge and sincere thank you to Roselynne Jarrett, the convention planning committee, and the San Diego District for their long hours and hard work in making the 2018 convention an outstanding success!



Chicago

**River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358**

Welcome Fall!

Everyone in branch 358 is looking forward to our annual Fall Bake Sale. Right now we are going thru all our cookie recipes, etc. to find the perfect ones for our sale. If nothing else it keeps us busy and happy to share the goodies with others.

As I read the newspaper I find the news so depressing. I'm sure I'm not the only one feeling this way. There doesn't seem to be a cure or resolution for any of these terrible things that are happening. When things get me down I always go to my mantra that I say everyday and that is: "To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders." And, of course, I pray to Mother Teresa and read excerpts in her book "A Call to Mercy" always seems to help.

Happy Fall to everyone, stay well, keep positive and "Laugh often."

Blessings,

Cathy Neri

Fresno

**Madera
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27**

The August 14th meeting was a potluck and members and guests were treated to many delicious home-made entrees, salads, and desserts. Thanks to the August committee, chairmen: Rick and Janet Farinelli and the committee: Emily and Adolph Mayorga, Carol and Jim Espinola, Theresa DeFrank, and Ila Schoettler. Janet Farinelli did an amazing job with decorating.

President Jim Cavallero and his wife, Kerin, attended the convention in San Diego. It was a wonderful experience and we learned a lot from the informational workshops. Thanks to the San Diego District who hosted the event (a special thanks for the beautiful weather!). It was also nice to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. I was able to meet some of the people I e-mail and speak to on the telephone.

Branch 27 is getting ready for the September meeting on the 11th where we will have hamburgers and the annual harvest festival on the 21 & 22 of September where we will have the ICF salami spin booth. We are looking into a fun day in December or January. October dinner will be a potluck on the 9th and the November meeting will be on the 13th. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

**Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32**

Convention: Elaine Lencioni and Patricia Vivenzi attended. The proposal to allow a non-Delegate to run for office, passed. The Masses were very inspiring. News from LA Children's Hospital: Dr. Coates had very successful trials working with other doctors to help Thalassemia patients. A medicine which was produced for another disease, which wasn't successful, was found to enhance the red blood cells of Thalassemia patients. Some patients have discontinued transfusions, while others have lessened the amount of transfusions needed to maintain their health.

Yard Sale: Linda Scambray (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Longcor, past members) donated bouquets of sunflowers, sunflower seed heads, and varieties of bulbs. Much gratefulness is extended to Paulette Volpa and family for the use of their yard and helping out. Grazie for the donations from Virginia DePasquale, Evelyn Nieto, Evelyn Lopez, Monica Ficher, Nancy Rodriguez and Elaine L. Thank you to Richard Romagnoli, Beverly Magana, Evelyn N., Evelyn L., Patricia V. and Elaine L., for enduring the heat while selling, unpacking and packing up. In appreciation to all who helped and donated, we made over \$300.

Bishop's Day: October 28, St Anne's Chapel at SJM. 11:00 a.m. Mass. Menu: chicken marsala, pasta with red sauce, pasta with "garlic, oil, and cheese," salad, vegetable and dessert. Wine, coffee, and iced tea will be available.

Meetings have moved to the 4th Wednesday of each month. Plan on attending September 26, OLV Church, McGovern Hall for nomination of officers. Please think about the office you want to serve.

*Paulette Volpa,
Financial Secretary*

**Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33**

Our branch sent co-presidents Barb Crear and Judy Jacobs to their first ICF national convention in beautiful San Diego. Arriving on Friday afternoon, they attended the official opening that evening with a greeting from Grand President Pappani. The Keynote Speaker was Rev. Joseph Tabigue, Chaplain of the San Diego District. His address was truly inspiring. The evening ended with a "meet and greet" of Executive Council candidates.

Saturday was filled with informative workshops, a Memorial Mass, and the Convention General Session. The Pope Saint John XXIII banquet was held that evening. Our co-presidents were moved by the 2018 award recipient, Bryan Stow, who was brutally beaten at a San Francisco Giants vs. Dodger's game, several years ago. It was learned that Bryan spent a year in Bakersfield at the Neuro Skills Center while rehabilitating.

The Sunday concelebrated Mass was led by Bishop Msgr. Daniel E. Cardelli, Spiri-



Members of Br 39 Merced at their October meeting

tual Director of the Italian Catholic Federation. Several awards were presented and Resolutions and Communications were heard. Branch #33 presented charitable gifts to Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love. The evening ended with a "Salute to Swing" dinner.

On Monday our co-presidents attended the Closing Session and prayer service. Following was the installation of the Central Council Officers. Then back to Bakersfield filled with lots of information and appreciation of those that were responsible for a great Convention!

October 7th Branch #33 hosted an authentic Italian Dinner celebrating Columbus Day, prepared by members Michael Brancato and Maria Bertolucci Steele.

**Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39**

To our new members: Benvenuti a tutti!

Our delegates enjoyed the workshops, sessions, singing, meals and camaraderie at the ICF convention. At our September meeting each delegate - Terrie Rhodes, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Gina Pugliese, Stephanie Lucich and first-timers Nanette Ontis and Debbie Giannone - gave their personal report of the convention.

Branch 39 had a significant showing there, with members Vince, Robyn and Debbie Piro, Gena Davis, Randy Giannone and Mabel Willmon (delegate for Gustine) also attending. Vince was elected Central Council's First Vice President. Congratulations Vince!

Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes, Michael Bandoni and Ruth Redondo put their usual delicious dazzle at September meet-



Br 39 scholarship recipient Madison Weed (Margaret and Joe Pia's granddaughter) with her family

ing's tri tip dinner with Carol Salmeri, Pattie and Frank Simas setting up, and John Lucich, clean-up. Your help is always appreciated! Elinor Torda, a UC Merced humanities and language professor (including Italian), was our guest.

October 11 is our dinner meeting, serving chicken tetrazzini pasta with green salad, French bread, dessert and wine at 6 PM. We will nominate our 2018 officers, so if you are interested in serving, please contact Terrie Rhodes: 209-658-9204. Our polenta dinner is October 18. Tickets can be purchased from any officer or phone Robyn at 209-658-3715. October 14 is the Italo Lodge's Pasta-to-Go fundraiser.

Carol Salmeri is selling the 2018 ICF calendars. Get 'em while they're hot! Call Carol: 722-8833.

*Avere un autunno felice a tutti!
Stephanie Lucich*



Members of Br 54, Our Lady of Pettoruto Celebration

Gustine **Our Lady of Pettoruto, Br. 54**

Hope this article finds everyone well. Greetings from Branch 54. We have just celebrated our annual Our Lady of Pettoruto Celebration on August 26 in Gustine, CA. We were blessed to be able to share the day with a very special founding member, Frank Scesa, who has just celebrated his 102nd birthday! This is our big fundraiser for the year and a wonderful way to keep the Italian roots and traditions alive. What better way to experience the Italian culture than to get together for food and merriment with friends and family.

This past summer I was extremely blessed to experience this first hand on our family trip to Italy. It was so very special to go back to my mother's home town of San Sosti, Italy and see the church that holds our blessed mother. The church of Our Lady of Pettoruto was absolutely amazing! I can really appreciate the reasons Branch 54 keeps up the traditional celebration. I have included a photo from our wonderful celebration. Enjoy!

Until next time... Ciao!

Clovis **Our Lady of Perpetual Help,** **Br. 250**

Our Parish Festival will be taking place on Sunday, September 23. Our Branch will be selling meatball sandwiches. Everyone is welcome to come by and enjoy the fun and entertainment and have one of our delicious sandwiches.

We have some very sad news this month. One of our charter members, Al Daddino, passed away August 25 at the age of 97. Not only was Al a charter member, but he was the first president of our Branch when it was founded in 1970. His wife, Lena, was our first Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Al was a life-long resident of Clovis; worked for the Bank of America over 30 years; and managed the Notre Dame Hall for several years after his retirement. Al was dedicated to his family, his church and community and the ICF. We will miss

him.

October 7 is the date for our Mass for the Living & Deceased Members. Mass starts at 6:30 a.m. We meet at a local restaurant afterward for breakfast.

Vince Jura's brother passed away the first of September. We extend our condolences to Vince and his family.

Happy Birthday to our October celebrants: Jessie Budd (10/20); Shirley Mitchell (10/17); and Teresa Weatherly. We wish you many blessings in the year to come.

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

Happy Halloween!

Ciao!

LeAnne Lavagnino

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

Finally Bakersfield is starting to feel like fall! Our September meeting was filled with Convention recapping and much-needed discussion at the OLPH hall. A big thank you to the delegates, President Crystal Watts and Ashley Choate, for bringing back some valuable feedback from San Diego. It was great seeing additional members of Branch 281 there and representing Bakersfield as well. I can say, from first-hand experience, it was an engaging and fun convention. And I can't forget to thank Allen Watts, er, I mean, "Father Serra" - he welcomed everyone to the convention and even tended bar in our district suite, and everyone loved seeing him.

The Nite at the Races event is almost here! Buy and sell horses to family and friends for this exciting night October 6th! It will once again be hosted by Branch 33 and us, taking place in the youth center at St. Francis Parish. Call or text Allen Watts at 661-363-3803 for more information or to purchase a horse! Let's make this event the best yet!

The next meeting will be October 11th, taking place in our parish hall. Come con-

tribute to our meeting and enjoy dinner with us, followed by a spooky surprise. Boo! We will also begin planting the seeds for our Annual Christmas Party and talking about Turkey Bingo. This is an important meeting for discussing our exciting fall/winter events, so don't miss it!

Baci e abbracci,

Kristen Zasoski

Fresno **St. Anthony, Br. 308**

Summer has been good for Branch 308, as we reconvened monthly membership meetings, with an August potluck.

In June we participated in the Feast of Saint Anthony's on the 13th. It was a joyful time of fellowship with other organizations, serving a free meal to the community. Our month began with another weekend sausage sandwich sale. We bid farewell to June by gathering to attend an annual mass for dearly departed ICF members, on Sunday the 25th.

During July we held our third annual Tahoe Joe's Restaurant fund raiser, on Sunday, July 7th. Our success this year was largely attributable to the outstanding dedication of member Leonard Garber who sold over 200 tickets.

Over Labor Day Weekend, our president John Mulligan, with secretary Cinde Oliphant, attended the ICF Convention in San Diego – with Cinde's husband, Joe, who provided ground transportation. This warmly anticipated annual event allowed for renewed acquaintances and making new ones.

As summer draws to a close, we are gearing up for fall. This year we add a second festival to our branch calendar, supporting mission church Saint Agnes in Pinedale, on October 7th, by providing sausage sandwiches for sale. This will be in addition to our perennial St. Anthony's School carnival, on September 27th.

And during September and October, we will again participate in 40 Days for Life, with Friday morning prayer vigils – also praying for unborn souls at a Special Mass held in Italian, on Wednesday, September 19th, given by our beloved Branch Chaplain, Father Ferdinand.

Los Angeles **Archdiocese**

District Council

The next Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House is scheduled for November 11, 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.



Mother Cabrini Chapel, Burbank



Altar at St. Peter's Church, Br 67

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.

Carmelo Sabatella

Cabrini Committee Chair

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

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

President

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

Members enjoyed another fun Convention in San Diego this year. Weather was perfect, the workshops motivating and



First president of Br 250, Al Daddino, with his wife Lena at their 50th wedding anniversary in 2001. Al passed away on Aug 25 at the age of 97.



Br 111 Annual Picnic



Happy Birthday to Ruben and Manuel, Br 111



Ashley Melendez and Samantha Alvarado, Br 111 scholarship winners

the venue relaxing and enjoyable. Branch President John Maggiora accepted two 3rd place awards this year for Apostolic and Membership improvements.

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.

See you October 13th and 14th in the ICF Booth at this year's Parish Fair at Holy Family Church and November 11th at St John's Seminary in Camarillo for LAADC Bishop's Day 2018 Mass and Luncheon.

Ci Vediamo presto!
Carmelo Sabatella

Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. Our next General Meeting

will be on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street in Montebello. We will have nominations/elections for 2019 officers. Join us as we celebrate birthdays for: Crocetta Salomone, Lina Canzonieri, Jeannine Vieni, and Eugenia Hernandez, and Jason Corletto. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Please plan to attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, October 7, 2018 and wear your ICF polo shirts. The Mass will be dedicated to all deceased and living members of our branch. After Mass we will be going to a restaurant for dinner. Come and join us!

This year's Bishop Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 11th, with Mass at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch and program. Hope many of you can join us. Thanks to everyone for all the charitable works you do, and for your generous support of vocation to religious life.

Save the dates:

- (1) The Cabrini Pilgrimage on Sunday, December 2 in Burbank.
- (2) CHLA Thalassemia Christmas Party on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. The LA Archdiocese District will be sponsoring the party and there will be a dinner and toys distribution to the children.
- (3) Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 8. Music will be provided by Duo Domino along with our traditional delicious Italian Buffet dinner.

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

A Presto!
Frank Salomone

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross,
Br. 115

Thank you to all who attended our potluck meeting on Sept 20th. It was a wonderful turnout with an array of delicious food for all to enjoy.

Our delegates to this year convention in San Diego were Neal and Anna DiLeva and Frank Amalifitano. They enjoyed the convention and returned revitalized after attending a variety of informative workshop.

At this meeting Neal encouraged us to get out and promote our branch. We will be



Delegate John Maggiora displays Br 108 awards for membership increase and apostolic works

having a membership drive. Please provide any officer with names of potential new members. We will reach out to them.

Our next branch meeting will be on Oct 18th at 7:30pm. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Being an officer is a wonderful opportunity to work with interesting people and to give back to our community. Please consider running for an office.

Bishop Day Banquet will be on Nov 11th at St John's Seminary. Departure time will be 7am from the Boys and Girls Club in San Pedro. Mass will be celebrated at 11am. Cost for luncheon is \$25.00. Bus is free. If interested in joining, please call Neal at (310) 433-1044

Our Vegas trip is planned for Nov 4, 5 and 6th. We will be staying at the Golden Nugget. \$140.00 per person double occupancy \$180.00 single occupancy. Please call Pauline Iacono for reservation (310) 832-0563.

Save the date Mother Cabrini Dec 2nd. Luncheon is \$17.50 More info to follow as we get closer.

Please pray for our sick and deceased members.

Anita Gioiello Trujillo
Treasurer

Arcadia
Holy Angeles, Br. 218

At our last meeting we welcomed new member, Bill Evans and daughter, Carrie, and one other guest, John. Linda Szerde-



Theresa Shaw (Br 108), Luanne Iannuci Donahue (Br 447) and Carmelo Sabatella (Br 108) at the LA Archdiocese District meeting during the ICF Convention in San Diego

helye gave a very good report on the convention. Our branch received a certificate for 3rd place for new members. Also, this is where we donate the Cooley's Anemia funds - \$1,150.00 this year. We were one of the most generous branches with our donation. Ann Armenio gave a very interesting heritage report about her life growing up in South Bronx, New York. Linda Sz and Jeane Bernabei are putting together a cookbook. We need your recipes! The 50/50 was won by Joan and the meeting closed with sandwiches and salads for luncheon after.

Our next meeting is October 14. Nomination of officers will take place. We have 3, possibly 4 positions that need to be filled - trustee, orator, sentinel and maybe president. Please think about running. Voting will take place at our November meeting.

The Holy Angels Fiesta is October 19-21 and we, again, will be running the sandwich booth. Please let Jerry know if you wish to help. We will need 3 persons for each time slot. Our Christmas Boutique is November 18 and Linda Sz and Aileen LaCorte will be chairing this event along with Scott and Jerry who will handle the sandwich sales.

Our busy season is right around the corner and we hope to see every member involved in some capacity. It's not only rewarding, but fun to get involved.

Lolly M

Gardena
St. Anthony de Padua, Br. 237

A big welcome to our newly appointed Pastor, Msgr. Sal Pilato. Msgr. is currently a member of Branch 115 and look forward to his support in the future.

Branch members Rose Moore and Nina Paul, with President Connie Bohannon, attended the annual convention in San Diego, greeting old friends and meeting new. Thanks San Diego!

On Oct. 6th we held our 49th annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance. Thanks to our many patrons, it was a big success. Proceeds from this event fund our schol-



Br 380 members and guests pose for a photo at this year's convention

arships, parish and community needs. Thanks to all the parish members who are faithful in their support. We could not do it with our you!!!

On December 7th we will again participate in the Holiday Party at Children's Hospital LA. Thanks to Laurice and her staff for all their hard work.

"Look up to the skies and behold; regards the heavens high above you." Job 35:5

Cordially
Micheal Bohannon Roa

Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption,
Br. 319

Convention is over and summer is over soon so it's back to work.

This year the convention was very inspiring. We had many first time delegates as well as many veterans. The workshops were well run with new ideas for membership, heritage, and 'fun' raising. Well done, San Diego.

We held our Spaghetti Dinner in September with great success. Our parish is always supportive of our fundraising efforts. Events for the future are:

Nov. 11 - Bishop's Banquet at St. John's Seminary

Dec. 2 - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage

Dec. 7 - CHLA Christmas Party

Dec. 9 - Branch Christmas Party

Pray for our sick members.

Andrea Linn
Corresponding Secretary

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Our branch delegates and guests had a wonderful time at the convention in San Diego, and we would once again like to congratulate Branch 380 members the Alessandrino's for winning the 2018 ICF Family of the Year Award! We also congratulate Pat Mages on once again being elected to Central Council, in which she will be serving as a Grand Trustee.

At our general meeting on September 7th we presented our annual donation to our pastor, Father Michael Rocha. The dona-

tion, which will benefit our parish church St. Paschal Baylon, was funded by proceeds from our 2018 Saint Joseph's Day bake sale and dinner.

During the meeting, members Gino and Della Spinelli gave an informative heritage presentation about Italy. They talked about several fantastic destinations in Italy including the city of Pompeii, and the sobering experience of seeing the site of the tragic eruption firsthand.

We welcomed many guests that evening, and are proud to say that some decided to join our branch as members!

We would like to remind readers that on Sunday November 11th, the Los Angeles Archdiocese District's Bishop's Day Mass and luncheon will take place at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo.

Ryan Interrante
Corresponding Secretary

Manhattan Beach
American Martyrs, Br. 447

The August 27th General Meeting was a Meet & Greet Mixer held at Locale90 Neapolitan Pizza Market in Hermosa Beach. It was a well-attended evening with everyone getting to know one another better and learning about many exciting future events and opportunities to support our church ministries. We all enjoyed the delicious authentic Neapolitan pizza, salads, and desserts. We will definitely have another mixer at Locale90 Neapolitan Pizza in the future.

Our next General Meeting will be held in Monday September 24th at O'Donnell Hall. The meeting will be a "Back to School" themed meeting, including an Italian lesson and raffle. Appetizers and desserts will be provided, but feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or a bottle of wine. Please watch for announcements in the church bulletin and invitations through Evite.

Our October General Meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th and will be a Halloween themed party. Look for more information in the Church Bulletin.

Branch 447 would like to thank Central Council for their generous donation to our Branch and to all the Branches that sent us baskets and flowers for our Inaugural

Dinner. We all greatly appreciate the love, assistance, and all the support we received to launch Branch 447 at American Martyrs Church.

Ciao!
Stephanie DeRaddo

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

Well, autumn has Fall-en upon us and Branch 21 has several wonderful upcoming events to be-Fall us! The much anticipated annual Polenta Dinner is coming up on Friday, October 26th; and the Memorial Mass will follow on Sunday, November 4th. Please look for more information via mail or e-mail.

Our Branch ICF Convention Delegates Roseann Costabile, Rebecca Rosser, and Rosa Radicchi have returned from San Diego with helpful information they learned over Labor Day weekend. They also happily reported that Branch 21 won the 4th Place Award for Best Apostolic Report! Every year each ICF Branch submits an Apostolic Report to the Convention Committee which itemizes those monies they donated throughout the year. This year, Branch 21 donated \$9725.00 to such charities as Siena House, Holy Cross School, Scholarships, Gifts for Clergy, St. Francis' Kitchen, Alzheimer's Association, Santa Cruz Hospice, Cooley's Anemia, and more. Dear Branch 21 members, your continued support of our fundraising events are what helped generate the money to donate to these charities. You should be very proud and pleased!

Can you believe that once again it is time to buy ICF Calendars? They cost \$25.00 and remember that when you buy one, you are automatically entered into a daily drawing. The calendars are filled with great stories and recipes and are a good Christmas gift.

Finally, we send out our congratulations to Sister Noella and Sister Barbara who are celebrating their 80th birthday this year. Congratulations, Sisters, and many more



Br 21 members celebrating at the 90+ Years Birthday Celebration

wonderful birthdays to come.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Branch 25 hosted the Central Coast District Picnic at JM Ranch on August 4. Guests of Honor were Grand President Andrew Pappani and his wife Syd. A shout out to all game winners and our District hosts: Jeanette Mazzarino, Br. 36 for Bingo; and Roseann Costabile, Br. 21 for Pedro. Our newest Br. 25 member, Chuck DeBord, had his Knights crew assisting at the BBQ: John Calotto and Frank Cedillo. A great time was had by all!

Branch President Julie Richards and Secretary JoAnn Sullivan attended the Convention in San Diego. Br. 25 was recognized for 100% Member Retention. The convention workshops were excellent, as were the general sessions. The Sunday Mass was quite lovely, celebrated by the Bishop of the Dioceses of San Diego with a wonderful children's choir.

Members of Branch 25 will once again man the Pizza Booth at the annual Sacred Heart Parish International Festival on Sunday, September 23.

Preparations are underway for our Polenta Luncheon scheduled for November 7 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Hall preparations and set up will be on Tuesday, November 6, and we also hold our November meeting and elections during lunch that day.

All of Branch 25 was saddened at the loss of Bishop Richard Garcia on July 11 and our prayers go out to his family. Our prayers continue for long time member, Don Stoffey. Members are encouraged to visit him at the rehab center on Romie Lane.

JoAnn Sullivan
Recording Secretary

Monterey
San Carlos, Br. 36

Congratulations to Rachel D'Agui on receiving a \$400.00 scholarship from Central Council. Rachel will be attending



ICF Central Coast District President Rosa Radicchi (left) makes opening remarks and leads the opening prayer at the District Picnic on August 4, as Grand President Andrew Pappani stands with Central Coast members

Stanford University in the fall. Rachel's parents are John and Kim D'Agui, and Mary Wells, grandmother.

Our 85 Year Old and Over party in July was awesome. Honored guests walked down a red carpet to have their photos taken, and were all given a beautiful red rose. At their table, each had a framed picture of themselves. The tables were decorated in a nautical theme with bright, cheerful bouquets of flowers. Executive Chef prepared a slow roasted salmon dinner with fresh pasta, artichoke and salad. We all sang Happy Birthday to our honored guests and served cake with fresh strawberries. We thank Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano for being chairpersons for this special event and for doing an outstanding job.

Everyone enjoyed the Santa Rosalia-Festa Italia. Thank you for all our volunteers who worked in the Calamari Booth.

October 4 was our dinner/meeting.

We are sad to report of the death of our spiritual leader of the Diocese of Monterey, Bishop Richard J. Garcia. He was a member of Branch #36 and may Bishop Garcia Rest in Peace.

Our sympathy to the families of Alivn

Baudour, Frances DiGirolamo, and Ellen Motini. Frances died at age 101 and was our oldest member. May they all Rest in Peace.

"In God's plan, nothing happens by chance" St. John Paul II.

November 1: Dinner/Meeting/bring canned goods

December 8: Adult Christmas Party

December 16: Children Christmas Party

*Sincerely,
Elaine Valentine*

Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Our first general meeting after our summer break was held on August 10th. Our guest speaker for the evening was Eva Mae Sigala. She did a wonderful job telling us the story of her family and how they came from Portugal. Thank you, Eva Mae, for sharing your story and for bringing all the delicious Portuguese food.

Our pastor Fr. Pedro Espinoza announced to us that Bishop Gerald Wilkerson has assigned him to our parish for 6 more years.

Yay!!! We are truly blessed to have him in our parish. Not only is he our pastor, but he is also a wonderful friend.

Happy birthday to our September babies: Diane Ausonio, Art Carbonel, Daniel Carbonel, Toni Hibbs and my husband Greg Stefani.

Also, Happy Birthday to our October babies: My brother Paul Cortopassi, my nephew Kevin Cortopassi, Natalie Carbonel, Linda Grier and Thomas Martinez.

A big congratulations to our member Nathan Cortopassi (my nephew) and his girlfriend Mazie Rodriguez on the birth of their son and future I.C.F. member Nikolas Dre. Nikolas is the first grandchild for members Paul and Stefani Cortopassi and first great grandchild for member Carlo Cortopassi.

And lastly, four of us traveled to San Diego for the I.C.F. convention in September and had a wonderful time. The workshops were very informative, the Masses were beautiful and it was nice to see old friends and wonderful to make new friends.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Halloween.

*Ciao for now,
Cindy Stefani*

Capitola St. Joseph, Br. 227

Our August meeting featured spaghetti



Br 291 delegates and members enjoy an eventful weekend and the beautiful setting at the ICF Convention in San Diego

and meatballs prepared by Sandy Federico and Patrick Kretsch, assisted by Sherry Doubleday, Julie Scurfield, Nancy Prevedelli, and Ken and Nancy Olson. A big thank you to them.

Congratulations to Franklyn Lopes on his re-election to Central Council for 2019.

The September meeting was a potluck and what a feast our members prepared. The variety and quality of the food was wonderful, and it was fun to sample a little bit of everything on the table.

Our convention delegates reported that Bryan Stow, who was awarded the Pope Saint John XXIII Award for humanitarian service, was warmly received with a standing ovation and people lining up for his autograph after his acceptance speech.

The following donations were made:

- \$500 Cooley's Anemia
- \$500 St. Francis Soup Kitchen
- \$500 Providenza Fund
- \$500 St. Joseph's Stars
- \$500 Sienna House
- \$500 Meals on Wheels
- \$250 Grey Bears

Many thanks to Mike and Liz Rios who served coffee and donuts after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses on September 2.

Nominating Committee Chairman Ken Reaves, assisted by Maureen O'Neil and Nancy Herrold, is working on the slate of officers for next year. The election of officers will take place at our October meeting.

As if the year is not already moving fast enough, 2019 calendars are now on sale.



Br 291 receives 1st Place for Family Memberships, accepted by 1st VP / Membership Chair Abby Gallagher and President Pete Gallagher



Br 36 members enjoy dinner, recognition at 85 Year Old and Older Party

They are \$25 each, and \$5 of that stays with our branch. See Treasurer Jane Kotila to get your calendar and be eligible for a cash prize in the daily raffle.

Deanna Musler
Secretary

**Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291**

Our three Branch Delegates, plus five members, had a fun and eventful long weekend at the I.C.F. National Convention in San Diego! We took the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner train from Grover Beach and enjoyed the tropical setting at the Town & Country Hotel. We also had fun visiting with fellow ICF members from other Branches, attending informative workshops, being recognized with several membership awards and taking excursions around beautiful San Diego. Plus, our President Pete Gallagher, 1st V.P. Abby Gallagher, and Financial Secretary Jennifer Nakamura, gave a great presentation on our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program at the Successful Branches Workshop!

On October 12th we'll be holding our first Fall Fundraising Dinner. We'll be selling Tri Tip Sandwiches that can be conveniently picked up at our drive-thru in the church parking lot! On November 9th we'll be serving our delicious Spaghetti Dinner from 4-7pm in our parish hall, and veterans can eat for free! All proceeds benefit our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program. We are also holding a raffle for the chance to win 20 total fish fry dinners during our five Lenten Fish Frys! Raffle tickets are \$10 each and are available now. All proceeds go towards our Registration Assistance Program.

Please continue to pray for members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time, including Theresa Aston, Steve & Tammy Becker, Dianne & Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Joanne Desilets, Stevie Hall, Bob McLean, Jerry Quintiliani, Robert Reginato, June Steves, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

Ciao!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

**Oakland
East Bay**

District Council

Hi all, and welcome back from San Diego and the busy convention. Hope you all have words of wisdom to share with those who were not able to attend.

We were lucky to begin our return from convention with our district picnic at the home of Al and Deanna DeNurra. Many thanks for their hospitality once again.

Next we will be getting down to some serious business. In October we will be electing new officers for the upcoming year.

Now I say new officers, because we are always looking for some up and coming younger members to step up. We are there to mentor you, so do not be afraid. Help is always at hand. Also in October we will be hosting a workshop put on by the Central Council to which all are invited and encouraged to attend. Come learn more about ICF, ways to access information on the computer and maybe have some of your questions answered. Also as an incentive, we will be sharing heavy snacks during this time.

Once again, I know that it is early, but mark your calendars (ICF ones I hope). The district Christmas party will be happening on Dec. 1st. Hope many of you will be able to attend.

In the meantime, Happy Halloween, safe trick or treating, to all.

Remember Nov. 1 is All Saints Day!

Pat Grasso,
District Secretary

**Alameda
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie,
Br. 10**

Branch 10 thanks outgoing Bollettino editor Michelle Feldman for her years of service to the ICF. We appreciate Michelle's acceptance of last-minute articles and also post-submission corrections.

Betsy Bongiovanni, a member for seven years, died on August 11 at age 84, Bishop Emeritus John Cummins and six priests concelebrated her funeral Mass on August 18 at Saint Philip Neri Church in Alameda. Betsy is survived by a daughter, three sons and 11 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and a son.

We thank our second vice-president Peggy Lubeck and member Jan Rosa for representing Branch 10 at the San Diego convention. Peggy and Jan summarized happenings at the convention, including the recruitment workshop, at our branch meeting of September 6. We received two awards for our class of membership, a first-place award for most family memberships and a third-place award for our increase (10.9%) in membership. We are continuing to add members, as a family of five joined our branch at the September 6 meeting. All but three members have submitted their 2018 dues.

Peggy was recognized at the Oakland Bishop's Day on August 12 for preparing beautiful flowers for the Mass and dinner. Father Anthony Manadu, mf of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, our sponsoring parish, concelebrated at the Mass.

Our next social event will be our annual Christmas party scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at Monsignor O'Brien Hall in Alameda. Information regarding program, menu and prices will follow in the November Bollettino.

John Zugnoni,
Branch 10 Publicity

**Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215**

We're rapidly approaching the time of year when ghosts and goblins wander our streets in search of sugary treats. Yes, Halloween is a fun time for children of all ages, but it also is the time to remember those who have gone before. We do this on All Saints Day and All Souls day immediately following Halloween, so while you hand out those treats (bribes) take a few moments to think about all our family and friends who are no longer here to join in the celebration.

A last-minute reminder that Branch 215's salad luncheon & Bingo is being held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18th. Last spring's event was great fun and enjoyed by all our friends. Many thanks to them for their continued support and to all those who donated gifts and baskets.

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

**Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285**

The Branch 285 Barbeque at the Meier's was a fun get-together highlighted by an appearance by one of our scholarship winners, Gabriella Vilter and her parents and sister. Hopefully, they weren't overwhelmed with our Italian "ospitalita." It was a hot day reminiscent of many summer days in Italy. With famous accordion player Dick Contino's passing last year, we had no strolling accordion player. Instead, Italian background music was provided by modern bluetooth technology.

Accordion players and Italy remind me that the speaker for our September meeting was Bill Leach, traveler and lecturer, presenting "Puglia, the Beautiful Heel of the Boot." It was Puglia where I heard classical music played on an accordion. Just one of the many cultural surprises of "The Boot." If you haven't been to Puglia and southern Italy, it is a fascinating adventure into Italy's historical Greek past.

Branch 285 will again have a pizza booth at St. Michael's annual festival, Livermore, on Sep 29-30. All proceeds of the event will be donated to St. Michael's.

The year end is getting close and we look forward to new officers with new ideas. Please don't hesitate to volunteer for an office. You are never without help when you are helping ICF do its charitable work.

Our October meeting will feature more about Puglia heritage with two of our members, Philomena Buonsante and Nancy Navarini, telling us more about their lives and experiences in Puglia. Come for the enlightenment, the Italian experience and, of course, the food and wine.

Ci vediamo la?
Charles

**Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343**

Here we are, fresh from convention, and hopefully full of renewed energy to take us through another year. This time of the year is Festival time at OLG and once again we hosted the Pasta dinner. We also contributed to the cake wheel, a first for many of us. Many thanks to all who helped.

These activities gave us practice for two big fundraisers we will be doing in the upcoming months.

This year in addition to our Bake sale in November, we will also be doing a Take-Out Pasta dinner that same day. We will need many members to help. The more volunteers we have the less work for those doing it. We are taking advance orders so there will be an end in sight before we even begin.

In the month of October, one of our most important activities is election of officers! We need any and all volunteers to step up and become more involved. The past officers are there to mentor new officers and ease you into your new place in the ICF.

Just a reminder, there will also be a special meeting of the district put on by the Central Council, to which you are all invited, to have your questions answered regarding ways to find out more about the ICF via the computer. This is scheduled for October, right here at OLG. Food will be served.

In the meantime, have a safe and healthy Halloween.

Happy All Saints Day, Nov 1st.

Pat Grasso,
Branch Secretary

Contra Costa

District Council

Bishop's Day held on August 12 at Our Lady of Grace church in Castro Valley was a very spectacular affair. There were 11 celebrants, including the Bishop.

The dinner that followed was delicious. There were approximately 60 members in attendance, a small number considering that the East Bay and the Contra Costa Districts have a total of close to a thousand members.

Bishop Barber mentioned in his Homily that 75% of Catholics don't go to church. He said if the body does not receive nourishment it will shrivel up. The same can be said for the soul.

Catholics do believe in miracles, especially the miracle that takes place during Holy Mass where bread and wine are converted into the body and blood of our Lord. What a wonderful thing it is to see this miracle when we go to Mass on Sundays to receive the body and/or blood of Christ. It takes a small effort to decide to go to Mass but it takes the will to do it. The same can be said about attending branch and district meetings and/or events.

The next District meeting will be on Thursday, October 25th at the Legends restaurant in the Diablo Creek golf course in Concord. Each Branch should send at least two delegates to this meeting. Nomination/election of District officers for next year will be take place during this very important meeting.

I close with this old proverb: If you see a friend without a smile; give him one of yours.

Joseph (joefflores33@comcast.net)

**Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13**

Tickets are on sale for our Annual Family Polenta Dinner the evening of Saturday, Oct 20 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall. There will be a silent and dessert auction, and prize baskets. Plan on visiting us in Martinez. Call 925-229-2665 or email ICFBranch13Martinez@gmail.com for tickets.

At the recent East Bay and Contra Costa District Bishop's Day, Branch #13 was represented by officers Tom, Mary, Rosemary and Paul Cook, Karen Glen, and Chaplain Deacon Albert Dizon who also served Bishop Barber at the altar. ICF Young Adult Leader recipients, Paul Cook

'16 and Rosemary Cook '12 presented the Bishop with the combined districts' spiritual burse.

Hospitality hosted by Branch #13 at St. Catherine was well attended after all Masses on Sunday, September 9. The parish hall was filled with people sharing the spirit. Rose Billecci-Santos' orange cake was a special treat enjoyed by many. Thanks to the many members who were generous with their donations and time. Thanks to Anne Crisp for coordinating this effort.

Consider taking an office. Elections will be held on Fri, Oct 19. Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held Friday, Nov 16 in the Parish Center Library. Members and guests are encouraged to join us beginning at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share to compliment our turkey for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

ICF Calendars are now available for purchase for \$25 each with 365 chances to win. Bring your checkbooks to our next branch meeting.

*Ciao from Martinez,
Anne Crisp*

**Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14**

Important: The October meeting has been cancelled! Seems that all our "worker bees" will be unavailable. The Bingo Night has also been cancelled. There will be a District meeting on October 25.

Our famous Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 27. Call Donna at 799-2336 for tickets, or if interested in signing up for the Thunder Valley Gambling Trip on December 7.

Special thanks to John Valentini for our Anniversary BBQ, and to all who helped. Additional thanks to all who attended and helped at the August Picnic. Congrats to

Chris Carlos, Pat Botta, Veronica Jimenez, and Pauline Cardoza on their first place win in the Bocce Tournament.

The convention sounds like it was a success. Delegates Nancy Botta, Vonda Lest-Egan, Dee Carone and Carol Lawson gave interesting reports on the workshops they attended, and we are certain they, and David Botta, represented our branch in fine fashion.

During the summer months, get well wishes were sent to Judy Pereira, Ana Carone and Corrine Scofield. We hope by now all are better. Our sincere sympathies to Harold and Janice Burnett and their family on the passing of Harold's mother, Blanche Burnett, a devoted member of our branch for many years.

We are fortunate to have two amazing, active women in our branch. Lena McCrosen turned 102 in September and Alice Marshall turns 100 in October. Both are spry, fashionable, interested in current events, and women of substance. Happy Birthday, Ladies! You inspire all of us!

*Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas*

**Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72**

During Labor Day weekend the ICF national convention was held at the Town and Country Hotel in beautiful San Diego. I was honored to represent our branch. I attended the Thursday night welcome dinner hosted by the San Diego district. On Friday, I was excited when it was time for the opening ceremony. We started out with an Italian sing-along. Each district brought up a sign of a California Mission. We even had a visit from Father Serra. We later met the CC candidates and attended an outdoor delegate reception. The music, food and bar were a hit. On Saturday we attended workshops, the general session and banquet. On Sunday, the general session, Mass, and dinner dance. Several awards were given. The closing prayer service and Installation of the newly elected central council was held on Monday. A big thanks to Roselynn Jarrett and the convention directors committee for a job well done.

Members of our branch attended the District Night of Recollection. This event was held on Sept 10 at the Salesian High School hall. Thank you to our Richmond branch for hosting. They served us a wonderful Italian dinner. Our district Chaplin Father Larry Young gave us an inspirational talk.

Watch for your invitation for our October meeting and Halloween party. We will also hold election of officers for 2019. If you are unable to make this meeting but wish to run for an office, please submit a letter with the offices you are willing to accept.

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.
Patty Jarrett*

**Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154**

Alicia Treviño and Lorraine Acuña were our delegates to the San Diego convention. All who attended reported a most interesting time. Workshops were informative and banquets delicious. Our own Mike Cannady, past Grand President, was honored as a Life Member Emeritus. We look forward to next year's convention in Tucson.

Our branch hosted the annual Night of Recollection. Fr. Larry Young's uplifting message reminded us to keep our faith in spite of the difficult times our church is going through, and to inspire and engage the younger generation in God's love for us. Thank you to Walter Costa and Toni Reeder for the best spaghetti and meatball dinner, and to everyone who made the dinner a success.

The Annual Polenta dinner will be held on October 20 at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall in El Cerrito. Please get your reservations in soon. Call 510-236-0689. Children are welcome!

On the agenda for our October 8 meeting is the nomination of officers. Think about running for an office! Pasta dinner to precede meeting. Call Tony Reeder for reservations, 510-236-9560.

Calendars are here and for sale. Please see Dee Yonke to place your order.

We are sad to announce the passing of our beloved member, Joe Meneghelli. Joe was a 46 year member and our bus trip coordinator. We cannot remember attending a meeting without Joe being there. We also remember past member, Jean Stark, who passed away early last month. Please keep Joe and Jean in your prayers.

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**Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214**

Convention was enjoyed by all our delegates. They came back with many ideas to share; one we will focus on is Events, helpful to our future plannings.

We hosted our first Italian dinner for St. Agnes church, compliments to our team and the great hospitality in serving parishioners and guests.

Our annual membership BBQ was well attended and enjoyed by all. We are so happy to see the growth in our branch.

Installation of new members took place at our meeting.

We keep our sick and elders in our prayers, especially Earl Koski, Jim Armstrong, Karen Gee, and Mia Basarich.

*Ciao for now,
Christina*



Br 14 convention attendees



Br 14 enjoys a fun day at the park with a BBQ and bocce tournament



1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Br 14 bocce tournament



Br 442 President Matt Dallara with 1st year scholarship recipient Colette Cote and members of her family



Members of Br 442 at the District Night of Recollection

Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

What better way to begin then to welcome new members, Dan and Mary Ann Cereda. They've joined us for two meetings and, here's hoping they like what they're experiencing.

The Branch's heritage presentations are certainly supporting the ICF's effort to increase the diversity of heritage in their membership. There was Mary Lou Klovee and her family's migration from Mexico. The Historian for the evening at our July meeting, Gracia Heitzmann, is of Ecuadorian heritage. She told us of her early years in Ecuador and migrating to the United States with her family.

Moving on, our Branch President and his wife have just returned from the 88th Annual National Convention in San Diego where they were Branch 432's representatives. Deacon John and Linda reported that a full schedule of activities kept everyone hopping. In addition to taking care of convention business, they found time to meet with old friends and revisit fond memories. We can look forward to their report.

Hot August Nights! Roadsters, Coupes, Hot Rods and Classic Cars: it doesn't get any better than "Festa d' Italia." That's right: It was Branch 432's annual Concourse featuring some of America's greatest cars. Dozens of cars were on display being enjoyed and savored. It didn't end with the car show though: A great pasta feed was provided. Coupled with your

favorite beverage a complete evening of enjoyment. See more on this great event in November's Bollettino.

"Someday is not a day of the week"

la vita è buona

Christ the King Pleasant Hill, Br. 442

On August 4th we went to the A's Italian Day game and had a fabulous time. On the 11th we hosted a wine and cheese reception after Mass. It was well attended and a great opportunity to promote the ICF. On the 12th we attended the East Bay and Contra Costa District Bishop's Day. Castro Valley and Our Lady of Grace did a wonderful job hosting.

During the August 19th meeting our president, Matt Dallara, presented a certificate of recognition to Colette Cote, one of our first-year scholarship winners. We are very happy for her and wish her all the best as she heads to Chapman College. We also had the installation of our new member Kathleen Ortiz by our Co-Deputy Maria Cantanese. Welcome Kathleen.

Everyone thought the convention was fun. Our very own Joanna Mackinson is this year's ICF Young Adult Leadership award winner. She gave a wonderful acceptance speech and made us all very proud. We were also awarded the third place Heritage Award at this year's convention. Thank you Nancy Santos for all the work you do.

Fr. Mario Rizzo joined us for our September 9th meeting. We welcome him as a new member of our branch. John Kreslake was this month's raffle winner.

On the 10th we attended the District Night of Recollection hosted by Richmond. Fr. Larry's inspiring words and reflection made it an uplifting event for many.

Our next meeting is October 14th. Time to get ready for Halloween.

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and Instagram!
Eileen McGauran*

Sacramento

**Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438**

Summer is almost over and now it's time to think about fall coming. Are you hungry for apple pie? I sure hope so because we are having a trip to Apple Hill and Red Hawk Casino on Friday Oct. 26th. This is going to be a very fun day. We will be spending two hours at Apple Hill and four hours at the Red Hawk Casino. The price for the trip is \$30.00 with a \$10.00 bonus play from the Casino. See Nina Malone for further information and reservations. Try and plan this day. I can guarantee you will have a great time.

Al and Janet Smith prepared one scrumptious Italian dinner for our August meeting. A big thank you to both of you and all your hard workers for putting smiles on our faces with that delicious dinner

Florence Kurttila, Joe Aguilar and Conchita Lizardi were the delegates that represented our branch at the Convention. We will be anxious to hear your reports.

I would like to recognize Susan Chess who does a fantastic job informing all of the members who is in need of special prayers. Thank you Susan.

Please remember our President Florence Kurttila's little great granddaughter Sadi, Bill Merz, Darrell and Connie's son Christopher and all our other members that are in need of special prayers.

*Your Reporter,
Yvonne Perry*

San Bernardino

**Redlands
Holy Name of Jesus, Br. 217**

Branch 217 celebrated a beautiful 2018 St. Joseph Gala Dinner with our keynote speaker, Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. His talk was not only inspirational but very moving. The dinner was wonderful, and we could not have done it without the coordinated efforts of our Knights of Columbus, our Boy Scout Troop and the students of the Sacred Heart Academy. The income from that gala dinner allowed us to make significant contributions to our local charities and food pantries.

Our annual Bishop's Luncheon will be held on ... BOO!! ... Halloween!

Our branch is also planning our annual sausage sandwich sale this fall.

We will be hosting our 2019 installation in January and of course, our annual St. Joseph Gala event on March 21, 2019.

Happy Halloween, everyone!!

San Diego

**Spring Valley
Santa Sophia, Br. 416**

A great big THANK YOU to all of our ICF members who helped make this year's convention such a wonderful experience. The best part of our conventions is being able to refresh friendships and meet new members. San Diego District was honored to host and Br.#416 was honored to help in any way that we could. After our district picnic in August, the convention was a really good way to bring the summer to a close. Thank you to central council and San Diego District for all of the hard work that was put into this year's convention. Looking forward to seeing lots of you in Tucson. Keep smiling and God Bless.

Tim Smith

San Francisco

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

Dear Members,

Please note the following upcoming event: Nov. 7 Sputino & Raffle at 6:00pm, Cost \$20. Chairperson Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a raffle prize.

Welcome to new member Isabella Cresci granddaughter of President Vic Arnaudo and wife Pat.

Sincere condolences to Oretta Scaletti and family on the loss of her son Gregory.

Ciao,

Toni Morsello

**San Francisco
Sts. Peter and Paul, Br. 38**

In our last Bollettino article I said, "Hopefully, they'll be no reason to cancel our next meeting." Well, we had to...another group had signed up for the Parish Center on August 11...so we rescheduled the meeting to August 25. As it turned out, most of our members, who regularly attend, had other commitments that day... I'm terribly sorry for the mix-up!

Since we had so few members attending, we quickly covered the meeting's agenda. Cosmo mailed our sold Convention Raffle stubs/money to the Central Office. Hopefully, we will have a winner this year! Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle and grazie Cosmo for being Chairman.

After our meeting, we enjoyed the "World's Famous Tony's Pizza Napoletana" and potato salad for lunch. Cosmo treated us to ice cream for dessert...very refreshing! "Tony's Pizza" was delicious as usual...but, the pepperoni made it much

spicier this time! Dora thank you so much for ordering the pizza again this year.

We appreciate and thank our District Deputy George Pagni for attending our meetings and this time bringing his lovely wife Nancy. George is always encouraging our branch to move forward...as you say George, "Sempre Avanti!"

After lunch, we had a wonderful afternoon. We just sat in the PC and enjoyed good conversation...very relaxing, pleasant, and interesting day...from 12:00 noon we didn't leave the PC until 5:00 o'clock! We invite more members to join us.

Ci Vediamo il 13 di Ottobre...at 12:00 noon...in the PC!

Lunch Menu: A Halloween "Trick o Treat" surprise!

Ciao!
Mara Amato

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On September 12th we had a trip to the Red Hawk Casino. We are still waiting for a big win.

On Friday, September 14th, we had our 47th Anniversary Luncheon at the Basque Restaurant. It was a very enjoyable day.

A BIG 100TH BIRTHDAY to our member Albert Oneto. Albert's birthday was Sept. 23rd and he has been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation for 55 years. Many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

To all of our other members who had a birthday in September, or who will celebrate one in October, many more years of Happiness and Good Health.

On Oct. 12th we are going for a Day in Sacramento. We begin aboard the docked Delta King for a delicious lunch. We then go on the Hornblower Yacht for a one hour narrated historical Sacramento River Cruise.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We hope all of our I.C.F. members had a very enjoyable Convention in San Diego.

Remember the following dates:

October 22nd - Meeting

October 28th - Mass

Ciao,

Eva Perata
President

San Mateo

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Happy Halloween South City!

Our 93rd Anniversary is at hand so we are doing our traditional Western Steak BBQ on Saturday, October 20. Councilmember Rich Garbarino and Jim Metz are our chefs extraordinaire. Call Donna Smith for details at 650-796-9466.



Br 7 member Maria Medeghini, her granddaughter and scholarship winner Isabella Medeghini and Branch President Diana Ferrari

Our next business meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7 and hosted by the dynamic duo of Lola Migliore and Norma Steffen. This is our traditional Thanksgiving style dinner so please come and join your ICF "family" as we head into the holidays.

Chaplains' Night is scheduled for Friday, November 9 at the SSF Elks. Our sister branch at St. Augustine is hosting so let's show them our support and have good attendance.

Keep in your prayers all our sick members, especially Barbara Bergamaschi. Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for our brothers and sisters who are ill for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, may they give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

God made a wonderful mother, a mother who never grows old. He made her smile of the sunshine and He molded her heart of pure gold. In her eyes He placed bright shining stars, in her cheeks fair roses you see. God made a wonderful mother, and He gave that dear mother to me. May my mother, Marlis (Eberle) Risso rest in Eternal Peace.

FHR

Colma San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

The convention is over, and everyone had a good time. Reports were given at the September meeting by the delegates.

Congratulations to Deborah Redondi as she was voted in as Grand Second Vice President for a second year at the convention. Keep up the good work.

Branch Schedule:

October 5th – 7th: Festa Italia in Reno. Call Kathy Trevizo (650) 993-8336 for details.

Monday, October 8th: Columbus Day – no meeting.

Monday, October 22nd: Dinner meeting. Call Deborah at (650) 583-0805. Res-

ervation to Cheryl Simon by the 18th at (650) 755-0878 (leave message) or email cas94015@yahoo.com.

Friday, October 26th: Set up for Pedro Tournament at 9:00 a.m. in the church hall. Volunteers are welcome.

Saturday, October 27th: Pedro Tournament hosted by Donna Barnes.

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and donuts

10.00 a.m. - Pedro Tournament starts

Hot dog lunch with all the fixings - \$35.00.

Contact Donna Barnes at (650) 991-0178.

Keep November 9th on your calendar as this will be when we have Chaplain's Night. We take time to thank our priests for their loyal service.

Please remember our sick and lonely members in your prayers.

N. Thurman

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

I hate to see it but it is getting darker earlier each week. So many fun events still planned.

We had our picnic at Beresford Park in San Mateo and had fun playing bocce ball, toss games with the best for last the wet balloon toss! Thanks to our cook John and all of the members who brought a dish to share.

All branches should congratulate themselves and especially Branch 130 led by Jean Tomatis as we had more than enough food and it was displayed beautifully for San Francisco Archdiocese Bishop's Day.

Reminders:

Thursday, September 13 meeting - Pizza

Saturday, September 22 - District Mass at St. Charles. Branch 327, appetizers to follow.

Tuesday, September 25 - Mass in the Friary for living and deceased members of our branch, 7:00 PM with Father Donal.

God Bless,
Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

President Barbara Gabriel and I returned from this year's Mission of Faith Convention in San Diego, spending 4 days visiting with members from other branches and attending educational workshops. We learned what other branches are doing and shared with members what our organization will be doing this coming year. Barbara and I will share information at the next meeting. Congratulations to the new/returning board members. Special thanks to Deborah Rodondi for hosting wonderful pre-activity parties.

Our Chaplains Night Committee is hard at work on our District event - Friday, November 9th at the South San Francisco Elks Club. We look forward to a suc-

cessful evening honoring all our District Branch Chaplains and are excited that our own Fr. Rene Ramoso will be able to attend. Thanks to all who host our wonderful pre-meeting dinners.

August - Donna DeVoe and Barbara Gabriel.

September - Linda Marcelli and Linda Benedetti.

We always enjoy starting our evening meeting with special dinners provided by our members.

Please remember to check our branch Newsletter that Joe and Judy Crosetti send via e-mail to all our members for upcoming events and monthly news. They do a wonderful job of recapping monthly activities for us.

Pray for a speedy recovery to Norma Flores and wishing them a very special Happy 60th Anniversary. Congratulations Joe and Norma!

We welcomed new members these past two months and look forward to their participation and expertise in supporting our Branch activities. We will be sharing an interview from them next month.

Till next month,
Joyce James

San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Our summer hiatus resumed with our August meeting. We had a very well attended meeting with everyone looking rested and happy to be back enjoying the friendship of our group. We had a lovely tri-tip dinner hosted by Carol Porter, with help from Celeste Lennemann. Our dessert was a sheet cake decorated with the Italian flag donated by Clarice Dominge.

We lost a 23-year member of our branch with the passing of Dolores Arata. She was a very generous and supportive member of our branch. May she rest in peace.

Our October meeting will be Tuesday, October 16. Please plan to attend. This is our nominations meeting so think about stepping up and into the shoes of one of our board members who may not be able to be on the board this coming year.

And finally, a word from our President, Carmel Dufault: "I would just like to say that Celeste Lennemann and I really enjoyed the convention in San Diego. I thought the San Diego Branch did a fabulous job. The area was beautiful and the convention was inspiring."

Happy Halloween!
Virginia Malaspina

Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We recently held our annual fundraiser Polenta Dinner, which was a successful event thanks to members of the Millbrae Lions Club who volunteered to cook, our chairman Eunice Danli, our raffle chairman Paul Larson and the many members of our Branch who donate raffle prizes and



The DiGrazias and the Bondanzas (Br 332) at the OLL Fall Festival



Angela and Gino McDuffee (Br 332) working at the salami booth

those that work to make this a success.

Our President Mary Treseler reports that the ICF Convention was very well organized and informative. She and secretary Caroline Cannizzaro were kept very busy with workshops and excursions.

Our next Branch meeting, on Oct. 2, 2018, will be our Nomination of Officers and a social night with refreshments served.

We are happy to welcome two new members to our Branch, John and Alicia Espinoza.

*Corresponding Secretary,
Rose Marie Morando*

Marin

Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

On September 9, we had a great turnout for the Grandparents Day Brunch at McGinnis Park Club Restaurant in San Rafael. There were 32 adults and 8 children. The brunch was delicious and everyone enjoyed talking with friends.

On Tuesday, September 18 we had our monthly meeting and pot luck dinner.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, during which we will be celebrating our heritage with a speaker.

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

*Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary*

Novato Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

The arrival of fall announces a very busy time for our Novato branch, and from the Convention to Christmas, each month promises to celebrate our traditions of faith, family and heritage.

Our September focus was the ICF Convention, and we wish to thank Connie

Baczynski and Sylvia Reali, our Branch representatives, for attending and reporting on the convention. Also, in September, the ICF sponsored the Salami Toss Booth at Our Lady of Loretto's Fall Festival. We are so grateful for the hours put in by Angie and Gino McDuffee, Bob and Cloann DiGrazia, and Joe and Dolores Bondanza, working in the booth, dodging beanbags and making so many kids happy. Special thanks to Jim Raccanello, who built booths, cleared the hall, and set-up for the pasta dinner. All the proceeds from the event were donated to OLL School.

October is Heritage Month at our Branch - a time to celebrate our common spirit and our individual gifts. It is wonderful to see that under the ICF banner there are people from diverse heritages, working to promote the programs of the ICF. While "verde, bianco, e rosso" dominate the decorations, it is so much fun to see our members don the colors of their ancestral flags. Thank you all for making our Heritage Night "una serata splendida".

San Jose

Santa Clara N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Hope all members had a nice summer. Be sure and put your reservations in each month for the Dinner/Meeting(s). Watch your mail for the Branch Agenda and Menu for the month. Make it a point to come and be informed about the activities of Branch 5, and the District, and other Branches.

During the months of October and November, we are asking everyone to donate baby items for the Annual Layette Drive by the Diocese of San Jose and other organizations. Items needed are from newborn to two years old. Please bring items to the monthly meetings in October and November. The Annual Layette - tea, coffee and cookies will be held at St. Lucy's Parish Hall the first Sunday in December. Thanks ahead of time for your support.

Remember: We always need new members.

Thanks goes to Mary Ann Ruiz for being our delegate to the ICF Convention on



Diana Berry (Br 28) displaying handmade quilt that will be raffled off at annual polenta dinner

Labor Day weekend. She will give us her report this month.

*Ciao,
Marlene J. Rotolo*

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

What has come to be an annual dinner meeting fare of an assortment of enchilada preparations was again prepared by the Roger and Kathy Santos and the Leon and Leanne Haygood families at the August 20th meeting. One of those "look forward to" meals that members enjoy and appreciate. Thank you!

With the 2018 ICF Convention concluded in San Diego, Branch 28 delegates Gennaro Filice, Joe Fortino, Vince Saso and Roy Shackel indicated it was worthwhile and enlightening. Branch 28's Jeanette Hudson won first place in the heritage category in the 100 and over membership group. Thank you Jeanette for your hard work and interesting monthly heritage reports that resulted in that first place acknowledgement.

Our annual Polenta Dinner is scheduled for October 20th with Treasurer Pat Cordich and Recording Secretary Diana Berry chairing the event. Dinner is limited to 150 so be sure to get your tickets. Tickets available from Pat Cordich at 408-710-5313. Diana will also raffle off a handmade quilt that is a product of her exquisite quilting abilities. Five dollar raffle tickets will be available at the dinner meetings.

The 2019 ICF calendars are available for purchase and will be available at our dinner meetings. The "Festas Around The World" calendar will feature feasts, festivals or holidays each month. \$25.00 dollars gives you a daily chance to win from \$30.00 to \$100.00.

We thank all of our members for continued support in all of our events and activities. Without you, Branch 28 would not be possible.

*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*



Kathy Santos and Leon Haygood (Br 28) getting ready to serve enchiladas at Aug 20 dinner meeting

San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

We are happy to report that our fund-raising barbecue was a huge success, thanks to all our members' work, to the Grecos' recipes, and to the Gillios' encouragement after the Masses on July 22nd.

"Howdy, Ma'am," said Roy.

"Howdy, Dude," responded Dale.

Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, otherwise known as John and Noreen Gillio, dropped in on the parish to invite everyone to attend our chuck wagon dinner.

Rose Noack, the first lady Eucharistic minister of our parish, deserves our thanks for contributing so much to our branch and to Santa Teresa. She and her husband Carl were founding members of our parish. Rose is our branch sunshine lady and has been sending cards to our members for a long time. She does so much, always ready to lend a hand; many times it holds a potluck dish. Once a week she is in the parish office as a volunteer receptionist. Thank you so much for everything, Rose. You are a ray of sunshine, our dear sunshine lady!

Our ice cream social was, of course, a sweet success, thanks to Lorraine Nunziata, Rose Wesley, and Pat Cordich, who provided our members with the goodies on our favorite menu. Thank you, ladies!

Our Convention delegates, John and Noreen Gillio, had a fantastic time in San Diego, collecting two awards for Branch 368: third place out of about 50 for our heritage report, and recognition as one of 12 out of 121 branches who had 100% retention of members.

Blessings,

Judy Zahn

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our elected delegates who represented Branch 391 at the ICF Convention in San Diego presented an informative summary of workshops and presentations.

Louise Vento reported that the SJ Giants' Italian Night held in August was a fun event.



Jeanette Hudson (Br 28) presenting the monthly heritage report at the Aug 20 dinner meeting



Bob and Kathy Acquistapace celebrate their 60th Anniversary

Don't forget to wear your "Crazy Hats" at our next meeting in October, when our officer elections will be held.

Upcoming events:

October 2: General meeting
October 6: San Jose Bishop's Day at Transfiguration Church

Janis Patellaro

Morgan Hill St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

July is always special for Br #435 because we enjoy a great treat, a steak barbecue at Guglielmo Winery. George Guglielmo and his wonderful crew served up a delicious steak dinner with pesto pasta, green salad and garlic bread, and of course, their award winning wines, to over 75 attendees. Good food, good wine and good friends, all in a beautiful vineyard setting under the big white tent. Bellissimo!

Our August dinner meeting will be prepared by our president, Giulia Gallego. Giulia is reaching back to her 4H days and making Tamale Pie, and if they're ready, we'll have fresh green beans from the garden. Giulia is also getting ready to attend the ICF Convention in San Diego along with Denise and Sal Campagna. We'll hear all about it at the September meeting.

Please pray for our Board Member, Gloria Subocz. Gloria is having aortic valve replacement surgery at Stanford on August 21st.

As we all thank God for all that we have, please keep those in peril of all the horrendous wildfires scorching across our beautiful state and elsewhere in the west in your prayers. Across the nation and around the world there are people suffering from both natural and manmade disasters. Remember, the things we take for granted someone else is praying for.

God bless!
Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose Church Of The Transfiguration, Br. 445

Our ICF President, Jim Falcone, attended the Annual ICF Convention in San Diego and found it worthwhile and inspiring!

Our branch continues to receive many



Bob Basuino and Denise Antonowicz present Bob Acquistapace with a copy of the 2019 calendar dedicated to him

compliments for staging "The Price Is Right"! We are looking forward to hopefully doing it again next year!

Our branch hosted the annual Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon on Saturday, October 6.

ICF members from the Santa Clara District attended an 11:00am Mass at Transfiguration and then gathered at the Three Flames Restaurant for a delicious lunch.

Our branch also donated \$500 to Bishop McGraw for the Seminary Burse.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola
Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa

District Council

Hello from the Alexander Valley where the weather is lovely!

During the convention, branches #52 and #209 won for charitable donations in their divisions. #144 won for Heritage. #198 received a special award for total number of scholarships given and our district was recognized for total scholarships given. In addition, the district was awarded certificates for 100% participation in the Scholarship and Apostolate/Charity programs. WELL DONE!!!

Congratulations to our elected Central Council members Lauren Kilcullen and Ken Marshall. Much success in your upcoming duties.

The next district meeting is on Oct. 21 at #103, Sonoma. Please inform the branch as to how many are coming. Bob Acquistapace has proposed that we award a 2nd year scholarship (\$500) to a recipient who received a 1st year scholarship from our district. Each branch would be asked to contribute \$0.50 per member and the district would add to the branch contributions. We will discuss at the meeting.

Lauren has sent out the information for the Annual District Raffle to be held at the Christmas Party on Dec. 2 at #198. Try and sell as much as you can as this is the district's big fundraiser.

Update - At this point, our house has a roof and work is progressing steadily. We have many decisions to make from now on. Remember the recent fire victims in

your prayers.

Peace and love to all. Pray, comfort and support each other in every way possible in this world of constant turmoil.

CK

Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our potluck dinner and meeting on September 11 was delicious and informative as our Convention delegates gave their reports. It was a true potluck and we shared conversation, conviviality and excellent food!

Thank you to the San Diego District and the Convention Directors' Committee for coordinating an outstanding convention in San Diego. Our delegates enjoyed the Convention and gained new ideas to bring back to our branch.

Upcoming Events:

October 7: 3rd Golf Tournament. Cost: \$50 for golf and dinner. \$25 for dinner, only. Please contact John Torres for reservations at 433-4404.

October 9: Regular meeting in the rectory at 5:30 PM. Please come and join us.

November 10: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out.

Happy Halloween!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale St. Peter, Br. 75

Summer is a leisurely time with few meetings; however, we are still working behind the scenes!

On August 12 we had a Wine Country Picnic at the Dellaquila's home. It was a wonderful get together with an abundance of wine, food and fellowship.

Several of our members were able to be present for our annual Day of Reflection at the Cathedral in Santa Rosa.

Our President, Mary Jean Dellaquila and our Treasurer, Christine Flaherty, attended the annual ICF Convention in San Diego. They learned a lot about improving our local branch.

Our ICF Branch has a good time no matter where we go!

Our upcoming events:

September 20: Our monthly meeting.

September 22: Our Dinner in the Vineyards. Special wines will be selected for each course from our local wineries. The dinner will be served in the vines behind St. Peter's Church which has the distinction of being the oldest vineyard on church property in the entire United States. It is over 120 years old. These vines are so disease resistant they have been used for grafting in the Enology Dept at UC Davis.

Happy Harvest Time!

Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Sorry for the lack of a report in August, but our branch picnic was the only highlight.

Our June fundraiser was a complete success. Our "first attempt" fundraiser will be followed by another soon. In the meantime our September dinner and meeting gathered many of us again. Our tri-tip dinner was a tasty event and I invite other branches, friends or relatives to attend and enjoy a delicious meal at low cost.

Our Bishop's Day on Sunday, Sep 16 included a beautiful Mass and having Bishop Vasa officiate and present as our guest at the Cattlemen's restaurant in Santa Rosa. Our District Council was present including President Andrew Pappani and wife Sid. We all enjoyed a great lunch (especially the dessert... Italian rum cake for which I had to "grapple" for a larger piece). Thanks, Bill, for the dessert.

Even though it is not June, romance is still in the air. Our Sonoma President Ken Marshall and recent elected member to the District Council is marrying in October. Congratulations and happy wishes to you both, Ken and Jennifer!!

Remember next month's dinner and if you cannot attend, send a substitute. For all those who live near to me in Chantarelle, I can transport you to the hall, especially Terrie Zall! We miss you and your attractive outfits.

To all members, please keep the 2nd Tuesday of every month free for our dinners at Father Robert's Parish Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Respectfully yours,
Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I returned from the Convention in San Diego completely exhausted. Dennice, Sharon, Bea, Lucy and I had a great time. Some members could not attend due to illness, but there were many new members and a lot of family groups in attendance. I want to thank the San Diego District for hosting it.

We had our Branch picnic this past Sunday with a short meeting and Bingo. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We want to thank our President Dennice for opening her home and allowing us to have our picnic there.

Oct 9th - Regular meeting.

Oct. 16th - Bishop's Day at St. Eugene's Cathedral and lunch at Cattlemens, Santa Rosa. Make reservations with Dennice.

Oct. 20th - Polenta Stew Dinner at St. James Church Hall. Make your reservations with Louise at 769-7389.

Nov. 12th - Regular meeting (bring canned goods).

Dec. 1st - No meeting in December. We



Br 144 Chicken Polenta Dinner crew fed nearly 300 lucky people

are having our Quarterly Communion/ Mass at St. Vincent’s Church with our Christmas party to follow at the Sandalwood Estates Clubhouse. More information soon.

Get well wishes to Bruno Fomasi, Frank Cresci, Kathleen Walker, Lillian Ward, Barbara Crescenti, and others who are ill. We miss you and hope that you are all doing well.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Also Happy Halloween to all.

Please pray for our Service men and women, for the homeless and for our Country. We need more love, peace and unity in the world.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

**Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144**

Our delegates, Judy and Elena gave a brief report on the San Diego Convention. They gained much information from the convention itself and from sharing information with other delegates!! Congratulations to the Convention committee on another outstanding convention.

The convention presented a new hospital plan for members 70 years old and older. The plan costs \$25.00 yearly. More info will be coming from central council.



Butch Bondi (St. Rose branch and Santa Rosa District Trustee), Eugene Vannetti (Br 209 delegate) and Bill Scinto (Br 198 and President Santa Rosa District)

The 2019 ICF Calendars were given to the delegates at the convention. Buy yours for \$25. Sell some to friends. We have 35 to sell.

Our Heritage Day homemade Italian Sausage was a great success as usual. Thank you sausage makers: Linda, Alfred, Pete, and Bob. Barbequing outside of church made it tempting to all! Thanks to all the faithful workers.

Thanks to the hard work of the nominating committee, the upcoming roster will be voted on at the Oct. meeting.

Our friend and former member Loretta Speizzle has died. She will be missed by all those who knew her. Larry is recovering at home from hip surgery. Pat Scott is recovering from back surgery. Josetta Matteri is feeling stronger. You’re in our prayers Larry, Pat, and Josetta.

Happy Birthday to:

Sept. - Josetta Matteri, Mike Dal Porto and Alfred Eanni.

Oct. - Toni Green, Wade Delashmutt, Jr., Lucille Fraga, and Bob Rocha.

Our next meeting is Oct. 3, starting with a potluck (food from Genoa Theme). See you there.

Fall is in the air!!
Rosemary



Eugene Vannetti (Br 209) with Grand President Andrew Pappani

**Sebastopol
St. Sebastian, Br. 209**

Eugene & Sharon Vannetti were our delegates to this years’ ICF convention in San Diego. At our September meeting they reported back to us that it was a wonderful event. They met members from other branches within our Santa Rosa District, as well as members from other ICF branches as far away as Chicago.

Bishop’s Day this year was held at St. Eugene’s Cathedral in Santa Rosa on September 16th with a luncheon afterwards at Cattlemen’s Restaurant. As we do every year, our District presented the Bishop with a check for the Seminarian Fund.

Our Quarterly Communion was held at St. Sebastian’s Parish on Sept. 30th, with breakfast afterwards at the Parish Hall. It was also a fundraiser for the purchase of a new stove for the hall. Thank you to all who attended and made it a success.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Oct 20th Polenta & Chicken dinner. Call Lona for details and tickets: 707-527-1021.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to all our members celebrating this month.

Arrivederci e buon autunno,
Sharon Vannetti

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

We had a great turn out for the Stockton District Picnic. Counting all our family and friends from our branch there were twenty nine of us. We had a great time, a very good meal and a lot of fun.

Those of us that went to the convention enjoyed it very much. The opening presentation of the missions that Father Serra built was very interesting and informative.

Our President Mary Jennings, a first time delegate, did a good job of representing our branch. Antonella Turchetti did a great job with the heritage report. We won first place in our group.

We have our convention calendars to sell

and we hope all our members will help. I just finished bugging them with the convention tickets and here I come again.

We will be very busy with our Bake Sale the 6 and 7 of October and just after the holidays we will be doing the Stockton District Installation of officers on Jan 6.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays October 7 and November 11 at the 8:00am Mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Refreshments for the October 10 meeting will be furnished by Cecelia McGhee.

Oct 6&7 - Bake sale after all Masses until sold out

Oct 10 - 7pm Meeting 7th & K St Hall

Oct 28 - 8am Mass & Breakfast

Nov 14 - 7pm Meeting 7th & K St Hall

Cecelia McGhee

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

Branch President Elizabeth Demichelis and Past Branch President Frank Re returned from the national convention in upbeat moods as our summer months wind down to a close.

Summer activities saw our members attending and enjoying the Festa Italiana in Lodi and the always popular ICF Stockton District picnic in Escalon.

Anna Mello has begun preparations for our biscotti baking by rounding up the ever-faithful bakers. Their product will be in time for our annual Holiday Biscotti Sales. This activity has proven highly successful over the years.

Branch 139 looks forward to ending the



Br 390 delegates in Little Italy San Diego at the Convention



Br 390 delegates Serena Martocchio, Anita and Steve Ridolfi and President Lucy Orsi



The Stockton District

2018 year on another high note.

*Ciao,
Mariano*

Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

ICF members along with their friends and families were treated to yet another hot time at the BBQ in August at Escalon Park. Thanks to Joe Bacchetti and Kenny Pombo for the perfectly cooked steaks and to all who contributed side dishes, and of course our fabulous dessert-makers. Thanks to all for the continued support of our event.

St. Bernard's parish festival is the weekend of September 14 this year - our booth serves pizza and we will be whipping up the lemon iced drinks for the hot guests. Thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their weekend to work in our booth.

Congratulations to Frank Re from our district - he has been elected to Central Council and we are proud to have one of our own district members in a position to take care of business!

September dinner meeting on the 27th featured country-style ribs and special recipe beans (only our Mike Bacchetti knows the special ingredients).

Our Apostolate Charity contribution reached an all-time high this year. Our charity donations hit a grand total of \$11,017! We have 175 paid members and we thank each and every one of you for great attendance at our monthly dinners - YOU make it all possible. Thanks to Serena Martocchio too for keeping the treasury records each month - she's one of our best!

Don't forget to look for yourself on our website: icfbranch390.org. The new photos include both the annual picnic and the convention held in San Diego.

*Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton Presentation, Br. 395

We are still feeding off the energy of the 88th ICF convention in San Diego. So much information to come back and share

with our members.

This has been our membership challenge month. Everyone has been asked to bring in one new member by the end of the year. We are off to a great start and look forward to having them join our ICF family.

Our Heritage talk was to share a picture and a story of a relative that was a big time politician, or a sports figure in Italy. We learned that we may be a small branch, but we have lots of interesting history within.

Time for elections. We look forward to electing a team that will continue to promote the ICF throughout 2019.

Save the date, our annual Polenta dinner will be Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

Tucson

Green Valley Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

On Sunday, August 26th, one of the founding members of Branch 425, S. Vincent Barone, celebrated a milestone, his 100th birthday! Members of the branch came together on Monday, August 27th, to help him celebrate at his residence at Silver Springs. A light lunch was enjoyed along with a delicious birthday cake and lots of laughter and reminiscing.

Vincent lived an exciting life. He graduated from St. John's University in NY City in 1939. He played clarinet and saxophone while pursuing his studies and went on to hold a position with the US Foreign Services, living in a variety of places around the world, with his wife, Jeri, who passed away in 2008. He spoke several languages fluently, and still speaks Italian and Spanish with some of our members! He has written poetry, often very romantic, which have been published.

When he retired to Green Valley, he not only helped establish Branch 425, he also did a lot of other charity work, especially with sight-impaired individuals.

May he have many more years with us!

*Tanti cari auguri,
Vincenzo*



Vincent Barone, a Br 425 founding member, celebrates his 100th birthday

ICF Branch Expansion: Seven Ways YOU Can Help!

Did you know that the ICF has an expansion team that works to start several new branches each year?

Our emphasis on faith, family and heritage still resonates strongly with many Catholics even now in 2018, 94 years after our founding.

There are seven great ways you can get the ball rolling to help us start a new branch:

1. If your previous pastor has been re-assigned to a parish without ICF, reach out to him about starting one.
2. If your branch supported a seminarian that is now ordained and assigned to a parish without ICF, reach out to him about starting one.
3. If you are in a parish that is without ICF, reach out to your pastor about starting one.
4. If you know of a parish nearby that is without ICF, reach out to pastor about starting one.
5. If you know of a parish that previously had ICF, and would be ideal to re-open the branch, reach out to pastor.
6. If you have friends in a parish without ICF, reach out to them about starting one.
7. Volunteer to be part of an expansion team to get a new branch started.

Contact Mike Rossi, ICF Expansion Committee Chairperson, at mrossi@icf.org for more information.

Join the Hospitalization Plan!

You've heard of the AFLAC duck? Well, we have the ICF Chicken!

Extra money in your pocket when you're hospitalized or have surgery.

We will be holding an Open Enrollment period where ANYONE, regardless of age, can enroll in the plan. From January 1 to December 31, 2019, members in good standing may join.

So remember, when you pay your dues for 2019, add that extra \$25 per year for extra peace of mind. See the Hospitalization Plan section of the Members' Area page on the ICF website at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/> for more details, or feel free to call the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924 with any questions.

After one year the limitation to age 70 will go back into effect, with the exception of NEW incoming members. Brand new members, even if over the age of 70, may enroll and pay the Hospitalization Plan fee at the same time they pay their dues when they join.



Officer Training Available

Attention ICF Officers!

Officer training slides are available on our website for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator.

See the Officer Training section of the Members' Area page on the ICF website at <https://www.icf.org/membership/members/> to download the slides.



Visited the ICF Website Yet?

If you have a computer, tablet or smartphone and haven't had the opportunity to visit the ICF's national website at www.ICF.org, you are missing out!

Here are some of the many things you can do:

- Read current and past issues of the Bollettino newspaper will all pages in full color
- Access materials that you can use at a membership drive
- Read about some creative general meeting theme ideas
- View training modules to learn about ICF officer positions
- Find your nearest ICF branch based on city or zip code
- Download a membership application
- Learn about the ICF's history and organization
- Learn about the ICF's charitable programs and scholarships
- Nominate a candidate for an ICF award
- And much more

Visit today, or have someone show you how!



Are You Fluent in **ITALIAN**?

Before you answer YES, we may not be asking the question you think we are. Using the letters of the word **ITALIAN** is a great way to remember how to maintain a path toward a successful, healthy and growing branch:

- I** **Inform yourself.** Make sure you know all about the ICF and what makes us special so that you can tell others.
- T** **Transform your branch.** Talk to your board about how you can make your branch more welcoming with music, hospitality, kids' areas and decorations.
- A** **Amazing meetings and events.** Keep business meetings short, and ensure every interaction with members is amazing with well planned spiritual/social/service programs and great food.
- L** **Leadership growth.** Invite others to lead, and mentor them.
- I** **Inform others.** Ask members to spread the word, and promote your branch in bulletins, newspapers and social media.
- A** **Ask for help.** Visit the ICF web site for ideas, speak to other ICF officers or members in other branches, work with other ministries in your parish, etc.
- N** **Nurture your membership.** Show you care by reaching out if they miss meetings, visiting them if ill, encouraging them to share their talents and become more involved.

So, share the meaning of **ITALIAN** with your officers, and ensure your branch becomes fluent!