



# BOLLETTINO



## Sir Robert Dianda, K.S.G. October 27, 1929 – January 8, 2019



Sir Robert passed away peacefully on January 8th 2019 with his family by his side. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Theresa. He is also survived by his sister Helen Dianda, and his children Joe, Donna, Lou, Judy and Jane, 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was born October 27, 1929, to Luigi and Teresa Dianda. Bob's father, Luigi Dianda, was the first President of Branch 91, Oakland.

Bob graduated from St. Joseph High School in Alameda in 1947. After high school he worked at Montgomery Ward and then the Oakland Produce Market. This is where

he met and fell in love with Theresa who worked in the office.

In 1951 he was drafted and deployed to Korea where he served as Sgt. 1st Class in a M.A.S.H. unit. Upon his return, he was self-employed in the Dianda Janitorial Window Cleaning Company.

On July 25, 1953, Bob and Theresa were married at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill (which is coincidentally one of our newer ICF branches). In 1955 they had their first son and by 1965 their family had grown to five children.

Bob joined Branch 91 Oakland in 1961. Theresa was a charter member of the branch and our founder, Sir Luigi Providenza was also a member of Branch 91. Bob and Sir Luigi became great friends. Bob often traveled with Sir Luigi to help open new branches and to promote the ICF.

Bob served in almost all of the branch offices, including President several times. Most recently in 2014, he was elected President of the East Bay District. He was elected to the Central Council in 1967. Bob chaired and served on many committees and during that time was involved in the creation of the ICF Mortuary Fund, ICF Hospitalization Plan, and the ICF Scholarship Program.

In 1966, Bob was the Chairperson of the annual ICF Convention in Oakland. He also served as Grand Trustee and Grand Second Vice President of the Central Council.

In June of 1971, Bob received the Diocesan Outstanding Medal of Merit for raising thousands of dollars to help with the formation of the Apostleship of the Sea Parish at the Port of Oakland. He worked very closely with Fr. John Bosch and the first Bishop of Oakland, Bishop Floyd Begin.

Bishop Begin petitioned Pope John Paul to have Bob awarded with the very rare and special Papal Honor of Knight of St. Gregory for his work with the new Seamen's Parish and for all the money Bob raised for St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish and Bishop O'Dowd High School. On October 30, 1977, the Investiture in the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory the Great was bestowed upon Sir Robert.

Bob then retired but remained an active and vital member of Branch 91 and the Central Council of the ICF. In 2005 Bob achieved the title of Life Member Emeritus and in 2016 the Ways and Means Committee dedicated the ICF Calendar in Bob's honor.

Bob will be remembered as a very kind man, full of love for life, his family, and the ICF. He was loved by many, will be missed by all and will never be forgotten.

The entire Italian Catholic Federation thanks you, Sir Robert, for your many years of dedication and hard work.

May He Rest in Peace.

## Grand President's Monthly Message

Andrew Pappani

We are now heading into spring time just as new life begins to bloom around us—a new beginning for all of us heading into the 2019 year.

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

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

As we head into Lenten season, we all become closer to our faith. During Easter Vigil, we light a candle to remind us of the Light of Christ, that he is the Light of the world. We as Catholics, also have the Light of Christ in us. We receive that Light of Christ through the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit. We make that Light of Christ shine not only during Easter season but all year long.

*We Come to Light a Fire!*

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

I leave you with a quote from Mario Andretti:

*Circumstances may cause interruptions and delays, but never lose sight of your goal. Prepare yourself in every way you can by increasing your knowledge and adding to your experience, so that you can make the most of opportunity when it occurs. If you're so afraid of failure, you will never succeed. You have to take chances.*

May you and your families have a Blessed Easter.

Grand President  
Andrew J Pappani



## Members Make Every Moment Count

Pat Mages

Membership Committee

March will present many branches/districts with the ability for informal recruitment. By informal, I mean the events are not meant to be a membership drive or recruitment, but the event itself will be a promotion of ICF, doing what the ICF does best, Serving Others in Need. I'm referring to the celebration of St. Joseph's Tables throughout the Federation. This event is about giving to others with the promise to St. Joseph to care for the needy. Make the most of the event by having a special area set up with information about your branch and ICF. It doesn't need to be an elaborate set up but should be visible, inviting and accessible for a brief visit.

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## Spring is a Fresh Start for Growth and Giving

Nanette Scarpellini Metz  
ICF Production Manager

As winter draws to an end and spring approaches, this is an opportunity for growth in a spiritual, individual and collective manner. There have been many challenges to face throughout the year. As we celebrate the Paschal mystery with the approaching Lenten season, now is a time for reflection on how we may grow as individuals and how we can grow as a church community.

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we have the opportunity to share the sense of community with members and nonmembers alike through our celebrations including the many St. Joseph Table events currently on the ICF calendar. Take the time to reach out to others to help them

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## Happy Lent

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
**ICF Spiritual Director**



On New Year's Day we wish people a Happy New Year! Why not say on Ash Wednesday, Happy Lent?

It is good for us to look forward to Lent. It is an annual experience that helps us grow spiritually. This is important for us. It gets us in spiritual shape. An athlete trains every day to stay in shape. It is necessary to be in good physical shape to achieve athletic goals. Steph Curry works out to keep in shape to be able to be the star that he is. Yet, being in good physical condition does not guarantee freedom from injury. No, although it helps, it takes more than exercise

to stay injury-free.

The same is true for us in our spiritual lives. How weak we humans are! We train during Lent to stay in good spiritual shape, to be strong against sin and temptation. We do this by prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving. However, it also takes God's grace to remain spiritually injury-free. Through God's great love and our own efforts, we gain strength and grace and become champions for Jesus, the best of all our best friends. No way do we want to betray our BFF (Best Friends Forever). He gave His life for us to set us free from sin. He promised us happiness and eternal life in heaven. He loves us more than we love ourselves.

How lucky we are to be alive! How lucky we are to have Jesus, Our Lord and Savior! Lent is a happy way to love Him and follow His example and to get our souls in shape for the ultimate "All Star game" of life with Jesus in heaven.

So I say to you,

HAPPY LENT!



## Membership Moment

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Pictures of your activities, charities and brochures with both local and national contacts are important. Also, you will want to include a 'sign-up' sheet for those who would like a follow up contact. And, don't forget to have registration forms on hand. You may only get one or two new members at the event, but you have continued to promote ICF. You have planted the seeds.

In the spirit of recruitment, Central Council along with the Los Angeles Archdiocese District, will have a 'booth' at the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, the weekend of March 22, 2019. This is a first for ICF and will be great way to increase ICF's visibility. The Congress attendees are from all over the United States and beyond. We will take information of those interested and give to the appropriate branch or district. A special shout out to LAA District and President Perry Shurko, who had the foresight and determination to pursue this opportunity. If you are attending this year's Congress stop by and say 'hi.'

*Happy St. Patrick's and  
Happy St. Joseph Days!*

## Important Notice

The new email address for ALL Bollettino submissions is:

[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)

All other email addresses being used for *Bollettino* submissions were terminated on December 31, 2018.

This change was made to link the

*Bollettino* directly to the Italian

Catholic Federation for a more

professional look and better managing of incoming email.

All image and article submissions need to be sent in an electronic format. Those submissions not sent in an electronic format or those articles sent in the mail will not be used.

Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the 250 max word count requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement. Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Thank you!

## Convention By-law Submission Procedure

**Leonard Rossi, O.L.J.--Grand Parliamentarian**

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

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2019. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

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

necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

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

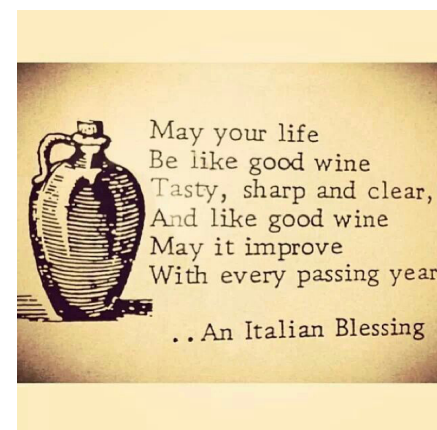
Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will "certify" the proposals, and announce they will be

presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

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

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



# Share Your Good Works to Share the Benefit with All ICF

## Lauren Kilcullen Apostolate-Charity Committee Chairperson

The 2019 Apostolate – Charity Reporting Form will be available for all branches online at the Members Area at icf.org. The committee has made some changes to the reporting form for 2019.

The committee is also looking at realigning the branch categories for awards to make the groups more equitable. In addition, the District awards for 100% participation will be handed out at the Convention instead of at Installations.

The Committee urges all branches to complete the form and return it to the Central Council Office by the July 15th dead-line. Judging of the forms will be held in early August and awards will be presented at the Convention in Tucson.

We are looking for 100% participation from the branches. One way of making

sure the branches in your district send in their reports is to designate a person in the Celebration dinner at Holy Family Center

District, such as the orator, to collect all the reports from the branches and send them as a group to the ICF office. This person can also keep track of the branches sending in reports and then follow up with branches who have not completed a report.

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

Thank you.

### RESULTS FOR PRIZES AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Top Selling Branches in each of 3 categories receive Five (5) 2019 Calendars  
Branches placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2019 Calendar

Top Selling Individual receives \$50.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual Seller receives \$30.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Individual Seller receives \$20.00

<b>Category 1: 1 – 99 Members</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 281, Bakersfield	Sold 90 calendars
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 213, South San Francisco	Sold 40 calendars

<b>Category 2: 100 – 199 Members</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 28, Gilroy	Sold 65 calendars
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 10, Alameda	Sold 50 calendars
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 191, San Jose	Sold 45 calendars

<b>Category 3: 200+ Members</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 39, Merced	Sold 55 calendars
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 14, Crockett	Sold 50 calendars
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	Branch 36, Monterey	Sold 5 calendars

<b>Individuals</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield	Sold 90 calendars
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	Michael Cerri – Br. 33 – Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	Sheila Doan – Br. 10 – Alameda	Sold 50 calendars
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced	Sold 48 calendars

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar,  
you present a new place for new ideas and progress.

-Charles Kettering

## Spring

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connect. Throughout the ICF districts and branches, we are dedicated to "promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together."

Sometimes this means trying new things, such as participating in the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, and sometimes it means sharing some pasta with a friend you haven't made yet. Each day is a new opportunity to start fresh.

Individual  
commitment to a  
group effort--that is  
what makes  
a team work,  
a company work,  
a society work,  
a civilization work.  
-- Vince Lombardi

### January Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1	Maria Gloria	365	San Francisco, CA	\$100
1/2	Mary K. Vanek-Deetz	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
1/3	Jessica Bauer		Niceville, FL	\$30
1/4	Jean Mc Elroy	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
1/5	Lucy Orlandi	108	Monterey Park, CA	\$30
1/6	Diane Eble		Calimesa, CA	\$50
1/7	Brian James		Redwood City, CA	\$30
1/8	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/9	Vittorio Piazza		Belvedere, CA	\$30
1/10	Sandy Mihal		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/11	Matt Dallara	442	Martinez, CA	\$30
1/12	Carla Farber		Novato, CA	\$30
1/13	Louise Cline		San Ramon, CA	\$30
1/14	Bob Basuino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/15	Vivian Hunt		Salinas, CA	\$30
1/16	Serena Martocchio	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
1/17	Fr. Paolo Gobbo	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/18	Tracy Armanino	227	Capitola, CA	\$30
1/19	James Barrett	47	Mountain View, CA	\$30
1/20	Gina Bence		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/21	Rita Hoffknecht	308	Fresno, CA	\$40
1/22	Ernie Poggi	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
1/23	Juliette Cote	442	Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
1/24	Linda Benedetti	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
1/25	Mary Jo Belli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
1/26	Mary Zodrow		Saratoga, CA	\$30
1/27	Lauren Kilcullen	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$50
1/28	Virginia Williams	285	Livermore, CA	\$30
1/29	Kevin Wagner	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
1/30	Paul Larson	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
1/31	Rebecca Collins	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30

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### February Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1	Diane Hecker	19	Troutdale, OR	\$30
2/2	James Alfieri	139	Manteca, CA	\$30
2/3	Henry Fleischmann	433	Tucson, AZ	\$40
2/4	Fr. Bob Moran	47	Cupertino, CA	\$30
2/5	Theresa Schanbeck		Kent, WA	\$30
2/6	Dan & Pat Test		Gustine, CA	\$30
2/7	Jacob Mooney		San Bruno, CA	\$30
2/8	Mary Jacobs	326	El Monte, CA	\$30
2/9	Don Lee Gaudino	102	Sun Valley, CA	\$30
2/10	Elizabeth Brewer		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
2/11	Gary Brougher	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
2/12	Sheila Doan	10	Alameda, CA	\$50
2/13	Jo Bertaccini	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
2/14	Maria Catanese-Helberg	14	Martinez, CA	\$100
2/15	Elaine Cardelli		San Mateo, CA	\$30
2/16	Gene Vannetti	209	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
2/17	Joe Rossi	391	Railroad Flat, CA	\$30
2/18	Robert Acquistapace	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$50
2/19	Frank Saraceno	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
2/20	Wilma Bartus	102	Burbank, CA	\$30
2/21	Anthony Leary	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
2/22	Dan Casagrande	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$50
2/23	Joe Teresi, Jr.		Millbrae, CA	\$30
2/24	Donna MacKay	327	San Carlos, CA	\$30
2/25	Donna Hoffmann	14	Rodeo, CA	\$30
2/26	Carol Orfino	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
2/27	Robert Fanucchi		Watsonville, CA	\$30
2/28	Aldo Sansoni		Los Banos, CA	\$30

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Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza  
Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

Received as of Feb. 10, 2019:

<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b> Robert Dianda Betty Antuzzi Lillian La Pres Shirley Pasquini-Bennett Robert Dianda Robert Dianda Addie Kramer Tazia Buckovic Robert Dianda Robert Dianda, K.S.G. Sir Robert Dianda Robert Dianda Bob Dianda Bob Dianda Robert J. (Bob) Dianda Bob Dianda Robert J. Dianda Sir Robert Dianda, K.S.G. Dominic “Danny” Petrolino Norman J. Benito Lena and Frank Bregante Vivian and Joseph Benito Annunziata “Nuni” Radicchi Robert Dianda Julie Locatelli Boccone Bob Dianda Bob Dianda Betty Antuzzi Betty Antuzzi Frances Halley Betty Antuzzi Bob Dianda  Robert Dianda Frances Halley	<b>DONATED BY:</b> Jim and Janice Jones Jim and Janice Jones John and Donna Rossi Officers/Members of Br. 45 Dolores McCartney Louis J. Basso Deborah Rodondi Deborah Rodondi The Kilcullen Family Diana Petrolino Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Roger and JoAnn Dorn Officers/Members of Br. 215 Leroy and Stella Taddei John and Delma Bulotti The Sarubbi Family Fiore, Agnes and Michael Marcheschi Roselynn Jarrett Officers/Members of Br. 21 Maureen Benito Maureen Benito Maureen Benito Rosa Radicchi Diana Bacigalupi Dolores McCartney Officers/Members of East Bay District Leonard, Karen and Janet Rossi June Sohn Mary Rossetto Mary Rossetto John and Camille Orlando Richard and Marilyn Graham Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr. Jim and Janice Jones
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<b>GET WELL WISHES:</b> Frances Foglia-Teglia Frances Foglia-Teglia Natalie Malone	Officers/Members of Central Council Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
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<b>THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2019 DISTRICT INSTALLATION:</b> Grand President Andy Pappani  Vincent Piro	Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District Officers/Members of San Bernardino District
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<b>HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:</b> Inez Cademartori	The Kilcullen Family
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<b>HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY:</b> Rosalie Campisi	Harry and Kathy Hill
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\*Named after the co-founder of the I.C.F., the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides I.C.F. members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

Bishops’ Days	
Apr. 28th	San Francisco (San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin)
Jun. 23rd	Stockton
Oct. 26th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Sept. 22nd	Santa Rosa



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Donations

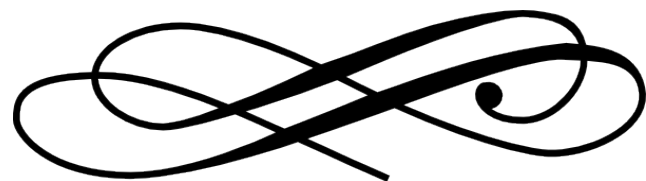
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Officers/Members of Br. 173  
In honor of Past Branch President  
Mary Ann Camacho  
Officers/Members of Br. 308  
In memory of James Loyd  
Laurice Levine  
Get well wishes for Russ Vento  
Laurice Levine  
Get well wishes for Natalie  
Malone  
Laurice Levine  
Get well wishes for Don Arnaudo  
Laurice Levine  
Get well wishes for Terry Rosser  
Laurice Levine  
In memory of Addie Kramer  
Dorene Campanile  
In honor of Jennie Lyn  
Jeanette and Dean Hudson  
In memory of Shirley Lee  
Robasciotti

Gifts of Love  
Donations

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Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
In memory of Addie Kramer  
Bob and Elaine Osorio  
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Get well wishes for Pat Cordich  
Francisco and Margaret Blanco  
In memory of Consuelo Navarro  
Fernando and Roberta Teglia  
In memory of Joan Leonard  
Marilyn Aguilar and Family  
In memory of Betty Antuzzi  
Margaret De Rango  
Get well wishes for Theresa  
Rosser  
Helen Dianda and Family  
In memory of Bob Dianda  
Rosalie Campisi  
In memory of John Trebino



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

IT ALL BEGAN JUNE 1924

and it continues 95 years later. The organization which became the Italian Catholic Federation was envisioned to be “primarily a parochial society upon which the local pastor could rely on for his work,” but it has become something much more than that. It encompasses a spirit and vitality whose charitable works within and beyond parish boundaries assist, elevate, enrich, and invigorate the lives of countless numbers of people.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS

Sunday, June 2, 2019  
1:30 p.m. Mass & Lunch to follow at  
Pescatore Palace  
3400 N. River Rd.  
Franklin Park, IL 60631

LUNCH \$50 PER PERSON

- Focaccia & Bruschetta
- Antipasto w/Prosciutto & Giardiniera'
- Orecchiette w/Meat Sauce
- Risotto ai Funghi
- Coffee - Tea - Soda - No Host Bar

- Italian Salad
- Chicken Breast
- Roasted Potatoes, Peas & Mushrooms
- Gelato
- Red & White Wine

Make reservations with  
Teresa Helfand  
773-763-0507  
davia902005@live.com



Welcome to Our New Members! (Report date: Feb 8, 2019)

<b>Branch 005</b>		<b>Branch 191</b>	
Maria A Cordina	Dennis W Mena	Sue E Butler	
Elaine L Mena		<b>Branch 215</b>	
<b>Branch 007</b>		Mary Ann Baker	
Rev Kazimierz Abrahamcy		<b>Branch 218</b>	
Joseph Regalia		Tanya M Mazzolini	
<b>Branch 010</b>		<b>Branch 229</b>	
Emily C Lara	Julio K Lara	Rigo C Rascow	
Kim A Lara	Olivia G Lara	<b>Branch 332</b>	
<b>Branch 021</b>		Eileen Mc Eachern	Gavin Mc Eachern
Joe Aliberti	Linda Aliberti	John F Moran	
<b>Branch 028</b>		<b>Branch 343</b>	
Barbara Ayala	Mike Ternasky	Angie Warren	
<b>Branch 036</b>		<b>Branch 365</b>	
Andrew A Cardinalli	Joyce C Di Girolamo	Marisa Balistreri	
Christine Finnegan	Katherine L Hodges	<b>Branch 368</b>	
Laura E Hodges	Lynne L Hodges	Kevin F Eck	Cathleen R Orlowski
Michael S Hodges	Andrew M Obeso	Tina M Souza-Dutra	
Philip L Speciale Jr	Donna S Wagner	<b>Branch 380</b>	
Jon R Wagner	Gloria L Webster	Giovanna Di Battista	Giulia Di Battista
John D Webster	Jay Whiteside	Maria Di Battista	Massimiliano Di Battista
Katie Whiteside		Daniela Iezza	Sofia Iezza
<b>Branch 045</b>		<b>Branch 390</b>	
Rev Sijo Chirayath		Nanette Speaker	Scott Speaker
<b>Branch 047</b>		<b>Branch 392</b>	
Joseph J Buggy	Maria Buggy	Marianne Mc Cann	Donato Parente
Mika Buggy	Anne E Cooper	Frank Perna	Janessa Perna
Camille M Thrall	Madeline J Thrall	Andrew Chapman	
Dawn M Wiley-Thrall		<b>Branch 395</b>	
<b>Branch 052</b>		Emylia De Luca	Paul D De Luca
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## Who Are We?

**Denise Antonowicz**

**Heritage Chair**

March is here and it's time for the Antonowicz Women's Annual Drive Cross Country. This journey began 5 years ago when my uncle in Colorado Springs turned 95 and my Mom, 90 at the time, wanted to celebrate his birthday. Well here it is, the 5th anniversary of this trip and my Uncle's 100th Birthday!!! What a remarkable set of siblings. Vince is 100, Cecile is 98, Marie, my Mom is 95 and the baby Genevieve is 94. Still living independently with few aches and much to be thankful for.

Never did my Grandparents, Pasquale Salvatore Stalteri (from Reggio, Calabria)

and Germaine Bordes (Paris, France) dream that their journeys from their families and countries would bring them to this land that supported them and their growing family. That their children would live to see grandchildren and great grandchildren grow and thrive.

My sisters and I are so lucky to be able to share this journey with Mom. Celebrating with Uncle Vince in Colorado, visiting our cousins and our brother in Arizona and then on to our many cousins in South Bend, Indiana. We share stories and laughter and sometimes cry, but the bond that we share is strong. This is what we all need in our lives; that thread of family that forever binds us in this big sometimes uncaring world. Keep your stories going.

## District Bishop's Day Report

**Host:** Branch 425 and Branch 433

**District:** Green Valley & Tucson, AZ

**Bishop Edward J Weisenburger**

**Date:** 19 January 2019.

**Location:** Our Lady of the Valley, Green Valley, AZ

Host Branch 425 President Robert Burdick. Branch Chaplain Father Francisco Maldonado.

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**Brief Description:**

Installation of officers of Br 425, Br 433

Bishop's Mass

## Bishop's Day Dinner



## Mother Cabrini Shrine

**Carmelo Sabatella**

**LA Archdiocese District**

A recent visitor to the Chapel at the February Open House was Alejandra Vega of Colorado. She included the Cabrini Chapel in Burbank to her pilgrimage of Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Chicago, Colorado and New Orleans. She is a strong believer in Mother Cabrini and continues to pray for strength and guidance.



Visitor Alejandra Vega from Colorado to the

DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are still available for sale in English and Italian. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.

The next Cabrini Chapel Open House is on Sunday, April 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be hosted by members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council. Please add the Chapel to your Branch's list of places to visit in 2019 and bring the whole family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF's Patroness Saints and



Cabrini Chapel in Burbank, CA

the Catholic Church's first American Saint.

For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with this annual event and help maintain the Shrine facility, please call 626 372-7812.

Thank you for your continued support!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President

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## Cooley's Corner: Patient's Perspective

Hi, my name is Sikandar Bangash, and I am 24 years old. I am studying biomedical engineering at University of California San Diego (UCSD), and I live in Los Angeles, California. My family and I migrated from Pakistan when I was 7 years old.

Growing up, one thing I believed was that everything that happens in life is for a reason. As my mother chased a dream with her four children, three of whom are disabled, we as a family had numerous experiences to overcome.

In Pakistan, where I was born, my mom believed that "going to the States would cure her two children"—me, the eldest boy, and my sister Maria. Because my sister and I were so little, we did not know what was wrong with us, and asking my mom questions about our disorder did not feel right at the moment. We now know we both have beta-thalassemia, though at the time, it was just thought of as a form of temporary anemia. My mother had also believed that moving to the United States would give my youngest brother, who is hearing impaired, another chance to hear.

In Pakistan, my mother often questioned her friends, asking them why they told her the

States had the cure but any other country nearby did not. They said, "It is because no other country but the United States has a magician who carries a magic wand, curing people that suffer from lethal diseases." It was then that my mom made it her life's mission to find the magician that carried



the magic wand to cure her kids.

My mother, a diabetic, and my younger brother have also had their fair share of doctor and hospital visits. My father, unable to deal with all of this, suffered a mental breakdown, left my mother, and decided to stay behind in Pakistan. When he passed away in

2008, I had to step up and take the role as the head of the family, to be my mother's rock even though she was more mine than I hers. I refuse to let the obstacles my family has had to overcome overshadow our strength, our perseverance, and our resilience.

Arriving in the States, we learned that many immigrant families come to pursue the American Dream: freedom, equality, and mostly, opportunity. For my family, it was the pursuit of life and health. As we grew up, my sister and I were diagnosed with the hereditary blood disorder thalassemia, which affects the body's hemoglobin and red blood cells. Based on our condition, the doctors quickly ran blood tests at Harbor UCLA Medical Center to determine the severity of our anemia that my mom tried to explain through the help of translators. Once our type of anemia was identified, we were diagnosed with beta-thalassemia and admitted into the hospital's infusion center to get blood transfusions. I still remember to this day that out of the entire week, we would get admitted for treatments for up to four days. Hooked up to needles and machines, we were not big fans of arriving at the hospital every month.

Thalassemia is a mutation that results from a hereditary disorder, causing severe anemia

due to an abnormal amount of hemoglobin production and leading to the destruction of red blood cells. For me, this means that my body's bone marrow does not have the right recipe to create efficient red blood cells to carry oxygen. This further results in severe pain, dizziness, nausea, prolonged fatigue, and a much less productive lifestyle. Having mentioned this, you all can probably already imagine that dealing with a disorder is like having another full-time job. Everything has to be planned out, from when to take medicine at the right time of day to avoid stomach pain to the next blood transfusion to keep on living.

My sister and I receive transfusions every three weeks based on hemoglobin levels and the weight of our bodies. For these, we take extreme precautions and make sure we plan our weeks out. I divide my medicine to take it once before breakfast and once before I fall asleep. This is for my body to be able to handle the dosage I have to consume in order to control excess iron. My next important strategy is scheduling more tasks that involve physical strength earlier in the time between transfusions. Of course, having thalassemia is hard work,

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# Family Recipes

**Deborah Rodondi**  
**Grand 2nd Vice President**



for our March dinner meeting. Needless to say the light bulb clicked on, and I thought perfect for this Bollettino recipe article. So Joyce Harnett shared it with me. I can usually say all the ingredients will be found in my pantry, but for this recipe I had to run down to the grocery store to get self-rising flour...my first time using it.

**Irish Bread**

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups raisins
- 1 egg mixed in with 1 2/3 cups milk

Mix all ingredients together. If necessary, add more milk. (I can't imagine needing more milk, the batter is very soft). Grease and flour pan. Pour batter into pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

You can use either a cast iron frying pan or

a loaf pan. I used the cast iron frying pan. It was a #8 cast iron pan. If your cast iron pan doesn't have the number, it is 10 inches across. It made a beautiful round loaf. Use a knife to loosen it from the sides and it will pop out. Put on a rack to cool (you do this so the bottom stays dry).

Can't get much easier than this and the result is delicious. It was delicious right out of the oven, when it cooled down and now I am looking forward to trying it for toast in the morning.

As I have mentioned before, I seldom have milk in my refrigerator, so I always keep canned evaporated milk in the pantry. The 1 (one) can was just short of the 1-2/3 cups needed, so I just added a little water to make the measurement.

So, if you are invited somewhere for St. Patrick's day dinner, don't buy the bread... WOW your friends and offer to bring home made Irish Bread. Your friends will thank you!!!

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@icf.org](mailto:drodondi@icf.org) 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.

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# Literature Review: The Land Beyond: Italian Migrants in the Westward Movement

**Vince Piro**  
**Grand 1st Vice President**

*The Land Beyond: Italian Migrants in the Westward Movement*

Edited by Gloria Ricci Lothrop

Patrons of Italian Culture, 2007. 328 pp.

*The Land Beyond: Italian Migrants in the Westward Movement* is edited by Gloria Ricci Lothrop. The book is a collection of interesting essays about Italian migrants in the western United States. The book covers a wide range of topics and subjects, but the essays share the premise that the experiences of Italian migrants in the west were in someways significantly different from the experiences of the Italian immigrants on the east coast. The various essays also elaborate on the contributions of Italians to the westward movement of the United States, illustrating that they were instrumental in the "settling" of the west.

Andrew F. Rolle's fine introduction establishes the main idea that inspires many of the later essays in the collection. He states that "My years in Genoa, and growing up among immigrant neighbors out West, led

me to believe that its foreigners had experienced a different way of life from those immigrants who remained in America's largest urban centers [especially on the east coast]." The Italian migrants out west,



according to Rolle, prospered in ways that their east coast brothers and sisters did not. He writes that "Tradition-free, [the west] offered the immigrant opportunities not found in the mills and factories of large eastern cities." He also notes that the contributions to the west were important and great. He mentions A. P. Giannini and the Bank of Italy, the Mondavis and Martinis and their contributions as vintners, and Di

Giorgio Corporation as "one of the largest produce-distributing firms in the world."

Sister M. Lilliana Owens contributes an essay on Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart established the Queen of Heaven Mother Cabrini Memorial School in Denver. As is well known, Mother Cabrini was sent by Pope Leo XIII to the United States to provide Italian immigrants with religious instruction in their own language since many "were in danger of losing their faith in God." Mother Cabrini faced an uphill struggle, but by the time of her death at age sixty-seven, she "had founded in Europe and the two Americas sixty-seven houses - one for each year of her life. These included convents, schools, hospitals and orphanages." In the west, Mother Cabrini and her Sisters worked to serve the poor Italians of Denver, especially the widows and orphans of the mining camps. While Mother Cabrini did not spend a majority of her time in Denver, she was instrumental in establishing a two-story house and school in the city. She spend the summer of 1905 in Denver and Colorado, however,

and worked for the next several years to purchase the property necessary for her Sisters to complete their missionary work among the Italian migrants. According to Sister Owens, one of Mother Cabrini's goals for Denver was to establish a "large brick structure" large enough to serve the needs of the students of the area. Unfortunately, there were several delays due to World War I, and she died before the building could be complete. The building was finally erected and "stands in her memory, a monument of her achievements, a remembrance of her holiness."

Charles Speroni in his essay "California Fishermen's Festivals" describes the various fishermen festivals in San Francisco, Monterey, San Pedro, and Point Loma, all areas with high concentrations of Italian fishermen. He notes that the Santa Rosalia Festival in Monterey has been going on since 1934. (On a side note, the local ICF branches are involved with this festival.) Sperono notes that "Although at Monterey, there are fishermen of many nationalities, it is the large and religious Sicilian group

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# Cooley's Corner

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and there are times I am unable to manage some of my physical tasks, which just discourages me from completing them at all. I have experienced my body breaking down at times after pushing myself to the very edge. When pushing myself to the limits, especially around finals, I get fevers, nausea, and headaches—and worse, I have to be hospitalized.

Health care in Pakistan, unlike the States, is not advanced or as readily available or affordable. My mother brought us to America in hopes of finding a treatment that would spare us from our grueling regular

blood transfusions and the regimen to rid the body of excess iron buildup due to the transfusions. Most of the time, after our treatments, we feel good and reloaded on energy. However, there are still days that a lot of patients, including myself, experience severe blood reactions. The reactions commonly result in some sort of rash in one area of the body. If the reaction is severe enough, the rash spreads all over the body. We also experience shivering, severe migraines, and nausea, which result in further hospitalization. When a blood reaction occurs, the transfusion has to be stopped immediately, and the blood unit is swapped out.

Since my sister and I receive transfusions at the (Children's Hospital Los Angeles

(CHLA) Infusion Center, which operates for certain hours, we end up getting rescheduled for a second day to complete our transfusion treatments and miss out on school and important assignments. The professors and school officials are always willing to help give extensions on missed school assignments so I can keep up with my peers, but at times, when I have large number of assignments to complete, I get extremely overwhelmed and stressed.

I may be from a low-income family, but education is a priority for us. My mother wants my siblings and me to become successful. She has sacrificed being with her family, her friends, and her home in Pakistan for us to have healthier lives. She told

us, "No matter what happens, never give up." My mom would miss work for our blood transfusions and make sure she was the first to see our cheeks fill up with color. No matter how many times she witnessed us come back from looking pale and sick, her witnessing the color coming back to our faces made her day. For every Desferal needle my mom pressed into our skinny arms, she felt as if she had just punctured herself a thousand times. With one eye shut, she would do her best to see why the Desferal machine was beeping at three in the morning.

Schoolmates in the beginning weren't very

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supportive and were too young to understand what I had to go through in life, so my circle of friends was always very small. Even the small group of friends that I had did not know directly about my disorder and where I would disappear to every month for four days of treatment. This made it a constant challenge to make up new excuses for disappearing.

In spite of our challenges, my older sister recently completed her medical degree and is specializing in pediatric care; my younger sister is currently in medical school; and my brother is studying engineering. Science and technology piqued my interests the most, so I decided to pursue an education in biomedical engineering at UCSD.

In Pakistan and many other third-world countries, thalassemia patients on average do not live past age 12. My siblings and I could not in a million years imagine our lives in society until we passed the age of 12. In the United States, we are given the opportunity to live big and dream bigger.

Though beta-thalassemia is a burden, it also brings out the brightest and toughest magicians that do not accept defeat, with their wands and books of spells to try and end the disease. The magicians, in my eyes, are you—the scientists, doctors, biomedical engineers, and supporters fighting and pushing forward. Huge accomplishments lead us steps closer to ending thalassemia and many other diseases along the way.

My last words to all of you are that not only should you believe in yourselves when you hit a “fork in the road,” but also remember that along with my family and me, there are thousands of other fighters in this world believing in you and your book of spells. Thank you.

Sikander receives his medical care at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. We are grateful for his willingness to share his inspiring story, as he believes in the importance of creating awareness for thalassemia.

Permission to reprint this speech was given by Stuart Siedman at Bioaverativ. The speech was given to over 400 employees at Bioverativ and streamed live internationally.

### Some facts about Italy

- Italy was unified in 1861 and became a Republic in 1946
- The population is about 60 million
- The surface is 301,338 km²
- It is divided in 20 regions
- Italy hosts 2 foreign countries, the Republic of S.Marino and Vatican City.
- The capital and largest city is Rome
- More than 75% of Italy is hilly or mountainous.
- Italy is the fourth most visited country in the world, with about 5 million visitors annually.
- About 85% of Italians are Roman Catholic.
- The average Italian eats about 30 kg of pasta per year and drinks 98 liters of wine.
- The climate is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and mild, rainy

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24 - pharmacy

26 - church

27 - \_\_\_\_\_ magazzino (department store)

28 - library

29 - school

30 - pizzeria

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1 - market

3 - stazione \_\_\_\_\_ (train station)

5 - pastry shop

7 - port

9 - \_\_\_\_\_ dell'autobus (bus stop)

11 - high school

13 - hospital

16 - store

17 - ufficio \_\_\_\_\_ (post office)

19 - beach

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21 - factory

22 - Jewelry shop

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The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non-profit, family-oriented organization founded in San Francisco in 1974 to unite Italian immigrants in their faith, community, and pride in shared heritage.

The ICF encompasses a spirit and unity that has allowed it to grow today to thousands of men, women, and children of all ages across the United States, where charitable work, social and family events, and cultural activities are held weekly and integrate the lives of our free members of people.

ICF branch members actively participate in:

- building friendship with other members in social and religious events,
- providing financial and volunteer assistance to parishes and parish resources,
- supporting local and national charities,
- offering grants to organizations with disabilities and their family members,
- awarding college scholarships to students, and
- organizing humanitarian work in the community with national events.

### Join Us

When you become a member of the ICF, you are joining a national family of other Catholics who are celebrating their heritage and sharing in faith, charitable work, fun, and fellowship.

Branch members typically meet on a monthly basis and may share a meal together, enjoy an interesting program, and build lasting friendships with other members they meet.

You may be wondering: If you need to know Italian heritage to join the ICF. No, you don't! While the ICF proudly celebrates its Italian origins, the ideas of the ICF are shared by many. Families of all heritages are welcome to become members, strengthening the organization through their diversity.

We invite you to contact your local ICF branch to become a member!

Your local branch information is provided below:

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# How to Coordinate a Successful Blood Drive

## Live to Give Committee

Blood drive coordinators play a vital role in collecting lifesaving blood for patients. Without people to plan blood drives, blood banks would not have as many opportunities to collect blood from donors.

Planning a blood drive is fun and easy—however, like planning any event, it takes time. Fortunately, the Live to Give Committee and a blood bank representative will help you every step of the way.

The following are useful tips on planning your blood drive:

1. Find a location. A church hall is ideal. If you do not have access to a big building, you can coordinate with a store, a business, or any location to have a blood mobile come instead.
2. Find out the what blood bank serves your area. For example, the American Red Cross and Vitalant serves the East Bay.
3. Set a date (three months to a year ahead of time), and contact your local blood bank.
4. Set a goal. Your blood bank representative will help you decide how many units of blood you want to collect at your blood drive. Remember, you will need to schedule an additional number of donor appointments to assure that you reach your collection goal.

5. Plan a theme for your blood drive (optional). A luau, Mardi Gras, Viva Italian, rock and roll—let your creativity shine!

6. Give away free items. It is always nice to thank your blood donors with little gifts that you buy or get donated. The blood bank often also has giveaways to contribute. Setting up a raffle is also a fun way to add spice to your blood drive. Some ideas for giveaways:

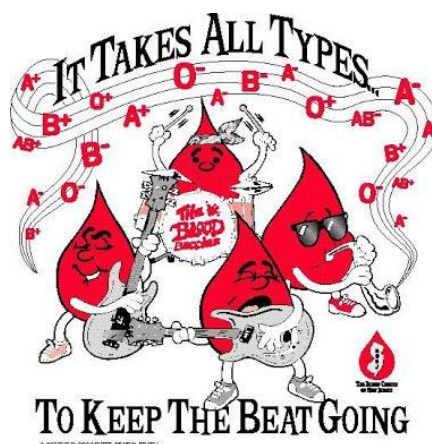
- Gift cards—you can get small denominations from Starbucks, Jamba Juice or a local ice cream store. A little goes a long way!
- Candy and treats.
- Pens.
- Items with the ICF logo or the logo for the thalassemia program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

• Canvas bags—a great prize item, and all your other giveaways can go inside.

Ideas for raffle prizes are as follows:

- Gift cards to movies (Regal, AMC); clothing stores (GAP, Old Navy, Macy's); retail/food (Target, Safeway, restaurants).
- Themed gift baskets are wonderful for this—for example, a spa kit; a snack basket; or an Italian-themed food basket.

7. Promote the event. About six weeks to two months prior to the blood drive, start promoting the event. Your blood bank will



provide flyers—you can hang them at the location of your event and in surrounding areas/stores, etc. Plan to distribute (in person or via postal mail) smaller flyers to friends, family, and your community. Promote your blood drive through e-mail and social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Plan to send weekly reminders starting four weeks prior to your blood drive.

8. Recruit volunteers. The blood bank phlebotomists and nurses will be responsible for collections, registration, intake, and the canteen (snack stand). You will

need to recruit volunteers to greet people, run your raffle, and distribute prizes.

9. Gather literature to give away the day of the drive.

- Give out literature on your organization (ICF brochures).
- If you are doing a blood drive in honor of a specific disease such as Cooley's anemia (thalassemia), make sure that you get literature about the disease.
- Give out ICF blood donation postcards so that people can donate in honor of someone or as a gift

10. Schedule appointments. While publicity is important, there is nothing like a personal touch—contact friends, family members, and fellow churchgoers and

educate them on the importance of donating blood. The blood bank will also send e-mails to prior donors in their database. Appointments can be scheduled online.

11. Inform yourself. Learn about donor eligibility guidelines; information on the blood bank website; and the sign-up process. It is vital to be informed so that you can answer questions and/or direct people regarding where to find the information they need.

12. Communicate with your blood bank representative. Communicate regarding donor appointment sign-ups; the day's schedule; room setup, etc.

13. Reconfirm appointments about one week prior to your blood drive. This can be accomplished via a postcard, e-mail, or phone call. Also remind donors to drink plenty of water and eat a good meal prior to donating.

14. Be ready for the day of the blood drive. Arrive when the blood bank staff arrives to greet them and help set up; assure that the room temperature is adequate; orient your volunteers; and organize your welcome and prize tables. Depending on the number of appointments and the population that is donating, you may get walk-in donors—make sure the lines of communication between you and your blood bank staff stay open to assure that the maximum number of units are collected.

15. HAVE FUN! Show the donors your full appreciation and enjoy the blood drive. At the end of the day, give yourself a pat on the back—your hard work, time, and creativity were instrumental in collecting blood donations and saving lives.

For more information or for assistance planning a blood drive, please contact:

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that is responsible for this colorful festival." Santa Rosalia has always been special to Sicilians because she intervened and saved the city of Palermo from a horrible plague. In Monterey, after a morning mass, the fishermen and townspeople carry a statue of the saint from the church to the wharf. At the wharf, there is a blessing of the fleet followed by a full festival. The fishermen of San Pedro have their own festivities. According to Speroni, the first festival in San Pedro was held in 1938 "when, to celebrate a good season, the fishermen decorated their boats with flags and bunting, and took their families for a cruise."

Since then this festival has grown to one of the largest in the nation.

Many more fine essays fill this anthology and will enlighten and entertain any reader interested in the history of Italians in the West.

The Land Beyond is divided into five separate sections: The Pioneers, The Missionaries, The Settlers, The Laborers, Italians Who Made a Difference. Essays range over a wide variety of subjects, such as Reno's Little Italy, Early Italian American Major Leaguers, The Neapolitan Jesuits, and Forastiere's Underground Gardens, and Simon Rodia's Watts Towers. The essays are full of historical facts, interesting stories, and colorful descriptions of Italians in the West.



# Branch Reports

## Fresno

### Madera

#### Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The January meeting was held on the 8th and members were treated to Jim's famous pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato chips and beans. Thanks to the January committee chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero; committee: Mary Conteras, and Art Berryman. Thanks Mark and Cari Beveridge pitching in at the last minute.

Congratulations to our newest member Chuck Defina. Welcome Chuck! On February 10, 7 members of our branch braved the cold and rain and traveled to Sanger for the ICF Officer Installation. There was a beautiful mass at St. Mary's and then a chicken dinner following the ceremony. Thank you so much Branch 70 for hosting this wonderful event. Upcoming events in March are living and deceased members mass on March 23 @5:00 and Mama Mia at Roger Rockas on the 10th. I hope to see everyone at the April meeting on the 9th. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero



Br. 27 President Jim Cavallero and new member Chuck DeFina



New officers of Branch 27; From left: Cari Beveridge, Kerin Cavallero, Jim Cavallero, Theresa DeFrank, Elsie Bottorff, Mark Beveridge and Jim Espinola.

### Bakersfield Br. 33

Branch 33, Bakersfield, had installation of officers at the February meeting. We were appreciative to have Past President, Leonard Zasoski, install our officers. Leonard's wife, B.G., our Branch Mentor, and Alan Watts, assisted. New officers installed were: Co-Branch Presidents, Barbara Crear and Judy Jacobs; First Vice President, Maria Steele; Second Vice President; Gertie

O'Neill; Financial Officer/Treasurer, Tom Steele; Recording Secretary, Linka Chapman; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Eyherabide; Orator, Robert Lencioni; Trustees, Michael Cerri, Richard Ceccarelli, and Fernando Teglia; and Sentinel, Joseph Passaglia.

We are blessed to have these Officers serve our Branch and are excited for the coming year!

Ciao,

Branch 33, Bakersfield



Branch 33 Officers for 2019

### Merced Br. 39

Our February meeting, was festively decorated for Valentine's. Members of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 years received "We Love Our Members" awards. This included a free dinner, certificate and recognition in front of the membership. Recipients included Bob Dal Porto (45 years), Janet Pugliese (50 years) and her mother, Mary Petroni (60)!

Our pasta sauce fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to all who supported it. Praise to Maryellen and her valuable, hard-working crew.

Wed., March 13, is our corned beef and cabbage dinner meeting at the Lodge beginning with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. to initiate our Triduum. We honor our amazing, dedicated volunteers. Triduum continues March 15, 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's, preceded by Soup Night at the Parish Hall.

Sun., March 17, is Mass at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's. St. Joseph's Table with a meat-



Br. 39 The prestigious Letus Wallace award given by Merced Courthouse Museum to the Italian Exhibit Committee consisting of several ICF members

less potluck will follow at the Hall. Bring photos of your deceased loved ones. Questions? Contact chair Millicent Piro: 209-358-7363.

The Italian Exhibit Committee, made up of several ICF and Lodge members and Stephanie Lucich as chair, received the Letus Wallace award from the Courthouse Museum for their outstanding contribution documenting the cultural and historic influence of immigrant Italians to Merced County.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2019, please send them to P.O. Box 3693, Merced, 95344. Better: join us at our March meeting and pay in person. We'd love to see you!

Buon giorno di San Patrizio.

Cari Salute,

Stephanie Lucich

### Sanger Br. 70

Happy New Year from Branch 70, Sanger February 10 we hosted Fresno District Installation of Officers at Saint Mary's Hall. Our 2019 officers are as follows:

President - Kay Lopez

First Vice President - Bob Merlo

Second Vice President - Ralph Wymenga

Recording Secretary - Josie Lopez

Financial Secretary and Treasurer - Elain Lencioni

Orator - Tencha Rubio

Trustees - Karin Stinhaur, Orsolina Casella, Ralph Wymenga

Sentinel - Orsolina Casella

Kristen Zasoski conducted the installation. After the Installation of Officers we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by Rene Gonzalez. We are looking forward to a good year. Get well wishes to our member Blanch Mendoza. we send her our prayers and love for a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be in March.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

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

Mary and Rich Zonarini spent the holidays with their family in Hawaii and Maui. Flora DePasquale traveled to Temecula for her Grandson's wedding. Her grandson, Capt. Marc DeLuca, arrived home from Afghanistan where he served for nine months as a Chaplain. Jeanette Couch's son, Jess and wife, Danielle, moved to Potenza, Italy where they will live for at least two years. They may be living in other countries also during that time. They visited Matera which is the 3rd oldest city in the world. The hotel there was actually a cave. Tony Rainaldi and family, John, Sharon and Cindy, traveled to Midway, Utah for a New Year's

wedding where it was minus 10 degrees, but they still had a great time.

We were saddened by the loss of long time member, Maxine Johnson, who passed away after a long illness. Our prayers go out to husband, Wes, and the Johnson family. Maxine was a caring, dedicated member of our Branch.

Happy February birthdays to Sharon Atolico and Frank Pimentel.

*Set your heart on brighter things*

*Each day contains a promise*

*Light the hours with sunshine thoughts*

*And hope will paint a rainbow (Hoff)*

Ciao,

Belinda Broccolini

### Holy Spirit, Br. 417

The installation of officers went well. I'm the new president for our chapter. I hope to be worthy of that title. My predecessor, Fred Derienzo has done a great job for years in keeping our chapter alive and thriving. He will continue to be our mentor so we can stay the course. The membership has been going down through attrition and lack of new comers in our community. WE need to stay focused and find new ways to grow in membership while addressing today's needs in our community. We are blessed to be part of a great organization, doing great things for dose in need in the name



Br. 417 Seated left to right, Gerry Derienzo, Rose Ann Allen, Mary Forestiere, Georgette Gosney Evelyn Harp, Maria Parisi. Standing: Fred Derienzo, Frank Parisi.

Christianity

Fraternally

Frank Parisi

### Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council

In February, I went to Oakland to attend the first quarter Central Council meeting. It was a great learning experience for me and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

I went before the committee members during the Good of the Order to talk about the upcoming Religious Education Congress. We got full backing on this new adventure by the Central Council. So, if you happen to be going to the RE Congress, stop by the ICF booth. It will be held on March 22nd thru 24th at the Anaheim Convention Center across from Disneyland. The booth will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.



I want to thank everybody for attending our District meeting and also to St. Rose of Lima for hosting. We will see you in May for the next meeting. I want to wish all branches good luck on your St Joseph Tables and to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick Day as well.

We are now entering Lent, so let's remember what this season is about. Reconciliation, alms giving, prayers and fasting. Happy Spring to all.

## Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Congratulations to Branch Officers who were installed at the ICF Los Angeles District Installation on January 27, 2019 in Casa Italiana.

Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter's Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 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 a.m. (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year.

Please let me know how you can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

*Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*

*President Branch 67*

*Italian Catholic Federation*

*T. 626 372-7812*

*E. cas1810@aol.com*



Br. 67 St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church, National Italian Parish for Southern California

## South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Thank you members for supporting the February 12th Dinner Fundraiser at Mijare's Mexican Restaurant in Pasadena. Members enjoyed eating with family and friends while enjoying good food and friendly service.

Save the Dates: - March 16 and 17, 2019 - St. Joseph Table.

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.

*Ci Vediamo presto!*

*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President*

*ICF Branch 108*

*C 626 372-7812*

*E cas1810@aol.com*



Branch 108 wine tasting committee meeting at the Mijares Dinner Fundraiser



Mijares owner and Branch 108 members who staffed the Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser

## Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Tony De Lorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Tanina Sergi, Martha Alvarez and Della Rodriguez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

This year we will be commemorating our 22nd annual Feast of St. Joseph Table at St. Benedict Church. The Feast will take place at the Parish Hall located at 1022 W. Cleveland Avenue, in the City of Montebello, on Saturday, March 16th, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Table will be blessed on Saturday, March 16th at noon by St. Benedict's Pastor, Father Michael Stechmann. There will be a Free pasta meal on both days to everyone attending the special event!

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

Thank you for all you do for the ICF. May St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

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

*God Bless!*

*Frank Salomone*

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*Branch 111 President*

*Phone (323) 888-2074*

*Email Address; franco957@sbcglobal.net*



Br. 111, 2019 Officer Installation Luncheon



Br. 111, Officer installation



Br. 111, January birthdays Phillip Pace and Frank Salomone

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

Thank you to all who attended our February potluck meeting. We ate well that evening thanks to our great chefs!

On March 2nd we celebrated the feast day of St. John Joseph of the Cross with our annual Crab dinner dance. We ate, sang and danced to the music of Duo Domino. Many hands make this event a success. The monies raised allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships, support our seminarian and many other charities. Thank you for volunteering your time to help.

Our next branch meeting is on March 17th at 7:30 p.m. Neal will discuss our next 2 fundraisers.

March 26 Day Trip to Pechanga Casino 9 a.m. departure from Boys and Girls Club: \$20.00 per member \$25.00 non member; \$5.00 free play is provided by casino

Laughlin Trip May 5th thru 7th. Riverside Hotel Double occupancy \$125.00 \$160.00 single; 3 free buffets included

To reserve either or both trips, call Pauline Iacono at 310 832-0563

May 4th 5:15 p.m. Mass honors Madonna Dell'Arco. Bring flowers and follow us into the church behind our banner.

Membership dues of \$38.00 are being collected. Bring payment to next meeting or mail a check to Pauline Iacono. 1072 W 8th Street, San Pedro 90731

Help us keep our branch alive. Invite your family and friends to join! Let's keep this great tradition going!

Our branch recently lost two very dear and longtime members Juan Jose Andreanelli and Restituta Iodice. We extend our sympathy to both families

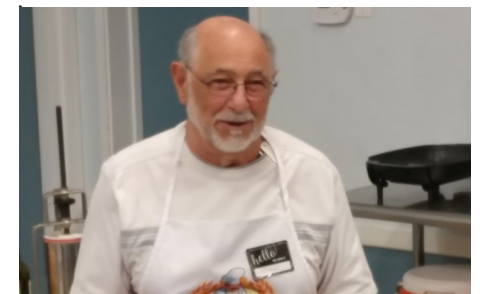
Please keep all our sick members in your prayers

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer*

## Glendora St. Dorothy, Br. 179

The January General Meeting of Branch 179 was not only lots of fun, but delicious too! We learned how to make homemade Italian sausage! Member Chef John DeMarco brought his equipment, 9-pounds of ground pork and pre-measured seasonings (except for the hot stuff!). With his help, we did the rest! Members made 3-pounds each of mild, medium, and hot! And, then, of course, everyone ate the results! There was also pizza and salad, and desserts from biscotti to pizzelle. What a fun night!

Branch 179 continued its clothing drive to benefit the poor in Central America. In January, we collected \$1,500+ for these efforts! We hope for the same outcome in February



Br. 179, Chef John DeMarco



Br. 179, Members Carol Farrugia and Debbie Felt doing the mixing



Br. 179, Members Sandy Osborn cranking and Vince Daigneault at work

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## Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

At our last meeting, we enjoyed a great heritage report from Jeri Gaudino about all her father's accomplishments from the beginnings as a coal miner – very interesting. And, backing up a bit, a thank you to JoAnn Hudson for sharing a video of her mother for her heritage report – very entertaining. Len Patito won the 50/50 and a luncheon of soup and salad was enjoyed by all.

If you have not signed up to help out for our St. Joseph's Table and wish to do so, please contact President Jerry and he will find a spot for you. Set up is Friday after 3:00 and Saturday after 8:00. The Table will be on display after the 5:00 mass with a procession from the church at which time it will be blessed. Sunday the event is from 8:00 to 2:00. Please bring your baked goods and entrees for pricing on Saturday or early Sunday.

Thanks to all that are pitching in to help make this the wonderful event that it always is. *Lolly M.*

## Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

ICF Branch 326 realizes that continuing with a Catholic education at a Catholic high school is important to an eight-grader graduating from a parochial grammar school, as Christian roots can be further nourished. This is the basic reason

why 326 busy themselves annually with flipping pancakes, scrambling eggs, rolling sausages and pouring coffee, during our annual scholarship pancake breakfast fundraiser. An event that enables several qualified grammar school graduates to benefit from a scholarship to a parochial high school.

This is the only fundraiser where the "grey grannies" of 326 put heart and soul into fundraiser and get satisfaction of accomplishment and not financial benefits.

Inspirational thought of the month: With God, there are no level playing fields. But He provides guides on how to transverse an unlevel playing field: it is called prayer.

Little bit of humor: Live a life where the devil says, "oh, damn, she is awake, again."

*Tony Farinella*

*1st Vic President, Branch 326*

## Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Greetings to all. It's now March and 2019 is rolling right along. Branch 362's St. Joseph Table is adding something new and I hope you all enjoy it. Because our Pasta Dinner sales have been declining, we decided to have a St. Joseph Brunch instead. Tickets are on sale now and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. We will also be selling Raffle tickets for our Gift Card Money Tree. Come out

on Sunday, March 17th from 8 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Our February Bingo was a great success. Thanks to all our members for setting up and cleaning up. If you're going to be at Religious Ed Congress this year, please stop by the ICF booth and say hello. In April, our branch will be joining the Altar Servers for a Family Friendly Bingo on April 7th. Our parish is bringing back the Lenten Soup Dinners on all Fridays during Lent. ICF will be hosting the last one on April 12th. Happy Spring to everyone.

## Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Branch 380 participated in the Branch Officer Installation and Luncheon at St. Peter's Church on January 27, and the following day several of our members helped out at our "For the Troops" service project organized by Gino and Della Spinelli.

We had a fun time with our Valentine-themed general meeting on February 8th. Remo and Carisa Iezza hosted "Love Italian Style," a trivia game with prizes that everyone enjoyed. Dinner was a delicious Italian meal catered by Spumoni Restaurant.

Our upcoming events include the following activities:

Feb. 16 (Sat.) Pechanga Casino bus trip with ICF group at St. Rose

March 9 (Sat.) General meeting with presentation from Laurice Levine on Cooley's Anemia

March 16 (Sat.) Pompeii Exhibit at the Reagan Library and lunch at Viva La Pasta in Simi Valley

March 24 (Sun.) St. Joseph's Table Celebration – Bake Sale and Dinner

*Annie Scott*

*Corresponding Secretary*



Br. 380 For the Troops Service Project - Jean Bridges, Nancy DiPrima, Gino & Della Spinelli



Br. 380 Youth Officer Installation - Adrianna Bridges, Giulia and Giovanna DiBattista



Br. 380 Nun Run Service Project - Anne & Richard Interrante, Pat Scott, John Clemens, Fr. Luis Estrada

## Rancho Palos Verdes Saint John Fisher Parish, Br. 444

On February 14, 2019, we had our Valentine's Day Celebration in the Parish Auditorium. There was delicious food, wine, music, and a raffle. Everyone had a great time with their fellow ICF members, friends, families, and guests. Bakers even put their talents to use to win prizes. Prizes were given to a winner and a runner-up for the dessert contest.

On March 15, 2019, will be our special Lenten Soup Supper Event. ICF will be hosting Saint John Fisher Parish after the 5:00 pm Mass with soup and a sandwich (meatless of course!) in the Parish Auditorium. A donation basket will be available. Event proceeds will go to a local charity.

Here is another upcoming ICF event:

April 11- General Meeting with snacks and St. Francis Cabrini Movie

*Grazie!*

*Tonia Amalfitano*

*Recording and Corresponding Secretary*

## Manhattan Beach American Martyrs, Br. 447

We had an exciting General Meeting, themed – Love, Italian Style. It was a pot luck dinner with everyone bringing their favorite Italian or Valentine themed dish to share. We also played some Valentine's games. It was another wonderful evening getting to know everyone by sharing our favorite foods and fellowship. We welcome all our new members to Branch 447. We are so grateful and happy that so many members made commitments to give service by making and delivering sandwiches to those less fortunate in our community, selling donuts after mass, and working on our upcoming major fundraiser. As our funds grow, so does our ability to give back to the parish and the community. We are planning our first major fundraiser for late summer or early fall 2019. Be on the lookout for more event details and join us. We also established a Facebook page, so watch your e-mail for our friend request. We look forward to a wonderful 2019!

*Peace & Blessings to All,*

*Stephanie DeRaddo*

*Corresponding & Recording Secretary*

## Monterey CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

A belated Happy New Year to all from ICF Central Coast District! We honored to welcome our new Bishop for the Diocese of Monterey, the Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Garcia who was inaugurated January 30, 2019. A big Thank You to the Most Reverend Gerald E. Wilkerson who guided us prior to Bishop Daniel Garcia being installed.

Our first general meeting was held on February 2, 2019, hosted by Capitola Branch 227. The hall was decorated with a festive Valentine theme; and a lovely Lasagna lunch with all the trimmings was served. Thank you Capitola Officers and Members! Reminder: Donations and Applications for 1st year Scholarships are due by March 15.

Our second general meeting is scheduled for Sat., May 4, 2019, and will be hosted by Santa Cruz Branch 21. Plan to join us; all are welcome!

Also, we will be celebrating the 95th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation in San Francisco on June 9, 2019! Space is limited, so please contact your branch for details and make your reservations early! There is some discussion about a bus for the attendees from our area, as parking in San Francisco is limited.

If your branch is not involved in hosting Lenten Fish Dinners, plan to frequent a branch who is! They will begin in early March, as we prepare for Easter.

We wish you all the blessings of this Lenten season, as we await the Glory of Easter!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Montonye*

## Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Buona giornata, Buen dia, Bonne journee, Dia bom.....so many ways to impart a Good Day. Soon, Branch 21 will mark 90 years of imparting good days and it's your continued interest and support that keeps it going. Be proud!

Lent has begun and Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the No Bake Sale Campaign. We want to thank Mary Jo Belli for spear-heading this drive so that members can donate without messing up their kitchen. Also, during Lent, we will host two Soup Suppers: the first on March 12th, beginning at 4:30, the same evening as the General Meeting; the second will be on April 17th and will begin at 5:30. Each will feature two delicious soups, salad, and French bread. If you don't want to stay and eat, you can also do 'take out'.

And now, with sadness we must say goodbye to several Branch members who have recently passed away. Julianna Boccone was a longtime ICF member and past Presi-



dent of Central Coast District and Branch 21. Julianna’s sweet nature and generous support will be missed. Leo Bargiacchi, a 40 year ICF member, happily gave his time and support to our branch and he will be missed. Genevieve ‘Rusty’ Tartaglino, too, has left us; though a newer member to our branch, her beautiful smile and graceful, helping nature will be missed. Rabindranath Tagore wrote: “Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.”

Bless us all, O Lord.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21



Br. 21, REames 25  
**Salinas**  
**Br. 25**

Branch 25 President, Julie Richards, and Secretary, JoAnn Sullivan, attended the installation of our new Bishop of the Monterey Diocese, Most Reverend Father Daniel Garcia, on Tuesday, January 26, 2019. The solemn high mass was at celebrated Madonna del Sasso Church in Salinas. Clergy representing every parish in the Diocese, Christophe Pierre the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, Archbishop Gomez of LA, Archbishop Ryan (retired), and Archbishop Wilkerson (retired) of LA, acting Bishop of the Monterey Dioceses. At the reception we met Bishop “Dan’s” sisters, nieces, and cousins from Texas.

Branch 25 hosted the Central Coast Installation of Officers at Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Central Members attending included Grand President, Andrew Pappani and his wife Sid, Franklyn Lopes, Lauren Kilcullen and Carmen Kilcullen, Jim Jones and his wife Janice. The Mass was celebrated by Father Rodrigo of Sacred Heart Parish, assisted by Father Milton Marini of Santa Cruz, our District Chaplain. A catered luncheon followed in the parish hall.

Our March 12 meeting will focus on our annual budget. We are also exploring a Lenten Fridays’ Take Out meal for 4 persons of Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert as a convenient meatless meal option for parishioners. We are saddened to report the loss of our member, Bennett “Bill” Brown, in January.

JoAnn Sullivan

Recording Secretary

**Monterey**



**Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

May the Lenten season give you a time to deepen your relationship with the Lord and be spiritually prepared for Easter celebration.

We welcome our recent new members, Andrew Obeso, Michael and Lynn Hodges and family, Christine Finigann, Phil Speciale Jr, Donna and Jon Wagner, Joyce DiGirolemo, Andrew Cardanilli, and John and Gloria Wagner.

February 7, over 250 members and guests enjoyed our monthly dinner/meeting with Cornish hen, rice pilaf, salad, and dessert.

Branch 36 is preparing for our Lenten Fish Dinners. Our first of six Lenten Dinners is March 08. All dinners include catch-of-the-day, salad, pasta, and garlic bread. Dinner are served at 5:30 pm. at San Carlos Hall in Monterey.

Branch 36 Scholarship Applications are available to graduating Seniors 2019. Student must be graduating from our local high schools. Applications and guidelines are available by contacting Barbara Lucido at 372-7537. Deadline is March 15.

Hospitalization Plan – open enrollment 1/1/19 – 12/31/19. No age requirement at this time. Only \$25.00 per year. This plan gives \$100.00 for use of operation room, \$75.00 for first day in hospital. For more details or an application, please call Elaine Valentine 831-394-8224.

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**IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD**

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2018 is the following:  
**Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.**

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2018 is the following:  
**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.**

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

**\*\*\*THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED\*\*\***

**Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2019. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.**

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

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

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Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2018. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,  
Denise Antonowicz, Grand Treasurer

**Richard “Dick” Silva**  
**Member of ICF Branch 425**



Richard “Dick” Silva, passed away peacefully after several months of illness in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, February 2nd. Richard, as he was called in his youth and by his immediate family, was born in Manhattan, NY on December 11, 1934. He was the son of an Italian immigrant father and a mother born in New York, but whose family had immigrated just a few years before her birth. He was an only child until his sister, Marilyn was born, when he was 11 years of age. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School in NYC. He was a musician who played the cello, among other instruments. He won a music scholarship but joined the Navy instead at the age of 17. He served under the electrician mate’s class during the end of the Korean Conflict. He was deployed and travelled Europe and beyond. Through his mother, he met his future wife, Joan, who was taking driving lessons with her. They dated for 2 years and then married.

Dick followed in his father’s footsteps and became an apprentice for the Electrical Union in NYC. They were married for three years when they had their first child, Paul Richard. Followed 18 months later by another son, Bruce Thomas. Their daughter, Jean Marie, was born three years later. Dick commuted 150 miles five days a week to NYC. There he worked as a foreman and then an electrical superintendent. They lived in the NYC area for over 25 years; his sense of community service was limitless. If his children were involved in an activity, so was Dick. He coached little league and senior little league as well as serving as the head of coaches for the POP Warner youth football league. He was an active member of the Boy Scouts. Dick and Joan opened up their home to everyone since all were considered family. He mentored countless people, from those he worked with to friends of his children. He loved fiercely. Family was the most important thing to him.

In 1994, Joan and Dick moved to New Jersey and later to Green Valley. They were already familiar with the area. In 1973, his mother had relocated to Green Valley as well as a retired uncle. Dick and Joan bought a house as an investment and then retired to that home in 1998. They were active members of Green Valley Country Club and of Our Lady of the Valley Church. They joined Branch 425 of the Italian Catholic Federation in 2001 and saw an opportunity to help revive the group. Dick held various offices, including Branch President and District Deputy and attended national conventions often. They volunteered countless hours over the course of their lifetimes. No matter who you were, Dick saw people as friends and it took little to win his heart. His daughter said, with all his bravado, he taught them all how to laugh, love, and forgive. He is survived by his wife, Joan, his three children, Paul, Bruce and Jean Marie, his sister, Marilyn, sisters and brothers-in-law, and countless nieces and nephews, in addition to 10 grandchildren. Rest in Peace, Dick. You will be missed!





# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION TUCSON TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2019



**Hotel:** Hilton El Conquistador Resort 10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona

**Reservations:** Use group code 'ICF' on the Hilton website or call (520) 544-5000

**Link:** <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/T/TUSHTHH-ICF-20190827/index.jhtml>

**Rate:** \$95 plus tax single/double occupancy **Note:** Convention attendees must book using this code for the ICF to receive credit towards our contracted room nights. Rate available until August 15 or sold out. After August 15, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate.

**Resort fee:** \$25 per night will be waived when using our group code before the deadline.

## Transportation:

Flights to/from various areas may be faster and more economical via PHX due to layovers. Research fares and ground transportation to determine the best travel option for you.

**Tucson Airport:** 22 miles, 45 minutes **Phoenix Airport:** 107 miles, 1 hour 45 minutes

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## Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

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

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

Convention updates are visible first on Facebook. Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation.

Also look for convention news in the Bollettino and at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

## 95 YEARS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES





# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

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

## POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

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

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

## SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

## GRAND PRESIDENT’S AWARD

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

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

## FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

## YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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



Review Sample applications and the award options.  
Print out the ICF Convention Award application by going to [icf.org](http://icf.org)



# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20\_\_\_\_  
Award:

- \_\_\_\_ Pope Saint John XXIII
- \_\_\_\_ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
- \_\_\_\_ Grand President’s
- \_\_\_\_ Family of the Year
- \_\_\_\_ Young Adult Leadership

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Please include with this application:

- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.

Statement of Endorsement:

Nominee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch #/City: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person:

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Qualifications Summary:

Please summarize the major accomplishments of the nominee. If known, include offices and chairmanships held (within the I.C.F., parish and community) along with information on any significant contributions. You may attach additional sheets of text.

Applications must be postmarked by: May 1 – Submit to: Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, California 94621  
(888) ICF-1924 Website: [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) Email: [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org)



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We are saddened to report we have lost two members, Anita Ferrante and Vito Spadaro. Our sympathy to their families and may comfort them during this time.

#### Calendar

March 17, 2019 ICF#36 Bingo—Moose Lodge

Lenten Fish Dinners - San Carlos Hall

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, and 12

Lent comes to reawaken us – Pope Francis

*Love,*

*Elaine Valentine*

*Financial Secretary*



Br. 36 Members at work and at play.

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

Happy Lenten season!

Our general meeting in February included a fabulous potluck dinner and wonderful fellowship. It also included a delicious presentation by our Heritage chairperson my aunt Leonora Barlow. The presentation was on the different cheeses of Italy. Thank you Leonora for all your hard work in putting that together for us to enjoy.

Our recent polenta dinner was a huge success! Thank you to all the members that helped make it a wonderful fundraiser.

The money raised will help us with our annual scholarship and donations to our seminarians. Thank you again for all your help and support.

Happy Birthday to our March babies: Frank Rossi, my cousin Bethany Barlow and my nephew Nathan Cortopassi.

Please pray for the parents of member Toni Hibbs and all that are ill and recuperating from surgeries.

And, as we begin our Lenten Journey, remember the greatest sacrifice that was given for us.

*Blessings to all,*

*Cindy Stefani*

### Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

Our Fish Frys start on March 8 and continue for the six weeks of Lent. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and take-outs are available starting at 4:30 p.m. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children and a special family price of \$35. Proceeds from the dinner benefit our charitable giving programs and renovation of the church hall. New this year is a weekly raffle for a beautiful gift basket furnished by Stewart's Floral. You do not need to be present to win. Come join the fun!

Welcome to new members Maureen Benito and Elizabeth Raftateri. Maureen is also a member of Branch 21.

Andy Armanino will have Perlino scholarship applications available at the March meeting. They are due April 15. The applications list the requirements for the scholarship. Contact Andy for more information.

We are sorry that Rosa Radicchi is unable to continue as our Branch Deputy. Her grace and friendliness were always welcome.

Thanks to Shauna Scott who has volunteered to chair the Membership Committee.

Save the date of July 13 for the annual picnic. Because everyone seemed to like the new location last year, the picnic will again be at the Forty Thieves area of DeLaveaga Park. Ken and Nancy Olson have agreed to coordinate the event again this year.

Your prayers are requested for 1st Vice President Mike Rios who is dealing with some heart and lung medical issues.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

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

Br. 291 is kicking off Lent with our popular Lenten Fish Frys starting on March 8th. In addition, we're adding an extra Mardi Gras themed fish fry on March 1st! Our five Lenten Fish Frys will be held on March 8th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th and 12th. (Please note that we do not have a fish fry on Friday, March 15th due to a big St. Patrick's dinner

at our parish the following day.) We invite everyone to join us for one or all of our delicious fish dinners!

At our January General Membership Meeting, we celebrated our 45th Anniversary and recognized some of our longtime members in attendance. We also welcomed two guests, Agnes Grogan and Harriet Harrington, who will be joining as new members! Br. 291 continues to grow and remains a very productive and active Branch!

At our March General Membership Meeting we will be celebrating our St. Joseph's Table. Members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food and household goods to fill our table, and all items collected will be donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

We ask for your prayers for Branch members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time, including Fr. Russ Brown, Dianne & Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Joanne Desilets, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Rose Renna-Guzzetti, Nick Sausa, Jim & Throck Scudder, June Steves, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*



Br. 291 celebrated their 45th Anniversary in January and recognized some longtime members and one of their oldest members. L-R: Emilio Minicucci (who just turned 97!), Rose Haupt, Joanna Van Blaricom, Doris Wais, Mario Annecchini, Ellen Bavaro and Gayle Quain.

## CHICAGO

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

Digging out from the worst winter in Chicago history, according to the weather people, we won't soon forget the weeks of below zero temperatures, ice, high winds and snow that kept us barricaded in our homes unable to get to work or the grocery store. We look forward to better days to come. The Ides of March are upon us. On the Roman calendar, it corresponds to March 15 and includes several religious observances including being notable for Romans as a day for settling debts.

Our calendar is much the same. However, April 15 is tax day.

March 6—Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence.

March 10—1st Sunday of Lent and the day

to move clocks to daylight savings time. We look forward to summer and sunshine.

March 17—St. Patrick's Day—our ICF members join fellow St. Vincent Ferrer parishioners for a celebration honoring St. Patrick. We will enjoy a delicious corn beef dinner followed by entertainment starring Irish dancers and an evening of dancing.

March 19—St. Joseph's Day. Our ICF members, parishioners, families and friends look forward to this annual celebration.

As we look forward to a new season, join us in prayer for all those who have been devastated by the horrendous winter storms, for the sick and ailing, for our police and firefighters serving to keep us safe, and our military protecting us around the world. May God hold us all in the palm of his hands.

Happy Birthday to Divina Miceli!!

*CIAO !!!*

*Barbara B. Capozzoli*

### Chicago St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Branch 392 closed the holidays with our traditional "La Befana" Dinner Dance on January 6th, 2019. Everyone enjoyed the fun-filled evening, as the children received a visit from La Befana bearing gifts and goodies and the adults danced to delightful music. During the festa we awarded the Angel of Peace Award to Lilliana Izzi and the Wisdom Award to Antonietta Favuzzi. Our best wishes go to these two deserving individuals.

Special thanks to the committee for organizing a lovely party and to Lina Vavalle for being such a jovial "befana." Enthusiastic children, great food, pleasant music and good friends made for a lovely evening!

However, January also brought record snowfalls and the coldest temperatures in Chicago's history. Mother Nature forced us into "hibernation" with the Arctic weather forcing us to cancel our monthly "Padre Pio" Mass and branch meeting.

We finally met on February 5, 2019 and held elections. Congratulations to our 2019 Officers (Teresa Helfand – President, Aurora Pensa – 1st V.P. and Secretary, Gianna Gerardi – 2nd V.P., Teresa Romeo – Correspond. Sec., Maria Perna – Finance Sec., Connie Caranfa – Treas., Bettina Brascia, Giovanna Nardulli, and Lina Vavalle – Trustees, Concetta DiPiazza – Sentinel, Adalgisa DeSantis – Orator, Rosetta De-Francesco – Life Trustee).

Branch 392 is now preparing for the St. Joseph's Day Table, which will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 after the evening Masses in the St. Francis Borgia – Fr. Stokes Center. An array of delicious Italian dishes, including the traditional "zeppole" will be served. Everyone is invited!

*God Bless,*

*Aurora Pensa*



## Oakland East Bay District

As the ICF is preparing to celebrate its 95th anniversary, we in the East Bay District are finding out a bit of our history. Thanks to the hard work of Robert Dianda, K.S.G., we were the first district formed in 1936, so we are a young 84 years old. Hopefully with all of the celebrations planned for our 95th, many of us will be able to join in at least one of them and show our pride in our heritage.

It was nice to be able to introduce new names and faces at Installation this year. Some branches are sharing officers' duties, this is a great way to learn "the ropes" and not feel worn out. It is also a positive way for new members to become involved.

In the meantime it may seem a bit premature, but mark your calendars, our Christmas party is scheduled for the first Sat. in December, the 7th. However, before then we have a few other activities to be involved in as a District and the chair people of these functions will need our support. There's horse racing, baseball, picnics and Masses along with Bishop's Day, something for everyone, just take your pick.

Our Feb. meeting is the first one for some delegates so we want everyone to be able to speak up and participate, this is the only way to be truly involved.

Here's wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

*Pat Grasso,*

*District Secretary*

## Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We emerged intact from our busiest month of the year. Our calendar included the Br. 10 Polenta Dinner on Jan. 12; the East Bay Crab Feed held on Jan. 19 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall; and the East Bay District Installation on Jan. 20 at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland.

The Irish Social is Sat., March 16 at Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Social hour commences at 6 p.m. with a hosted bar and raffle. Platters on the tables start at 7:00 sharp! Ben Ratto and Rich Coula will prepare a menu of salad, corned beef & cabbage and dessert. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under. For reservations, contact Jan Rosa (510) 623-1369 or rosafam2@gmail.com prior to 9 p.m. on March 11.

Our St. Joseph's Day Table is Tues., March 19. The evening begins with Mass in St. Philip Neri Church at 5:30 p.m. Monsignor O'Brien Hall opens for dinner and a raffle at 6:30 p.m. Members should bring a dessert to share with guests. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. For reservations, contact Michael Marcheschi (510) 523-4720 prior to 8 p.m. March 14.

James McGee, a member of Br. 10 and Br. 215 based in Fremont, published a second volume of "Alameda Legends." The book includes 289 single-paragraph biographies about citizens that made Alameda a treasured place to live. Among the "legends" are 26 members of Br. 10 and people closely associated with our branch including ICF co-founder Sir Luigi Providenza, a long-time resident of St. Philip Neri—St. Albert the Great Parish.

*John Zugnoni,*

*Branch 10 publicity*

*Email: john@zugnoni.net*

*Home: (510) 523-8005*

*Mobile: (510) 326-3474*

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

During Br. 215's January meeting we made a \$150.00 donation to help a teen in the confirmation program to be able to attend a retreat scheduled sometime in February. Lending support to the confirmation program at Corpus Christi is one apostolate activity performed by Br. 215.

Br. 215 will be hosting the Soup Supper on March 3, 2019 at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. Branch members who have favorite soup recipes are encouraged to volunteer to prepare those soups and help serve them.

Our next Bingo Luncheon will be on April 25, 2019 at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. Members please start gathering donations for bingo prizes, ideas for raffle baskets and let President Fran know if they know of any merchant (s) who may donate door prizes.

As always, we wish all members with birthdays, anniversaries or special events our congratulations. Please keep our brother Scott Schiechl in your thoughts and prayers as well as others who are ill and for our first responders, military and their families.

*Ken Chiatello*

*Branch 215*

## Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

Branch 285 members thank Chuck Meier for his great job of writing branch news for the Bollettino the past two years. Great job, Chuck!

At the January meeting, we enjoyed a heritage talk given by Joe & Philomena Buonsante and Nancy Navarini about their ancestral home, Mola Di Bari, Italy. Family pictures were shared along with special foods and wine of the area. The audience was transported to this Mola Di Bari.

Our February meeting/social features a Valentine theme. Jim Schmidt from Livermore Valley Opera will speak on the upcoming "The Barber of Seville" on March 10th at Bankhead Theatre in Livermore. Our branch plans to attend the matinee, fol-

lowed by lunch.

Many hands are preparing for an upcoming fundraiser on Feb. 23. It promises to be a great evening of delicious food, silent auction & raffle prizes. More reporting next month.

The March 15 meeting/social honors St. Joseph, whose feast we celebrate on March 19. Member, Kathy Elm, always sets a beautiful tale in honor of St. Joseph and our members are asked to bring non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul food pantries. Our new chaplain, Father Fili Barrera, from the Catholic Community of Pleasanton will be our guest speaker and present a talk about St. Joseph.

Thank you Father Leonard Marrojo for serving as our chaplain the past two years. We welcome our new chaplain, Father Fili.

We are blessed and happy to welcome new members, Gherde Sesto and Laura Rosenga. We always appreciate new input.

*Until next time, Ciao*

*Judy Bates*



Br. 285, The people pictured left to right are: Joe Buonsante, Philomena Buonsante and Nancy Navairini presenting heritage talk on Mola Di Bari.

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

Welcome to our newest and 1st member of the year, Angie Warren. And thank you for introducing another possible new member to us at our Bake sale. Speaking of the Bake sale, thanks to the members who worked so hard to make it a success by both baking and selling.

The Valentine's Day Polenta dinner was a sell out! What a great way to celebrate and not have to work too hard and even win some prizes. Next month is St. Patrick's Day and there is nothing quite like Italians cooking corned beef and cabbage.

To all who have not paid your dues, it's time, in fact past time. Also, remember that this is the one time "open season" for members over 70 years of age to join the hospitalization plan.

Just a reminder, those convention chance books are now with us and are an easy money maker for the branch. Also the branch has had some winners in the past and you need not be present to win.

Here's wishing the top o' the morning to you!

*Pat Grasso,*

*Branch Sec.*

## Contra Costa District Council

The longest single living organism on this planet is a Bristle Cone Pine tree. This tree is over nine thousand years old.

The worlds' great civilizations blossomed five millennia ago in the rich alluvial plains of Mesopotamia, a strip between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the present borderland between Iraq and Iran.

This tree was over four thousand years old by then and was seven thousand years old when our Savior Jesus Christ walked on this earth.

I would say the reason for its longevity is its' strong constitution and its ability to adapt to the changing environment. The Italian Catholic Federation is 95 years old, long lived in human terms, and I would venture to say that, like the Bristle Cone Pine, it has lived so long also because of its strength and adaptability to the changing environment.

The strength of our Federation is based on the efforts of the members. The success and/or failure of any organization is directly proportional to the performance of its members; and I think the management by the leaders is a heavy contributor to success or failure. Our organization has been blessed with great leadership through the years.

Mark your calendar:

District meeting Wednesday, April 24.

District Communion Mass Sunday, May 19.

Oakland A's baseball game Saturday, August 3.

Bishops' day Sunday, August 25.

Night of Recollection Monday, November 11

Christmas dinner party Monday, December 2

More details will be issued later.

In closing:

*Life is a journey, not a destination.*

Cliff Nichols

*Joseph (joe flores33@comcast.net)*



Officers and members from Branch 14, Crockett at the Contra Costa District Installation. Great Job in hosting this event.



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## Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

Members send sympathies to former member Jackie Shikuzawa's family who recently died; may her soul rest in God's peace.

At the installation, Anne and Mary enjoyed lunching with our Grand President, Andy, and wife, Sid, along with Deacon John, Gene and Marilyn Simonetti of Brentwood. Thanks for great company, laughter, and conversation. Let's reconnect at the convention or sooner.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6. During this time, make your journey worthwhile. Set aside time for yourself for reflection and time with God. Grow in your faith as you think about all Jesus has done for you! Ready yourself to experience His resurrection with an open heart. Choose from many opportunities to augment your time: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. is Scripture Reflections with the Clergy; first Thursday of Lent, March 7 "Beneath His Cross Apostolate," a prayer cenacle "Praying for Priests—A Time for Healing" will be presented; Eucharistic Adoration is Fridays from noon to 5:00 p.m.; Soup Suppers are served on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross, the Last Seven Words of Christ, and Benediction; and, Saturday, March 9, we welcome, Yolanda Rodriguez, whose topic "Do Not Waste Your Sufferings" applies to us all. Enhance your Lenten experience with one or all of these events.

Mark down Saturday, March 30 beginning with the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena when the Church honors ALL its volunteers—that's you! A reception in your honor will be held in the parish hall.

Let us remember that God can bring beauty from ashes.

*Ciao for now,*

*Mary Cook*



Br. 13 Celebrated the birthday of our youngest member, 16 yr. old Michael Rogers, with three renditions of the Happy Birthday song: the traditional, the "Bear in the Big Blue House" version, and an Irish version.

## Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Thank you members for your support in preparing our hall for our successful Polenta Dinner at Crockett for Branch 14.



Welcome to new members Carol Lucido & Mary Pollio to Branch 14, Crockett.



Br. 14, Polenta crew

And just like that, it's March. We hope our Irish friends and members celebrate St. Patrick's Day all month! The following are some events everyone can enjoy, Irish or not:

Our popular St. Joseph's Table will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 12th. There is no mass but there is a Blessing of Tables at 6:00 (note time change), followed by a meatless pasta dinner. Please bring a meatless dish to share. Dessert would also work!

Our March 16th Corned Beef Dinner is quickly approaching. Under the direction of Jim and Kathleen Thomas, hearty laughter and a delicious dinner are promised. Reminds me of an Irish Proverb..."Laugh is brightest where food is best."

On April 7, all members are invited to attend 9:00 mass at St. Rose, followed by a free continental breakfast downstairs.

The famous St. Rose Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 12th. This is the parish's most important fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated. You won't be disappointed.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Everyone. May the Luck of the Irish be with you today, tomorrow and always!

*Ciao,*

*Diane Bottini Thomas*

## Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

I am happy to report all of our members paid their 2019 dues. This means, once again, we will be honored for retaining our entire membership. Thank you members!

At our February meeting we celebrated Valentine's day, Mardi Gras and the Chinese New Year. Thank you for bringing delicious foods and decorations.

At our March meeting, we celebrate both St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day with a soup and salad bar before the meeting. We will do a novena to St. Joseph. Contact Patty for a list of location, dates and times of the other St. Joseph day celebrations.

Thank you to our branch mentor, Peggy Ai-

ello Hagerthy, for joining us at our monthly meetings. We appreciate her dedication and her friendship.

April 24 is the next District meeting at Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf course in Concord at 7:15 p.m. Our delegates are Helen Politakes and Jane Russo. Joann Thilgen attends as one of the district mentors. Roselynn Jarrett attends as a Central Council member and acting District Deputy and Patty Jarrett as the District President. All members are welcome.

You will receive invitations to a variety of ICF events this year. One very special event is the 95th anniversary of the ICF on Sunday, June 9. Mass will be celebrated at 11:45 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul church in San Francisco. A luncheon reception follows at the San Francisco Italian Athletic club. A flyer with the details will be mailed.

Stay happy and healthy.

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti!*

*Patty*

## Richmond Br. 154

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

The bus trip to Cache Creek was held last month. Didn't hear of any big winners but a good time was had by all. We heard there were some who never left the buffet! Next trip will be in July. We need to have a full bus. Bring your friends; they do not have to be a member of the ICF.

The next big fundraiser is March 09, 2019. Ravioli Dinner-Rohan Hall, StJerome's El Cerrito. Social Hour 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. \$22:00 Adults\6.00 Children. Raffle prizes are needed, please consider a donation. Reservations, Dee -510-236-0689 by March 4, 2019. Bring your friends!!

Dues are payable now! Annual dues are \$40, Hospitalization is \$25. Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Mike Cannady, or Toni Reeder.

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

Next meeting is March 11, 2019. Dinner is Corned Beef and Cabbage as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Mass to precede dinner. Walter and Toni make the best Corned Beef; it is not to be missed! Please call Dee at 510-236-0689 for a reservation. \$15 for dinner. Please reserve by March 8th.

If you haven't attended a meeting in awhile, we'd love to see you!

## Concord Todos Santos, Br 214

The warm clothes Drive for the Homeless was a Huge success, thank to the efforts of Gloria Schafer and Marion Armstrong.

The Installation lunch was enjoyed by 12 of our members, the event was held at

the Galileo Club, Jan 26th., the food was delicious.

Looking forward to our February 21st Valentine's Day potluck. The menu will be a Red Theme.

We keep our sick and elderly in our prayers, especially Marco Michelato and Mia Barsarich.

*Con Affeto,*

*Norene DeLuca,*

*Correspondence Secty.*



Br. 214, Installation of officers: Susan Giorgetti, MJ Murray, Joanne Lee, Norene Deluca, Gerry Regani, Maria Marshall, Allison McGuirk, Roberta Healy, and Ed McGuirk.



Br. 214, Warm clothes drive: Roberta Healy, Allison McGuirk, Gloria Schafer, Terri Di Loreto, and Marion Armstrong.

## Danville St. Isidore, Br. 352

Our members enjoyed a Valentine's Day pizza party for our February dinner meeting. It's great to see the branch membership growing—you can definitely feel the energy level rising, along with the laughter level!

March will be a busy month for us. Time to celebrate St. Patrick! Our monthly dinner meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th—when Chef Angelo will treat us to his special corned beef & cabbage! Next, get ready for a rousing Champagne Bingo on Saturday, March 30th. Please plan to join us for dinner, fun & prizes! Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, followed by—Bingo!

*Ciao,*

*Branch 352*

## Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

We started 2019 with our first Branch meeting held on January 25th. If the 25th's attendance bodes well for future participation at the meetings, the officers should be playing to packed houses. Coupled with a sumptuous meal, it turned out to be a very



successful evening.

A gracious thank you letter from Father Quang regarding this year's participation of Branch 432 in the Marian Conference opened the meeting. This year's Marian Conference will be October 11-12, 2019. The title will be "With Mary We Trust In God's Mercy." Please plan to attend.

All officers were present (see accompanying photo) and gave us a thumbnail overview of the coming year starting with the Knights of Columbus joint venture crab feed on February 16th to the Festa d'Italia in September. More on the success of the crab feed in April's edition of the Bollettino. Press time and event times conflict.

Right now there's not much news worthy. However, of some note is the ongoing success of the Pancake Breakfast. Currently the breakfast feeds an average of 400 parishioners weekly. The ICF and Knights of Columbus managed to add two additional scholarships since the breakfast's inception. That brings the scholarship awards to a total of nine. Not bad for a free breakfast whose intention it was to help bring the Parish together as a single community.

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have, you'll never have enough"

*la vita è buona*



Br. 432, Officers for 2019

## Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

By now it's March and I know the flowers are starting to peek out no matter the weather. And, Easter is just around the corner!

We hope you will be joining us for our upcoming Ladies Tea fundraiser on March 16th. The tables promise to be beautiful and the food delicious. Thanks to our co-chairs Diana and Joan for organizing and Carol and her wonderful crew for the food prep. Don't miss the great raffle prizes too!

Thanks to all who attended our Quarterly Mass and Breakfast in January. Please plan to join us for the next mass on April 7 at 10:45. We will meet at Mr. Lucky's right after.

Our March meeting is on the 10th at 1:00 and we are celebrating St Joseph's Day. Our upcoming April meeting is on the 14th with an Easter theme (of course!).

Please keep the following members and their family in your prayers: Nancy, Bob, Larry, Francis and Larry's Grandson, and William's son. May God be with you in your struggles.



Br. 442, Quarterly mass and brunch

## Sacramento Sacramento, St. Mary, Br. 45

Our Branch hosted the District's Installation on Feb. 16th with Mass and Lunch at St. Mary's. Thank you CC members who attended. We enjoyed the event with you, our branch officers and guests.

Our first chicken and polenta dinner for 2019 was on Feb. 24th in Giovanni Hall. Thanks to everyone for helping get this event going.

Our heartfelt sympathy to these families:

Lee Bennett and family for the sudden passing of his wife of 50 years, Shirley Pasquini Bennett, at age 78. Lee and Shirley became official members in 2018 but have been involved in the branch by attending all our dinners for many years and most generously donating yearly an 8th Grade Scholarship in memory of Shirley's mother, Leda Pasquini, a lifetime member of our branch. Shirley was an amazing woman and will be greatly missed. May she Rest in Peace.

Anita Giordano and family for the passing of her husband of 56 years, John Giordano, at age 81, in December. John and Anita brought large groups of friends and family to our polenta dinners over many years and were always seated at Table 5. John loved our polenta and sauce, always purchasing leftover sauce to take home. John was a wonderful man and we appreciate both he and Anita's support of the ICF. We will miss him. May he Rest in Peace.

Belated Birthdays for members in February: Ann Bashore, Manuel Cazares, Joseph Courey, Gina DeVito, Olivia Ebert, Ted Georguson, Arlene Gianatasio, Dorothy Heick, Dominic Ielati, Matthew Ielati, Marlene Oehler, Sue Olson, Mary Louise Padlo, Emily Rossi, and Katherine Stefani. WOW!! (Sorry this missed the Feb. Bollettino)

Happy March Birthday to the following members: John Bashore, Audrey Bashore, Emma Giordano, Sandra Raneiri. Happy Day!!

*Ciao, Janine*



## Auburn Br. 342

On January 19th, members of Branch 342, their families, and many guest came together to celebrate the branch's 40th annual Polenta Dinner. Carrying on a tradition started by the Puccioni family, many branch members worked hard to create a memorable evening that was enjoyed by all who attended. President MaryAnn Mikles began the evening by reading an article written about the event and later guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, dessert, a fantastic raffle and dancing. A big thank you to all who helped make this event a big success by selling tickets, setting up, cooking, decorating, selling bar and raffle tickets, serving, running the bar, donating raffle and auction items, creating raffle baskets, and cleaning up. We hope to see you all next year!

We hope you will be able to join us for the many fun events we are planning for the rest of 2019. We would love to see you at our monthly meetings that are held on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Conference Room.

*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*



Br. 342, Guest enjoying Polenta Dinner



Br. 342, Serving Polenta Dinner

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

2019 is off to a great start! Our January meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed the famous "Malone Italian Wedding Soup" dinner. A special thank you goes to Conchita Lizardi, Cathy and Art Rasmussen, Eileen Martinez, Joe Aguilar and helpers who cooked our delicious meal. At the meeting, we were honored to have Laurice Levine as our guest speaker. Laurice, a medical consultant for Cooleys Anemia, gave an informative talk on the

disease and shared her personal story and the impact of Cooley's Anemia on her life.

We welcomed two new Board members for 2019, J.C. Martinez (Vice- President) and Pat Brown (Trustee).

Many volunteers have signed up to host and organize the dinners for our monthly branch meetings. We are so grateful for our members' giving spirit and generosity.

We ask for special prayers for all our members who are sick and ask for God's blessings as we begin a new year of fellowship and service.

*Grazie.*

*Anne Finn*

*Recording Secretary*

## San Francisco

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

Dear Members,

Our recent Installation was enjoyed by all. Upcoming; March 13 Spuntino Raffle: \$20.00. Reservations: Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369. Please bring a Raffle Prize. Financial Secretary, Vic Arnaudo, sincerely thanks the many members who have promptly sent in their dues for 2019.

Stay Healthy!

*Ciao*

*Toni Morsello*

### San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Our Champagne Bingo will be on March 10th. Please try to join us for a lovely day. You will see many of your friends. Menu: Half Chicken, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert and Champagne.

Our sincere sympathy to Theresa Dianda and her family. Bob will always be remembered by Br. 258. He was well liked and a true member of the Italian Catholic Federation! Bob, may the Blessed Mother keep you in the palm of her hands. You will be greatly missed by your family and many friends.

Congratulations to Great Nonnie Maria, Nonnie Roberta, Lala Maura, Barba Robert and Andrea, Mom and Dad on the birth of Martino. We know Martino will bring you much Joy and Happiness.

On March 18th we will go to Thunder Valley. Still waiting for the big pot.

For our members who will have a birthday in March - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Remember the following dates:

Mar. 24th - Mass; Mar. 25th - Meeting

*Ciao,*

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*Eva Perata, President*

## San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Our branch had a very nice February meeting! Father Landi again treated our attending members to a very nice lunch...you are so thoughtful and caring to our branch! Fr. Landi, we also know how much you want us to succeed to keep our branch going... Father, we also want that!

At this meeting, there was a lot of conversation on activities we could do this year. All these different ideas sound very exciting and hopefully they will come to be! It would be great if more members come to the meetings for support and help make these ideas come true. What do you think?

We hope there was not too much confusion with our two treasurers! Joe Basuino (out going treasurer) and Cosmo Amato (in coming treasurer) finally decided Cosmo was going to collect all the dues money. We know you have received your Dues notice and the Hospitalization Plan notice. Hospitalization members must pay by March 15.

Also, in the works is our "Br. 365 Monthly Meeting Calendar" which will be mailed to you when completed.

We wish to give our sincerest condolences to the family of John Fiore who recently died ...May John and all the departed members of Br. 365 Rest in Peace.

Br. 365 next meeting will be Saturday, March 16 in the Green Room at 11:00 am. We will be celebrating St. Joseph's day with a Pot Luck luncheon...chairlady will be Liliana Zarich...Hope to see you there!

*Ciao,*

*Mara Amato*

## San Mateo San Mateo District Council

The San Mateo District Council installed their 2019 officers on January 19th. It was held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco and was hosted by Branch 7, All Souls in South San Francisco. Representing Grand President Andy Pappani as the installing officer was our own Deborah Rodondi, Grand 2nd Vice President of the Federation. She also served as MC for the event.

A special presentation was made at the Installation to the ICF from the Peninsula Italian American Social Club (PIASC) in San Mateo. Every year they have a Columbus Day dinner dance with Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus. The profits are given to worthy charities in the area. This past October they chose, as one of their charities, to donate \$1,000 to our Gifts of Love program. Presenting the check to Grand 2nd Vice President Deborah Rodondi is John Buonocore a member of ICF Branch 130 Star of the Sea in Redwood City, a member of PIASC and a past Christopher Columbus of the annual event.

The April 25th meeting of the District Laurice Levine will be our special guest speaker. Pass the word around and please join us. The meeting is held at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame at 7:30 p.m.

## South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Happy St. Patrick's Day South City.

Thanks to Jim Eli for being our March chef and making his famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and Barbara Cavilieri for handling the dessert. The Branch is grateful for their generous donation of time and talent to make our business meeting a success.

Thanks to Billy Mangini, Lola Migliore and all their family and friends who helped put together another successful Aldo DeTomas Memorial Crab Cioppino feed. We know Aldo would have been proud to see this tradition continue with so much support from the community.

Please continue to keep in your prayers Donna Pascone, Marc Teglia and Barbara Bergamaschi and all our members and their families who are ill. Let's also keep in mind some of our families such as the Domeniconi's, the Regalia's and the Yoschak's who we haven't seen in quite some time and let them know that we are thinking of them.

Gracious God, only source of life and health: Help, comfort, and relieve me, and give your power of healing to those who minister to my needs; that my weakness may be turned to strength and confidence in your loving care; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*FHR*



Br. 130, Redwood City--John Buonocore presenting a check to Grand 2nd VP Deborah Rodondi for \$1000 to the Gifts of Love from the Peninsula Italian American Social Club of San Mateo.

## Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Officer installation was successful and we are ready to enjoy the activities planned for the year. Thanks to Dorene Campanile for chairing our January dinner and to all the helpers.

Our branch sponsored movie night on Feb. 9, immediately following 5 p.m. Mass.

Thanks to all who assisted in serving pizza, salad and dessert.

Since no Feb. meeting, please plan on attending our annual St. Joseph's table on March 14 and let Dorene Campanile know you plan to bring to the potluck 650-344-7870.

In March we will have Laurice Levine as our guest to give an update on the latest information at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 9, 2019 Champagne Bingo Branch 19 Open: 1:00, lunch 2:00 1 card, Chicken, pasta; call Deborah Rodondi for reservations 650-583-0805

Sat., April 27, our Pedro Tournament OLA Gym, 1335 Cortez Ave. Burlingame. \$40.00 includes lunch. Make a check out to Br. 173. A reservation email will be sent to previous attendees. Call Bea Tomasello for reservations 650-344-5278.

Sun., April 28, Bishop's Day, hosted by Br. 6 Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redwood City, 5 p.m. Mass and light appetizers to follow.

Sun., June 9 the ICF will be celebrating 95 years. Mass at St. Peter and Paul's 666 Filbert St. San Francisco. Lunch to follow at San Francisco Athletic Club, 1640 Stockton St. S.F. \$60.00. More info to follow as date gets closer.

Please keep the following members of our branch in your prayers: Elana Malta, Dan Rolandson and Jack Sherratt.

*God Bless,*

*Rosalind C. Emery*

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

Happy to say many of our members attended the District Installation at the Basque Cultural Center on Jan. 19th, to witness the installation of our officers and to socialize with members of other branches. We had a great time!

Our group had a great meeting on Feb. 12th, which was well organized and featured a delicious meal and fellowship.

Members are looking forward to the upcoming St Joseph's Table on March 12 after 5:30 p.m. mass. According to CatholicCulture.com, St. Joseph Table events are an age-old Italian tradition rooted in times of famine. "According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered. With the ending of the dreadful famine, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. This celebration became tradition. Wealth families prepared huge buffets. They then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and sick."

The table is set in a special way and all of our branch members will make something. Many in the St. Augustine's Parish who are not members of Br. 213 are very excited and will be attending.

Readers are invited to like and follow our Facebook Group, which can be found by those with facebook accounts at : <https://www.facebook.com/ICFSSF213> See our pictures and follow our activities. Our monthly newsletter is also posted on our Facebook page.

*Warm Regards,*

*Victor Spano*

## San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Our first meeting of 2019 was a rainy, blustery evening. We had about 20 dedicated members who showed up for our meeting. The dinner was hosted by Dede Waters-Masters who prepared a wonderful beef stew and a delicious limoncello dessert. Perfect for the very cold, wet weather we have been experiencing. Thank you, Dede.

On Thursday, April 25 the ICF District meeting will feature a presentation by Laurice Levin. Laurice is a consultant

for Children's Hospital in Los Angeles and she will be speaking on Cooley's Anemia, a serious form of Thalassemia.

This is ICF's National Charity. All are invited to attend.

Save these dates:

Sunday, April 28 - Bishop's Day, hosted by Branch 6, 5:00pm Mass, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City

Sunday, June 9 - ICF 95th Anniversary, Mass at St. Peter and Paul's, lunch SF Athletic Club, \$60.00

*Ciao,*

*Virginia Malaspina*

## Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our last meeting we were served a delicious soup dinner prepared by one of our Past Presidents Carla Del Carlo. Thank you again Carla for your endless help and service to our branch.

Our next meeting on March 5, we will serve a lasagna dinner, with a social time at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 19th we will celebrate St. Joseph Day with our annual St. Joseph's Table Pot Luck Dinner. We ask each member to bring a meatless dish to serve 10-12 persons. According to legend, this originated in Sicily during a drought and famine, when the desperate people prayed to St. Joseph for rain and their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the food they harvested was giving to the poor. All the leftovers from our pot-luck will be given to the Catholic Hospitality House in San Bruno for the homeless and less fortunate.





Group of attendees at the Installation of Branch 403, St. Dunstan's ICF.



Br. 403, Installing of incoming Pres. Paul Larson.  
*Rose Marie Morando*

## Marin

### Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

The Ways and Means Committee is presenting the 2020 Daily Raffle "Cooking With Our Grandchildren". You may send in a picture or a favorite recipe that you enjoy making with your grandchild. Deadline is May 1st. Read more about it in the February Bollettino.

We would like to thank Deborah Rodondi for installing the new officers of Branch 161. Our officers for 2019 are:

President/Financial Secretary

– Marlene Farber

1st Vice President – Phyllis Rybensky

2nd Vice President – Diane Hollister

Recording/Financial Secretary

– Anna Biggio

Treasurer – Anthony Pignati

Orator – Margaret De Rango

Sentinel – Diane Hollister

Trustees – JoAnne Callaghan,

Darcy Fitzsimmons

Reminder: ICF 95th Anniversary – Sunday, June 9 - Mass at 11:45 a.m. at St. Peter & Paul Church with lunch following at San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. If interested in attending the luncheon let Marlene Farber know ASAP.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. in Healy Hall. Light Brunch with dessert and coffee will be served.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day.

*Anna Biggio, Recording Secretary*



## Novato Br. 332

Our monthly dinner meetings continue to be a great success, and our Valentine's Day celebration was enhanced by extending our evening with dancing and additional social time. Thank you to our Officers who proposed the idea, and special thanks to Dave Garbarino, our wonderful accordionist, who provided the music before and after our dinner.

March is dedicated to San Giuseppe, and the celebration of Father's Day in Italy. In recognition of and in thanksgiving for the special gifts each of our male members brings to our Branch, we will be honoring all of them with a small special gift and prayer.

We have designated March also to be our membership drive month. We are encouraging everyone to bring a friend to our March meeting to experience our welcoming community and to learn about our activities. All our guests that evening will be recognized and eligible for special raffle prizes. There has been steady growth in our membership and we hope to continue that trend throughout this year.

*May St. Joseph bless you and all your families.*

## San Jose

### Santa Clara Valley District Council

President Janet Glaubke, with ICF Branch 5 members, hosted the Santa Clara Valley District Installation Mass. Helping Central Council President Andy Pappani were Central Council members: Vince Piro, Lauren Kilcullen, Denise Antonowicz, Mike Rossi, Dante Galeazzi, Franklin Lopes, Leonard Rossi and Life Members – Carmen Kilcullen, Jim Jones, Bob Acquistapace and David Botta.

District Mentor Jerry Delfino awarded Tina Souza-Dutra Outstanding Mentor of the Year. Afterward we enjoyed a catered luncheon in the hall.

District President Bob Bausino welcomed all branch presidents and deputies to the initial 2019 meeting hosted by Branch 368 Santa Teresa. One of the items discussed

was the success of the Luau and Octoberfest fundraisers and repeating them for 2019. His concern; no conflicts with branch activities! He welcomed other suggestions.

District Mentor, Jerry Delfino has re-assigned Mike Nunziata to Branch 445, Tina Souza-Dutra to Branch 408 and introduced new mentor Janet Glaubke who will be assigned to Branch 368. He emphasized the need for mentors and encourage other volunteers.

Emily Corral reminded everyone about the start of scholarship period which ends on March 15. She recommended the ICF.org for applications.

John & Noreen Gillio treated us to some skits they give at Santa Teresa to encourage membership and attendance at events. The skits were animated with props.

Our Lady of Peace Mass: May 19 at 11:00 am.

February District Meeting – ICF Branch 391 St. Martin of Tours – Monday February 11

*Mike Nunziata*

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

Hope everyone remembers to turn their clock's ahead for Daylight Saving Time on March 10, 2019.

Please come to the ICF Br. 5 Dinner/Meeting this month because it will be light longer at night now. Make your reservations and be sure to come.

Mike Holder is leaving us and not cooking ICF Br. 5 Dinners for us. We wish to thank Mike for everything. God blessings to him and his family with good health and happiness as he moves on. We much appreciate all he did for us.

Please remember to pray for all deceased members during Lent.

Happy St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick's Day this month.

Watch in the mail for your Agenda for March, 2019.

*Ciao,*

*Marlene J. Rotolo*

## Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

As I enter my third year as writing for the Bollettino and second as Financial Secretary for Br. 28, I would like to share a few personal observations. First our very name itself—the Italian Catholic Federation is a misnomer because the "Italian" is really a group of beautiful cultures and ethnicities that make up Branch 28. Just as when I was taken into my husband's family and had an Italian grandfather, I did not pass the 100% proof test. My mother-in-law referred to me as the American girl to friends and relatives. Our branch moved from that 100% proof

to a beautiful blend too. As we move into the new year, this beautiful blend will work hard at polenta feeds, bake sales, Taste of Italy shrimp dinners and other fundraisers to benefit St. Mary Parish, student scholarships, food and toys for St. Joseph Family center, Cooley's Anemia, Bishop's day and support to the needy. If any member knows of anybody that could be a potential member, please give President Joe Fortino their name.

Our January 28th dinner meeting was prepared by Sam and Judy Bozzo featuring Ham and Yams and Judy's exquisite bread pudding. Thanks so much.

If any member has an idea that can better Branch 28 please share your suggestions with President Joe or any Board member. A suggestion box is planned for the dinner meetings please let us know what you think.

Next dinner meeting March 18th—catered corned beef and cabbage dinner.

*Peace and God Bless,*

*Kim M. Filice*



Br. 28, Pres. Joe Fortino formally thanks Gennaro Filice for his leadership as our president for 3 years along with his wife Kathy at the Jan.28 mtg.

## Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

We hope to see members and friends at our Crab Feed on February 23. It was such a grand time last year. We are planning with enthusiasm this year!

The Irish may have St. Patrick's Day on March 17, but the Italians have St. Joseph's Day on March 19. Usually tradition is no meat eaten that day and Pasta Con Sarde is served with the Modica sprinkled on top. Whatever your custom, may the Saints watch over you all, as we enter the season of Lent.

*Ciao for now,*

*Lucy Amico*

## San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Our New Year has begun and Branch 191, is on the move. Our upcoming calendar is keeping our branch and members involved.

On Saturday March 2nd, we will hold "That's Amore," our Spring Polenta Dinner

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Dance. Our chairpersons, Jo and Jennifer Bertaccini (Mother-in Law, Daughter-in Law Duo) are hard at work to present Polenta at its finest, with Chicken Cacciatore, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Our Musical enjoyment will be provided by Scott Trugman. Entertainment for our young children will be presented by April Duhring, Balloon Lady. Now, to make your reservations contact Debbie Piro 408 306 9244, to ensure your place for an enjoyable evening. We encourage everyone to attend for an evening of dinner and dance.

St Francis Cabrini will once again welcome our Village House Guests. We continue to provide volunteers from our branch for duties, such as meals, laundry, and security. It is a gratifying experience for our branch members to help those in need. Any questions can be directed to Frieda Flocchini 408377 5897.

The month of March is the deadline for Scholarship applications. Please encourage our young adults to apply. Scholarships make an excellent beginning to further one's education.

Spring brings us to Bocce time. We will be anticipating the opening of the courts with our new patio covers. Watch for more details regarding our spring opening.

We welcomed Sue Butler as our new member.

May we pray for the souls of Liz Donaldson and Betty Antuzzi, our deceased members. They will be missed for all of their dedication to our branch.

*Happy Valentine's Day*

*Shirley Catania*

*Sentinel Branch # 191*

## San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Thank you to Carol Bennett, JoAnn Molot, Ledda Morales, and Cheryl Sanchez for the fantastic ravioli dinner, plus all the trimmings, that we enjoyed at our January meeting. Delicious!

Our next bus trip is to Black Oak Casino on March 20. We thank Jerry Opp for agreeing to plan the bus trips, which take a lot of time to organize. His dedication brings a lot of money into our branch.

Our parish fund-raising Crab Feed on February 2 was a tremendous success. We fed over 400 people! Our theme of Crabby Goes Pirate charmed our guests through a pirate-ship entrance, past silent auction offerings, past the bar, and to their decorated tables. Many folks were regaled in red and black pirate attire, adding to the fun atmosphere. Co-operating with members of other organizations of our parish, our branch members set up, cooked, served, and cleaned. Thank you to Jerry and Joan Delfino for their fantastic sauce, to John Gillio for the pasta, and to Mike and Lorraine Nunziata for the sherbet dessert. Our

thanks also go to Cathy Orlowski, who directed our ICF women salad-makers, to Jerry Opp, who organized the bar, and to the leaders of it all, Joyce and Phil Robba, who chaired the event. The Robbas donate uncountable hours to our branch and to our parish. Kudos to them and to their helpers.

Noreen Gillio hopes, "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions." We pray for all our members.

*Blessings,*

*Judy Zahn*

## San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our February 2019 meeting began with an opening prayer led by our Orator, Sister Jane Garrison.

President Mike Rossi thanked Al and Diana for the delicious dinner and thanked our great servers and setup crew for all that they do in making the evening a success.

Tina Rossi reminded us to pay annual dues by March 15, 2019, and Mary Lipari reminded us that scholarship applications must be submitted by March 15, 2019.

Our 32nd Annual Valentine's "Sweetheart Ball" was a great success. Thank you to the following who made this gala a memorable event: Chairperson Jessie Romero, Cooks Al and Diana Vallorz and Bob Gorini for the BBQ steak dinner, Marcie Rossi for the raffle and table sponsors, Cathleen and Steve Lencioni for ticket sales and table seating, Teresa and Elizabeth Broderson for the photo booth, Jerry Romero and Crew for working the bar, Sister Jane for selling bar tickets, Branham Key Club for serving, John Salberg for providing these servers, our members for volunteering their services and donating raffle prizes, and St. Martin of Tours Parish for supporting us.

The 2019 calendar of events are now available. Please pick up your copy at our next meeting. Look for changes in events' dates and times.

Members will be voting on the annual budget at our March 5 meeting.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 General Meeting—March 5, 2019 at 6:30, Quarterly Mass—March 10, 2019 at 11:30 am, and Wine Down with ICF—May 3, 2019.



Marcie Rossi selling raffle tickets at #391's Valentine's Ball



Sister Jane Garrison and Chairperson Jessie Romero selling tickets at #391's 32nd Annual Valentine's "Sweetheart Ball"



Teresa and Elizabeth Broderson at the photo booth, #391 Valentine's Ball

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

*Janis Patellaro*

## Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Our Spring 2019 Kick-off Parish Blood Drive will be held on Saturday 2 March from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Farana Hall. Please pray for our Donors.

Remember Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th.

Br. 408 will host the first Parish Lenten Soup Supper on March 8th – We will need our usual 12 soups, servers and this year – and this year with ICF will also need a team to lead the Stations @ the church.

Br. 408 will host the annual PASTA Dinner on March 9th with the School. We will need Raffle Prizes and Volunteers for this Annual Event with the 5th Grade Students

Br. 408 will host the Santa Clara Valley District (SCVD) on Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Farana Center.



Br. 408 Laurie Levine lecture at Jan 19 meeting

Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers – Bishop McGrath, and Paul and Dori Blefari.

## Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Are you enjoying the rain yet? Everything is green and clean right now (except where it's muddy) and we even had snow on the

east foothills and in the Santa Cruz Mountains this week. Not conducive to gardening, but it does make it easier to pull weeds.

In my last report, I mentioned a student exchange program with our sister city in San Casciano, Tuscany, Italy. Morgan Hill families with teens between the ages of 15-17 should contact amywhelan7@gmail.com for details about hosting an Italian student for approximately two weeks: July 20-August 3, 2019. The program consists of two phases that alternate between hosting Italian students for two weeks in 2019, then traveling to San Casciano for two weeks the following summer, July 2020, for chaperoned and guided travel with opportunities to explore central Italy. Sister Cities host public meetings every 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center.

Our February dinner fell on Valentine's Day this year and we had polenta prepared by our mentor, John Gillio, Br. 368 President, at Santa Teresa de Avila in San Jose. The dinner included homemade sauce, Italian sausage and salad, and a special dessert prepared by our President, Giulia Gallego. In March we will support St. Catherine Middle School students for St. Joseph Table with homemade lenten soups available to all.

Please pray for our members who are ill or recovering, Ken Ravizza is home after a bad fall, and Johanna Tacci and Helga Brooks had surgery.

*God Bless.*

*Maryclaire Sampognaro*

## Santa Rosa District Council

The Valley is beautiful with the mustard blooming!

The April District Meeting is on Sunday, April 28 in Arcata in conjunction with Br. 144/145- 60th Anniversaries. There will be a special dinner on Saturday night, April 27th. More information next month.

Membership remains the key word for our district. Contact family members, friends, etc. and invite them to join. Some people are just waiting for an invitation.

It is wonderful to see members of the various branches attending each other's functions. Keep it up and look for new ideas. Everyone has something to offer.

Our house is progressing. Much, much activity this coming month.

In this world of constant stress and turmoil, remember to love, comfort and care for



Santa Rosa District President Bill Scinto present Ernie and Claire Giampaoli with the District President's Award. Sharon Hromek, another recipient, looks on.





David Botta and Louise Vicino at the Santa Rosa District Installation.



President's Award Recipients Ernie & Claire Giampaoli - Br. 198 and Sharon Hromek - Br. 127, SR Dist. Pres. - Bill Scinto & Grand Secretary - Lauren Kilcullen

each other, especially the young. Let's not be strangers.

CK

## Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

February has been quiet at the branch as we gear up for our Famous Fish Fry in March!

Upcoming Events:

March. 5: Branch meeting at the Rectory. 5:45 PM

March 10: ICF Monthly Mass at the 8:00 AM Mass. We are encouraging members to attend this Mass together and to sit together.

March 22: Mark your calendars for our very popular Fish Fry. Menu: Salad, pasta, "all you can eat" fish, dessert and wine. Price: \$35 for member, \$40 for non-members. Deadline is March 15 for reservations. Please call Mary Madden for reservations: 431-0438. We are looking for raffle prizes and silent auction items for the Fish Fry. If you can donate prizes, gift cards, vacation stays, etc., please contact Nancy Buchanan. The Fish Fry is our biggest fundraiser, this year, since we do not have a Golf Tournament.

April 10: Lenten Soup Supper. Our branch will be hosting. We are looking for members to make soup to serve that evening.

Remember to pay your dues. We're doing



Br. 52 January Polenta Dinner, the branch initiated 28 new members. New members along with President Teri Rollieri and Fr. Sean Rogers.



Santa Rosa District Installation at Branch #209 Central Council with Branch #209 Officers Santa Rosa District Officers Special guests representing Central Council

well in collecting dues, but we still have a few stragglers.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

## Cloverdale St. Peter, Br. 75

It is February already and next week is our biggest dinner of the year, the BBQ Chicken and Spaghetti Dinner! We are expecting a full house.

Our first meeting for 2019 was very well attended. We shared wine and food followed by a wonderful talk from Laurice Levine about Cooley's Anemia. What an inspiring speaker!

In January we also started up our monthly Mass intentions for the deceased and living members of ICF. At this Mass Claudia Cuneo gave a small talk about the ICF and what we do and encouraged people to check out our Branch. We are happy to announce that three new families have joined Branch 75!

Our officers were at the installation at St. Sebastian's. It was good to meet up with the other Branches and also have a tasty lunch. Thank you Branch 103!



Br. 75 Installation

*Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.  
--Henry Ford*

Our next meeting will be March 21st. We will be treated by a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner by Bob Acquistapace.

Happy Belated Valentine's Day!

## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Again another month has passed and we are closer to finalizing our March Fundraiser on March 30th. Come one, come all. Let us make this a great prelude to another Spring in this beautiful valley and besides the skies are getting lighter so I expect to see all the "girls" from Petaluma #127 as well as many members who do not always attend our delicious monthly dinners. Also being celebrated this year in May is Sonoma Br.103's Anniversary! Doesn't every branch have one? We are how old??? Details to follow after tonite's meeting.

Above all, celebrate St.Valentine's day even though we will be in the "red". Just think, next month we will be in the "green" celebrating St Patrick's day. So many saints, so little time....

Ciao! A presto

Marilyn Sylvestri

## Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

The Santa Rosa District Meeting was in Petaluma. It was informative and ended with a delicious lunch of chili, prepared by President Dennise, and an ice cream bar. We encourage more members to attend the District meetings to share their thoughts and friendship.

The District Installation was beautifully done. Thank you Sebastopol Branch for your hospitality and lovely lunch. Thanks to David Botta and many of the Central Council Officers for taking the time to come.

Thanks to all who helped with the Quarterly Communion/Mass for the Deceased and Living members, followed by our All You Can Eat Crab Dinner. Thank you Giacomo Manni, Angelo Leone and all the cooking crew for the wonderful job.

March 11, regular meeting in Rm. 9.

April will be our Bakeless Bake Sale.

April 8, regular meeting in Rm. 9

Welcome our newest member—Susan Rogers. I hope she enjoys being a part of Br. 127 as much as I have. I joined 25 yrs. ago with my husband Louis. We had many happy years with the ICF family.

We wish well Lillian Ward, Barbara Crescenti, and Kathleen Walker. Also, a big hug to Bruno Fomasi and Frank Cresci. We miss all of you. May God to bless you today and always.

Get well wishes to all who are ill. Happy Birthday to those celebrating. Happy Valentine's Day too. Hug and kiss your loved ones and let them know how much you care.

Be nice to someone; you'll get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

## Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145

In January we installed our new officers for the 2019 year. We combined the installation of officers with the Arcata Branch 144. Our installation dinner was held at Kistinas Restaurant who served a delicious Italian style meal. Everyone had a great time visiting and sharing wine. We wish to thank Bob and June Aquistapaci for coming to Eureka to install all of the new officers. Bob also gave a talk on the history of the ICF, what we are and many of our past accomplishments to our communities. He also encouraged us to stay involved. Again thank you Bob and June for coming to Eureka.

Our next was Feb 12th, I hope you were able to attend.

Happy Valentine's Day

Nancy Paoli

## Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Bob Acquistapace and Treasurer Bill Scinto delivered our donation checks to the principal of St. Eugene's Elementary School and to the CEO of Catholic Charities for the Santa Rosa Diocese. Both were really moved by our donations and thanked the ICF for being such a generous organization. Give yourselves a pat on the back for raising the money and then giving it away.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Many thanks go to Ernie Giampaoli and his "crew" for the work they did. It was great!

Plans are now finalized for our April 6th fundraiser. You won't want to miss it. If you do not have your tickets already, get them now.

Our next meeting will be in the Parish Life Center at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1st (April Fool's Day). Dessert and Bingo will follow the meeting. At this meeting, be sure to sign up for the Spiritual and Heritage Day event in Petaluma on May 5th.

The Mass for all living and deceased members of the ICF will be on Saturday, April 13th at 4:30 in the Cathedral. President Bob



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says, "see you there"!

Fraternally,

Gail Bongio-Azevedo

P.S. Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

## Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

Our newest member, Matt Andrews, whose mother, Marilyn Andrews, has been a member for 21 years was welcomed and initiated at our Jan. 15 meeting.

On Jan. 27 we hosted the officer installation for the Santa Rosa District, as well as branches from St. Rose, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Sonoma, Petaluma, St. Eugene's and our own Sebastopol Branch. Thank you to Central Council members who attended and CC, Grand 2nd VP, Deborah Rodondi who officiated the installations, and SR District Secretary and Past Grand Pres., Carmen Kilcullen for announcing the officers and offices in Italian. President's Award recipients: Ernie & Claire Giampaoli, Br. 198 – St. Eugene's, Santa Rosa and Sharon Hromek, Br. 127 – Petaluma were introduced by Past Grant President Bob Aquistapace and awards given by Santa Rosa District President, Bill Scinto.

Great appreciation to our Branch President Pam Mc Alvaine & Barbara Bidia for chairing this event, and an extra bravo to Pam Mc Alvaine, for being a terrific hostess and master of ceremonies. Finally, thank you to all of our members who helped set up, decorate, bar-tend and serve the 100 guests.

At this writing we are looking forward to our February 23rd Polenta and Chicken dinner. Check your branch calendar for upcoming events. Make plans to purchase your tickets and bring friends to our annual fish fry on Friday, April 5th. This is a well-attended dinner, so don't forget to call Lona at 707-527-1021 for your tickets.

*Mangia!*



Br. 209, New member Matt Andrews with his mom Marilyn

Thank you Jackie & Dante Corsetti for chairing February's meeting dinner.

Ciao,

Sharon Vannetti

## Stockton Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

A reminder that we are having our St. Joseph's Table Celebration March 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the J Street hall at 7th and K Streets. We invite all of you to come—it is potluck so bring your favorite dish, family and friends. Enjoy the afternoon eating great food, visiting old friends and we have a fun raffle with gifts that are wrapped so you don't know what you have won until you open your prize.

The scholarships applications are available for students wishing to apply. The application must be submitted by March 15, 2019 to Central Council.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays April 14, 2019 and May 19, 2019 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our Bank Night winner was Analisa Zamora.

Refreshments for the March 13, 2019 Meeting will be furnished by Rosalie Ruffino.

Coming up:

Mar 13, 7:00 p.m. Meeting in the Hall at 7th and K Street

Mar 17, 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Table Celebration and Potluck

April 10, 7:00 p.m. Meeting in the Hall at 7th and K Street



Br. 209 Servers and bartenders; Installation of Branch Presidents; Santa Rosa District Installation at Br. 209



May 4-5 Bake sale after all the masses or until sold out

May 8, 6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Potluck

May TBA District Meeting

Cecelia McGhee

## Stockton District, Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

Hello, ICF Family from one of your newest branches!

Our first official Officers' Meeting after our December 1st inauguration was very long, but majorly productive. We thank Mentor Robert Pachinger for being our guiding light, and we appreciate the Expansion Committee Chair, Mike Rossi's input and compliments for the teams ability to work together smoothly. Officer roles were reviewed, fundraising ideas discussed, and plans solidified for the January and February General Meetings.

January 29th was our first official General Meeting. Our Fr. Bala led us all in prayer before we began fellowship with a Soup Supper provided by the officers. Two new members attended, as well as two members from Petaluma who are transferring to our branch after recently moving to livable, lovable Lodi. Meeting proceedings successfully filled some committee chair positions and brainstormed a plethora of fundraising ideas. Heritage shared information about the Mother Cabrini Shrine. Thank you, Mentor Robert.

At our February meeting, during fellowship, we will be sampling several heavenly chocolate desserts. While our youth participate in Valentine activities, members will get down to business recruiting more committee chairs, narrowing our fundraising ideas and getting them on the calendar.

We are looking forward to meeting more ICF family at our first District Meeting on February 10th at Eche Bella in Tracy. Thank you, Annette Elissagaray for hosting.

Our appreciation goes out to all those who are helping our branch re-establish itself.

We are looking forward to Spring.

Ciao for now.

Patty Litts, Recording/Corresponding Secretary

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

Preparations for our annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner, set for April 6, are moving apace. Ticket chair Barbie Ratto announced that tickets are going fast and that the general public is now able to purchase tickets to this very popular event in Manteca. There will be a baked goods, silent auction and a raffle. Chairs Lori Pellegrino-Jackson and Michelle Harmon will be featuring gift baskets and homemade

baked goods for these activities.

Our parish will conduct its annual Lenten Soup Dinners again. The ICF's turn to provide the soup will be on March 11, with Tony and Ida Queirolo doing the honors in the cafeteria kitchen. You can guess what kind of delicious soup it will be.

Branch vice-president Jim Alfieri and trustees Yvonne Chimenti and Linda Bertuccio represented our branch at the Stockton District meeting held in Tracy on February 10.

Our monthly charity drawing was held and \$50 will be donated to the Pregnancy Help Center in Manteca.

Our January meeting was adjourned, as always, with the singing of our Federation Anthem.

Ciao,

Mariano

## Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

We've just returned from our first 2019 Stockton District meeting. Frank Re did a great job as our new President and has filled the shoes vacated by Robert Pachinger very well.

We also want to thank Annette Elissagaray again for hosting the meeting in her home when all other venues at St. Bernard's were unavailable to us.

Branch 390 will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21st and all are invited. Menu includes roasted Italian chicken, roasted potatoes and all the trimmings. All members in good standing will be given an ICF member pin upon their arrival, if they don't already own one. We wear them with pride and enjoy explaining to folks who inquire about the pin what it's all about. We also invite them to our monthly dinners and explain that they only need to be Catholic to join our organization. Speaking of memberships, ours grew again last month!

January's monthly dinner meeting recap: Polenta and chicken cacciatore dinner - both cooked to perfection I might add - attracted 175 people, bringing us \$2,964.00 in total income with more than half of that amount going to the bottom line!

Scholarship application deadline is fast approaching - March 15 - so get them in as soon as possible.

April is Italian Heritage month at our branch so stay tuned for special events as they unfold.

Be sure to look for photos of yourselves on our website [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org) - new photos are





loaded every month. Thank you Steve Ridolfi.

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

[See Br. 390 photos on Page 26]

Stockton  
Presentation of the BVM,  
Br. 395

The community is still talking about our successful annual polenta dinner. The best part is that our Branch now has the funds to donate to our numerous ICF charities. We have included some pictures for those of you who couldn't make it. See you same time next year

March is for membership and we are excited to have installed 5 new members to Branch 395.

On March 15 we also hosted the soup supper for our Parrish. Word gets out that ICF is cooking and you are always guaranteed a great turnout. The best part is that we received over \$100 in donations which we will give back to our local St. Mary's Dining Room.

We will be hosting our next Stockton Dis-



Br. 395-Polenta 2019-400 people!



Br. 395-Polenta 2019.  
Can you say Raffle Prizes?

trict meeting at Presentation on May 19. All are welcome. Mark your calendars, Festa Italiana 2019 will be on Sunday, June 9 from



James Raun with head chief Mike Bacchetti stirring the polenta before dinner.



Initiation of new members.  
Ken Pombo, Richard Mattos, Deolinda Mattos, Steve Millingar, Sandra Zepeta, with Pres. Anita Ridolfi



Celebrating  
Sister Ann's 75th Birthday



Bartenders "The Don" and Joe Bacchetti ready for to mix any concoction.



Feeding 170 people Chicken Cacciatore and Polenta

9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Grape Festival Grounds.  
alla prossima,  
Mary Ann

Angels Camp  
St. Patrick, Br. 413

Happy Valentine's Day to all! Here we are in February, and the foothills east of Stockton are green and beautiful! We are getting ready to put on our annual ICF Valentine's Dinner and Dance. It will be held on Saturday, February 16th. If you would like more information and to buy a ticket, please call Branch President Robert Pachinger at (209) 754-9615.

March will bring our St. Patrick's Day corn beef sandwiches, so stayed tuned for more info. May should be the time for our Baccalaureate Mass, but it could be held in early June if May is too busy. When people come to our functions, they are assisting us to help our Parish family and the community. We have a lot of fun to look forward to this year, and this is a good time of the year to come up the hill and visit us.

May God bless our Italian Catholic Federation Family with love, health, and His grace.

Ciao for now,

Annette Pachinger

Correspondence Secretary

San Diego  
District Council

The San Diego District had a very successful Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 27. The Mass and luncheon were held at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Little Italy in San Diego. Immediately following the luncheon was the Installation of Officers. The district wishes to thank Grand 1st Vice President Vince Piro for leading the installation. Congratulations to all of the new officers both at district level and in all of the Branches. It was a real treat to have so many youth as part of the installation

participating as the Queen and her court and the Prince and his court. It was a wonderful installation and we all look forward to the year ahead.

Tim Smith

Spring Valley  
Santa Sophia Br. 416

We are pleased to say that our Branch had a real good turn out for our Installation of Officers on January 27. It is also an honor to have three members of our Branch on the District Council.

We just finished our Super Bowl Sunday Sandwich Sale and we are happy to say that it was a tremendous success. We completely sold out of both sausage and meatball sandwiches. Not only were the sales an inspiration, but we might be getting three or four new members. Although there is a lot of work involved, it really is a good time for everyone and it puts the ICF right out front so everyone can see us. We will now be preparing for our St. Joseph celebration.

Keep smiling and God Bless.

Tim Smith

Orange  
Irvine  
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

January's meeting informed all the members of the branch's proposed events, fundraising, and charity proposals for the year. We dined on assorted soups, salads, and desserts.

Maureen Melvold discussed the monthly dinner hosting duties. Volunteers are needed to host the monthly dinners. Hosting duties can be shared among two couples or a group and can be coordinated with current events, i.e. turkey dinner with the trimmings in November. Make it fun, simple, and delicious

Bishop's Banquet and Installation Mass was held on February 23 at St. Thomas More Parish. New and returning officers were sworn to their respective offices for all the ICF branches. A catered lunch was served afterward.

Joann Jordan shared about her visit to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Manhattan, New York for the Heritage Report. She showed us a presentation of the pictures she took of the inside and outside of the building. The shrine was re-established in 1957 with the school. Inside the shrine, there is a large mosaic that depicts her life story from when she received her orders to come to America to her death.

St. Joseph Table will be on the weekend of March 16 and 17. We will be selling tickets for an opportunity drawing. Please bring

homemade baked goods and other yummy foods for the event. Sausage sandwiches and fresh cannoli will be sold also. Everyone's participation is appreciated.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

Tucson

Green Valley  
Our Lady of the Valley,  
Br. 425

January came with many activities under our belt. We held our Christmas Bake Sale and had a great celebration at Desert Diamond Casino's Buffet for our annual Christmas Branch in December.

The highlight of our month was our Annual Bishop's Day Dinner and Installation. Installation was attended by Central Council President, Andy Pappani. Bishop Weisenburger held mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church and then joined our branch and Branch 433 for dinner which was held in the Family Center. We were also honored by the attendance of our pastor, Father Francisco Maldonado and some of our Tucson seminarians. It was all organized by the Vice-President of our branch, Michele Lewis. It was a wonderful occasion, enjoy by all who attended.

In February, we are holding our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual Sit Down and Take Away Lasagna Dinner. Many in our church community, as well as the community at large enjoy sitting down in our Family Center or taking home a generous meal of lasagna, meatballs, salad, roll and



Bishop Weisenburger, Father Francisco Maldonado, Deacon Joe Roinick, Branch 425 President Bob Burdick and board members of Branches 425 and 433.





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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - Mass at 11:45 am  
St. Peter & Paul Church  
666 Filbert St.- San Francisco, CA 94133

Lunch following  
San Francisco Italian Athletic Club  
1640 Stockton St. - San Francisco, CA 94133

LUNCH  
\$60 PER PERSON

- Italian Salad & Antipasto
- Pasta with Marinara Sauce
- Risotto ai Funghi
- Coffee - Tea - No Host Bar
- Red & White Wine at each Table
- Entree Choice
  - 1/2 Roasted Chicken OR
  - Grilled Salmon
  - Roasted Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables
  - Ice Cream

Seating limited to 300 Reservations  
Deadline May 31, 2019  
Please send One check per Branch made to  
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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS

Sunday, June 30, 2019 - Italian Mass at 11:00 am  
St. Peter's Italian Church  
1039 N. Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA  
Buffet Lunch following at Casa Italiana  
Music by Duo Domino

LUNCH BUFFET  
\$45 FOR ADULTS  
\$20 FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER  
AFTER JUNE 17TH PRICE IS \$50

- Antipasto Buffet with Bruschetta, Calamari Salad, Meat & Cheeses
- Bread
- Polenta & Sausage
- Pasta & Meatballs
- Dessert
- 2 Bottles of Wine per Table
- No Host Bar

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For more information call Pat Mages - 805-428-4623



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SAN FRANCISCO

RESERVATION / SPONSOR FORM

(Sit Down Luncheon with Appetizers)

NAME	BRANCH #	Home & Cell PHONE NUMBER	A or B ENTRÉE CHOICE

Entrée Choices: A. 1/2 Roasted Chicken B. Grilled Salmon

Total # of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00.

Donation as a Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_.

Please mail this form and your check, payable to Italian Catholic Federation, no later than Friday, May 31, 2019 to:

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"95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA"

LOS ANGELES

RESERVATION / SPONSOR FORM

(Buffet Luncheon with Appetizers)

NAME	BRANCH #	PHONE NUMBER

Total # of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00.  
Total # of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00. (Children 12 and Under.)  
Total # of Late Reservations (after June 17, 2019) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00.  
Donation as a Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Branches WILL NOT be seated together unless requested. Please submit seating requests with names on the reservation form.

Please mail this form and your check, payable to Italian Catholic Federation, no later than Monday, June 17, 2019 to:

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Please contact Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623 or [pat.lou.mages@gmail.com](mailto:pat.lou.mages@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2020 “Daily Raffle” theme:

We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a **FAMILY RECIPE** and **ANECDOTE** about Cooking or Baking with your Grandchildren.
- Share a **PICTURE** that holds a fond memory of Cooking or Baking with your Grandchildren.
- **Sell! Sell! Sell!** The “Daily Raffle” is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!

## ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

List special family occasions such as Family Birthdays, Anniversaries or Graduations...Branch and District events.

### PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Example: \$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 +\$10 or  
\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20  
Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2019

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

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

## Official ICF Song

*Noi Vogliam Dio (We Love God)*

The ICF's official song, *Noi Vogliam Dio*, is adapted from a hymn from Italian folk tradition which became the national anthem of the Papal States at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Its music and lyrics are both of anonymous origin.

## Noi Vogliam Dio

Noi Vogliam Dio, ch'Ei ci protegga  
Ch'Egli ci guidi sul buon sentier,  
Se nella lotta Ei ci sorregga,  
Sara' del male vinto il poter.

Sorge da queste squadre-il grido  
della fe'  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Padre  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Re  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Padre  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Re.

In questa terra libera e forte  
Portiamo il fervido nostro vigor,  
Pronti a difender, nobil coorte  
Di Cristo il nome che ci sta in cuor.

Sorge da queste squadre-il grido  
della fe'  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Padre  
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Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Padre  
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Re.

## *We Love God*

O we want our God to protect us,  
And to guide us in the best way.  
If in the struggle He will aid us,  
From evil shall we win the fray.

Rise up all you faithful, Uphold the  
Faith and sing:  
O we want God Who is our Father;  
O we want God Who is our King.  
O we want God Who is our Father;  
O we want God Who is our King

In this Land of strength and freedom  
We gave our vigor from the start;  
Quick to defend, O noble people,  
The name of Christ that's in our heart.

Rise up all you faithful, Uphold the  
Faith and sing:  
O we want God Who is our Father;  
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O we want God Who is our Father;  
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# ICF Branch Expansion: Seven Ways YOU Can Help!

**D**id 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](mailto:mrossi@icf.org) for more information.

Thank you!



## 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](http://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
- Find out the calendar winners before the mailing arrives
- 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



## 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.** 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 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 members miss meetings, visiting them if ill, encouraging them to share their talents and become more involved.

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