Building a Family Branch

Pat Mages
Membership Committee

Since joining ICF and especially becoming a Central Council member I have had the pleasure of meeting many members throughout the Federation. One of the most interesting experiences is the history of members and the branches. I belong to a branch formed in the 1980s. During this time period, the charter members joined when they were adults, 35 to 50 years of age. Many of these members had children. And, although, the children may have attended meetings they had little involvement as actual members.

Once I started traveling to the different districts, including my own, I discovered the older branches began as a true family involved organization. My favorite reminiscences are from members my age who have been in ICF since they were young children. Their parents were the active members with the children belonging to ICF Youth programs. Everyone was an active participating member, regardless of age! These children would grow up to become the leaders in their branches, districts and Central Council. This is a wonderful heritage.

But, wait a minute! It appears we are missing about 20 to 30 years of ICF history/legacy of family involvement. This is the time nor place to discuss how or why this happened. It is to share an example of the revitalization of family involvement in the ICF. A charter member of my branch asked that I share the history of the branch becoming an active family involved ICF branch.

Becoming a family involved organization in a 20+ year old branch does not happen overnight or even in a year. It began when, with the support of the charter members, a family with two young children, preschool and early elementary, joined the branch. The branch started encouraging events for children. Events such as a children’s Christmas party inviting all the parish children to participate. The family membership increased yearly by two or three new members. As the child memberships continued to increase it became necessary to include activities for the children during the meetings. A craft table and movie video centers were added to the meeting with the children going to these centers during the business session. One or two parents would volunteer to help with the centers. Later

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Please keep your submission positive and informative.
Thank you!

Happy Lent
Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

St. Patrick was born in the northern part of Britain in 387 A.D. When he was a teenager, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates as they raided the area near his home. The pirates took him to pagan Ireland and sold him as a slave. His master, a high priest of Druidism, put him to work taking care of sheep for six years.

Patrick learned very well the Celtic language and the customs of the tribes. Somehow, he escaped and managed to get home, where he eventually was reunited with his family.

As time passed, Patrick met St. Germanus, bishop of Auxerre, France, who became his friend, teacher and mentor. The Holy See had sent Germanus to Britain around the year 433 A.D. to combat erroneous teachings and heresies of Pelagius, who denied Original Sin as well as Christian grace. Germanus chose Patrick to be one of his missionary companions and eventually ordained him to the priesthood.

In time, Pope Celestine sent Patrick to Ireland as a missionary. Through his teaching, devotion, and piety, he brought the Faith to the pagan people who lived there. Because of his zeal, Patrick was ordained a bishop. He continued to preach and converted the people all over Ireland. He was a humble and gentle man who spoke the language of the people. We know him especially for using the shamrock 🍀 to explain the Holy Trinity to his converts.

Through the years, Ireland became a high density Catholic country. St. Patrick had built churches across the country, and he is the patron saint of Ireland. His feast day is March 17, the anniversary of the day he died in Saul, Ireland in 461 A.D.

St. Patrick is very popular in the United States, and it seems that Irish and non-Irish alike celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Parades, the wearing of green, the green beer, green cupcakes all go to celebrate St. Patrick, who founded the IRISH CATHOLIC FAITH (ICF) in Ireland.

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK
“The Breastplate.”
Patrick’s poem of faith and trust in God:
Christ be within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ inquired,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Proposals and/or amendments to the ICF Branch Bylaws must be submitted by April 30, 2019.
See below for more information.

Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure
Michael Rossi, O.L.J.--Gránd 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 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 in the order of discussion.

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

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2019 DISTRICT INSTALLATION:**  
Andy Pappani: Officers/Members of Central Coast District

**IN HONOR OF PAST PRESIDENT:**  
Judith Cardoza: Officers/Members of Br. 144

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**  
Frankie Such: Esther Ramonda

**BELATED HOLIDAY WISHES:**  
Perry Shurko: Officers/Members of Br. 362

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

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**Give me a heart as big as the universe.**  
--St. Frances Cabrini

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**Children’s Hospital Los Angeles**  
**We Treat Kids Better**

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

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

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

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley’s Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.
Scholarship Donations--1st Year

Received as of March 10, 2019:
Officers/Members of Br. 91
In memory of Robert Dianda
Bert A. Canepa, Jr.
In memory of Robert J. Dianda
John Donivan
In memory of Sir Robert Dianda

Scholarship Donations--2nd, 3rd and 4th Year

Robert Basuino
In honor of the 90th birthday of Frankie Such
Ed and Jo Bertaccini
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Aldine Grisenti
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For information about scholarships, go to this web address.
https://www.icf.org/scholarships/

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March 2019

Bishops’ Days

| Apr. 28th | San Francisco (San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin) |
| Jun. 23rd | Stockton |
| Sept. 8th | San Diego |
| Sept. 22nd | Santa Rosa |
| Sept. 29th | Monterey (Central Coast) |
| Aug. 25th | Oakland Diocese |
| Oct. 23rd | San Bernardino |
| Oct. 26th | San Jose (Santa Clara Valley) |
| Oct. 27th | Blessed Sacrament |
| Oct. 6th | Los Angeles Archdiocese |

2019 District Installations

| Apr. 13th | Chicago |

In Loving Memory

Report date: March 11, 2019
Deceased Members

Lenora Falco Branch 018
William Occhipinti Branch 018
Bennett Brown Branch 025
Luke W Phillips Branch 036
Robert L Ayers Branch 039
Nada G Bandoni Branch 039
Raymond Giampaoli Branch 039
Janet Rosa Branch 039
Deacon Joe Smith Branch 039
Elma N Cooper Branch 050
Robert Dianda Branch 091
Tina Zanoni Branch 130
Florence M Wallace Branch 229
Theresa E Roman Branch 327
Irene M Attearn Branch 343
Lillian J La Pres Branch 391
Robert A Lawrence Branch 391
* Shirley Stoyack of Br. 229 is alive and well. She was reported here in error. Apologies for the mistake.

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 Piscatoro Palace
3400 N. River Rd., Franklin Park, IL 60631

LUNCH $50 PER PERSON

- Focaccia & Bruschetta
- Antipasto w/Prosciutto & Ciardi/ribs
- Grilled Chicken w/Red Sauce
- Risotto ai Funghi
- Coffee - Tea - Soda - No Host Bar
- Italian Salad
- Chicken Breast
- Bratwurst Peppers, Peas & Mushrooms
- Gelato
- Red & White Wine

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Italian Catholic Federation

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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION
2019 Gifts of Love Program
Teresa Helfand, Gifts of Love Chair

Next Review of Applications
Occurs in June 2019

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or “tools” in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking Branch Presidents to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective church and/or school bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org. Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at thelfand@icf.org.

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Who Are We?

Denise Antonowicz

Heritage Chair

As I look back on 2018, there were many special moments that stood out. I always love meeting you all at Convention. Being able to have a Heritage Workshop was great. But, I think the most memorable moment was the day that long time Heritage Warrior Patty Phillips called me. Patty has always been known as a Heritage Superstar in our District. Her Heritage reports are legendary. Her research, presentations and “Show & Tell” are great.

Patty called to tell me that since her branch closed, she was afraid that the history she had collected would be lost. So, Patty gifted me with what she had. One of their charter members had passed and their family gave Patty albums of newspaper articles, photos and memorabilia about, not only their branch, but the history of our District and the many prominent Italian families in San Jose.

I was overwhelmed with what was in that treasure trove. Patty even made a disc with more photos on it. What a dream for anyone who is interested in Heritage.

So, THANK YOU, Patty, not only for caring enough about Heritage to “gift” this to me, but for all you have done for the Italian Catholic Federation.

You are truly a Heritage Warrior!

2019 Gifts of Love Program

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Cooley’s Corner: Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Trait

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Thalassemia is common in parts of the world where malaria is prevalent because thalassemia trait (also known as thalassemia minor) has protective mechanisms against malaria. Thalassemia trait causes red blood cells to be a slightly smaller size, a condition caused by microcytosis. Since iron deficiency is the most common cause of microcytosis, doctors often mistakenly misdiagnose thalassemia trait as iron deficiency anemia and prescribe iron supplements. However, thalassemia trait and iron deficiency are different problems. Therefore, before prescribing iron supplements, doctors should rule out thalassemia trait and/or perform blood tests to evaluate iron levels. A person with thalassemia trait can also be iron deficient. If he or she is not iron deficient, iron supplements may result in excess body iron, which over time can cause organ damage.

Testing for Thalassemia trait is easy! It involves having a blood sample drawn which looks at the following:

- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Iron studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin and ferritin)

It is important for individuals to be aware if they have thalassemia trait, especially people of Italian descent. Again, since there may be no symptoms, people may not know they have the trait until they have a child born with thalassemia major—a severe form of the disease. If both parents have the thalassemia trait, there is a 25% chance that their child could be born with thalassemia major which requires blood transfusions for life.

If you find out you have thalassemia trait and would like more information, please contact Laurice Levine at Levine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023.

Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella
LA Archdiocese District

In 2019 add the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank to your pilgrimage of Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Chicago, Colorado and New Orleans. Visitors from other states are coming to the Chapel in Burbank to continue their annual pilgrimage to pray to Mother Cabrini for strength and guidance.

Visitor Alejandra Vega from Colorado to the Mother Cabrini Open House

Also 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 Houses are scheduled on Sunday, April 14, 2019 (host Los Angelus Region) and June 9, 2019 (Host San Gabriel Region) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please add the Chapel to your Branch’s list of places to visit in 2019 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF’s Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church’s first American Saint.

For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and help maintain the Shrine facility, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

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Family Recipes
Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President
This was one of my mom’s first recipes, not sure where she got it from. It was one of the first things I learned to bake, back when I was very young. In high school, my girl friend, Diane, and I use to make them along with other goodies and ship them out in care packages to military personnel serving in Vietnam. I always remember my brother Kevin stating it was one of his favorites.

Walnut Chews
2 cups chopped walnuts
1 cup flour
2 cups brown sugar, packed (packed means to push down on the sugar and compact it, trying to get as much sugar in the measuring cup as possible; it will usually pop out of the measuring cup in one piece)
2 eggs
⅛ tsp. salt
½ tsp. baking powder
Sift flour, salt and baking powder together; add brown sugar and mix. Then add nuts. Beat in the eggs. Mix well and then pour into a greased and floured 8”x8” pan. You can also line the pan with baking sheets, so that it comes out of the pan easily. Put into 300 degree oven and bake for one hour. Cut into squares.
I use to make this all the time. Aunt Olga Rodondi wanted to make them and got the recipe from me many years ago. After she made them she called me making this loud banging sound… it was her version of walnut chews gone wrong! Would have made a great gavel. Never did find out what went wrong, but I remember feeling so pleased that an adult was calling me for cooking advice. ENJOY!

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.
Boun Appetito!

Italian and Italian-American Bookstores

Vince Piro
Grand 1st Vice President
Recently, members have been asking me where do I find books about Italians and Italian-Americans to review. Many suggestions come from members, who pass along a recommendation to me; however, there are some websites and bookstores that I find invaluable sources of information and inspiration. I thought I would again share some online bookstores with you this month.

And for those traveling to Italy soon, I added a couple of English language bookstores in Italy.

I AM Books
This bookstore refers to itself as An Italian American Cultural Hub, and according to their website, “I AM Books is the country’s first Italian American bookstore. Situated in the heart of the North End, Boston’s iconic Italian neighborhood, the bookstore serves as a cultural hub for locals and visitors interested in diving into the rich world of Italian and Italian American literature, history, research, art and more.”

While I have never been to Boston, I find I AM Books’ website a great source of information about a variety of subjects regarding Italians and Italian-Americans: Children’s Books in Italian, Learning Italian, Cookbook, History, Italian and Italian-American Literature in English, and even Comics and Magazines. The website also hosts a blog with regular updates, reviews, and opinions about books, and on this site, you can sign up for the I AM Books newsletter. I find the website to be well-designed, easy to navigate, and full of inspiration for reading material.

You can find the bookstore at https://iambooksboston.com.

Rizzoli Bookstore
A bookstore that I have visited is Rizzoli’s Bookstore in New York City. According to the store’s website, “Rizzoli’s has been widely considered one of the foremost independent booksellers in America specializing in illustrated books on architecture, interior design, fashion, photography, cookery, and the fine and applied arts, as well as literature, and foreign language books. Rizzoli Bookstore has been, and will continue to be a literary landmark in New York City, and a celebrated destination for important authors and book lovers from all over the world . . . Our collection of books is specialized in illustrated subjects – fashion, interior design, art, architecture, photography, design – and literature, in Italian, French, Spanish, and English. But all subjects of general interest are represented and we carry a selection of European magazines and newspapers. We also carry a fine selection of compact discs and DVDs, and our selection of note cards and stationery is a constant delight to our customers.”

The website contains an interesting journal, cataloging the events at the store and provides the visitor with a catalog of merchandise and books.

I find the website an interesting place to visit since it contains much information and good recommendations about books on a wide variety of subjects, but particularly on illustrated books.
You can find Rizzoli’s online at https://www.rizzolibookstore.com.

Libreria Pino - An Italian Bookstore Online
Based out of San Francisco, Libreria Pino is an online Italian bookstore, concentrating on Italian language books, music and film with a selection of books, music and film for all ages. There are books on a variety of subjects for adults from biographies to philosophy to politics to literature and more. They also have an extensive collection of popular books for children learning Italian. The store also has DVDs, CDs, and Audio books. If you speak Italian or want to learn Italian, this is the online bookstore for you.
You can find the store on Facebook or at https://www.libreriapino.com.

Of course, many bookstores, including San Francisco’s City Lights Books, carry books about Italy, Italian-Americans, and the Italian language. These are just a few online bookstores that I thought readers might find interesting.

For those visiting Italy, here are a couple of recommendations of English language bookstores.

Otherwise
Otherwise bookstore is an independent, English language bookstore in the center of Rome. The store’s website explains, “Growing out of a collaboration between Roman bookstore Altoquando and the Italian publisher Edizioni E/O, Otherwise is a new, English language bookstore and cultural space offering contemporary and classic literature, quality nonfiction, young adult and children’s books, and a variety of illustrated books. Otherwise hosts literary events and reading groups, and is a meeting place in Rome for readers of English (and speakers of all languages).”
You can visit Otherwise at Via del Governo Vecchio, 80, Rome, Italy or online at https://www.otherwisebookshop.com.

The Paperback Exchange
The Paperback Exchange is an American bookstore, located near the Duomo in Florence. This bookstore works on an exchange system, meaning you can bring in a book you’ve just finished, and exchange it for a new (used) title. They carry a variety of genres, including a diversity of title in fiction and non-fiction. The customer service is friendly, and they are always willing to help with a recommendation.
You can find The Paperback Exchange at Via delle Oche, 4-red, 50122 Firenze FI, Italy.

Libreria Aqua Alta
This bookstore carries the best selection of English language books in Venice. Located close to the Ca Foscari University, the bookstore’s staff is very knowledgeable and willing to help you find a title to suit your tastes. But besides books, one must visit for the unique setting. The shop has a gondola stocked with books, rooms of books stacked floor to ceiling and another boat filled with hard and soft covers and an outdoor set of stairs built from tomes with a view of the canal behind the shop.
You can locate this shop at Calle Longa Santa Maria Formosa (Corte Senza Nome), 5176/B – Castello, 30122, Venice, Italy.
Zona Divertimento

Italy History

Italy's location on the Mediterranean linked it with the trade routes of the ancient civilizations that developed in the region. With the city of Rome’s rise to power, the Italian peninsula became the center of a huge empire that lasted for centuries.

Italy's first societies emerged around 1200 B.C. Around 800 B.C. Greeks settled in the south and Etruscans arose in central Italy. By the sixth century B.C., the Etruscans had created a group of states called Etruria. Meanwhile, Latin and Sabine people south of Etruria merged to form a strong city-state called Rome.

Etruscan kings ruled Rome for nearly a hundred years. But Romans tossed out the Etruscans in 510 B.C. and went on to conquer the whole peninsula. They then set out to build a vast empire. At its greatest extent, in A.D. 117, the Roman Empire stretched from Portugal to Syria to Britain to North Africa.

The first sole emperor of Rome, Octavian, took power in 27 B.C. and took the name Augustus Caesar. For more than 400 years, the empire flourished. But by the fourth century A.D., it was in decline. In 395, the empire was split in two, and in 476, Germanic tribes from the north toppled the last emperor.

In the 12th century, Italian city-states began to rise again and grow rich on trade. But Italy remained a patchwork of territories, some of which were controlled by foreign dynasties. Beginning in 1859, an uprising forced the foreigners out, and in 1861, the Kingdom of Italy was proclaimed.

In 1914, Italy took the side of the United Kingdom and the U.S. in World War I, but was left in poverty at war’s end. Benito Mussolini and his Fascist Party rose to power promising to restore the Roman Empire. He ruled as a dictator and entered World War II on the side of Germany and Japan. He was later captured and executed.

Excerpt from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/italy/#italy-coliseum.jpg

Italian Word Search

Italian Conversation

- Excuse me. – Mi scusi.
- I don’t understand.— Non comprendo.
- Please.— Per favore.
- You’re welcome.— Non c’è di che [prego].
- Please repeat.— Vuol ripetere, prego?
- More slowly—Piu’ lenentamente.
- How do you say this in Italian?— Come si dice questo in italiano?
- Too bad!— Peccato!
- Leave me alone!— Mi lasci in pace!
- All right.— Molto bene.
Lifesaving Heroes Donate Blood

Live to Give Committee

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* One person every 2 seconds in the U.S. will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, cancer treatments, or suffer from an injury and will need blood.

* An automobile accident victim may need 50 units of red blood cells.

* A cancer patient may need 8 units of platelets per week.

* A bone marrow transplant recipient may need 20 units of red blood cells and 120 units of platelets.

* A person undergoing heart surgery may use 6 units or red cells and 6 units of platelets.

* An organ transplant recipient may use 60 units of red blood cells, 6 units of platelets and 50 units of plasma.

* A patient with Cooley’s Anemia receives approximately 30-40 units of blood every year for life.

Know that blood is always needed so please keep donating blood or if you never have donated please consider giving the gift of life.

Thank you for finding the hero in you.

Interested in Planning a Blood Drive? Please contact:
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Central Council Member/Live to Give Committee Chair
Flopes@icf.org
or
Laurice Levine, Medical Consultant/Live to Give Committee Member
LLevine430@aol.com

Branch 14—St. Joseph’s Table Celebration

How beautiful is sunset, when the glow of heaven descends upon a land like thee, thou paradise of exiles, Italy!
-Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet

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Family Branch

Continued from Page 1

teen members would plan and assist with the centers. This was the easy part. Remember, I mentioned the branch was around 20 years old. The members were used to a certain way of conducting the meetings. We were not used to children interrupting the meetings, running around the room and making noise. We did lose a few members due to the inclusion of children. However, the members became used to the kids and vice versa. The members began to see this as a true family event—like something most of us experienced growing up in our own families. And, best of all, these children have grown to become youth officers contributing to the branch, being greeters, assisting with different programs, etc. As the ad states, “their participation is priceless!” The branch has seen at least two children grow up from birth to 12 years old. And, the first two children are now young adults in college. They still contribute to the branch when their schedules permit. With the inclusion of children, the branch has doubled the membership. It has taken understanding, determination and patience by all the members to contribute to the history of this branch.

In the past five years, ICF has seen the family membership as an important part to the formation of new branches. The emphasis of returning to family-involved branches, whether old or new, is increasing. As mentioned in the above paragraph, change is not always easy or quick. It takes time, determination and dedication. In the past 95 years ICF members have proven they are up for the positive challenges.

May you and your family have a very Happy and Blessed Easter!!
Fresno

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The February 12th dinner meeting was a Valentine’s Day themed event with beautiful red, pink and white decorations at every table. Members attending were treated to a delicious dinner of salad, bread and amazing homemade vegetable beef soup. Thanks to Marcia Valorosi who took the time and energy to make the soup which was a special treat. Thanks also to the chairman Jerry and Angie Kelzer, and the committee: Elsie Bottorf, Betty Scalise, Bob and Ann Rolan.

The February orange picking and sales were cancelled due to non-stop rain.

On March 10th, 13 members attended the matinee to see the play “Mama Mia” at Roger Rockas. It was a wonderful production with a fabulous brunch. Many thanks to Ann Rolan for taking charge of this event. Members are getting ready for the next meeting which will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 12th and the mass for living and deceased members is Saturday the 23rd.

The April meeting will be on the 9th and the Chicken take-out dinner is May 5th. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Fresno

Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

At our March meeting, we had two speakers. Fr. Dominic from St. Alphonsus Church visited and answered questions about his parish, hoping we can find a new home. Our other visitors were from Fresno State. Member, Joe (Mike) Giovanetti, brought his dean and colleagues to present plans for initiating Italian Studies at Fresno State. Mr. Giovanetti has been an innovator throughout his many careers.

A few members need to pay dues. Will you continue as a member of Br. 32? Please call Paulette Volpa or email her at: pvolpa@sbcglobal.net

Maria Guglielmino chaired our Feb. dinner meeting. Wow! She cooked a yummy feast for the members. Unfortunately, she wasn’t able to stay and hear the rave reviews. Maria, a fantastic member, wanted to attend the Rosary Services for Msgr. Minhoti. God Bless her.

Our list of people who were under the weather was long. Winter weather and rains took their toll on our very strong and healthy members. Please pray for their healing. Richard Romagnoli suffers from allergies and a sinus infection that also affects his eyes. Cle Lett grieves for her husband. Evelyn Nieto had some teeth pulled. Beverly Magana suffers pain in her legs, hips, and back. Erna Bonetto, our Sunshine Lady, was in an automobile accident. Thank God she is healing. We are really worried about our 1stVP, Nancy Rodriguez. She missed two meetings because she just doesn’t feel well and is fatigued 24/7. Hope the doctors figure out how to heal her. God, hear our prayers.

Pray for Peace in the World

Sanger

St. Mary, Br. 70

On February 10, Branch 70 hosted Fresno’s District Installation of Officers at St. Mary’s church with a reception following in the Parish Hall. We were honored to have our Grand President, Andrew Pappani and past Grand President Leonard Zasoski as our guests of honor.

We thank our President Kay Lopez and her mother Josie for doing such a wonderful job and decorating the tables so beautifully. We also thank Fred DeRenzio for the delicious homemade pasta fagioli soup he made and René’s catering for the wonderful luncheon of BBQ chicken, vegetables and mashed potatoes.

St. Mary’s Church celebrated St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 and some of our members helped that day by serving the chicken and spaghetti dinner fundraiser while the altar society had a bake sale.

We send prayers of healing and a speedy recovery to Enis Giovacchini and Blanche Mendoza.

God Bless,

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Thank you to several of our members who are also members of the Knights of Columbus, who assist that organization in providing the homeless with sandwiches. They also help with the Lenten fish dinners.

Angelo Lavagnino was honored for his 19 years as Branch Treasurer. He was presented with a beautiful Plaque and a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant. Although he retired as Treasurer, he plans to stay active in Branch activities.

Doug Duke is our new Treasurer. On March 3, we attended Mass for deceased members of our Branch. We then adjourned to a local restaurant for a delicious breakfast.

Branch President, Jeanette Shriver, is recuperating from her accident. We miss her presence and hope she will back at the helm soon. All members need to sell tickets for our annual fund raiser for dinner at Tahoe Joe’s on April 7. See Rich Zanarini for tickets.

Happy March birthday greetings to Kathy Christiansen, Anita Dupras, and Alice Reyes.

When shadows fall across my path
And barriers block my journey
Lead me by the light of your love
On the straight, sure way to your peace. (Unknown)

Ciao,

Belinda Broccolini

Bakersfield

Our Lady of Perpetual Hope, Br. 281

At our branch meeting on February 20th, members enjoyed Allen Watts delicious meatball sandwiches and were treated to LOVE themed music ranging from Elvis to David Cassidy selected by Rodney Troutman. Janis Kreklow & Rodney Troutman created a beautiful atmosphere with hearts and chocolates. Deborah Cerri Leary presented president Crystal Watts with a gift basket for 3 years of a job well done. Our Branch placed 1st in our category for calendar sales. Much of this success was due to Betty Zososki’s VERY convincing sales pitch!

Our March 14th meeting celebrated Br. 281’s Anniversary with our annual and anticipated steak dinner March 17th we hosted a pancake breakfast in the church hall. We are fortunate to have members willing to help set-up, serve and clean up to make these events possible.

April 28th is our ever popular pasta dinner. This event is open to the whole parish. We look forward to keeping the tradition going and possibly attracting new members.

In May, our Fresno Bocce tournament is Saturday, May 4th and Br. 281’s tournament is May 18th. It is great fun. We hope to see some new faces as well as our faithful supporters!

Our branch is blessed to include members of varying age ranges. This variety means we have members to provide us with wisdom, hope and fresh ideas that keep our Branch alive and ever growing!

Wishing you and your families a Happy & blessed Easter season.

Theresa Amarante

Los Angeles Archdiocese District

Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67

Buona Pasqua a parenti e amici! Happy Easter to family and friends. Please keep our sick members and their families in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

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 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 Saint 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.

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Italian Catholic Federation
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Remember, the deadline for Bollettino submissions for the May issue is April 10. Get your articles and photos in to editor@icl.org
Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111
Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be Thurs., April 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th St., in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated and sponsored the St. Joseph Table! At the April General Meeting we will have the honor to have Roberto Barbera visit our branch to talk about Italian American contributions to the USA. We will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members: Dante Terramani, Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Casonzoni, Rosemarie Melendrez, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compenno a tutti!!

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

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, April 28, the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A Presto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President
Phone (323) 888-2074
Email Address: franko957@sbcglobal.net

San Pedro
St. John Joseph of the Cross, Br. 115
At our March meeting President Neal DiLova thanked all volunteers who helped serve over 325 meals at our crab dinner dance fundraiser honoring St. John Joseph of the Cross. Monies raised will be donated to Mary Star of the Sea Church, Mary Star Elementary School and Mary Star High School.

Neal thanked everyone who turned out for the 8 a.m. mass for St. John Joseph of the Cross. It was great to see the many people who attended mass and kept this tradition alive.

Thank you to all who attended our Pechanga Casino fundraiser on March 26. The day was filled with fun and even a few winners! Our next regular branch meeting will be April 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

For discussion will be the following events:

May 4th 5:15 p.m. Mass in honor of Madonna Dell’Arco. Bring flowers to present to the Madonna. Please line up behind banner for procession into church.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Laughlin! Our branch is hosting a 2 night, 3 day trip to Laughlin. Leaving May 5th and returning May 7th, $125.00 double occupancy/ single occupancy $160.00 3 free buffets are included! Please call Pauline to reserve your spot!

Plan on attending our Potluck meeting on May 16th at 6 p.m. We will meet our scholarship winners.

Call coordinator Carmela Gioiello to let her know what tasty dish you would like to bring.

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

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108
Buona Pasqua a parenti and amici! Happy Easter to family and friends!

On March 2, 2019, Branch Members and Parishioners celebrated “Carnavale” at the 16th Annual ICF Branch 108 Wine Tasting Event in Holy Family Connolly Hall. Thank you to Co-Chairs Christy Shaw and Gina Sabatella and to ICF Members who helped staff this very successful event. A great big thank you to Chef and Branch President John Maggiora, Vintners, Vendors, Musicians and students of Bishop Amat High School for your help in this event’s success. All funds will be shared with several ICF sponsored Charities.

Thank you to Chef and Branch President Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President and to ICF Members who helped staff this very successful event. A great big thank you to Chef and Branch President John Maggiora, Vintners, Vendors, Musicians and students of Bishop Amat High School for your help in this event’s success. All funds will be shared with several ICF sponsored Charities.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, please pray for our sick members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

Ci Vediamo presto!
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President
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Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218
A very happy Spring to everyone. Hopefully our rainy year has passed. As of this writing, our St. Joseph’s Table is one week away, but I am going to give a huge thank you to all that will be helping with the St. Joseph’s Table, especially Chairman, President Jerry and Matt Luchetta and crew in the kitchen, David Scriminach, Audrey Luchetta and Sandy Bernel for the Cross Table setup, Linda Szerdahelyi and Tanya Mazzolini for the beautiful new skirt around the Table and all the workers that put their time in whether it is baking, cooking or working.

At our last meeting, Ann Armenio initiated into the branch new members from the past several years. Thank you to Connie Davis for her heritage report, Bob Flach won the 50/50 and Len Patito won the attendance award. And, thank you to Matt for cooking a delicious traditional St. Patrick’s Day lunch, corned beef and cabbage and all the sides. Our next meeting is April 14th. And, from the branch and myself, have a good Easter. See you all at our next function.

Lolly M.

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**Claremont**

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

Spring is here and new adventure are waiting. Our Saint Joseph's table went over really well with sausage sandwiches.

April will be a recouping and preparing for the church Fiesta in May. As usual we will be making "pizza." It is May 10 - 12 (Mother's Day weekend.) Memorial Day weekend we will be out taking donations for the USO. We will have a representative here to thank all the members of the parish for their generous donations over the years.

Keep these dates on your calendar, June 30, 95th anniversary of ICF celebration in LA; Oct 6th, Bishop's Banquet at St John's Seminary and Dec 15, CHLA district Christmas party.

**God Bless**

Andrea Linn, Pres

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**Temple City**

**St. Luke, Br. 326**

The Branch’s Scholarship fundraiser, held on February 17, 2019, was a success. Considering the membership illness and the abundant help from high schoolers who wanted or needed service hours, we did well. However, unless the Branch gets a good infusion of new members, there will be little talk of a repeat of this fundraiser. Illness and age have taken its toll on our Branch. Three two six has done a lot in the past and is struggling to hold our heads high and do what we can.

Recruitment is a critical function in our Branch. Potential ICF members at St. Luke’s is a rarity. All that can be done is our best at recruiting and let God do the rest.

**Inspirational thought:** The tongue is but three inches long, yet it can kill a person six feet tall.

A little bit of humor: Go outside and stand.

So, if anyone asks, you can truly say that you are outstanding.

**Tony Farinella**

1st Vic President, Branch 326

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**Thousand Oaks**

**St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380**

Our branch is preparing for our St. Joseph’s Table celebration this month. Ticket sales for the pasta dinner and raffle are underway. Our March general meeting was very enjoyable and well attended. Laurie Levine gave an informative talk about our national charity, Cooley’s Anemia. We enjoyed a catered pasta and chicken dinner from Vincitore Restaurant.

Our upcoming events include the following activities:

- March 16th (Sat.) Pompeii Exhibit at the Reagan Library and lunch at Viva La Pasta in Simi Valley
- March 24th (Sun.) St. Joseph’s Table Celebration – Bake Sale and Dinner
- April 6th (Sat.) General meeting
- April 12th (Fri.) Dinner at St. Paschal Baylon Fish Fry followed by Stations of the Cross
- April 27th (Sat.) Santa Ynez Valley Wine Safari Bus trip

**Annie Scott**

**Corresponding Secretary**

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**Manhattan Beach**

**American Martyrs, Br. 447**

We are so excited that our membership continues to grow and that many of our members are stepping up into leadership positions. Our General Meeting was held on Monday, March 25th at O’Donnell Hall. In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, a local Irish Dance troop came and danced for us. We had a great time watching their performances and their costumes were beautiful.

We also celebrated St. Joseph’s Day with our first ever St. Joseph’s Day Table, which was a wonderful array of Italian cookies and pastries. For dinner, we made Italian sausage sandwiches, roasted potatoes with peppers and onions, and a Caesar salad. The children enjoyed delicious homemade macaroni and cheese. It was the first time we used the kitchen in O’Donnell Hall and cooked dinner for the meeting. We had a blast cooking in the kitchen, which created a warm and inviting environment as our members arrived. After dinner, we played several games of Bingo. We all enjoyed the evening, the great food, entertainment, fellowship, and the St. Joseph’s Table. Join our Facebook page where we can all stay connected between meetings.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a holy and blessed Easter!

**Peace & Blessings to All,**

**Stephanie DeRuddo**

**Corresponding and Recording Secretary**

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**Central Coast District**

**Santa Cruz**

**Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21**

Buona Pasqua,Tutti! Easter is almost here and, while we enjoy Spring rains, daffodils, and longer days, we are reminded of God’s promise for a new Beginning. There is a second chance of enjoying a Lenten Soup Supper on April 17th at Holy Cross Hall starting at 5:30. Come break bread in the company of family and friends, or do ‘take out’ and enjoy your dinner at home.

The Valentine’s Dinner was well attended despite the inclement weather. Everything was delicious, starting with the bagna calda and ending with the cannoli. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their help and great cooks. Also, thanks to those who gave generously to our “No Bake Sale.” It’s not too late to participate; just send your donation to Mary Jo Belli.

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**Peace & Blessings to All,**

**Stephanie DeRuddo**

**Corresponding and Recording Secretary**

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**Salinas**

**Sacred Heart, Br. 25**

Branch 25 thanks all of our members and other volunteers from Sacred Heart Parish and Christ the King Parish for their assistance at the District Installation and lunch held on, February 23, 2019. Our March 12 meeting focused on our annual budget and a review of additional branch fundraising opportunities and ways to generate interest in ICF and attract new members. We are also looking forward to learning who our scholarship winners will be this year. Please continue to keep up our long memory, Don Stoffey, in your prayers. May everyone have a blessed Easter with lots of family, friends and sunshine!

JoAnn Sullivan

**Recording Secretary**

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**Hollister**

**Sacred Heart, Br. 26**

We elected new Board Members to our Hollister Branch in November. Our President is Harry, Vice President is Cheri Huntley, 2nd Vice President is Marie Petersen. Brenda Ellis is our Secretary, Tony LoBuie is our Treasurer. Our Financial Secretary is shared by Tony LoBuie and Cheri Huntley. Our Sentinel is Mary Ann Frielih, Joanna Mc Mahon is our Orator, our Trustees are Betty Brookshire, Wes Brookshire and Martha Gibson. May they be blessed as they guide us through the coming year.

We invite everyone to join us for our Take Out Polenta and Sausage Dinner on April 27. It promises to be a delicious meal with Polenta Meal and Marinara Sauce, Italian Sausage, and dessert. Dinners can be picked up at Immaculate Conception Church Hall from 5-8 PM. Meals are $15 for adults and $8 for children under 10.

Please pray for our sick members, Kathy Hough, Wes Brookshire, Norma Martinetti, and Ralph Brigantino.

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**Monterey**

**Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

May the blessing of the Lord guide you, protect you, and be with you on Easter and always.

February 12—Central Coast District installed our officers for 2019 at Sacred Heart Church, hosted by Br. 25 Salinas.
Castroville
Santa Caterina
de Siena, Br. 51

Happy Easter!

During our last general meeting in March we celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and reflection of his life and we celebrated with delicious sweets and breads. Thank you to all members that participated.

As I begin my 2nd term as President of Branch 51, it has been a time of reflection. I have learned that we must care about each other, pray for each other and have each other’s back. This is not just a club—this is a family! I just want to say thank you all so much for all that you do and for being who you are. I appreciate each one of you.

On that note, I would also like to wish a Happy Birthday to our April babies: Vera Doris, Gino Grier and our wonderful friend Thelma Sbrara who is celebrating her birthday in heaven.

Please pray for the parents of member Toni Hibbs, for member Maria Tonus and for all that are ill and recuperating from surgeries. Hibbs, for member Marie Tonus and for all members that participated.

Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Cindy Stefani

Capitola
St. Joseph’s, Br. 227

The Fish Frys are off to a good start with 217 dinners served at the first dinner. We received many compliments on the calamari and fish. There was a nice turnout of workers also. Many thanks to all of them. Winner of the gift basket that was raffled off was Terry McManus, Chief of the Capitola Police Department. Dinners will continue each Friday until April 12. A portion of the proceeds go toward renovating the church hall this year. Join us for dinner at 5:00 p.m., then attend the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 p.m.

We are happy to welcome two new members, Allen and Ceil Bettner.

Remember, Perlino scholarship applications are due April 15. Contact Chairman Andy Armanino for applications.

Thanks to Jane Kotila and her crew of Rick Kotila and Manuel and Magdalena Martinez who prepared the corned beef dinner at our March meeting.

Also at the March meeting Dottie Smith had a special Heritage Committee presentation. More about that in our next report.

Congratulations to our new officers and may God guide you through our new year. Congratulations to Sandie Russo, for being appointed as Recording Secretary. We thank Suzanne Menendez Herbst for her support and our Lenten Dinners volunteers.

March 10 was our 37th Annual St. Joseph celebration, with a beautiful mass at San Carlos Cathedral, following by dinner/dancing at the Moose Lodge, Monterey. Everyone enjoyed a New York Strip Roast Dinner and dancing with Anthony Lane Band. Thank you, Mary Manuguerra and her committee, for doing an outstanding job and for making all the homemade Italian cookies.

Lukas’ recently passed away—our sympathy to his wife Victoria and all his family. Luke was a member for 9 years and enjoyed all our events.

We have a new website: http://montereyjcf.org

Calendar
May 2, 2019
Scholarship Night
June 6, 2019
95th Anniversary ICF Federation
87th Anniversary ICF Br. 36 Initiation
He has Risen – Have faith in him
And He will always be with you

Have a Blessed Easter
Elaine Valentine

Br. 36, Lil and George Mika

Br. 36, Chef Peter John Curritolo, Chef Eddie Leonard

Br. 36, Ticket sales - Lenten dinner, George Leonard—Michael & Kristen Leonard

Br. 36, New officers

Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Paso Robles
St. Rose of Lima, Br. 354

How truly blessed are we! Saturday morning, February 23rd, eight of us ICF members left St. Rose headed to Sacred Heart Church in Salinas for mass and officer initiation. In our car we shared familiar stories of our heritage and history. Carmine, a first generation Italian, told about his Italian family’s traditions and values. Vera, wife of Carmine, came to America from an idyllic small town close to Galway, Ireland, where her parents hosted rock bands from all over the world. My husband, Don, a first generation Swiss-Italian, told how his father came to the U. S. alone at the age of 18 on a small ship out of Liverpool.

Winding through fields of neatly pruned grape vines, and the fallow fields of the Salinas Valley, we arrived at Sacred Heart Church where we were greeted in Italian by newly-ordained priest, Fr. Rodrigo Paridó and concelebrant Fr. Mike Marinii. Father complimented those new officers present for continuing the leadership of the Italian Catholic Federation. He compared “I came to light a fire,” the motto of the Federation, to St. Polycarp’s statement when sentenced to death by fire, “The One who strengthens me will care for me.” As in the Federation’s 95 year old statement, St. Polycarp used fire as a symbol of faith and love.

Again, how truly blessed we are! We are members of all ages and nationalities united by a 95 year old organization based on faith and love.

CHICAGO

River Forest
St. Vincent Ferrer, Br. 358

I always think of the month of April as a “Fresh Start Month.” After a cold blistering winter here in the Midwest, April seems like such a breath of fresh air, a type of renewal for all of us. Renewal for mind as well as body and spirit. It’s part of the magical spring season. From the first buds popping out of the partially frozen ground to the fresh sunny days. A beginning. A fresh start.

That brings us to Easter and the promise that our Creator made to us. Jesus said “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” That’s what Easter season is all about. Being restored from death to new life.

To all a very Happy Easter!
Cathy Neri

Oakland
East Bay District

March seems to be a busy month as many of our branches are involved in special activities. Lenten fish fries are weekly at Branch 10 in Alameda. Many of the branches sponsored St. Joseph’s tables and there were also 2 anniversaries. Branch 285 had to reschedule its celebration from February to April and Branch 343 celebrated their 40th anniversary at Acqua e’ Farina on March 23rd.

We are looking into transportation to the ICF’s 95th Anniversary party in San Francisco—so, stay tuned.

Since 1st year scholarship are due in March, we voted to donate all 4 scholarships, one for each year) and to do so in honor of Bob Dianda. We are very happy to be able to donate the 4 scholarships each year and hope we can continue to do this for many years.

Please keep all sick members in your prayers. We just learned that long time Branch 91 member, Jan Karp, is being cared for in Alameda.

Our Quarterly Communion is being set up by Branch 343 for later in the spring.

A Blessed and Happy Easter to all.
Pat Grasso,
District Secretary

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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
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
Tucson Shared Van: Stagecoach Express $50 each way (520) 889-1000
Tucson Uber/Lyft: Approx. $35 each way    Phoenix Uber/Lyft: Approx. $140 each way
Hertz Rental Car: New ICF discount. Receive up to 30% off year round. CDP# 2173699

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.

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.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award

This 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 $1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient’s charity of choice.

Grand President’s Award

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

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.

Young Adult Leadership Award

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has 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.

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

Nominees 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.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District: __________________________
Phone: (_____) ____________________
E-mail: __________________________

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.

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.

Review Sample applications and the award options.
Print out the ICF Convention Award application by going to icf.org

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 Email:info@icf.org
Alameda
Nostra Signora
Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Our 92nd Anniversary Dinner will be May 11, at Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High St. at Van Buren St., Alameda. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. For information and reservations, contact secretary Jeanette Zugnoni, (510) 523-8005 or jeanette@zugnoni.net, or 1st VP Gina Foster, gfoster@esdo.org or (510) 995-8141. We guarantee a very nice affair. Gina was recently recognized by The Catholic Voice, official newspaper of the Diocese of Oakland, for coordinating the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program at St. Philip Neri School in Alameda. Rice Bowl collects Lenten contributions to serve the hungry in the Diocese and overseas. Gina teaches kindergarten at St. Philip Neri School.

In the spirit of cooperation, we will assist the St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great Council of the Knights of Columbus with their Cinco de Mayo dinner on Sat., May 4. For information, contact John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005.

Our Irish Social was March 16 followed by St. Joseph’s Day Table on March 19. In Lent we also offer Fish Fry dinners following Stations of the Cross at St. Philip Neri Church.

We thank Peggy Lubeck for assuming the presidency of Br. 10. Peggy has now conducted three full membership meetings and one board meeting and has been attending meetings of the East Bay District. Also serving in office for the first time are Jan Rosa, 2nd VP and Ken Dorrance, Trustee.

We look forward to welcoming members and friends of other branches at our Anniversary Dinner.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity
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Home: (510) 523-8005
Mobile: (510) 326-3474

Livemore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

After much preparation and anticipation for our fundraising chicken/polenta dinner scheduled for February 23, we were forced to postpone due to a main water break at Saint Augustine Church in Pleasanton. This was very disappointing for all involved. It was “all hands on deck” to notify all involved and the members really stepped up. We have re-scheduled this dinner for APRIL 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location. We hope that all of you who had purchased tickets will be able to join us on this date. This is a sold out event.

Several of our members attended the “Barber of Seville” opera on March 10th at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Lunch followed at a local restaurant.

As we prepare our minds and hearts for the holy season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, we ask God to guide us on our spiritual journey. Members of Branch 285 led the Stations of the Cross on March 29th at Saint Augustine Church in Pleasanton. In sadness we have learned that Father Paul Minnihan, pastor at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton has passed away. Fr. Paul was a faithful supporter of our ICF Branch. We are grateful to be able to use many of the facilities at CCOP for social events and our monthly meetings. Our prayers are with Father Paul’s family. May he rest in PEACE.

Until next time, Ciao
Judy Bates

Contra Costa District

Happy Easter to all. Let us thank our Lord Jesus Christ for coming to earth to save us. To Him we give all glory and praise.

The theme for this year’s annual convention in Tucson, Arizona is “The Journey Continues.” Reservations can now be made. We strongly encourage you to book your hotel room early—90 days before convention. The hotel has the right to take away some of our free meeting space if they don’t see us producing enough hotel room nights. Delegates must stay, at minimum, from Friday night through Monday morning.

Mark your calendar:
District meetings are on Wednesday, April 24 and Wednesday, June 26.
District Communion Mass is on Sunday, May 19 at Queen of all Saints Church in Concord followed by a Breakfast buffet at Golden Corral in Concord.
Italian Night at the Oakland A’s baseball game is on Saturday, August 3.
Bishop’s day is on Sunday, August 25 and hosted by Branch 442, Pleasant Hill. Mass is at 12:15 p.m. at CTK church. Followed by a luncheon reception.
The Night of Recollection is on Monday, November 11.
The Christmas dinner party is on Monday, December 2.

Please contact your Branch President for complete details, thank you.

You will derive more pleasure at being a member of the ICF when you attend the District and Branch events.

In closing, Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. C.S. Lewis stated that Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching.

Joseph (joeflores33@comcast.net)

Martinez
San Martinio, Br. 13

St. Catherine of Siena celebrates 146 years and our school its 70th year in the Oakland Diocese. Join us at the Consecration of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Festival on Fri., May 3 at 5 p.m. and on Sat., May 4 beginning with a procession around the city at 10 a.m., Holy Mass at 11 a.m. with complimentary lunch to follow.

Reservations are open for the Federation’s 95th anniversary celebration which falls on Br. 13’s 92nd anniversary—June 9, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Filbert Street in San Francisco and with lunch at the San Francisco Athletic Club on Stockton St. Lunch is $60 per person. See the president for details.

Fr. Anthony honored all volunteers at the parish quarterly Mass and dinner on March 30. St. Catherine began its “Beneath His Cross” Apostolate on the first Thursdays monthly, April 6 at 7 p.m. Consider joining this ongoing prayer for priests. Br. 13 participated in the Diocesan requested 24-hours for the Lord on March 9 and 10 at the church which included 24 hours of available priests for confessions. It was surely a moving spiritual experience.

In our time of prayer, fasting, and alms giving, we continue to pray for our Church and her priests and what unifies us in our Catholic faith. We are reminded of the words of Dorothy Day, “Your love of God is only as great as the love you have for the person you love the least.” Happy Easter to all this message reaches.

Enjoy the grace of the risen Christ!
Ciao for now!
Mary Cook

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

First things first...Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Carlos! Our Vice President, Nancy Botta, and member Chris Carlos were married on March 7th. This is a very special, hard working couple who absolutely knows how to combine work with fun! Our sincere wishes for love and happiness always. We hope Judy Lesmeister and Pat Sullivan are feeling better and will be able to join us again soon.

And now...Welcome to April!
April 4th is the Thunder Valley Casino trip. Lots of money to be won...can’t promise you will be a winner, but one never knows.

Don’t forget that on Sunday, April 7th, free to members who attend 9:00 Mass, a continental breakfast will be served downstairs of the church.

Our monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9th. Especially during Lent, please try to attend 5:30 Mass. Dinner at 6:30 will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread and desert, and the meeting, which includes election of convention delegates, is at 7:30.

On April 12, the Friday before Holy Week begins, is the famous St. Rose Fish Fry fundraiser. Tickets are available at the door.

May this holy season of Lent be meaningful to you; may it be a time of forgiveness, a time of hope, and a spiritual journey that provides inner peace.

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Thanks for making our St. Joseph and St. Patrick day celebration special. The homemade sweets were delicious. The decorations were lovely and our meeting was enjoyed by all. Watch in the mail for your invitation for our Easter theme April meeting.

Upcoming dates:
Wed. April 24—District Meeting to be held at Legends in Concord at 7:15 p.m.
Sun. June 9—The ICF 95th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Luncheon at the Italian Athletic Club. Cost for lunch is $60 per person. If interested, contact Patty.

Upcoming events: The A’s Italian night baseball game, Bishops day, Night of Recollection. We will also a pool party at Joan’s this summer.
Richmond
Salesian High, Br. 154

We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with Walter Costa and Toni Reeder’s, not to be forgotten, Corned Beef and Cabbage at our March 11, 2019, meeting. We swear that is the best corned beef ever! Thank you, Toni and Walter for a splendid meal. Preceding the meeting was mass conducted by Father Al. Again thanks to everyone who made our Ravioli Family Dinner a success. We had over sixty guests in attendance that enjoyed not only ravioli, but chicken, salad, bread and ice cream too. The raffle prizes where outstanding and the tickets were a bargain for an arm’s length at only $20.00. We were fortunate to have three terrific servers from Salesian College Prep who served food and catered to our guests. Thank you, Manny, Sofia and Paulina, your enthusiasm and energy helped to make our fundraiser a success.

If you have not paid your dues by now, you may have been dropped from membership. If you are not sure you have paid your dues, please call Mike Cannady @510-245-3844, if you wish to continue your membership or if you are not sure you have paid your dues. Next meeting is April 8, on the menu is New son, Marco Michelato, passed away on February 23rd. We send our prayers and thoughts to her and her family.

We are looking forward to our March 21st meeting which we will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day and also St. Joseph’s Table. This is our lenten season and hope you are remembering our Lord in your prayers every day. Remember April 27th will be our annual Branch 214 Tea.

God Bless You,
Norene DeLuca
Correspondence Secretary

Concord
Todos Santos, Br 214

In February, our branch had a red theme Valentine's Day pot luck. Many delicious foods were enjoyed by all.

We received some very bad news that one of our member’s, Sandra Debrichy’s 50 year old son, Marco Michelato, passed away on February 23rd. We send our prayers and thoughts to her and her family.

April has arrived and Easter is fast approaching. Hopefully, by now, we are drying out from such a wet winter!!

Our March meeting was in celebration of St. Joseph’s day and lots of yummy ‘non-meat’ dishes were served. We had a huge cross-shaped loaf of bread as part of our centerpiece, thanks to Peggy! Our table was a beautiful tribute to St. Joseph, thanks to Ann and her helpers!

Our next upcoming event will be Sunday mass with brunch right after. Please join us April 7th at the 10:45 mass then brunch at Mr. Lucky’s. We sit together in the front right side. Our last one was a lot of fun so hope you will try to join us.

Our April meeting is at 1:30 on April 14th. Our theme will be Celebrating Spring with a Palm Sunday Brunch! Please bring a brunch item to share. Mimosas and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Watch for the Evite.

We will soon be picking delegates to go to the annual ICF convention in Tucson. Please consider becoming a delegate (and your trip is paid for) or join fellow members, in a fun and informative long weekend, and come on your own. You will learn a lot and meet many new people from all over.

Please keep the following members in your prayers; Nancy, Francis and Larry, Bob and Ann, and William’s son.

Buona Pasqua!

Pam Andersen
Newly installed officers of Branch 342 Dinner.

Bolletino Contributor

Brentwood
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

The ICF/Knights of Columbus Inaugural joint venture crab feed went off without a hitch. It met all expectations as a crab feed and a successful charity event.

A sellout crowd filled spacious Veteran’s Hall, Brentwood. Everyone enjoyed a meal to be savored. From the shrimp cocktail appetizer, to the salad and pasta dishes, add the crab, plus the desert; crab feeds don’t get any better than this. To complete the evening, Greg Robinson of the Brentwood Press acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Pat and Bob Hoffner of ICF and Chris Romero of the Knights led the way for this successful endeavor. The support of two strong organizations was critical. Great job! With a strong inaugural crab feed, ICF and the Knights must decide if a crab feed is sustainable as an annual charity event.

St. Joseph’s Day and dinner, had two celebrations in 2019. The first celebration on March 19th was parish wide with the IHM community participating in the Rosary, procession, and mass followed by dinner in the hall.

The second St. Joseph celebration was for Br. 432 and held in conjunction with our memorable March business meeting. All food was prepared and orchestrated by 1st VPs Judee and Jay Risso. A delicious array of pastas, salads, desserts and other foods adorned the St. Joseph’s Table. Thank you, Judee and Jay.

“Have faith in yourself. Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase” la vita è buona

Father Mario Rizzo blesses the St. Joseph’s Day table prepared by Br. 442 Pleasant Hill.

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Your 2019 ICF Officers

Sacramento
Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

On April 7th, we will once again be hosting Hospitality Sunday at St. Teresa’s Church after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. masses. Members are asked to contribute breakfast finger foods (such as donuts and fruit). The calling committee will be contacting you to see what you would like to contribute. This is a great opportunity for our organization to share our mission with the parishioners and hopefully gain some new members.

On Saturday, April 20th, we will be hosting bunco and lunch at St. Joseph's Hall. For just $20, you will get a yummy lunch and an afternoon of fun and great companionship. You may even go home with a raffle prize. For more information, contact president MaryAnn Mikles at 916-759-8466.

Hope to see you there.

Pam Andersen
Newly installed officers of Branch 342 Dinner.

Bolletino Contributor

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Your 2019 ICF Officers

Br. 438 is pleased to welcome new members, Richard and Claire Salesman, George Beutner, and Eloise Flanders to our ICF family.

St. Mary’s Church in Sacramento hosted our District’s installation of officers. Mass was followed by the installation of officers and a luncheon. It was wonderful sharing our day with other members from our Blessed Sacrament District.

Our February dinner meeting was hosted by Nancy and Mike Hynes. We enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner, complete with salad and dessert. Thank you Nancy and Mike for all your hard work! After dinner, Nina Malone spoke about the Gifts of Love program, a ministry that collects donations and provides for the needy in our commu-
San Francisco
Maria S. S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members,
Please note the following events:

April – No Meeting, April 28 Archdiocese's Day Details to be announced shortly.

May 1—Mothers and Fathers Nite.

Spuntino & Raffle Cost; $20.00 Chairperson Vic Arnaudo (650) 755-1369

Please bring a Raffle Prize.

Happy Easter to all Branch 1 Members and their families.

Ciao,
Toni Morsello

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Buona Pasqua to all of our Members and their Families.

On Mar. 10th we had our Annual Champagne Bingo and it was another big success! It is always great to visit with good friends.

Our sincere sympathy to Charlene and her family on the loss of her Mother Addie. Charlene, I can see where you get your kindness from—your Mom. Our Love and Prayers are with all of you.

On May 19th - 21st we have a trip planned to Yosemite. The falls should be beautiful. The many prizes included a queen size comforter, which Cosmo won. Carol, Liliana, Elena, & Mary Fe also won nice prizes. Lots of fun…mille grazie Sian!

Cosmo Amato, our branch Treasurer, said, “There are still “4” #365 members who have not paid their 2019-2020 dues.” If you have forgotten or have questions, please phone Cosmo at 415-392-3560. Thank you for taking care of this matter.

There will “not” be an April meeting! In its place, there will be a “No Bake Sale.” This fundraiser gives all our members a chance to participate and help our Br. #365 earn enough to cover our yearly ICF obligations. It is easy…no pots & pans, no baking, no cleanup…just a monetary donation…how easy is that? You will receive a flyer in the mail.

Planning ahead for the month of May…there will be a Garage Sale on May 18-19 in President George Pagni’s garage. You might start checking your homes for items you would like to donate for the sale. For an important reason, the committee has decided on “No Clothes” his year! More information to follow…

Ciao,
Mara Amato

San Francisco
St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Our meetings now take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month. We are looking forward to celebrating St. Joseph’s Day with a potluck luncheon. Liliana Zarich is the chairlady, and members volunteered to bring food items. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable afternoon!

Sian Hollands treated us to a very nice lunch at our February meeting, and we also had a great raffle! The many prizes included a queen size comforter, which Cosmo won. Carol, Liliana, Elena, & Mary Fe also won nice prizes. Lots of fun…mille grazie Sian!

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Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

San Francisco

Colma
San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone!

Thanks to Kathy Trevizo and helpers for making the Champagne Bingo a success. Everyone had a nice luncheon and fun Bingo game. Also Thank You to Donna Barnes and her crew for the dinner/meeting.

Coming Events:
Monday, April 8 – Soup Night - Special guest speaker Laurice Levine, Cooley’s Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. This is ICF’s National Charity. There will be no meeting only announcements. Please make a reservation to Cheryl Simon at (605)755-0878 or E-mail to cas94015@yahoo.com. It is open to everyone.

Sunday, April 28th – Archbishop’s Day, hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City. Mass is at 5:00 p.m.

The Lenten Season is upon us giving us time to fast, pray and give alms. Also, to reflect on the gifts we have received and how we can use them for others.

Please remember Steve Barnes long time member who is ill and all those who need the gift of healing.

N. Thurman

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

On March 14th we celebrated St. Joseph’s feast with a potluck dinner and greeted our special guest Laurice Levine. She spoke on the latest updates at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles on Cooley's Anemia and the Thalassemia Program.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Friday, April 5, our Branch Mass for the sick and deceased at 7:00 p.m. in the Friary.

For Saturday, April 27, our branch had a change of plans and we will now have a BINGO and HOT DOG + trimmings of asorted salads, dessert and one BINGO card event. Must be 18 years or older and extra cards can be purchased (3 for $5.00) Our Lady of Angels Gymnasium, 25.00 and no host beverages. Reservations required by 4-22 to Lori Clyne at loriscooking@gmail.com and check payable to ICF Branch 173 C/O Lori Clyne, 30 Mounds Rd. #401, San Mateo, CA 94402

Sunday, April 28, Bishop's Day will be hosted by Branch 6, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City. Mass: 5:00 p.m. and Light appetizer to follow.

Sunday, June 9, ICF 95 years – Celebration Mass at St. Peter and Paul’s church in S.F. and Lunch at S.F. Athletic Club $60.00

Sunday, June 30, Annual Ravioli Dinner 4:00 p.m. Cocktails, dinner: 5:00 p.m. More to follow at a later date.

Sympathies extended to the Rollandi family on the loss of Carl and please keep sick members Elena Malta, Dan Rollandson and Jack Sherratt in your prayers along with Brenda and Gary Wenzin’s nephew who was in a bad accident.

God Bless,
Rosalind A. Emery

South San Francisco
St. Augustine, Br. 213

Members of our branch were thrilled to be joined by many St. Augustine's parishioners coming out of 5:30 mass for our St. Joseph's Table event. Father Ray Rayes said the special St. Joseph's prayer and blessing.

Excerpt from prayer blessing St. Joseph's Altar: Remember, O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector, St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you and humbly supplicate you. O, despise not my petitions, foster father of our Redeemer; but graciously receive them. Amen.

Our branch had not sponsored a St. Joseph's Table in many years, but based on tonight, it will not be such a long time before we have another one. Each of our members brought something special, we had a very wide assortment: From Chow Mein to Antipasto, many different kinds of sandwiches, meatballs, rigatoni, salads among other things, and a wide assortment of desserts. We were joined by members from the Holy Angels Branch 173 and many other friends, old and new for great fellowship.

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.

Ciao,
Victor Spano
Our February meeting was hosted by Gloria Haars, husband Dick and her sister, Sybil who was visiting from the East Coast. They served a wonderful Honey-baked ham dinner with beans, potato salad, green salad and dessert. President Carmel Dufault and VP Celeste Lennemann also helped with serving food and then the business portion of the evening.

Our St. Patrick’s Anniversary dinner was March 2. St. Charles’ Men’s Club, headed by Kevin Holden and his group of chefs and bartenders, prepared the corned beef and cabbage dinner. It was delicious; the music by Jim Stephens was great and the raffle baskets prepared by Rose Beall were terrific. Ernie Malaspina and Rob Fjerstad led our high school servers. They also handled selling dinners to go and ran the raffle. It was a very fun evening.

I am sorry to announce the passing of an other of our long-time members. Theresa always attended our meetings and helped out whenever she was asked. May she rest in peace.

Just a reminder:

Thursday, April 25 - ICF District Meeting

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. Only accepting 300 for the luncheon.

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.

Our experimental with the Saturday meetings was successful. Beginning with our April meeting, we will go back to the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in Healy Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served after the meeting.

This year our branch will be giving three (3) first year scholarships.

Looking for daily Reflections during Lent, Marlene suggests you go to: http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/your-visit/praying-us/todays-reflection/

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Healy Hall.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!

Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary

At our meeting on March 19 we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a potluck dinner. All attendees brought a dish to serve to 10 to 12 people. We had an abundance of food and all leftovers was given to the Catholic Hospitality House in San Bruno for the homeless and less fortunate.

On April 28 we will celebrate Archbishop Day hosted by Branch #6, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City. We are looking forward to the ICF 95th Anniversary on June 9 in San Francisco.

Happy Easter to all.

Rose Marie Morando
Corresponding Secretary

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

Br. 327, Grace Romanello, St. Patrick’s Day

Br. 327, Gloria Haars and Celeste Lennemann

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley District Council

District President Bob Bausino welcomed all branch presidents and deputies to our meeting which was hosted by ICF Branch 491’s President Mike Rossi and his helping members. District Mentor Jerry Delfino called attention to new Bollettino format and encourage all to read and enjoy.

Br. 5 President Janet Glaubke said they had minor problems but would overcome them. Br. 28 President Joe Fortino said they are raising money for new pews. Br. 47 recent Crab Feed cleared $5,700. Bob Osorio credited Eva Stern for selling over $1,000 raffle tickets. Br. 368 President John Gillio and Phil Robba thanked supporters of the Crab feed which grossed $1,500. Br. 408 had a Blood Drive, Lenten Soup Nights and Pasta Dinner during March. Br. 435 President Giuilo Gallego will host the District Meeting in May and John Gillio will team with Mary Sampognaro to cook the Valentine’s Polenta dinner.

Elaine Osorio reported the Gifts of Love program awarded 12 recipients a total of $21,000, seven in the SCV District. The ICF’s 95th Anniversary is June 9 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, San Francisco. Lunch is $60 and a bus trip is planned. Get reservations and checks to Bob Bausino.

Tina Souza-Dutra offered a spiritual reflection “My Peace Overpowers Darkness,” cited from “Jesus Calling.”

Our Lady of Peace Mass: May 19 at 11 a.m. SCV District Picnic at Vasona – August 4 April District Meeting – ICF Branch 445 Transfiguration Church – Monday, April 8

Mike Nunziata

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

All members should be proud that we have 100% members paid in full in regards to membership dues.

Come to the Dinner/Meeting each month for information and activities in the ICF Br. 368 and the District. Please see fliers posted at the meeting. Read the Bollettino in the Santa Clara Valley Section.

Thanks everyone for bring your dessert items and flowers for St. Joseph’s Table at the March Dinner/Meeting. May St. Joseph’s prayer for all of us.

There are still a few ICF Writing Pens available from Mary Ann Ruiz. Get them while they last for only $2.00 each.

Let Janet Glaubke and the Board Members know how we are doing. Any suggestions welcome.

May you and your families have a wonderful and Blessed Easter.

Ciao, Marlene J. Rotolo

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

On March 2nd we had a successful “Taste of Italy” shrimp and ravioli dinner in which our members, community and other branches supported. Thank you to all members who worked so hard to make this event a success. Besides the dinner, members again showed their generosity in providing an abundance of raffle gifts. Again, a big THANK YOU to all who helped and attended!

Our February 25th dinner meeting was a soup and salad affair which featured an assortment of soups and salad with assorted condiments. Something new that the members enjoyed. Delicious Bundt cakes topped off the meal.

Remember to bring your 2019 membership cards to each meeting. You could be the winner of goods, services and special event tickets from local sources. Another good reason to stay for the post dinner meeting.

The date for the Branch 28 family picnic has been tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2019. Due to the summer weather, this event will begin late afternoon. More details on this event will be provided at upcoming dinner meetings.

Remember to check the St. Mary Parish bulletin for dates of masses dedicated to living and deceased members of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation. A worthwhile commemoration for all members to attend.

Start looking at your recipes as we have a Bake/Goodie Sale planned for May 5, 2019 at St. Mary Parish.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Flice

Club members: Men and women who volunteer their time and talents to support several programs that help us reach our mission of helping others.

Club members: Members Francie Falco (center) visiting with Geraldine Meacham (left) and Jeanette Hudson (right) at our February 25th dinner meeting. Francie lives out of the area, but continues to support ICF Branch 28 as a member.

Br. 28, Members Roy and Ardyce Swenson at our February 25th dinner meeting.

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Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184

The Crab Feed was a huge success. Dave Romeri and his cooks made a fabulous Pasta con Vongole and a delicious salad. Then we were served all the crab we could eat! Dave also prepared and roasted 1/2 chicken for those who didn’t choose crab. Thanks to Bill Greco for the bar set up. The new raffle tickets added a lot of interest for the many beautiful prize baskets.

The District Luau is set for April 27 at Tiki in Campbell, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The proceeds benefit the Seminarian Fund. Our Lady of Peace Mass is scheduled a month earlier this year. It will be held May 19 at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon will follow at Michael’s. Please call Donna Pfaff at (408) 265-7902 if you would like to attend the luau and/or the luncheon following the Peace Mass.

The Quarterly Communion Breakfasts have begun, thank you Barbara White and Marie Antonowicz for arranging this. We will meet at the: 7:30 a.m. Mass then have breakfast together at Emil Villa’s Hickory Pit in Campbell.

Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Lucy Antico

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

As the Bollettino goes to press, the lights are out, the DJ is gone, and the dishes are done. Our polenta dinner, “That’s Amore,” is now a fond memory. A wonderful time of good food, entertainment, and being with family and friends was enjoyed by over 200 hungry guests. Our dinner committee deserves a hearty congratulations for a job well done. We hope to see you all next year.

The month of March brought Branch #191 to our Lenten Season that began with soup night on March 6. Each Wednesday during Lent, various community organizations provide soup for the congregation. All are welcome to celebrate in our holy season.

Our Village House Guests will be with us from March 6th to April 3rd. There are still openings for volunteering, especially for laundry duties. Please contact Frieda Flucchi if you can be of assistance.

As soon as the rain subsides, Bocce season begins. We anticipate a fun filled summer with a May/June opening.

The ICF will be celebrating its 95th anniversary in San Francisco. Please give consider attending. Be proud of our organization, that is having such a milestone celebration.

The General Meeting on March 27 celebrated St Joseph—the patron saint of fathers, workers, families, and the Sicilian people, among many others. We enjoyed a St Joseph’s Day dessert table in his honor. As we enter our Lenten season, Remember, “Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring…” -St Catherine of Siena

A Blessed Lenten Season to All,
Shirley Catania
Sentinel

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Soup’s on! Thank you to Patty Capps, Maureen Curulla, Avis Erkel, and Carol Layne for the delicious, homemade soups at our February meeting celebrating Valentine’s Day.

Adding to the holiday theme, Ed Wendler told us about one of three martyrs named Valentine. In Rome during the third century A.D., the Emperor Claudius needed soldiers, but he knew that married or engaged men would not want to leave their loved ones to join the army. Consequently, he banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Disobeying Claudius, a priest named Valentine agreed to marry couples clandestinely. He was found out, put in jail, and condemned to death.

On February 14, 269, before Valentine was beheaded and beheaded, the daughter of his jailer wrote Valentine a note encouraging him to not give up on love, signing it, “from your valentine.” Her action may be the origin of giving notes on Valentine’s Day.

We have many members in our club who serve as branch mentors in our Santa Clara Valley District. Mentors Joan Delfino, John Gillio, Maria and Bill Greco, Mike Nunziata, Elaine and Bob Osorio, and Tinal Souza Dutra are all members of branch 368, as is Jerry Delfino, our district mentor.

According to Joyce Robba, chairwoman of our crab feed, Crabby earned over $12,000 for our parish. Incidentally, there was a raffle, not a silent auction, at the crab feed. We continue to pray for our beloved branch members who are ill or who have passed away.

Happy Lent!
Judy Zahn

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Sister Jane Garrison led an opening prayer at our March 2019 meeting, and President Mike Rossi wished everyone a Happy Fat Tuesday! We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a feast of corn beef and cabbage, served by our own Al and Diana Vallorz and team.

After Steve Lencioni reported on our branch’s finances, members approved our 2019 budget.

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

Our popular “Wine Down with ICF” will be held on May 3, 2019, and tickets will go on sale during our April meeting. Chairperson Susan Busco is already hard at work and is asking for volunteers.

This month, Cathy De Maria is circulating the signup sheet for the ICF Convention Book Memorial and Sponsor of Names.

Also, we will be having a guest speaker from the JW House at our April meeting. Don’t miss this informative presentation.

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


Wishing you all a Joyous Easter Celebration!
Janis Patelliengo

We had 25 blood donors who braved the wind and cold rain on Saturday, 2 March in order to make a donation of a pint of blood. Thank you to those who made this effort to serve our community with a Gift of Life.

Br 408 successfully hosted the first Parish Lenten Soup Supper on March 8th with Brenda Robbins and Steve Richey leading the Devotions of the Stations of the Cross in the Church.

Our Annual PASTA Dinner Fundraiser for the school’s 5th Grade Science was a fun filled event. Our own Clarita Thomas won the $300 Cash Raffle prize.

Donna Ogden and Patricia Look presented a well received Heritage Report on the History of Biscotti at the Santa Clara Valley District (SCVD) meeting which Br 408 hosted on Monday 11 March.

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

Br. 408, Donna Ogden presenting Heritage Report to SCVD Meeting March 19

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Spring is almost here and I am ready. I enjoyed the rain but the back patio has a fine green tinge on the cement and there are mushrooms growing out of the pergola. Sunshine will be a welcome friend.

Our February dinner fell on St. Valentine’s Day and we enjoyed polenta, sausage and salad provided by John Gillio and Mary-claire Sampognaro and a delicious panna cotta prepared by our president, Giulia Gallego, who also made the tables festive. About 75 people came to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day.

Rocco and Santino Dellamaggiore, from St. Catherine’s Middle School Ministry, spoke to us about St. Joseph’s Table. Students solicit fresh produce from local growers and merchants to give to anyone in need. The event is Fri., March 15th followed by a Lenten Soup Supper hosted by Br. 435.

Sentinel, Fran Scalzo, entertained with differing histories of St. Valentine from Africa, Umbria and Rome. John and Bobbi Zaucha presented a travel log of their trip to Eastern Europe to include John’s ancestral
country of Poland.
Our March dinner on the 14th honored St. Patrick with traditional corned beef & cabbage prepared by Chef Josh Seifert. Clareanne and Ken Schirle presented on Stephen Ministry, a one-on-one caring ministry at St. Catherine Church.

We lost one of our charter members last month. Mildred “Millie” Sorci passed away at the age of 102, but her legacy lives on as the Sorci family is still active in Br. 435. Please remember Millie in your prayers.

Ciao!
Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose
Church of the Transfiguration, Br. 445

On Sunday, January 27th, award-winning artist Carla Almanza-deQuaint visited ICF Branch 445 @ Transfiguration Church in San Jose to present a lecture on the ancient technique of Venetian mask making. Having studied in Florence, Italy, Carla’s lively and informative presentation was followed by a mask making workshop for all participants. Also on hand, Kathy Winkelmann from the Gioia Italian Gift Company displayed a selection of beautiful hand-crafted Italian art and home decor available for purchase from her Los Gatos based company.

Carla’s workshop was presented in anticipation of the annual Carnival of Venice festival held in Venice, Veneto, Italy. The Carnival ends with the Christian celebration of Lent, forty days before Easter, on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. The festival is world-famous for its elaborate masks. This year Carnivale begins Saturday, February 16 and ends March 5.

Carla and Kathy were very excited to be working with the Italian Catholic Federation and would enjoy meeting with other branches within the federation. Carla’s cell phone number is (831) 238-0293 and Kathy can be reached at (408) 640-6628 (www.gioiacompany.com).

Special thanks to Jan Stumphofer and others at Branch 445 for organizing this fun, cultural event and Jim Jones for helping to offset some of the expenses.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola
Corresponding Secretary

Santa Rosa District Council

Spring has come to the Valley! Buds are spouting everywhere. Lovely.

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. As we receive more information, we will send it on. In the meantime, get your carpools going.

Sunday, May 5th is the District Spiritual and Heritage Day to be held at Br. 127, Petaluma. Please let DennaCe DiGiralomo (707-481-8784) know how many will be attending from your branch. The format has changed a bit this year and should be very interesting.

Many branch events coming up on the next few months. Check your activities’ calendars. It’s good to support each other.

June 9th is the 50th Anniversary celebration in San Francisco. Check the Bollettino for information and reservation forms.

Also, check your Bollettino for Convention information. Make reservations early especially airlines, if you are leaving from Santa Rosa Airport.

Rain has stalled construction of our house. Hopefully, we can back on track soon.

In this stressful and tumultuous world, remember to love, comfort and care for each other, especially the young. Let's be good to one another!!!

Happy Easter!
CK

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

April is a bit quiet for Br. 52, as we recuperate from another successful Fish Fry in March. We thank everyone who supported the dinner, bought raffle tickets and bid on the silent and live auction items. We especially thank everyone who helped cook, set-up and clean-up. Without the cooperation of branch members, our events would not be as much fun and or as successful.

Photos will be in the May Bollettino.

Upcoming Events:
April 9: Branch meeting at the Rectory. 5:45 p.m.
April 7: ICF Monthly Mass at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We are encouraging members to attend this mass together and to sit together. Quite a few of us will need to get out of our comfort zones to attend this mass, but please make an effort.
April 10: Lenten Soup Supper. Our branch will be hosting Stations of the Cross will be in Church at 5:30 p.m. and the Soup Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy delicious soup!
May 5: Santa Rosa District Spiritual and Heritage Day at St. James in Petaluma. Please read the Santa Rosa District article for more information.
If you are not receiving the monthly email blast from the branch, please contact me with your email address. Email me at Ltek1965@comcast.net.
Buona Pasqua!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
St. Peter, Br. 75

Happy Spring! The rains have turned our fields a beautiful green this year and the bulbs and wild flowers are in abundance! Thanks be to God!

Bob Acquistapace cooked our Branch a wonderful Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at our March meeting. We are so grateful for his mentoring and support.

Lent is upon us and our Branch will lead one of the Lenten Stations of the Cross for the parish.

We continue to host coffee and donuts once a month after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Upcoming Events:
April 25: Monthly meeting with a Ham Dinner to celebrate Easter.
May 16: Monthly meeting with a special meal honoring Mothers and Fathers.
May 19: We will gather as a group at the 9:30am Mass. The Mass intention will be for the living and deceased members of ICF Branch 75. It will be followed by coffee and donuts in the hall.
June 23: Food and Wine Pairing. This was very successful last year. Mark the date on your Calendar. We will have more information about it next month.

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Hi guys,
Almost missed the bus this month but many thanks to our Editor for allowing me through the gate! As usual we had a lovely Irish dinner and sure that there are many more to come this month. Are we counting?

Our Sonoma dinners were a little light this month but many conversations pursued. Unfortunately we are are losing the Borgen’s who feel that they have to move closer to their children on the peninsula. Lila and John have served our Br. 103 for many, many years and we will miss them. I have been able to continue as Recording-Secretary after some scheduling changes. I really do want to continue so I can continue to serve the ICF.

Do not forget our Sonoma Fundraiser on March 30th!!! Ravioli for all!!!
I will always be here to advertise and support, right Ken? I may be a little late that nite but in time to serve our fabulous Rum cake for dessert! A great prelude to Easter Sunday.
The skies are light now, so much easier to travel from Napa and Petaluma to Sonoma.

Buona Pasqua in anticipo
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording-Secretary

Petaluma
St. Vincent’s, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!
Our All You Can Eat Crab Dinner, turned out to be a great success. Gianco Manni and Angela Leone and all his kitchen crew and helpers did a fantastic job. We want to thank them for all their hard work and also want to thank all those who helped in any way.

April is Bakeless Bake Sale. You will be receiving your yearly letter asking for donations, so please help in this event.

April 8th - Regular Mtg, Rm. 9, 6:30 p.m.
May 5th - Quarterly Communion Living/Deceased - 11:00 a.m., followed by Santa Rosa District Day of Recollection.
May 13th - Pizza Nite and Meeting - 6:00 p.m., Rm. 9 Cost $5 Reservations - Louise - 769-7389
May 18th - Chicken Cacciatore Dinner - St. James Church Hall following 5:00 Mass - Cost $20 for adults, $10 children under 12 yrs. Reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

Our condolences to Josephine Ronconi on the passing of her husband Charlie. They have been members for 25 yrs.

Get well wishes to Rita Boynton and any others who are ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating at this time. Happy St. Patrick’s Day and Bless St. Joseph’s Day. May God bless each one of you and your families, our homeless, service people, victims of crimes and our Country.

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

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

Members, I apologize for failing to have notices in the Bollettino in Feb. and March. In January, a new e-mail address was to be used. I knew that and changed it, but did so incorrectly. Mea culpa, Mea culpa!
It was a pleasure to welcome our new member Tony Gonsalves to Branch 144. His specialty is Photography. Every branch needs a good one!! Welcome Tony!!!

On March 17, we honored St. Joseph with a St. Joseph’s table at our masses. Parishioners made a donation for baked items they selected. Money collected was donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

On April 5, we will serve a Meager Meal, soup and bread, after the 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Reserve April 27th for celebrating our 60th Anniversary. We will co-host the anniversary with Br. 145. Circle your calendar! The District is planning to bring members together!!!

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from the Santa Rosa District to help us celebrate. Callers will notify members with the details. On Sunday morning, there will be a District meeting at the Samoa Cookhouse. Breakfast will be $15.55 including tax and tip.

Our President Linda Spallino is making a fabulous recovery after her surgery. Our prayers are with you Linda. Remember all of our members in your prayers.

March Birthdays were: Patricia Macdonald, Mary Tanferani, Sabrina Macdonald, and Wade DeLashmutt Sr. A Belated Happy Birthday to all!

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

A Happy and Blessed Easter to All.

Br. 144, Deputy Joe Bonino installing new member Tony Gonzalves.

Santa Rosa
Br. 144, Deputy Joe Bonino installing new member Tony Gonzalves.

St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our April 6th fundraiser was a success because of the many volunteers who helped with the cooking, serving, ticket sales, and clean up. President Bob Acquistapace says “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped and to everyone who attended.

The next major event will be held on Sunday, May 5th in Petaluma. Please try to attend the District “Day of Spirituality and Heritage.” Mass will be at St. James Church at 11:00 a.m. with lunch and program to follow. The cost is only $7.00. If you have not already signed up, call Bob at 545-7376.

Our Mother’s Day/Scholarship dinner will be held on Monday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Brinker Room. Ladies are free with a gift for Life Pregnancy Services and men are $10.00. You will be called for reservations. We need an accurate count for this special night.

Say a special prayer to our Blessed Mother Mary this month as we prepare for our Easter celebration. As we move from Lent to the Resurrection, we have much for which to be thankful.

Buona Pasqua to all!

Fraternally,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo
P.S. Best wishes to our member, Ryan McCalmon, as he begins his trek on the Pacific Coast Trail, from Mexico to Canada, on April 4th.

St. Sebastian, Br. 209

At our March meeting we enjoyed a delicious corned beef & cabbage dinner prepared by Barbara Bidia, Yvonne Dorr & Pam McAlvaine.

Our annual Fish Fry will be held on April 5th and will be enjoyed by all. Thank you to our chefs and all of the help with set up, raffle and serving. We couldn’t do these events without the team effort.

A get well wish to Dante Corsetti who has been under the weather.

We would love to have our members come and join us for our monthly meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Watch for your monthly mailer for details. Bring a friend who may be interested in joining our branch.

Coming up on May 19th will be our annual Bocce Tournament on the bocce courts at St. Sebastian’s, Sebastopol. It is always a fun event!

Happy Spring,
Sharon Vannetti

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Most of our time in April is getting ready for Easter. Fridays for the Stations of the Cross and soup suppers, helping out at the parish and getting ready for Easter Vigil. Things pick up in May as we have our bake sale the first week end of the month the 4 & 5 of May. Our members go all out baking cakes, cookies, biscotti, pies and breads of all kinds. This is our biggest fundraiser so our members make sure we have plenty to sell.

May 8, 2019 we have our meeting and our Mother’s Day Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us bring your favorite dish, your family and friends and join us as we celebrate our Mothers.

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 Tom Silvaggio.

Refreshments for the April 10, 2019 meeting will be furnished by Analisa Zamora.

Coming up:
April 10 7:00 p.m., Meeting in the Hall at 7th and K Street
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
June 12 7:00 p.m., Meeting in the Hall at 7th and K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

Buona Pasqua to all!
Fraternally,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

P.S. Best wishes to our member, Ryan McCalmon, as he begins his trek on the Pacific Coast Trail, from Mexico to Canada, on April 4th.

St. Anne’s, Br. 82

Our five members who attended our first Stockton District Meeting on Feb. 10th certainly enjoyed getting to know members from other branches in the district. We learned more about the mission of ICF, and savored an pasto delizioso presented by St. Bernard’s. Thank you Br. 390.

On Feb.12th at our Valentine-themed General Meeting, our Chaplains, Deacon Karl Welsbacher, gathered us in prayer before members and guests had fun dipping various sweets in chocolate and chatted over hot chocolate. The children created Valentines while the adults engaged in a game matching famous couples in the Bible. Business included discussion about having an ICF booth at the June 9th Festa Italia at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Dante Galeazzi, Trustee from the Manteca Br. 139, elaborated on some of the ICF programs, and Isabella Fugazi shared the story of St. Valentine. Our first raffle prize at a meeting raised $60 for the social fund! Thank you Grace Puccinelli for donating the basket of Valentine items.

At our next meeting on March 26th, we are having a potluck fellowship honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph. There will be theme-related activities for the children, and for adults, a game to test their knowledge of our honored saints. Members are encouraged to invite a guest.

We pray that this Lenten season of reflection is bringing you closer to our Lord and Savior, and that your Easter is a joyful renewal of your faith in the risen Christ.

Buona Pasqua!
Patty Litts,
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

St. Anthony’s Church and a reception at Bishop’s Burse on June 23, with Mass at St. Anthony’s Church and a reception at Del Webb’s Woodbridge. Stockton Bishop Myron Cotta will be present.

Branch President Elizabeth Demichelis led us in the Federation Anthem to close our meeting.

Avere la primavera!
Ciao,
Mariano

Branch 390 will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25th and all are invited. April is Italian Heritage month so spaghetti and meatballs are on the menu, along with all the trimmings. Dessert and wine will be served as well.

We congratulate Paula Re on her 95th birthday! She is a charter member and our founding member responsible for getting our branch on the move. By the way, her 95th birthday found her sitting at the piano—we bet she can still play our ICF Noi Vogliamo Dio!

Speaking of Paula, she has hired the fabulous Steve Trucio to entertain us on the accordion at the April Italian Heritage night dinner meeting.

It’s such a sentimental night—how many of us remember a Dad, Papa, Godfather or Uncle Sal on the accordion at family get-togethers? Thanks again, Paula.

Be sure to look for photos of yourselves on our website www.icfbranch390.org - new photos are loaded every month.

Ciao for now, Betty Hollars

Br. 390, Founder and charter president Paula Re playing the piano.
As mentioned, we hosted a Soup Supper in March and we had a wonderful turnout. Attendees donated over $100 which we sent to our local Saint Mary’s Dining Room. Looks like our branch will have one first year scholarship and we are excited about that. More details on scholarship next month.

For Heritage this month we are asking members to share what Easter/pasqua was like growing up. Members are encouraged to share traditions, pictures and of course treats are always welcome. Can’t wait to hear everyone’s stories.

Our branch will host our next Stockton District meeting in Stockton at Presentation Church on May 19. All are welcome.

Don’t forget to get Festa Italiana on your calendar. Our branch will host our next Stockton District meeting in May. All are welcome. We have started planning for our upcoming barbecue in July on the 14th, after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. We hold it after Mass, so that all can participate. 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 Pachinge
Correspondence Secretary

Br. 413 Lenten Soup Supper

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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**Stockton**

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

By the time that you read this, St. Patrick’s Day has come and gone. Since the world’s colors for the day are green, the foothills east of Stockton are very green and beautiful! We have entered the season of Lent. Our Branch volunteered for the first Lenten Friday Soup Supper. We made minestrone for the dinner. It was well attended. We thank the Hispanic community for participating and helping to clean up afterwards.

We have started planning for our upcoming barbecue in July on the 14th, after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. We hold it after Mass, so that all can participate. This is a good time of the year to come up the hill and visit us.

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Annette Pachinge
Correspondence Secretary

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**Angels Camp**

**St. Patrick, Br. 413**

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**San Diego District**

**Spring Valley**

**Santa Sophia, Br. 416**

After a very successful Super Bowl Sunday Sandwich Sale, we are now preparing for our annual St. Joseph Celebration. We highlighted the day with a printed history of St. Joseph, St. Joseph prayers, and hand-outs all about St. Joseph. We also featured our famous sausage and meatball sandwiches and our very popular cannoli. We also had our membership table right at the entrance with lots of information about ICF and, of course, membership applications. Also, we will be saying goodbye to our very special guest from South Korea, Min. She has been staying with our member Carlos Schifano for the past few months and has been not only very helpful at our functions, but a real joy to have around. We will miss her much. Thanks again to Laurice Levine for having visited San Diego and inspiring all of us.

We hope to have her down again in June.

Keep smiling and God Bless.

Tim Smith

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**Reno**

**St. Albert, Br. 135**

Because of the many snow storms in Reno in January and February and canceled or postponed meetings, Branch 135 finally had a meeting on March 3rd. The 19 members and guests enjoyed Minestrone Soup made by Charlyne Pacini and Vonnie Ramos. Helping to prepare the appetizers, salad and serve the Cherry pie was Mary Joe Wiese.

We had Ginny Saiz as a guest speaker who is a recruiting specialist with “Right at Home.” She explained what the group does, which is non-medical in-home care. She explained how to be a volunteer and the services and activities they offered.

We asked for prayers for Frank Brunelli who has been in and out of the hospital the last two months and will undergo a heart procedure soon.

At the meeting, members voted to give a $400 first year scholarship selected by Central Council for a Reno area graduating senior to be used for college. We voted to give a $200 tuition assistance scholarship, to each Reno Area Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Albert the Great, Our Lady of Snows, and Little Flower). We also voted to give a $200 scholarship to a graduating 8th grader from each Reno Area Catholic Elementary School planning to attend Manogue Catholic High School in the fall.

The date for the Polenta and Chicken dinner was set for November 9, 2019. The details will be discussed at a later meeting.

The next meeting will be April 7th.

Ciao,

Charlyne Pacini

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**Irvine**

**St. Thomas More, Br. 423**

Our monthly meeting in February was on Friday, February 15. We had chili and all the fixins. Peggy Farrell, Marci Dodson, and Gayle McDonald were the chili cooks. There were three delicious types of chili!

Share Our Selves thanked us for our Thanksgiving and Christmas donations this past year.

Terry and Kathy McGaughen were our guest speakers during the March meeting. They spoke about the current church campaign and what we as an organization could do to contribute.

April’s monthly meeting will be held offsite at a winery. We will have a short meeting and have a wine tasting event.

There will be a traveling exhibit of pictures of the Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo on April 29 at Christ Cathedral in Orange. Admission is $10 per person.

St. Joseph Table was held during the weekend of March 16 and 17. Members brought homemade edibles to sell. In addition, we sold sausage and meatball sandwiches and freshly made cannoli.

Please pay yearly dues of $45 per person if you have not already paid. Please send the payment to Jerry Donaldson, Treasurer as soon as possible.

Ciao,

Miranda Gibson

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**Tucson**

**Green Valley**

**Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425**

Buona Pasqua! March was another busy month for our branch. We had two more fundraisers, our annual St. Joseph’s Day Table and our Easter Cookie Sale.

The branch members were busy cooking and baking for these two events.

We had our St. Joseph’s Table after 4:00 mass on Saturday, March 17th, so a little St. Patrick’s Day in there too! We served many members of the church and our community. All the proceeds went to our local Green Valley/Amado/Sahuarita Food Bank. Or president, Bob Burdick and one of our best bakers, Yolanda DelCorso, brought the check to the Food Bank to present the check to Debbie Acuna.

We also had our Easter cookie sale after all our masses on Palm Sunday. Wonderful biscotti, almond cookies, ricotta cookies were baked and sold along with a variety of other cookies. It was an inevitable sell-out!

Things will be slowing down a bit in April and May. Our fundraising is over until October as many of our snow bird members will be heading North again to enjoy the summer weather. We will have our second Corporate Communion at the end of April and our annual picnic at Madera Canyon in May. Then many of us will escape for a month or two in RV’s and cars and travel to cooler climes, enjoying the beauty of our country and visiting our far off families.
With great sadness, Branch 425 announces the passing of one of our dear friends and founding members, S. Vincent Barone, on Sunday, February 10th. Vincent was born on August 27th in New York City and lived a very exciting life. He graduated from St. John’s College in 1939 and as a gifted musician, played both saxophone and clarinet while pursuing his degree. Afterward, he had a position in the US Foreign Service and he and his wife, Jeri, who passed away in 2008, lived all over the world. He spoke several languages fluently and continued to be fluent in both Italian and Spanish to the end of his life. Vincent was also an accomplished poet and had several books of poetry that he self-published. They were on a variety of subjects, but his favorite theme was romance. Vincent was a very romantic gentleman and his love for his wife was evident in many of his poems. After moving to Green Valley, he became involved with many charitable groups besides the ICF. He worked as a volunteer with Casa Community Center and with sight impaired individuals. He is survived by his son, Vincent S. Barone, along with a sister, Josephine (John) Calandra, his niece and goddaughter, Lisa DiBella, and his nephew and godson, Vincent P. Calandra. A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Valentine's Day Loving Thoughts

Valentine's Day is time for loving thoughts
Those are thoughts that can't be bought
We share the love that we know
With that love, we'll never feel alone

Nothing is more beautiful than Loving thoughts on this day
Women's faces have smiles that proudly display
When they walk, they never hide their beauty, so rare
Women bloom like flowers that permeate the air

Loving thoughts prevail everywhere on Valentine's Day
Children enjoy showing how much they want to play
Friends are brought together to exchange gifts
Words of congratulations are on everyone's lips

We all look forward to receiving a Valentine kiss
With that kiss, life can't be better than this
My Loving thoughts are given to you on Valentine's Day
Keep them close to your heart, so that they won't fade away.

Written by:
S. Vincent Barone
February 14, 2016

ICF Member Travel Log

Take a look at some of the interesting places our members have explored in Italy.

Torino in the Piedmont region
Bill Metz, Branch 380 members

Ponte Vittorio Emanuele Bridge over the Po River with Catholic Parish Church Gran Madre Dio Do in the background.

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist which houses the Holy Shroud of Torino.

Paestum in the Salerno, Campania region.
Pat & Lou Mages, Branch 380 members

Paestum...ancient Greek ruins.

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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.**

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***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.

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
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 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
- Ricotta al Funghi
- Coffee - Tea - No Host Bar
- Red & White Wine at each Table

- Entrée Choice
- ½ 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 Italian Catholic Federation with a list of Attendees & Entrée Choice to Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

“95TH ANNIVERSARY GALA”

SAN FRANCISCO

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(Sit Down Luncheon with Appetizers)

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Please mail this form and your check, payable to Italian Catholic Federation, no later than Friday, May 31, 2019 to Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

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Total # of Reservations __________ x $45.00

Total # of Reservations (after June 17, 2019) __________ x $20.00

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.

Deadline June 17, 2019

Please send One check per Branch made to Italian Catholic Federation with a list of Attendees Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621

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

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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!
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.

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Visited the ICF Website Yet?

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

Here are some of the many things you can do:

• Read current and past issues of the Bollettino newspaper with 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

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