



# BOLLETTINO



## Introducing-Member's Corner

*Public Relations Committee*

We are starting a new section in the Bollettino called

### "Member's Corner"

We are looking for submissions from the ICF membership for this area to highlight an individual, event or accomplishment within a Branch or District.

There is a lot of good that goes on throughout the Federation and this would be a great way for all to share.

If you wish to submit an article, please send it to [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org).

In the subject line put Member's Corner Article and please limit the word count to no more than 250 words.

Thank you, *The Public Relations Committee*

## How to Honor Good Workers in the ICF

### Featuring the Santa Rosa District Council

The Santa Rosa District Council in 1993 was looking for a way to honor individual branch members with some type of award. The district found a way to recognize deserving and outstanding members of a branch within the district by starting the **DISTRICTS PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Each branch was given a nomination application at the October district meeting. If a branch chose to nominate someone, they prepared a packet with the candidate's qualifications and submitted it in a folder with supporting materials. There would be two winners selected by a three-person committee and announced at the December meeting of the District Council.

The two recipients (sometimes one recipient could be a couple) were honored and received a plaque.

The first winners of the District President's Award were Giuseppe and Miria Garfagnoli from **Branch 52 Healdsburg**.

For 25 years we have continued this award with great success. You should try this in your District.

If anyone would like a copy of the nomination form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to

Bob Acquistapace, 2229 Cheyenne Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405



Branch 111, St. Joseph's Table celebrated

## 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, history.

But, wait a minute! It appears we are missing about 20 to 30 years of ICF history/legacy of family involvement. This is not 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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## Grand President's Monthly Message

*Andrew Pappani*

In my article this month, Sid and I want to thank you for your warm hospitality and for making us feel welcome at your Installations.

Installing the future leaders of our branches and districts assures me that we are going in the right direction and it makes me extremely optimistic about the future of the Federation.

Thank you to those who put on the Installations. I know that it takes a lot of work organizing this kind of event and I appreciate your efforts.

It was enjoyable attending Mass with many of you and the lunches and dinners were excellent.

Thank you Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi, Robert Acquistapace for covering those Districts that I could not attend.

I also want to thank the many Central Council members who traveled to the Installations to attend and support the districts and branches at this important time of year. I truly appreciate you, your assistance and your dedication to the Federation.

\*\*\*I will leave you with these thoughts during Lent \*\*\*\*

*As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor—He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.*

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil Ones. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using of faith; prayer; listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth. Ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.*

--Pope Benedict XVI

Sid and I pray that you have Blessed Easter.

Grand President

Andrew Pappani

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professional look and better managing  
of incoming email.

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

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

Please keep your submission positive  
and informative.

Thank you!

## 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 the 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.--Grand Parliamentarian**

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

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

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

of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

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

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

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will pres-

ent proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point the Bylaws Committee will "certify" the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention. The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

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

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

**Central Council Meeting Minutes   DRAFT**  
**Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
**Castro Valley, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by Grand President Andy Pappani.

**Opening Prayer:** led by Vince Piro.

**Salute to Flag/ICF Pledge:** Salute to the Flag and the ICF Pledge were led by Grand President Andy Pappani.

**Roll Call of Officers and CC Members: Excused:** Frank Re.

**Central Council Meeting Minutes:** The minutes for October 13, 2018 were approved as written.

**Communications**

The communications were read.

**Reports**

***Spiritual Director- Monsignor Daniel Cardelli***

Monsignor has been thinking about the ICF, which is beautiful organization and community. The ICF does a lot of good for the parishes and gives something back to members as they become closer to their parishes and to God. He is looking forward to the 95<sup>th</sup> and the 100th anniversaries.

***Grand President – Andy Pappani***

The Grand President listed the events he has attended and those he will be attending. He thanked Vince Piro, Deborah Rodondi and Bob Acquistapace for representing him at events he could not attend.

***Grand Treasurer –Denise Antonowicz***

The committee met on February 8, 2019 with Vic from UBS. We did well in December in spite of the volatility of the stock market. Our funds are tracking at an 8% return.

***Mentor Chairperson – Vince Piro***

The Mentors had a phone conference in December.

Vince Piro discussed troubled branches and what is being done to assist them.

The most recent ‘In Touch’ will be going online.

**Committee Reports**

***Workshop – Lauren Kilcullen***

The Workshop Committee gave a workshop in October for the East Bay District. So far, no other district has requested a workshop.

***Ways and Means – Bob Basuino***

2020 Calendar: The committee has received good responses to the theme of “Cooking with Nonna and Nonno.”

95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Everything is in place for the three galas.

The computer issues have been resolved and the people who have signed up will be entered into the computer. Open enrollment is through 2019 for all members regardless of age. After this year, members over 70 can join when they first join the ICF.

***Heritage – Denise Antonowicz***

We had a surprise parade in Hollister that Denise had a week’s notice. We have a float, but need more than one week’s notice. The float is 8’ x 24’ that has a permanent structure. It’s a good advertisement for the ICF, as we have a large banner on the float.

***Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand***

Thank you to the committee for judging, today. There were 19 applicants and \$21,000 was awarded.

***Finance Committee – Denise Antonowicz***

2018 Final budget: The deficit was \$1,328.88. This is a significant reduction from previous years. Extra equipment that wasn’t needed or used was gotten rid of from the office.

2019 budget: No questions.

Convention Reimbursement: Motion to approve from committee. Passed. Rose Jarrett encouraged everyone to book their airline travel, early, to obtain the best rates.

***Expansion –Mike Rossi***

The goal of the ICF Strategic Plan is to open three new branches per year.

2019 progress: Re-opened Branch 82 at St Anne’s in Lodi on December 1, 2018 with 45 charter members.

The branch mentor is Robert Pachinger. Two more branches need to open in 2019.

2018 update: Opened two new branches with a total of 104 charter members: Re-opened Br. 179, St.

Dorothy in Glendora, and opened Br. 447, American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach.

Current activity: Working on six potential new branches in San Diego and Sacramento Dioceses: Good

Shepherd, Mira Mesa (San Diego), St. Didacus, San Diego, St. Patrick, San Diego, Guardian Angels,

Santee (San Diego), St. John the Baptist, Chico (Sacramento) and St. Eugene, Chicago.

Additionally, the committee will work on expansion opportunities in the following areas: Chicago

Archdiocese: St. Constance, St. Philip; Fresno Diocese: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Bakersfield; San Diego

Diocese: Our Mother of Confidence; San Jose Diocese: St. Francis of Assisi; Santa Rosa Diocese: St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rohnert Park; Stockton Diocese: St. Joseph, Modesto and Phoenix and Tucson

Dioceses: St. Anthony, Casa Grande, St. Mark, Oro Valley.

One of the tools Mike Rossi has been using is the list of total branches in the ICF, closed and open to see

what branches are potentials for re-opening.

***Convention’ Director’s – Roselynn Jarrett***

2018 Convention: The total profit is \$12,796.75.

2019 Convention: Rose distributed the hotel reservation flyer. We have a great rate of \$95. The resort fee has been waived. Use the ICF rate when making your reservations, as we have to meet the hotel room commitment. Encourage your branches to attend the Sunday night dinner. The Central Council is handling selling the novelties at the Convention and Rose Jarrett is purchasing the novelties. The Thursday dinner will be held at the hotel. For the Friday agenda, there is no Pedro tournament. An Open Forum is being added to the late afternoon / early evening on Friday. Preliminary workshops on Saturday include spiritual, membership, president’s workshop, strategic plan, and successful branches. Dante Galeazzi is MC on Friday and Franklyn Lopes, Jr. is MC on Saturday. The cost of the Delegate registration is staying the same as in 2018.

The committee discussed the idea for future conventions to end on Sunday, but after careful consideration decided to stay with ending on Monday.

July 26 Golf Tournament: Everything is set. Eddie Leonard is cooking the dinner. Leonard Rossi asked for raffle prizes and please bring them to the June Central Council meeting. The tournament also needs hole sponsors. A mailing will go out mid-March.

The committee is going to try a La Befana letter at Christmas time and will have the details at the June meeting.

***Task Force – Vince Piro***

RFP for Program manager: Did not receive one proposal. Vince is going to revise the RFP.

National Branch: This will be ready in about a month. People joining the National Branch will pay dues of \$45.00 or \$50.00 as not to compete with local branches. National Branch members can attend the annual convention but will not have a delegate representing them. Benefits: receive the Bollettino, receive announcements for local events, participate in the hospitalization plan, have a Facebook page and join the ICF Facebook page. We don’t know how popular this will be. Hopefully, the National Branch will attract members who have moved out of the area, but still want to belong.

The Committee believes that we need to refocus on the strategic plan.

***Scholarship – Dante Galeazzi***

1<sup>st</sup> Year Applications have been mailed out to high schools. Please consider increasing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Scholarship donations. Bob Acquistapace said the Santa Rosa District is asking each branch to contribute .50 cents per member towards a 2<sup>nd</sup> year scholarship.

In June, the committee is going to look at the revising the donation card for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Break for lunch at 11:50 PM. Meeting re-started at 1:00 PM.

Convention Raffle tickets were distributed. Central Council members are to bring them to their districts.

***Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski***

The new editor started in November. Nanette Metz worked with Richard Interrante on the December issue and did the January and February issues. The committee will have a review with Nanette after 3 months. Bollettino submissions receive an email from the editor saying the article/column was received. After the article has been opened, another email will be sent out.

Richard Interrante worked very hard on the October and November issues. Motion from committee to donate \$2000 to Providenza Fund. Mike Rossi asked where the money would come from? Leonard Zasoski said it would come from the Bollettino Editor payroll. Motion passed.

The committee is looking for suggestions for advertisers, please send them to Nanette.

Regarding the website, the photos will be changed, shortly. The committee wants to decrease the use of stock photos on the website.

***Membership – Pat Mages***

The goals of the committee are aligned with the strategic plan, including increase retention of members, increase younger members, and increase family members.

The committee is working with branches that have 35 members or less.

Incentives for being member: Rose Jarrett got a discount from Hertz for rental cars. Discount is up to 30% off and is good year-round.

***Live to Give – Franklyn Lopes***

None.

***Hospitalization – Lisa Crudo***

***By-Laws & Rituals – Mike Rossi***

Branch by-laws have been updated. The most recent ritual change is January 2015.

Bob Acquistapace addressed the By Laws Article A: Branches closing and writing a letter at least one year before they close. Bob is asking the By Laws committee to bring a proposal to change this to the June Central Council meeting. Vince Piro said the intent is good, but maybe the wording needs to be changed. The committee will meet to discuss with Vince Piro and Bob Acquistapace.

Rose Jarrett suggested to look at changing the wording of the initiation. Carmen Kilcullen will give the wording she used at Br. 52 Healdsburg’s initiation to the committee. Rose also suggested at Installation of Officers, the financial officers should come at the same time to be installed like recording and corresponding secretaries.

Bylaws proposals to be presented at June CC meeting: Chapter X, pg. 14: eliminate subordinate organizations; Chapter XI, Article 2H, page 16: Give officers a 15-day notice to pay dues if unpaid; Chapter XVI, page 26: better define who can represent a branch as a Convention delegate; Chapter IV, page 9: Add article regarding officer meetings, recommended by Rose Jarrett.

***Apostolate & Charity – Lauren Kilcullen***

The committee is finalizing updating the report form. The new form will go out in the March mailing from the office. The branch categories will be adjusted to be more equitable regarding the number of branches in each category. Awards for 100% participation for the districts will be given out at the Convention instead of at the installations.

**Unfinished Business**

Emails: Please respond to emails you receive. Denise Antonowicz asked about our new icf.org email addresses. Leonard Zasoski will send out directions on how to log in to the emails.

**New Business**

Perry Shurko, Los Angeles District President and Br. 362, spoke about the Religious Education Congress that occurs every year in Anaheim on March 22 – 24. It is the world’s largest Catholic Convention with over 40,000 attendees. The Convention has Masses, Workshops and Guest Speakers.

The Los Angeles District has a 10x10 booth in the exhibit hall. The price for the booth is \$1,020. Lisa Crudo asked if Los Angeles District would have a booth each year. Perry said we will see how this year goes. Dante Galeazzi made a motion pay the entire \$1,020 cost. Seconded by Pat Mages. Vince Piro would like to get a Return-On-Investment from the district after this year’s convention and give a report prior to next year’s convention. Motion passed.

**Action on Communications**

None

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Msgr. Cardelli.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm by Grand President Andy Pappani

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Lauren Kilcullen*  
*Grand Secretary*

- Next Meeting: June 8, 2019 in Colma.



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

Received as of March 10, 2019:

<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>	<b>DONATED BY:</b>
Betty Antuzzi	Robert Basuino
Dick Silva	Robert Basuino
Betty Antuzzi	Esther Ramonda
Robert Dianda	Pat and Lou Mages
Robert Dianda	ICF Spouses' Association
Richard Silva	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Richard Silva	Mike and Marcie Rossi
Addie Kramer	Pat and Lou Mages
Addie Kramer	ICF Spouses' Association
Thomas De Bartolo	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Betty Antuzzi	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Frances Halley	Officers/Members of Br. 191
Aline Amatisto	Officers/Members of Br. 362
Richard Silva	The Kilcullen Family
Irene Athearn	Officers/Members of Br. 343
Robert Dianda	Dave and Roberta Madej
Robert Dianda	Officers/Members of East Bay District
Leo Bargiacchi	Diana Petrolino
Leo Bargiacchi	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Rusty Tartaglino	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Juliana Locatelli Boccone	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Millie Sorci	Officers/Members of Br. 435

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

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.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: March 10, 2019

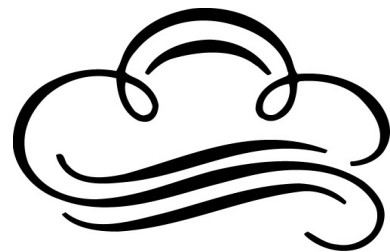
<b>Branch 014</b>	<b>Branch 332</b>
Carol Lucido	Debbie Hagan
<b>Branch 027</b>	<b>Branch 343</b>
Charles T De Fina	Robin Hudson
<b>Branch 028</b>	Warren Hudson
Helga Brooks	Diane Sullivan
<b>Branch 031</b>	<b>Branch 351</b>
Jennifer L Barcellos	Bethann Filippi
Tim Gallichio	Jeff Filippi
Tom Lewis	<b>Branch 379</b>
Lisa Marciochi	Karen Joyce
Steve A Marques	<b>Branch 395</b>
Piper Post	Virginia L Larsen
<b>Branch 036</b>	<b>Branch 416</b>
Nanette M Giles	Bonni Esquibel
Timothy B Mc Grath	<b>Branch 433</b>
<b>Branch 039</b>	Carol Errico
Minnie C Fragnito	John Errico
<b>Branch 052</b>	Timothy Eubanks
Rose Marie Johnson	Gabriella T Moreno
<b>Branch 082</b>	<b>Branch 438</b>
Judy A Fraser	Eloise C Flanders
<b>Branch 195</b>	Claire Salsman
Frances M Meyers	Richard Salsman
<b>Branch 198</b>	<b>Branch 442</b>
Frank Costaglio	Diane Delucchi
<b>Branch 209</b>	<b>Branch 444</b>
Sean C Mills	Gina Albi
<b>Branch 227</b>	<b>Branch 447</b>
Roy G Avila	Joana A Brown
Flori Soder	Jan Chalk
<b>Branch 285</b>	Mary Cheatham
Judy M Bates	Joyce Deangelo
Gerda Sesto	Grace Scaduto
	Mai Scaduto
	Kim Winterson
	Natalia Winterson
	Michael Winterson

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

Gifts of Love  
Donations

Report date: March 10, 2019

Branch 438  
Officers/Members of Branch 403  
In memory of Rudy Torigiani  
Officers/Members of Branch 91  
Get well wishes for Jan Karp  
Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan  
In memory of Sir Robert Dianda  
Stan Powell  
In memory of Jim Basso  
Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get well wishes for Pat Cordich



Cooley's Anemia  
Donations

Report date: March 10, 2019

Branch 408  
Officers/Members of Branch 362  
In memory of Aline Amatisto  
Johanna Tacci  
In memory of Millie Sorci



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

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

Contact Information:

(360) 860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto: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  
 In honor of the 90th birthday of  
 Frankie Such  
 Aldine Grisenti  
 In honor of the 90th birthday of  
 Frankie Such

For information about scholarships, go to  
 this web address.  
<https://www.icf.org/scholarships/>

### March Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Valerie Hashim	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/2	Joann Sangiacomo	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/3	Vince Saso	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/4	Harry Tocce	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/5	David Zanini	354	Paso Robles, CA	\$50
3/6	Lillian Pauletto	139	Manteca, CA	\$50
3/7	Edmond J. Russ		Gardena, CA	\$30
3/8	Joey Reeder		San Pablo, CA	\$30
3/9	Toni Proietti	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/10	Carl Heller	14	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/11	DeAnna Federico	447	Manhattan Beach, CA	\$30
3/12	Don Merucci	135	Sparks, NV	\$30
3/13	Sandi Rigor	214	Concord, CA	\$30
3/14	Marie DeRosa	327	Downey, CA	\$30
3/15	Nelida Mills	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
3/16	Barb Levey		Merced, CA	\$30
3/17	Diane Eble		Calimesa, CA	\$50
3/18	Mary D. Onetti	161	Corte Madera, CA	\$30
3/19	Virginia Buettgenbach		Merced, CA	\$50
3/20	Frankie Such	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/21	Tammy Johnson		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/22	Elizabeth Tew		Gardena, CA	\$30
3/23	Maria J. Pricolo	308	Fresno, CA	\$30
3/24	Lena McCrossen	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
3/25	Alberta Ferrer	417	Fresno, CA	\$30
3/26	Carol Louise Silva	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
3/27	Mary K. Vanek-Deetz	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
3/28	Martha Acuna	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
3/29	Karen Rivera		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/30	Viva Palumbo	379	Anaheim, CA	\$30
3/31	Eugene & Lydia Camozzi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30

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### 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
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### In Loving Memory

Report date: March 11, 2019

#### Deceased Members

Lenora Falco	Branch 018	Elma N Cooper	Branch 050
William Occhipinti	Branch 018	Robert Dianda	Branch 091
Bennett Brown	Branch 025	Tina Zanoni	Branch 130
Luke W Phillips	Branch 036	Florence M Wallace	Branch 229
Robert L Ayers	Branch 039	Theresa E Roman	Branch 327
Nada G Bandoni	Branch 039	Irene M Athearn	Branch 343
Raymond Giampaoli	Branch 039	Lillian J La Pres	Branch 391
Janet Rosa	Branch 039	Robert A Lawrence	Branch 391
Deacon Joe Smith	Branch 039		

*\* Shirley Stoyack of Br. 229 is alive and well. She was reported here in error. Apologies for the mistake.*



#### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

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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.

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# 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 Philips 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 char-

ter 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

**Theresa 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:thelfand@icf.org).

God Bless You,  
Teresa Helfand

# 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](mailto: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.



Cabrini Chapel in Burbank, CA

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

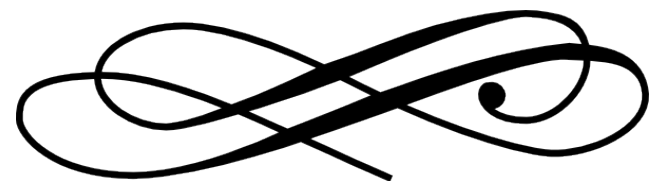
626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President

ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

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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 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:

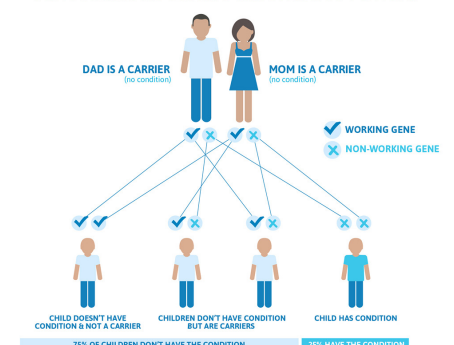
- Hemoglobin electrophoresis with quantitative hemoglobin A2 and hemoglobin F
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Iron studies (free erythrocyte protoporphyrin and ferritin)

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 [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com) or 360-860-2023.

## Autosomal Recessive Inheritance Pattern





# 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

¼ tsp. salt

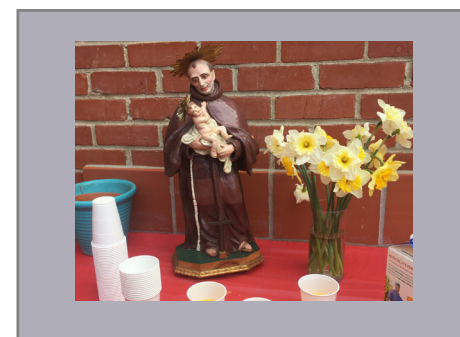
½ tsp. baking powder

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](mailto: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!*



Branch 115--St. Joseph's Table

# 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, Cookbooks, 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://iam-booksboston.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 Altroquando 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>



Br. 154, Rosa and Rosebella waiting for the raffle

## Italian Word Search

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Quanti	Quante	Dov'è	Che cos'è	Com'è
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Di chi	Qualcuno	Come mai	Da dove	

<https://sites.google.com/site/kittysitaliancrosswords/verbs/isc-verbs>

## Youthful Faces of the ICF

Future members enjoying the community of ICF.



Br. 36, Megan and Zane Ihnot



Saint Joseph's Celebration Monterey, Branch #36  
Milan Johnson

## 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' leneta-mente.*
- 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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\*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 of 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](mailto:Flopes@icf.org)

or

Laurice Levine, Medical Consultant/Live to Give Committee Member

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Branch 14--St. Joseph's Table Celebration

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## Family Branch

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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!!

*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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# Branch Reports

## 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 chairmen Jerry and Angie Kelzer, and the committee: Elsie Bottorff, 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



Br. 27 at Roger Rockas. From left Lou Janis, Rosemary Janis, Theresa DeFrank, Ila Schoettler, Mary Keitz, Mike Keitz, Frances Hope and Ann Janis.

## 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. Minhoto. God Bless her.

Our list of people who were under the weather was long. Winter weather and rains took their toll on even 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 DeRenzo for the delicious homemade pasta fagioli soup he made and Rene'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 alter society had a bake sale.

We send prayers of healing and a speedy recovery to Enis Giovacchini and Blanch 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 Zamarini 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*



Br.250, Clovis - VP Ron Travis presents an award to Angelo Lavagnino who ended a 19 year tenure as Treasurer.

## 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 Zasoski'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, history and fresh ideas that keep our Branch alive and ever growing!

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

*Theresa Amarante*



Br. 281 Monsignor Michael Braun shows off the "pink" Teddy Bear he won in the drawing of our February meeting. (Crystal Watts photo bombs in the background!)

## 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 in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 a.m. (Italian) mass and join 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.*

*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*

*President Branch 67*

*Italian Catholic Federation*

*T. 626 372-7812*

*E. cas1810@aol.com*

Remember, the deadline for *Bollettino* submissions for the May issue is April 10. Get your articles and photos in to [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)





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

## 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, Musician 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 who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Ci Vediamo presto!*

*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President*

*ICF Branch 108*

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Br. 108 A look back at the events of the previous month.

## 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 Table 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 Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table 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 12i8*

*Phone (323) 888-2074*

*Email Address; franco957@sbeglobal.net*



Br. 111, March birthdays: Estera and Margaret



Br. 111, St. Joseph's Table event in action

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

At our March meeting President Neal DiLeva 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.

Up 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.

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer*



Br. 115 Crab Dinner Dance and Mass in honor St John Joseph of the Cross. Patron Saint and native of Ischia, Italy. Dinner served 325 people.

## 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 Scarminach, Audrey Luchetta and Sandy Bermel 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 luncheon, 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*

## 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. Howsoever, 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 out 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*

## 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. Laurice 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*



Br. 380 St. Joseph's Day preparations

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

On March 15, 2019, we had our special Lenten Soup Supper Event. ICF hosted Saint John Fisher Parish after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with a meager meal which included soup and a cheese sandwich in the Parish Auditorium. We enjoyed cooking and serving the meals to others. An at-will donation basket was available. Proceeds of the event went to "The Pregnancy Help Center" in the local area.

On April 11, 2019 will be our general meeting with snacks and a movie in the Parish Auditorium. Cost is \$5. The movie is Francis Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint, a 2017 documentary movie written and directed by Lucia Mauro. Winner of the Mirabile Dictu International Catholic Film Festival at the Vatican, the movie presents the great works of the Italian-born humanitarian and first American citizen saint. A very informational and inspiring movie.

Here is another ICF event:

May 9, 2019- General Meeting: Food and Bingo Games at 7:00 pm in the Parish Auditorium. \$15 cost. Chances to win prizes available!

*Grazie,*

*Tonia Amalfitano*

*Recording and Corresponding Secretary*



## 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 DeRaddo*

*Corresponding & Recording Secretary*

## 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.

This year marks the 95th anniversary since the inception of ICF and there will be a grand celebration held in San Francisco on June 9th. It begins with a mass at Peter and Paul Church then dinner at the Italian Athletic Club. If you are interested in attending or want more information, contact Roseann. The District may hire a bus.

We invite you to our next meetings where we share food, play cards, chat, and plan for the future. Come the 1st Tuesday each month at 4:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall. Jane Austen once wrote, "It is such a blessing when good people get together." Be safe, be healthy and may the Good Lord continue to bless us all.

*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary Branch 21*

## 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 our long time member, Don Stoffey, in your prayers. May everyone have a blessed Easter with lots of family, friends and sunshine!

*JoAnn Sullivan*

*Recording Secretary*

## 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 LoBue is our Treasurer. Our Financial Secretary is shared by Tony LoBue and Cheri Huntley. Our Sentinel is Mary Ann Friebel, 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.

## 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.



Congratulations to our new officers and may God guide you through our new year. Congratulation to Sandie Russo, for being appointed as Recording Secretary. We thank Suzanne Menendez Herbst for she has done for us.

March 8 – We kicked off our Lenten dinners by serving over 500 diners. Our dinners include fresh green salad, our famous garlic bread, delicious pasta, freshly breaded and grilled fried market fish. Last Lenten dinner is on April 12. Thank you for your 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.

Luke Philp’s 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://montereyicf.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, Chef Peter John Curatolo, Chef Eddie Leonard



Br. 36, Kitchen crew



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



Br. 36, Lil and George Mika

### 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 can’t help but say what a wonderful Branch we have here in Castroville. Members attend meetings, they help with fundraisers, charity work for our community, replenish our parish pantry when it runs low, support our seminarians and are very generous during Christmas with our adopt a family. They watch out for one another, pray for each other and have each other’s back in time of need. This is not just a club.....it’s 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 Sbarra who is celebrating her birthday in heaven.

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

And as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, we reflect back to our Lenten Journey and think of all the wonderful blessings in our lives and the times Jesus carried us through the tough times.

*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.

Your prayers are requested for Ida Lomazzi, who had a hospital stay after she sustained a fall at her home. Word from Mike Rios is that he is in the “testing and resting” stage and he says, “Keep those prayers coming.”

Our thanks to Salinas Branch 25 for hosting an enjoyable Installation of Officers. It is nice to put faces with names we’ve seen and heard over the years.

*May the blessings of the Lord fill your homes this Easter.*  
*Dean-na Musler, Secretary*

### 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 Paridio and concelebrant Fr. Mike Marini. 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



Newly Installed Officers, Br. 354  
Sacred Heart Church

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 blustering 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 from a long, cold winter. 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*





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



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

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

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

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

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

### **Transportation:**

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

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

**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](http://www.icf.org).

## 95 YEARS: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES





## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

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

### POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

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

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

### SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

### GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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

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

### FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

### YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

## CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** 2019 ICF Central Council Candidates  
**FROM:** Roselynn Jarrett, Convention Director  
**RE:** Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2019 Convention

### Application Process

1. Applications are available from the ICF Office.
2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the ICF Office by August 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible to run for Central Council. This deadline is firm.
3. A candidate is no longer required to be a convention delegate.

### Other Pre-convention Deadlines

1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the ICF Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the *Bolettino*, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the *Bolettino* Production Manager by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Email [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) and [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org). Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

### Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel's food & beverage guidelines. For example, candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.
3. There will be no candidate hospitality rooms. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. In lieu of candidate hospitality rooms/campaign parties, refreshments hosted by the Central Council will be served during "Meet the Candidates." If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items during registration hours.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

### Other Information

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

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



## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

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

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

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Please include with this application:

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

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

Nominee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Statement of Endorsement:

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

### Qualifications Summary:

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

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

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## 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](mailto:jeanette@zugnoni.net), or 1st VP Gina Foster, [gfoster@csdo.org](mailto:gfoster@csdo.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](mailto: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*

*Email: [john@zugnoni.net](mailto:john@zugnoni.net)*

*Home: (510) 523-8005*

*Mobile: (510) 326-3474*

## Livermore 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*

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

Happy 40th Anniversary to Branch 343! On Saturday March 23rd, we celebrated our anniversary with dinner at Acqua e' Farino with members and guests. Good food, good friends, good fun, thanks to all who joined us.

Since we are still in the Holy season of Lent, we will be preparing Lisa's fabulous Minestrone soup for the soup meal that follows the 6 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays. We always have a good turnout for this meal.

The proceeds from our St. Joseph's Table of our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration parish in Castro Valley. Thanks for all the baked goods from our branch bakers.

Welcome to our three new members, Diane Sullivan and Warren and Robin Hudson, who joined us at the February meeting.

Our Sunshine list is getting longer, so we are keeping the following in our prayers, Jeff Stone, Victor Pasquini, Peter and Toni Condeff and Roz Crudo. Hope to see them back with us soon.

*A Happy and Blessed Easter to All.*

*Pat Grasso,*

*Branch Sec.*

## 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.

Bishops' 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 (joe flores33@comcast.net)*

## Martinez San Martino, 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 11a.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 dessert, 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. May 19—District Communion Breakfast. Mass at Queen of All Saints church in Concord. Brunch at Golden Corral Restaurant in Concord. Flyers will be mailed.

Sun. June 9—The ICF 95th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon with 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 Joann's this summer.



If you plan to attend the convention in Tucson this year, book your hotel room using the ICF code. You will see the convention highlights in the Bollettino.

Save the date for our bus trip to Monterey on Sept. 7. The bus leaves that morning from Good Shepherd parking lot with a pick up in Concord at Sun Valley Mall. Enjoy the parade and festival. Then watch a movie on the bus ride. A flyer with pricing and Joann's information will be distributed this summer.

*Happy Easter to all.*

*That is it for now,*

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti*

*Patty*

## 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 were 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. 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 risotto and salad \$10.00, Branch Anniversary, honoring past presidents.

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile consider attending one, you will have a great meal and connect with old friends!



Br. 154, Sofia, Paulina, Manny, from Salesian College Prep.



Br. 154 Richmond Ravioli Dinner. Walter Costa always working hard in the kitchen.

## 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.

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*

## 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*

## Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

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 on the 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!*



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

*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.

*Bollettino Contributor*

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

Br. 438 is pleased to welcome new members, Richard and Claire Salsman, 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-



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nity. Br. 438 donated \$250.00 towards this worthwhile cause.

March is drawing to an end and we are in Lent. We ask our Lord to bless us as we prepare for our Lenten duties. We hosted our St. Joseph’s Table on March 16th and 17th. Many volunteers signed up to bake and decorate for this very popular and successful fundraiser. A special thank you goes to Yvonne Perry for her many years of managing this event.

Please continue to pray for the special intentions of our members and for those who are sick or who have recently lost a loved one.

*Grazie.*  
*Anne Finn*  
*Recording Secretary*

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

Dear Members,  
Please note the following events:  
April -- No Meeting, April 28 Archbishop’s Day Details to be announced shortly  
May 1--Mothers and Fathers Nite.  
Spuntino & Raffle Cost; \$20.OO 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 with all of the rain we had. This is always a great trip.  
To our members who will have a birthday in April—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.  
Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.  
Remember the following dates:  
Apr. 22nd - Meeting  
Apr. 28th - Mass

*Ciao,*  
*Eva Perata, President*

**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!  
Cosmo Amato, our branch Treasurer, said, “There are still “4” Br. #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 Mateo**  
**San Mateo District**  
**South San Francisco**  
**Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

Buona Pasqua South City.  
The Branch Officers would like to thank all our members on their continued support in attending our functions.  
Mark your calendars for some more upcoming events. First, on Thursday, April 25 you are invited to the 7:30 p.m. monthly San Mateo District meeting at OLA in Burlingame where Laurice Levine will be a special guest speaker on the topic of Thalassemia/Cooley’s Anemia. Laurice is not only a Program Coordinator with Children’s Hospital in LA but also a Thalassemia patient and has been working with the ICF for the past two decades to educate the public and raise funds to find a cure for this illness. If you have never had the opportunity to

hear Laurice speak, please attend and learn more about ICF’s national charity.  
On Sunday, April 28, Branch 6 of Redwood City will be hosting the Archdiocese’s ICF Bishop’s Day celebration with a 5:00 p.m. mass at Mount Carmel in Redwood City followed by light appetizers. If you are able to attend, please contact Donna Smith 650-796-9466.  
Keep in your prayers the family of former long time member Adeline “Dolly” Barosso who passed away; the Cordo family on the passing of Don Cordo, whose late wife Lois Cordo was a member of our Branch; and Donna Smith on the passing of her brother in Ohio.  
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.  
*FHR*

**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 as-

sorted 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](mailto: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 Rolandson and Jack Sherratt in your prayers along with Brenda and Gary Wemiz's nephew who was in a bad accident.  
*God Bless,*  
*Rosalind C. 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*



## San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

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 and 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 another of our long-time members. Theresa Roman passed away on March 1. Terri 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 at Our Lady of Angels will feature a presentation by Laurice Levin. Laurice will speak on Cooley's Anemia. All are invited to attend. 7:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 9 - ICF 95th Anniversary, Mass at St. Peter and Paul's. Lunch, \$60, SF Athletic Club Happy Easter to all,

Virginia Malaspina



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



Br. 327, Gloria Haars and Celeste Lennemann

## Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our meeting on March 19 we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a potluck dinner. All attendees brought a dish to serve 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*

## Marin Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

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 experimenting 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*



## 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 \$25,000. Br. 408 had a Blood Drive, Lenten Soup Nights and Pasta Dinner during March. Br. 435 President Giulio 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. 5 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.

## 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. Filice*



Br. 28: Members Franca Filice (center) visiting with Geraldine Meacham (left) and Jeanette Hudson (right) at our February 25th dinner meeting. Franca 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 Peter in San Jose, from 11:30 to 3:00 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 Pascua a tutti,*

*Lucy Amico*



Br. 184, Member Fran Filice with granddaughter Gianna. Future member?



Br. 184, Our favorite chicken, Marie Antonowicz, changed her attire for the Crab Feed! Treasurer Donna Pfaff passing more crab at her table.



Br. 184, Rose & Anna Arnaudo joined the dinner with bibs!



## 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 great 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 Flocchini 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 beaten 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 Valloriz 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.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 General Meeting—April 9, 2019 at 6:30, Santa Clara Valley District Luau Lunch—April 27, 2019, and Wine Down with ICF—May 3, 2019 at 6:30.

*Wishing you all a Joyous Easter Celebration!*

*Janis Patellaro*



Br. 391 San Jose members enjoy lunch at Tony & Alba's after quarterly Mass

## Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

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 Annul 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 Blefari.



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-deQuant 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 Winkelman 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](http://www.gioiacompany.com)).

Special thanks to Jan Stumhoffer 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 sprouting 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 Dennice 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 95th 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](mailto:Ltek1965@comcast.net).

*Buona Pasqua!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*

## Cloverdale St. Peter, Br. 75

Happy Spring! The rains have turned our hills 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 thanx 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 diners were a little light this month but many conversations pursued. Unfortunately we are losing the Boragno'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. Giacco Manni and Angelo 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 is \$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



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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 Cook-house. 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.

## 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 Bongie-Azevedo*

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

## Sebastopol 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*

## Stockton

### Modesto 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 fund raiser 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*

## Stockton District

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

Happy Spring, ICF Family!

Our five members who attended their 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 un pasto delizioso presented by St. Bernard's. Thank you Br. 390.

On Feb.12th at our Valentine-themed General Meeting, our Chaplain, 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*

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

By the time you read this, our branch's 13th annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner will be history. As usual, the April 6 event will have been another financial and social success. Funds earned from the dinner, with its auctions and drawings, are used for the scholarships we award. Thanks go to Lori Pellegrino-Jackson, Michelle Harmon and the many volunteers and donors who worked so hard to insure that the dinner would be a success.

Our February branch meeting had, as its guests, Anita Ridolfi and her husband, Steve. Anita is the president of Branch 390 in Tracy. Central Council member Dante Galeazzi was also present.

The monthly drawing prize of \$50 was donated to the Boys and Girls Club of

Manteca.

Our branch will be hosting this year's 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*

### Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

Membership renewals were good again this year - we are still around the 175 member count. Thanks to all faithful and loyal members who are active and attend and support our events each month. Last month we distributed ICF membership pins to all active members. We were delighted by their reactions—all were pleasantly surprised and happy to be 'pinned!' As an additional perk, the pins were attached to a card with our ICF Pledge and the ICF Anthem, Noi Vogliam Dio. Thanks to Steve Ridolfi.

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 members and the 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 Vogliam Dio!

Speaking of Paula, she has hired the fabulous Steve Truco 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](http://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.



## Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

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 calendars, June 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Fairgrounds.

*Buona pasqua and Happy Easter to all!*

*Alla prossima,*

Mary Ann

## Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

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.

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

*Ciao for now,*

Annette Pachinge

Correspondence Secretary

## 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

## 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 Vonnice 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

## 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 McGaughn 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 cannolis.

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

## 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.



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





S. Vincent Barone

Founding Member of ICF Branch 425



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**



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.



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



Paestum...ancient Greek ruins.



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

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2018 is the following:

**Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.**

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2018 is the following:

**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You,  
Denise Antonowicz, Grand Treasurer



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



**Seating limited to 300 Reservations**  
**Deadline May 31, 2019**  
Please send One check per Branch made to  
Italian Catholic Federation  
with a list of Attendees & Entree Choice to  
Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Dr, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621

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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS

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

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

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



**Deadline June 17, 2019**  
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For more information call Pat Mages - 805-428-4623



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

SAN FRANCISCO



RESERVATION / SPONSOR FORM

(Sit Down Luncheon with Appetizers)

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

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

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

Please contact the I.C. Office 1-888-423-1924 if you have any questions.



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

LOS ANGELES



RESERVATION / SPONSOR FORM

(Buffet Luncheon with Appetizers)

NAME	BRANCH #	PHONE NUMBER

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

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621

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



## Order Your New ICF Brochures

A beautiful new ICF brochure is available now for use by all branches. This is a great marketing tool to distribute to guests at monthly membership meetings, information tables at branch events, and for membership drives. On the inside of the brochure, there is a reserved area to place your branch contact information.

Please contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924 to have brochures sent to your branch.



**Italian Catholic Federation**  
**Convention Yearbook Program**  
**ARTWORK DEADLINE JUNE 1ST!**

This is **YOUR** ICF Yearbook!  
We're making this book one you'll want to look through over and over. It will tell this year's story of the ICF.

To do that it needs **your participation!**  
**What's YOUR part of the story?**

The ICF Convention Yearbooks are:

- Collected & kept for years
- Referenced by members
- A visual history of the ICF

**You need to be in this year's book!**  
**Maximize your visibility:**

- Create a **NEW** entry this year
- Use **COLOR** in your entry
- Submit individual entries for your members - very reasonable price!

**BE SEEN!**  
**Tell YOUR part of the story!**

**COLOR SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!**  
Full color 1/16th page sponsor entry for only \$25!  
**EVERYONE should be doing this!**  
(This is the actual size of the entry.)

Did you know that each person who brings in a commercial ad gets a **20% commission check?**

**COLOR!**  
Submit **COLOR-ENTRIES** to bring some **WOW** to your images! Here's an entry that appeared in black and white last year. They could have had it in color!  
**What a difference!**

## 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!

## ICF Branch Expansion: Seven Ways YOU Can Help!

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

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

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

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

Contact Mike Rossi, ICF Expansion Committee Chairperson, at [mrossi@icf.org](mailto:mrossi@icf.org) for more information.

Thank you!



## Join the Hospitalization Plan!

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

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

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

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

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



## Officer Training Available

Attention ICF Officers!

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

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



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

### "Cooking With Our Grandchildren"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

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

#### ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

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

#### PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Example: **\$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10** or  
**\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20**

Deadline for names and payment is: **May 1, 2019**

Mail information and checks payable to:  
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The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino  
Members: Denise Antonowicz, Franklin Lopes, Jr. and Leonard Rossi, C.L.J.

Members At Large: Teresa Helfand and Nina Malone

Assistants: Lisa Crudo and Patricia Magee

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

## Visited the ICF Website Yet?

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

**Here are some of the many things you can do:**

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

Visit today, or have someone show you how!

