



# BOLLETTINO



## Celebrate ICF & Plan the Future

*Nanette Scarpellini Metz*

The Italian Catholic Federation is bustling with activity. The upcoming months are full of events to make new connections with old friend and members and to meet new people. Read through the *Bollettino* to find out how you can get involved.

Make reservations now for one of the 95th anniversary celebrations. The first is June 2 in Franklin Park, Illinois. Followed by June 9 in San Francisco and/or June 30 in Los Angeles. Check out the special opportunity to win a week at the Jones River House in Moovalya Keys, Arizona. The winner will be announced at the anniversary celebration on June 30th.

Remember to get your artwork in for the ICF Convention Yearbook by June 1. This is your chance to share your skills.

For the golfers out there, take a swing at ICF's 19th Annual Golf Tournament in Monterey, California on July 26.

Also, the big news is the approaching Annual Convention. Branches throughout ICF are selecting delegates for the Annual Convention taking place August 29 through September 2 in Tucson, Arizona. Even if you are not a delegate, there is plenty of things for everyone to do. If you are going to the convention, there are many options for additional activities.

Aug. 30 BINGO and a Bocce tournament Friday afternoon

Aug 31 Saturday Night Convention Banquet

Sept. 1 Dancing in the Desert with Southwestern Buffet and Dancing

Keep reading, to find out more information on how to be an active member of ICF.

## Celebrate all things Italian at Festa Italiana!

Get into the spirit of Italy at Festa Italiana! on Sunday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds.

This annual event is designed to bring the community together through the finest food, activities and entertainment of the Italian culture.

The event benefits the Pacific Italian Alliance, Central California School of Italian Language and Culture, Liguri nel Mondo and the Italian Athletic Club – all of which work together to create an unforgettable experience.

The Morada Produce Main Stage will host world-renowned Italian musician, Pasquale Esposito sponsored by John and Maxine Ferraiolo, Balliamo Italian Dancers, the Steve Trucco Band, and new this year Nino D' Italiano, a six piece band from Monterey, California. The Lagorio Family of Companies Benvenuti Stage will also provide continuous performances throughout the day, including Steve Trucco, Caden Webb singing Italian Aria's, and the Mike Esau Italian Band.



World-renowned Italian musician, Pasquale Esposito

Taste and stroll through the Wine Sip and Olive Oil Dip area, or watch talented plein-air painters, street artists and infiorata artists create masterpieces that complete the ambiance.

Last year's hit was the Boss of the Sauce Contest, which will be back this year! Attendees can taste and judge sauces from local chefs for just \$5.



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## Membership Drive Is On

*Pat Mages*

### Membership Committee

This month I would like to report on probably one of the largest Membership and Information Drives in ICF history. As mentioned in last month's *Bollettino*, ICF had the privilege of participating at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. I'm sure there are additional articles in this month's issue but I want to add my experience and impressions.



ICF Booth at Catholic Congress 2019

As many of you know, this Congress is one of the largest, with representatives from all of the United States and North America. The main focus of the Congress is education, especially within the setting of a parish. All of the exhibitors had something to 'offer' to the parish and its ministries. We soon found out we were not the usual exhibitor. As a matter of fact, ICF is the first organization of its kind to be accepted.

I would say the Drive was successful. We received approximately 50 interested persons who either wanted to find an active branch or explore the possibilities of promoting a new branch within their area/parish. One attendee from Alberta Canada, wants her mother to receive the *Bollettino*. Another was excited to find that a branch supports an orphanage in Baja Mexico. Many of the attendees were from the East Coast, who would most likely not want to start a branch. However, they wanted to receive information about the ICF charities, especially Thalassemia. And, probably the most unexpected outcome of the weekend was the Byzantine (Rite) priest from Arizona who wants to form a branch in his parish!

Like all membership drives there are things that worked and things that didn't work. I'll only mentioned the successes. Who would have thought that wearing our red, white and green ICF apron would bring visitors to our table? Since there were many other 'booths' to visit, we took turns walking around in our aprons with pens and brochures.

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## Grand President's Monthly Message

*Andrew Pappani*

April showers bring May flowers. This is the month that flowers bloom and so can the Italian Catholic Federation. In the month of May, go out and ask people to join your Branches.

I attended the Los Angeles Catholic Education Congress this past month at the Anaheim Convention Center. We had an ICF information table there, and over fifty people signed our contact list for more information on the ICF. Most of them already knew of the ICF and had attended various events of ICF branches. When asked why they hadn't joined the ICF, their answer was, "no one has ever asked me." So please, ask people to join. There are potential new members out there.



The month of May we will celebrate the life and devotion of Mother Mary. We traditionally adorn the statues of Mary in churches with crowns of flowers and recite decades of the rosary in her honor. In addition, some branches throughout the Federation have a ceremony for the crowning of Mary. Her love and devotion to her son, Jesus, is something any mother can appreciate.

In May we also honor our own mothers. Their love and devotion to their children and families is what makes them very special to all of us and most deserving of having a special day in their honor.

Within our organization there are many women who are mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts. They too have helped the ICF from its beginning as devoted members and have been the strong backbones of each of our branches.

If it were not for woman like Lady Augusta Providenza supporting Sir Luigi, the ICF may not have been where it is at today. The women of the ICF are diligent in their commitment to the organization and all the while keeping their family running at home. For this and too many other reasons to count, we are eternally grateful to all of the mothers in our lives.

### Thought of Mind

*Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness, if love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.*

—Stevie Wonder—

Happy Mother's Day!

God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation!

Andrew J Pappani

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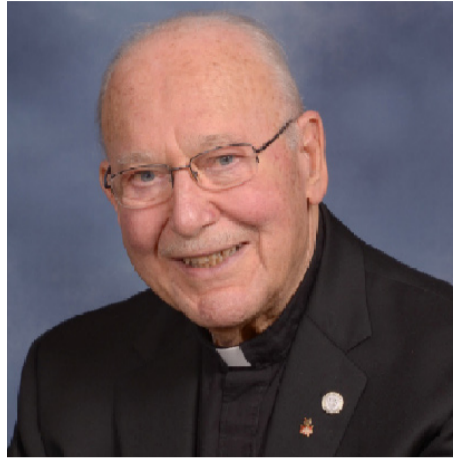
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and informative.

Thank you!

**Jesus Has Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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



Did you ever stop to think what the resurrection of Jesus really means? Who was he and why did he come to us? Jesus told his apostles that he was destined to die and would come back in three days. They didn't understand what he meant. They didn't know that Jesus was the second person of the Blessed Trinity who came into this world as a human being and at the same time God. It was too much for the apostles to handle.

At the time, the apostles looked towards Jesus as the one who would lead the chosen people to freedom from Roman oppression. They knew he was special, a prophet, who had special powers. He healed people

from sickness, blindness, and many other diseases. If they knew he was God, it would probably blow their minds! Can you imagine living daily with Jesus, traveling with him, working with him and knowing he was God?

Even though he spoke of the Father and equated himself with the Father--"The Father and I are one" (Jn.10:30)—the apostles had no clue who Jesus really was. They didn't know he was really God until after the resurrection. His resurrection from the dead validated all that he said, all that he did, and all that he was. He died on the cross and rose again from the dead to save us and give us the gift of himself. He made it possible for us too to live with him, to work with him, to traverse the rocky road of life with him every day—not only in our hearts and souls but especially with Him in the Holy Eucharist.

It is difficult to understand how bread and wine can be changed into Jesus' body and divinity. It is difficult to understand how Jesus can be man and God at the same time. We believe it! Why? Because he said so and he proved it when he rose from the dead.

**It should blow your mind!**

**ALLELUIA GLORY AND PRAISE TO  
GOD, THE FATHER, THE SON AND  
THE HOLY SPIRIT! AMEN**



Correction to the April article. A 4-leaf clover as opposed to a shamrock was used in the description of St. Patrick's work. We know him especially for using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to his converts.

**Who Are We?**

**Denise Antonowicz, Chair**

Remember, Heritage Chairs save your Monthly Reports, put them in a folder and send it to the Heritage Committee. Send folders no later than mid-July, so they can be considered for an award at Convention.

I was in New Orleans for St. Joseph's Day and was surprised at the number of Churches that were holding St. Joseph's Day celebrations. So I did a little research and found this article written in the *Times-Picayune* in 2017.

**The Sicilian surge: When the French Quarter became 'Little Palermo'** By: Mike Scott, staff writer Sources: The *Times-Picayune* Posted Mar 19, 2017

THEN: Starting in 1884 and continuing through to 1924, an estimated 290,000 Italian immigrants -- a great deal of them from Sicily -- arrived in New Orleans, fleeing economic and political turmoil. In short order, their indelible influence would be felt on the city. With the French Quarter no longer a fashionable address, many of the city's more well-heeled residents moved Uptown, leaving the city's newcomers to set up shop there and in surrounding neighborhoods. In fact, they did so literally: So many Italian-owned mom-and-pop corner groceries dotted the French Quarter, and so many Italian farmers sold their wares in the French Market, that the Quarter eventually became unofficially known as "Little

Palermo," after the Sicilian capital.

NOW: There's no "Little Palermo" section of New Orleans anymore; people of Italian heritage are spread throughout the city's neighborhoods and suburbs rather than being concentrated in any one area. But the Italian influence can be felt throughout the region, most notably on St. Joseph's Day -- March 19 -- when altars are set up around town to honor the patron Saint of Sicily and the annual Irish-Italian parade takes to the streets.

TRIVIA:

- The tradition of annually building elaborate St. Joseph's Altars dates back hundreds of years to Sicily, when the patron saint of the region is believed to have interceded in ending a famine. It's unclear when the first such altars were built in New Orleans, although by the early 20's.

- Today, St. Joseph's Day is most closely associated with Italian-American communities, but his feast day was celebrated in historically Catholic New Orleans long before the influx of Italians, as he is also the patron saint of the Catholic Church. It didn't hurt that the day falls on March 19, offering a chance to relax a bit amid the solemnity of Lent.

- The first generations of Italian immigrants in New Orleans found themselves on

the receiving end of that most American of traditions: persecution of the outsider. Fear surrounding the emergence of the mafia in the United States only further tainted the image of law-abiding Italians in the city.

- Anti-Italian feelings in New Orleans peaked in 1891 when an angry mob stormed Parish Prison and lynched 11 Italians indicted in the assassination of police chief David Hennessy. That event, which was covered nationally, is recognized as the largest mass lynching in the country's history.

- In 1978, leaders of the local Italian community built the Piazza d'Italia -- a public park tucked away behind the Loews Hotel on Poydras Street -- as an homage to the Italian immigrant experience in the city. In addition to being a community gathering place, the Piazza had a notable cameo in the opening of the locally shot film "The Big Easy."

- Among prominent Italians in the city's history are band leader Louis Prima; jazz musician Nick LaRocca, whose Original Dixieland Jazz Band is credited with making the first commercial jazz recording; and former mayors Robert Maestri and Vic Schiro.

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### HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

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## Welcome to Our New Members!

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 In honor of Rev. Greg Elder, Ph.D.  
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 In memory of Andrew Zanardi  
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 In memory of Michael Francis McDermott

## Bishops' Days

Jun. 23rd	Stockton
Aug. 25th	Oakland (Contra Costa & East Bay)
Sept. 8th	San Diego
Sept. 29th	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 6th	Los Angeles
Oct. 23rd	San Bernardino
Oct. 26th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Oct. 27th	Blessed Sacrament



## In Loving Memory

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| <b>Deceased Members</b> |            |                                   |
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Officers/Members of Br. 161  
 As a thank you to Deborah Rodondi for attending the Installation of Br. 161  
 Marlene Farber  
 In memory of Bill Occhipinti

For information about scholarships, go to this web address.

<https://www.icf.org/scholarships/>

*Start planning now to attend the ICF Annual Convention: August 29 through September 2 in Tucson, Arizona*

## Membership

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First, everyone wanted to know what we were cooking and second who we were. On the second day it was decided that since the word Italian seems to go with food, we added small biscotti to our give away goodies. Now everyone was stopping at our booth.....for cookies and information!

The banner, informational handouts, pens and goodies were all items that brought people to our table. Once at the table, many wanted to share their 'Italian' stories. Others were surprised to hear of an organization that celebrated faith, family and charity to all.

One woman suggested that next year we have the explanation and symbols of St. Joseph Table at the exhibit.

Although, we didn't have a huge request to start new branches or sign up new members, it is a beginning.

And, as they say all good things take time. *A good sauce is not made in one hour, it needs to simmer.*



## ICF is Going Green!

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## Festa Italiana

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On the Collins Electrical Celebrity Chef Stage guests can enjoy a variety of local chefs preparing pizza, ravioli's sauces, and cooking with herbs and olive oil.

Car lovers will enjoy the Italian Automobili Show, displaying beautiful vehicles. Italians who own cool cars, and/or those who own Italian cars can enter their vehicles for a \$35 entry fee.

Other activities include an Italian History Display, an Italian Mercato, a food court with more than 15 different Italian options, bocce ball and the popular salami toss.

There is something for everyone at Festa Italiana! including the little ones. The Kids Zone will be stocked full of fun, including games, activities and Italian crafts. The Bambini Stage will keep them entertained all day long, with performances from Sparkles the Clown, Ravioli the Magician, puppeteers and dancers.

Festa Italiana! will boast an incredible Italian atmosphere where you'll be immersed in the culture as you stroll, dance, taste and play. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance online. Children 12 and under are free. Free parking is available on site. To purchase tickets or find out more about the event, visit [festa-italiana.com](http://festa-italiana.com).

INFO BOX:

Festa Italiana!

Sunday, June 9, 2019

10am - 5pm

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi

Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, children 12 & under free

Info: (209) 242-9970, [festa-italiana.com](http://festa-italiana.com)

## April Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
4/1	Steve & Charlene Drobeck	362	Downey, CA	\$30
4/2	Pat Galleano		Madera, CA	\$30
4/3	Karen Rossi	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
4/4	Eleanor Andreotti	32	Fresno, CA	\$30
4/5	Jack Millpainter		Alameda, CA	\$30
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4/13	Rev. William Mason	40	Oakland, CA	\$30
4/14	S. & C. Jensen		Crockett, CA	\$30
4/15	Nancy Stedman	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$40
4/16	Fr. Gabriel Lee		San Jose, CA	\$30
4/17	Frank Saraceno	443	Simi Valley, CA	\$30
4/18	Jerry Amerando		Fresno, CA	\$40
4/19	Frank & Jessica Segreto		Mahomet, IL	\$50
4/20	Grace Herrold	127	Petaluma, CA	\$50
4/21	Rose Ann Rovere	210	Fontana, CA	\$100
4/22	Richard Goodman		Alameda, CA	\$30
4/23	Alex & Lindsay Iavarone		Mill Valley, CA	\$30
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**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS**

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**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*



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

If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassaemia 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.

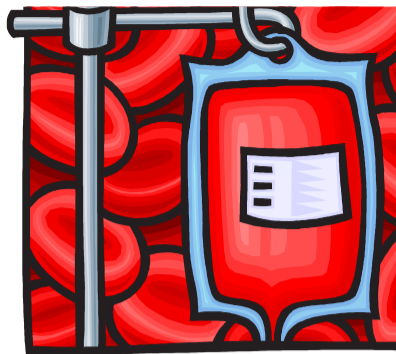
## Blood and Cooley's Anemia

*Live to Give Committee*

People with Cooley's Anemia require blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks to survive. In one year, a person with Thalassemia needs approximately 36-48 units of blood.

One of those lifesaving units could be yours...

May 8th is World Thalassemia Day and throughout the month of May the thalassemia community increases their efforts to raise awareness, get tested for trait, and give blood. It is also a time to reflect on lives lost to thalassemia and also celebrate the advances that have been made over the



years to increase life expectancy.

Please donate blood in honor of International Thalassemia Day!

For more information contact your local blood bank, or:

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## Who Are We

N.O. DNA

New Orleanians love to tout the city's multi-cultural foundation, and perhaps nowhere was it ever better encapsulated than in the French Quarter of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Here was a neighborhood that was founded and named after the French, that exhibited the architecture of Spain, but which was filled with the faces

and voices of Sicily. While those early Sicilian immigrants stood out as newcomers, over the past century-plus they and their traditions -- including their food, music and celebrations -- have been folded into the city's broad cultural tableau, in the process becoming a vital part of the overall flavor of today's New Orleans

## Living with Thalassemia

*Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS*



Living with a chronic illness has had an extensive impact on my life. Thalassemia (also known as Cooley's Anemia) has helped shape how I live and perceive my life and it has been

a driving force in shaping my personality. Thalassemia and the physical challenges that accompany this genetic blood disease have created my intense passion for living and a deep appreciation for health. Each day is a gift to be cherished

Although I do not remember being diagnosed at 14 months of age, I do remember being frequently sick as a child. Thalassemia is a high maintenance disease; therefore doctors appointments, medical procedures and surgeries were routine. As a result, I had a heightened awareness of my own mortality starting at a young age and have also come to realize that quality of life outweighs quantity.

Thalassemia has made me determined and has given me a strong will. Having a chronic illness has also taught me to be more empathetic. I treasure my close relationships and my ultimate goal is to be the best person that I can be and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I strive to live positively with thalassemia – rather than thinking of it as a fight or a struggle, I try my best to integrate it into my life, incorporating it as a part of me, but not allowing it to define who I am. It is definitely challenging having to deal with a chronic illness that consumes such an exorbitant amount of time with blood transfusions, daily Desferal infusions, taking handfuls of prescription medications, doctor's visits and various other tests and procedures. It is a part time job!

Thanks to research and improved technology, we (people with thalassemia) are living longer than ever. Consequently, adults with thalassemia face additional challenges including more complex healthcare needs,

## Mother Cabrini Shrine

*Carmelo Sabatella*

*LA Archdiocese District*



Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank, CA

At the April 14th Open House, former St. Francis Xavier School Student and Parishioner(s) Lisa Laue visits the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library with husband Johannes and daughter Anna-Marie Laue.

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.

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, June 9, 2019.

(Host San Gabriel Region) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please add the Chapel to your Branch's list of places to visit in 2019 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF's Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church's first American Saint.

For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org). Your donation will support the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and help maintain the Shrine facility.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President*

*ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee*



employment issues, fertility, establishing intimate relationships and issues dealing with mortality and loss. Medical insurance and finances are other major challenges. I have lost insurance and been denied coverage in the past, but thanks to the Affordable Care Act insurance companies cannot deny any person coverage because of a pre-existing condition. By age 40 most people have a pre-existing condition so this helps all of us! The bureaucracy that defines the health care system, the way that illness is managed in our society, and many people's negative attitudes towards chronic illness is more of an obstacle for me than my actual medical care.

One of the most difficult aspects of coping with thalassemia has been how it effects my loved ones. I realize that there is a certain amount of stress and worry that they face that is only natural. I have been blessed with a husband who is loving and caring. Matt sees beyond thalassemia and treats me as a unique individual. Many people cannot do that – they see the illness and

not the person. Matt and our beloved son, Benjamin, motivates me even more to take care of myself.

As a person with thalassemia, I have often felt isolated from parts of society, but as the Italian Catholic Federation has become an integral part of my life, I have felt a deeper sense of connection. I have attended every ICF convention since 1999 and countless branch events. The love, generosity and support that ICF members have given to me and others with thalassemia has provided me with immeasurable joy. It is comforting to know that people truly care about my well being and that of the thalassemia community. This has been a gift that I am truly grateful for.

If you have additional questions about thalassemia, or, if you would like me to come to your branch and share my story and information about thalassemia, please feel free to contact me at 360-860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com).

# Family Recipes

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

First, I would like to thank all of you that have taken the time to call, email or talk to me in person about their experiences with the recipes I have been sharing with you.

This week a dear friend of mine Barbara (known her since high school) is visiting me. We do this once or twice a year. We enjoy catching up on life, reminiscing and experimenting with recipes...usually appetizers, since that seems to be our favorite food group. So here is one we decided is a keeper.



## Taco Ranch Bites

1 pound ground beef  
1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning  
1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chili's, undrained  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1 (8 ounce) bottle of ranch dressing  
5 (15 count) frozen phyllo tart shells (we used tortilla scoops...less expensive and in keeping with the taco experience)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a skillet, cook ground beef until no longer pink. Drain Fat.

Add taco seasoning and diced tomatoes and green chili's. Stir and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Combine shredded cheddar cheese, ranch dressing and taco meat.

Spoon taco meat mixture into phyllo tart shells (you can freeze for later at this point). I just freeze the mixture, then put into shells when I am ready to make.

Bake for 8-10 minutes, until cheese melts (add 2-3 minutes to baking time if baking frozen tarts). Makes about 75 bites.

Now if you have been paying attention to past recipes you know I had to make some changes. Already you noticed Barbara and I used tortilla chip scoops. Also, chopped and sauted a small to medium onion with the hamburger. If you want the filling to be a little creamier melt 8 ounces of cream cheese into the taco meat mix. Then the final touch to give it a little punch top with some shredded pepper jack cheese.

Hope you enjoy this as much as we did last night.

### NOTES FROM MEMBERS:

1). From Pat Grasso (Branch 343 Castro Valley, CA): Recipe to make self rising flour so you never have to buy it again.

1 cup of flour minus 2 teaspoons. Add

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Stir to combine.

The Irish bread was great, I used cranberries. Super.

2). Received as SOS email from Susan Defrancisci Colon, "I'm not sure but is there a missing ingredient. Mine is all dry ingredients except for the 2 eggs. It's not

really going to pour. It's a bunch of crumbly ingredients." When I read her email I immediately went into the kitchen and made a batch, since it has been a few years since I have made them. My reply after making them "Nothing is missing from the recipe. The problem was my wording... you are right they will not pour, more like dump. Instead of using a spoon I mixed the ingredients with my hand. A bit messy but effective. It comes out a sticky ball. I put it in a lined pan and with a spoon pat it out to the edges."

3). A thank you to Ann Henning, after all this time someone finally caught that my Boun Appetito should read Buon Appetito.

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 drodoni@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

**Buon Appetito!**

# Travel Books 2019

**Vince Piro**

**Grand 1st Vice President**

Every year around this time, I review a couple of Italian travel books and/or memoirs of people traveling to or living in Italy for those preparing a spring or summer time trip to Italy. Here are few new notable explorations of Italy that have been published in the last year.

**See You in the Piazza: New Places to Discover in Italy**, Frances Mayes, Crown Publishers, 2019.

From the publisher, "Bestselling and beloved author Frances Mayes discovers the hidden pleasures of Italy in a sumptuous travel narrative that crisscrosses the country, with inventive new recipes celebrating Italian cuisine.

The Roman Forum, the Leaning Tower, the Piazza San Marco: these are the sights synonymous with Italy. But such landmarks only scratch the surface of this magical country's offerings. In **See You in the Piazza**, Frances Mayes introduces us to the Italy only the locals know, as she and her husband, Ed, eat and drink their way through thirteen regions--from Friuli to Sicily. Along the way, she seeks out the cultural and historic gems not found in traditional guidebooks.

Frances conjures the enchantment of the backstreets, the hubbub of the markets, the dreamlike wonder of that space between lunch and dinner when a city cracks open to those who would wander or when a mind is drawn into the pages of a delicious book--and discloses to us the secrets that only someone who is on intimate terms with a place could find."

**Pagan Light: Dreams of Freedom and Beauty in Capri**, Jaime James, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019.

From the publisher, "Pagan Light is mesmerizing. Every detail is compelling. I felt I was reading a family history of a family far more interesting than mine." --Edmund White, author of *Our Young Man*

A rich, intimate embrace of Capri, which was a magnet for artistic renegades and a place of erotic refuge.

Isolated and arrestingly beautiful, the island of Capri has been a refuge for renegade artists and writers fleeing the strictures of conventional society from the time of Augustus, who bought the island in 29 BC after defeating Antony and Cleopatra, to the early twentieth century, when the poet and novelist Jacques d'Adelswärd-Fersen was in exile there after being charged with corrupting minors, to the 1960s, when Truman Capote spent time on the island. We also meet the Marquis de Sade, Goethe, Mark Twain, Oscar Wilde, Compton Mackenzie, Rilke, Lenin, and Gorky, among other astonishingly vivid characters.

Grounded in a deep intimacy with Capri and full of captivating anecdotes, Jamie James's **Pagan Light** tells how a tiny island served as a wildly permissive haven for people--queer, criminal, sick, marginalized, and simply crazy--who had nowhere else to go."

**A Zany Slice of Italy (Italian Living Book 1)**, Ivanka Di Felice, Amazon Digital Services LLC, 2018.

From the publisher, "This light, lively book

takes place in Italy, with hilarious anecdotes about the author and her husband's trip to visit his family in Abruzzo and finally their escape to Tuscany.

Although initially drawn to Italy for its art, architecture, and vogue, often described in other books, it is evident that still lifes and stilettos do not hold this author's attention as much as living people do. The author's open, sympathetic viewpoint captures the characters' quirky charm and the local color.

While the author is not so naïve as to think that all Italians' lives flow as smoothly as their olive oil, she has not met anyone in Italy who is bitterly disappointed with life.

So pour yourself a glass of Italian wine, add a dose of accordion music, and spend some time in Ivanka Di Felice's Italy.

This book can be read as a stand-alone or feel free to tag along for more laugh out loud adventures in Italy by reading the complete **Italian Living Series: A Zany Slice of Italy, A Zany Slice of Tuscany, Zany Renovations in Tuscany, Paying It Forward in Tuscany**, and the prequel, **My Zany Life**. Follow us on Instagram: zanyitaly."

**Living in Italy: the Real Deal - Hilarious Expat Adventures**, Stef Smulders, Bablecube Inc, 2018.

From the publisher, "Read the Dutch best-seller, now available in translation! Already over 30,000 copies sold!

Would you dare to follow your dream and move or retire to Italy to live La Dolce Vita? Have a Reality Check first!

Stef & Nico did take the leap, although their dog Sara had her doubts. Now from your

comfortable armchair you can share in the hilarious & horrendous adventures they experienced when they moved to Italy to start a bed and breakfast.

In 2008 Stef Smulders, his partner Nico and their dog Saar emigrated to Italy to start a new life and set up their B&B Villa I Due Padroni. They sold their home, left their friends and family behind and took a leap into the unknown. Now Stef shares his experiences in a collection of witty short stories. The book treats the trials and tribulations of an emigration.

The reader is introduced to a full range of Italian characters, from the trustworthy to the rogue, from the gentle to the shameless, flesh and blood Italians. Some are stereotype, others unexpectedly original. Yet they never fail to amuse and entertain."

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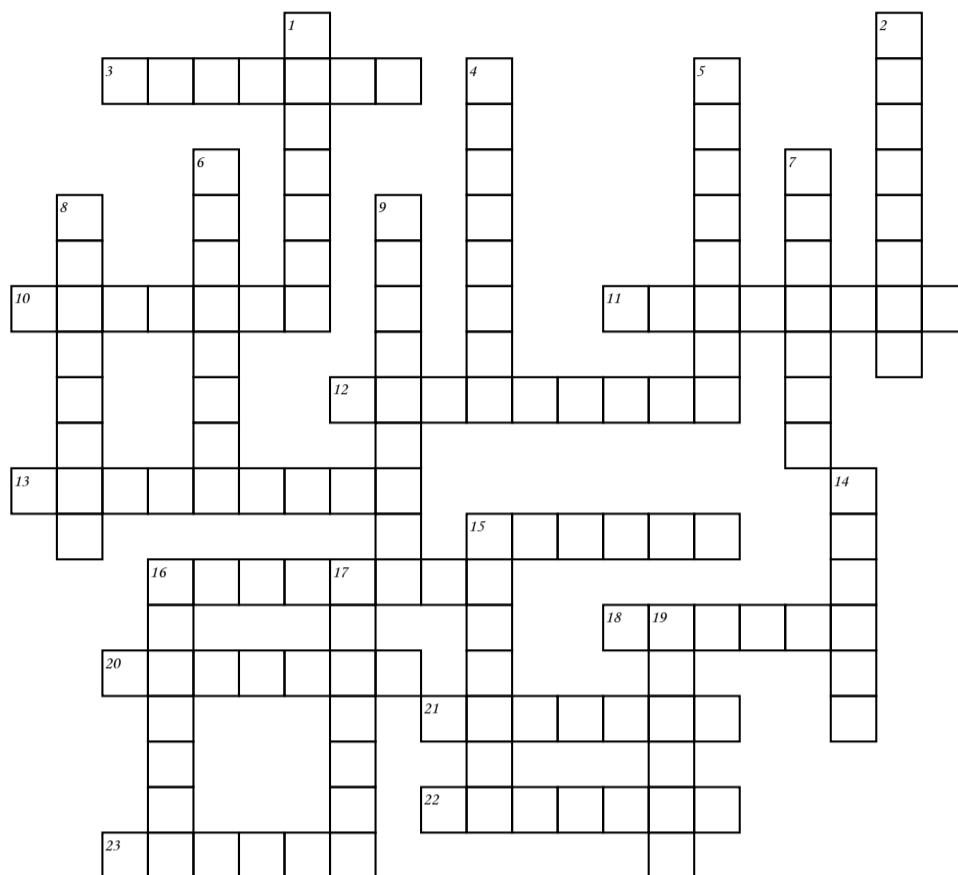
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# Zona Divertimento

## Italian Word Search

### List of Italian Question Words:

- Che cosa = what
- Chi = who
- Come = how
- Dove = where
- Perché = why
- Quale/quali = which
- Quando = when
- Quanto/quanta = how much
- Quanti/quante = how many
- Dov'è = Where is
- Che cos'è = What is
- Com'è = How is
- C'è = is there
- Ci sono = are there
- A chi = to whom
- Chiunque = anyone at all
- Con chi = with whom
- Di chi = whose
- Qualcuno = anyone
- Come mai = How come, why, why ever
- Da dove = where from



#### Orizzontali

- 3 to return  
 10 to play  
 11 to watch  
 12 to wait  
 13 to prefer  
 15 to die  
 16 to ask, to demand  
 18 to go up  
 20 to find  
 21 to think  
 22 to feel, to sense, to hear  
 23 to keep

#### Verticali

- 1 to leave, to depart, to start  
 2 to work  
 4 to study  
 5 to cook  
 6 to remain  
 7 to believe  
 8 to call  
 9 to know  
 14 to live  
 15 to put, to place, to set  
 16 to run  
 17 to sleep  
 19 to open

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

## Arts & Crafts Ideas

Cooked spaghetti with food coloring – lay it on the paper and let it dry or press it in between paper and peel it off.

Finger painting on silk scarves.

Decorate plastic eggs

Pasta Collage

Cross-Stitch with plastic grids, large blunt needles and yarn

Easel Art: glue “mosaic” squares to glue onto large paper







**Friday, August 30, 2019**

**11am - 4pm**

**Hilton El Conquistador**

**Turquoise Room I**

**Drop-in Bocce will be available to convention attendees.**

**No signups required.**



**Mille Grazie!**

*With sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgement to our members, wonderful volunteers and our community for making our 2019 Lenten Dinner season a huge success.*

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**Italian Catholic Federation Nineteenth Annual  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**DATE:** FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019  
**COURSE:** Laguna Seca Golf Course  
10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940  
**FORMAT:** Four Person Scramble  
**START:** Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. / Shotgun tee off: 8:45 A.M.

**BANQUET:** Prepared By Our Returning Chef Ed Leonard  
**2:00 -** Moose Lodge  
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940  
No-host Cocktails  
**3:00 -** Sumptuous Roast New York Strip Dinner  
**RAFFLE:** There will be a raffle with stupendous prizes!  
**PRICE:** Golfers: \$170 (includes hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart and banquet.) After July 19th, the price per golfer is \$185. Banquet only: \$50.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2019**

\*\*\*If an individual brings in 3 foursomes, that individual golfs for free!\*\*\*  
**SIGN UP:**  
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**Banquet only** \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$50 per banquet guest), payable to the I.C.F. Golf Tournament, and send to the address below before the July 19th deadline.  
Remember: \$185 per player after July 19th.  
The Central Council and Tournament Committee are very excited about this event and hope to see all of you (golfers and non-golfers) there!



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## Branch Reports

### Fresno District

#### Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The March meeting was held on the 12th and was a St. Patrick's Day themed event. We had quite a few members turn out for this special dinner and all went away full and happy. We dined on corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, green salad, bread and dessert. Many thanks to the chairman: Marcia and Jennifer Valorosi who worked very hard and cooked the delicious corned beef; and the committee: Mike and Mary Keitz, Mark and Cari Beveridge, Jim Massetti, Cecilia Massetti and Fred and Diane Massetti. Thank you Fred and Diane for the beautiful green decorations and for setting an amazing table. On Saturday, March 16th many members attended the inspiring and motivating woman's conference. Thanks, Jennifer Valorosi, for taking charge of this event. The Mass for living and deceased members was the most attended in many years! We had 30 members show up on March 23rd for an inspirational mass said by our Chaplain, Father James Catalano. After church, we all gathered at Farnesi's for dinner and fellowship. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero



Br. 27, Woman's conference from left to right: Cari Beveridge, Lori Combs, Shirley, Marilyn Rowe, Rosemary Janis, Theresa DeFrank, Ann Rolan and Mary Keitz.



Br. 27, Members at living and deceased members mass.



Br. 27, Jennifer Valorosi at the Women's Conference.

### Bakersfield St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 33

At our April meeting, we welcomed Msgr. Perry Kavookjian, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bakersfield. Msgr. Perry talked about Lenten sacrifice, and the differences within cultures and religions. For instance, he shared that his family did not eat meat the entire 40 days of Lent, not just on Fridays! An example of these differences is how our faith defines sacrifice. Members shared their own Lenten sacrifice stories; which was extremely interesting.

In March we were excited to have St. Vincent de Paul Director (now retired) Joanne Border. She was joined by her husband, Don, as they brought us up to date on the activities at the Baker Street facility. Branch 33 is a long-time supporter of SVDP, with donations of sweatshirts, coats and socks during the winter months, as well as cash donations.

Mrs. Border reminded us that this ministry is composed of men and women who seek personal holiness through works of charity. Their objective is not the spiritual advancement of members, but doing good for someone else. Funding is reliant entirely on donations. A fall BBQ and grant from Dignity Health help sustain the program.

As the country struggles with the plight of the homeless, it was of particular interest to hear Mrs. Border describe the changing face of those on the streets. Increasingly the homeless population is dealing with addiction, as well as mental health issues. Our Branch keeps SVDP, and all those who serve there, in its prayers.

Ciao and hope all had a blessed Easter:

### Merced Our Lady of Mercy St. Patrick Br. 39

In March we initiated Minnie Fragnito (Josie's Mother), Rita and Larry Brown (Jim Rosa's brother), and Josie Rosa (Jim's daughter).

Our April meal of homemade lasagna, green salad, bread, served with wine, and cake for dessert was delicious. Thanks to Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes, Ruth Redondo, and Michael Bandoni. Our festively decorated hall was due to the talents of Anne-Marie Bandoni and Pattie Simas. We initiated Kathy Brady, Rebecca Cruz and her daughter Jeannette Sandoval. Welcome new members! We look forward to getting to know you.

Our sell-out Biscotti and Cookie Sale was on April 27 and 28. Thanks to Janet Pugliese and Maryellen Mazzei for chairing. Gratitude is extended to the many helpers: bakers, baggers, sellers, donators, and buyers. Your participation is important to the success of the sale and to our branch. You're the Best!

Our next meeting is May 8 at the Lodge.

Social Hour 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. of chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salsa and chips with dessert and wine to celebrate our Latino culture. Meeting at 7 p.m. See you then!

Join us as we travel to Festa Italiana – Celebrating all things Italian! Held in Lodi on Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., call Sandy Del Real for more information: 209-769-4977.

Pray for the families of long-time members Bob Ayers and Nada Bandoni who recently passed away. Keep them in your prayers as they recuperate or handle health issues: Al Bernardi, Frank Simas, Maria Giampaoli, Carol Salmeri, and David Ferguson.

*Bellissima primavera. Enjoy our beautiful spring!*

Stephanie Lucich



Br. 39, Our president Terrie Rhodes initiated three new members (left to right: Kathy Brady, Rebecca Cruz and Jeanette Sandoval).



1st VP Michael Belluomini (far right) initiated new members in March Larry Brown, Rita Brown, Josie Rosa (left to right standing) and Minnie Fragnito (seated).

Welcome to Merced Branch 39!

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

Greetings from Branch 250! Hard to believe, but a year from now our Branch will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and for some reason, we seem to be grayer around the temples and have added a few wrinkles, but hey, that's life!

Mary Zanarini is in Salt Lake City to supervise her granddaughter and celebrate her 16th birthday.

Our chaplain, Father Robert, is looking forward to his vacation this month in St. Lucia where he will enjoy scuba diving.

A big congratulations to Rueben and Cindy Silva who celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their Pastor at St. Helen's blessed their special day.

Happy Birthday to Jennifer Campopiano, Mary Beth Mueller, Jeanette Shriver, and Mary Zanarini. They don't seem to have aged one bit.

Remember, it is better to give than to receive---except at tax time.

Ciao,

Belinda Broccolini

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

Spring has officially arrived and with it comes the anticipation of many favorite annual events for our branch. At our April meeting hosted by Crystal & Allen Watts, our members enjoyed their choice of BBQ sausage or hamburgers along with salad & dessert. We were also treated to the inspirational life story of Laurice Levine as she shared her courageous battle with Cooley's Anemia and how she inspires others not to give up the fight. Our branch makes an annual donation to this worthy cause.

Mindy White reminded our members to encourage their children and grandchildren to apply for ICF scholarships available to them.

On Divine Mercy Sunday April 28th our branch hosted our annual pasta & meatball dinner. The smell of that wonderful sauce not only seems to attract many of our parishioners but, the whole neighborhood as well!

On May 4th a few members headed to Fresno for the district Bocce tournament. May 9th will be our regular monthly meeting and on May 12th is Mother's day. We wish all our Moms, wherever they may be a happy Mother's day! Finally May 18th will be our branch 281 Bocce tournament. This is always a day of family food & fun!

May God be with you and your loved ones.

Theresa Amarante

### Fresno Saint Anthony of Padua, Br. 308

As we complete our observance of Lenten Season, we can reflect together in gratitude on our enhanced fellowship during this spiritually sublime forty days.

We were again blessed to host six Friday Dinners, for the 17th year. Each week, a dedicated crew cooked, set up dining tables, and served guests - before and after the evening's mass or Stations of the Cross. Our menus varied to provide perennial favorites, with salad, bread, punch or coffee, and a light dessert. Observing an established tradition, our first and last week was Fish and Chips; in between, classic Italian fare: Ravioli, Vegetable Lasagna, Eggplant, and Stuffed Pasta Shells.

During May we are focusing on our Italian heritage, arranging a Special Mass read in Italian before our Membership Dinner

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

Meeting, Wednesday the 8th. After we eat, a presentation will be given by a California State University Fresno scholar; then our Branch Orator, Angelo Pecora, will begin his planned monthly series of vignettes about Regions of Italy.

Throughout Easter Season we will continue rejoicing in fellowship. The first Saturday in May we look forward to again participating in The Annual I.C.F. Bocce Ball Tournament with other branches. Our teams are being organized by Maria Pricolo.

As Pentecost approaches, we will again prepare and sell Sausage Sandwiches the first weekend in June – and tickets for our July 8th Tahoe Joe’s fundraiser – to raise funds for our various ministries.

We consider ourselves fortunate and blessed in all we do, thankful for I.C.F., each other, and our faith.

C. A. Oliphant

## Los Angeles Archdiocese District Council

Time to catch up on all the news. I hope everyone’s St Joseph Tables were a success. I saw lots of pictures on Facebook. Great job! Easter Blessings to all, or as we say in Ukrainian Krytos Voskres. A new and exciting event happened in March. The ICF was represented at the annual Religious Education Congress. A three day convention held at the Anaheim Convention Center. Thousands of Catholics gathered to worship and reflect and learn about their faith. I want to thank our team who worked in the booth all weekend, Mike and Marcie Rossi, Pat and Lou Mages, Andrea Linn, Carmelo Sabatella and to our Grand President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid who also helped out. We met a lot of people, both new to our organization and those who are members who stopped and said hello. We gathered over 50 names of potential new members and possibly a new branch in our future. Cross your fingers. May 4th is our District General Meeting being held at the San Antonio Winery. Happy Mother’s Day to all of the Moms! God Bless.

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

Branch President Carmelo Sabatella and past ICF District Presidents Theresa Shaw, Pat Mages, Nick D'Egidio and Carmelo Sabatella along with Author Susan van Allen attend the Federated Italo Americans of Southern California Reception for Consulate General of Italy Los Angeles Sylvia Chiave in Casa Italia.

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 a.m. (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year.

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

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA

President Branch 67

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Br. 67, FIASC Reception for Consul General with Author Susan van Allen



Br. 67, FIASC Reception for Consul General with ICF District Past Presidents



FIASC Reception for Italy Consul General Sylvia Chiave 2019

### South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

On March 28, 2018, Branch members Carmelo Sabatella and Theresa Shaw attended the Federated Italo Americans of So Cal Reception in honor of the newly installed Consul General of Italy Sylvia Chiave at Casa Italiana in Los Angeles.

On March 23rd and 24th, Branch Members attended and/or staffed the ICF Booth at Catholic Congress in the Anaheim Convention Center with members of other ICF Branches in Northern and Southern California.

On March 16th and 17th, Branch Members and Parishioners celebrated the annual Saint Joseph Table along with Saint

Patrick's Day. Thank you to Co Chairs Sandy Fielding and Theresa Shaw and ICF Members who helped staff this very successful event. A great big thank you to Chef Michele Silveri, Bishop Amat High School and the many Holy Family Church Ministries for your help in this events' success. All funds will be shared with several Holy Family Church sponsored Charities such as the Giving Bank among others.

Save the Date: June 23rd - Branch 108 Picnic/General Meeting 1 p.m to 5 p.m. Call 626 403-6102 to RSVP and for more information.

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.

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President

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Br. 108, St Joseph Table with St Patrick Day Celebrated 2019



St Joseph Table at Holy Family Church 2019 St



### Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the May birthdays of the following members: Phillis Pace, Fr. Dionisio Cachera, Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicolina Vieni, Mario Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

We thank Fr. Michael Stechmannl, O.A.R.,

Pastor of St. Benedict Church, for his support for our annual St. Joseph's Table, and for his wonderful blessing of this year's St. Joseph Table, held on March 16 & 17, and all the individuals who volunteered time and/or made donations to the Feast of St. Joseph's Table, and the various sponsors of the St. Joseph's Table, which helped to make it a successful event. Congratulations to all the raffle winners!! We hope you all enjoyed the great food, desserts, and fellowship time with everyone

We would like welcome the following new members who recently joined our Branch: Georgia Albanez, Terry Saracho, Gabriel Macias, Alma Gutierrez, Rafael Gutierrez, Ryan Gutierrez, and Julianna Gutierrez. Benvenuti!

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Sincere condolences to Emma Aquino and her family for the recent passing of her beloved brother, Monsignor Euterio Aquino. May he Rest in Peace; we pray for him and for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone

Branch 111 President Phone (323) 888-



Br. 111 St. Joseph's Day Table



Br. 111 St. Joseph's Day Table

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

Thank you to all who attended mass and presented flowers on May 4th to our Madonna Del Arco. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.

Welcome back to all who attended our Laughlin getaway. All had great time!

Plan on attending our potluck meeting on May 16th at 6 p.m. We will be meeting our scholarship recipients. Please call Carmela Gioiello 310 8320953 pot luck coordinator

At this meeting Neal will be discussing ICF 95th anniversary celebration. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at St Peters Italian Church in Los Angeles followed by a buffet luncheon. Cost is \$45, children under 12 \$20. If interested in attending, please call Letiizia Charparro 310 832-0140. RSVP deadline is Jun 17th

Election of delegates for the annual Convention will take place at this meeting. This year's convention will take place in Tucson Arizona Aug 30 thru Sept 2nd. Convention raffle tickets are being sent. Book of tickets is \$20.00. \$10.00 is returned to the branch to help offset the cost of sending delegates to convention. Please support this fundraiser.



San Pedro Branch 115 General Meeting and potluck

### Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

I would like to make one last comment on our St. Joseph's Table. This year was very, very successful as we realized a profit of \$5,865.12 due to all the planning and participation by our members. As I had neglected to mention Cliff Stiner regarding the flowers, I do so now. He, along with David, did a fantastic job with the arrangements. Also, a huge thanks to Linda Szerdahelyi and Jeane Bernabei for putting together our official Branch 218 cookbook. We sold quite a few at the St. Joseph's Table and are continuing to take

orders. The cookbook has great recipes and is very professionally done.

The branch will be taking input from our members on who to donate to this year. The board will make the final decision and will take into consideration all the members suggestions.

Our May meeting is the first Sunday, May 5, as Mother's Day is the following Sunday. And, to all the Moms, a very Happy Mother's Day!

Lolly M.

### Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Our Lady assumption will be having their Fiesta in May. This year the Fiesta will be at Mother's Day weekend as usual from May 9th to May 11th. Please come and join us for fun activity. Even though we are reconstructing the church, there will be plenty of room for all the games and fun rides.

Memorial Day weekend we will be spending collecting for the USO in Ontario at the airport. Come by and see what's on the table and make a little donation for our service men and women

Since we could not have a meeting in April on Good Friday and Easter vacation, we have no plans for June yet. So more information on that will come in the next article.

God bless all

Andrea Linn, President Branch 319

### Temple City St. Luke, Br. 326

On April 7th, Branch 326 celebrated its quarterly Mass and breakfast. As far as attendance goes, we had excellent participation. At a local restaurant, woeful to say, we consumed enough of their fine breakfast foods, that our appetites were quenched up to supper time.

On a sorrowful note, one of the Branch's original members was welcomed into God's loving arms. She will be sorely missed.

The Branch is trying to come up with a recruitment program that would increase our membership. We do need to gather more members into the Branch.

Fundraisers is another area where we want to improve our performance. Wonderful ideas were discussed on how raise funds. But employment of such is another matter.

Inspirational thought: *God always answers our prayers; you may like the answer you get.*

Little bit of humor: Remember, if you're headed in the wrong direction, Life considers U-turns to be legal, in all jurisdictions.

Tony Farinella

First Vice President

### Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Spring is rolling along nicely and summer is right around the corner. I want to thank all of the members at St Raymond for putting on a fantastic St Joseph Table. This year our branch had a Brunch instead of a pasta dinner, and it worked out perfect. I hope everyone had a Blessed Easter. As I normally do each Holy Saturday, I spent the morning baking my Ukrainian Easter bread called Paska. Our branch held a Family Friendly Bingo last month to support our Altar Servers. What a great joy it was to see the kids with their parents having so much fun. May brings back another Bingo Luncheon. Come join us on the 19th for lunch and fun. I want to wish all the Moms out there a very Happy Mother's Day.

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

Branch 380 had a busy month of March. A group of us attended the Pompeii Exhibit at the Reagan Library on March 16th, then had a lovely Italian lunch afterwards at a local restaurant.

Our wonderful St. Joseph's Table celebration was on March 24th. The day began with our morning bake sale, the blessing of the beautiful St. Joseph's Table, and ended with a pasta dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction and gift basket raffle. It is always a special event and all the help from the members is greatly appreciated. Many people contributed their time and talents to make it a success.

Our April general meeting was catered by Viva la Pasta restaurant and members enjoyed a round of bingo games. It was an enjoyable evening.

We are looking forward to these fun events coming up:

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

May 3rd (Fri.) General meeting – lemon celebration and lemon cake competition

Annie Scott, Corresponding Secretary



Br. 380, Our St. Joseph's Table





Br. 380, Our St. Joseph's Day bake sale



Br. 380, Mike Ceurvorst and Remo Iezza in the kitchen

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

Happy Easter Season! On Thursday, May 9, 2019, come join us for a Food and Bingo Games Night in the Saint John Fisher Parish Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. A delicious meal will be served. Adults: Cost per person is \$15 for 5 games. Children: Ages 7-12 is \$10 per person. Gifts in kind will be the prizes given, so there are plenty of opportunities to win! The Grand Prize is a Bristol Farms Gift Certificate and a bottle of wine. It will be a very fun night!

Here are some upcoming ICF events:

- June 13, 2019: Potluck and Karaoke Night in the Saint John Fisher Parish Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- July 11, 2019: Barbecue (Summer Festival Theme) in the Saint John Fisher Parish Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

*Grazie!*

*Tonia Amalfitano*

*Recording and Corresponding Secretary*

**Manhattan Beach  
American Martyrs, Br. 447**

On April 28th Br. 447 hosted coffee and donuts after the morning masses. We enjoyed giving service to the parish and the fellowship with parishioners.

For our April 29th General Meeting, we were honored Laurice Levine, the Thalassemia outreach liaison for ICF and Children's Hospital Los Angeles spoke about Thalassemia, also known as Cooley's Anemia. She shared her personal journey of surviving the disease as one of the oldest living patients in the US. The disorder was discovered by Dr. Thomas Cooley. It affected Italian children with severe anemia, enlarged livers and spleens, and changes in bone formation. Years later, Dr. Whipple

named the disease "thalassa anaemia" or "anemia by the sea", because of its link to the Mediterranean region. Laurice discussed treatment and how ICF adopted Thalassemia as our national charity. Thank you, Laurice, for traveling to Manhattan Beach to share your brave personal story.

Our next General Meeting is May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in O'Donnell Hall. We will celebrate our first anniversary and our heritage is the theme. If you wish to share a little about your family's journey to the United States, family heritage, and family traditions, please come prepared to do so. To hear from as many members as possible, please limit your share to 3 minutes. Also, we will play Italian Trivia and share a wonderful Italian meal. More details will follow in the E-vite. Join our FaceBook group where we will post information about future events, share photos of events and more.

*Peace and Blessings,*

*Stephanie DeRaddo*

*Corresponding and Recording Secretary*

**Monterey  
Central Coast  
District**

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

Happy Mother's Day! There's a Jewish proverb that says, "God could not be everywhere, therefore He created mothers." Enjoy celebrating your mama, in real time or in recollection.

Branch 21 has moved along happily this past month. The No Bake Sale was very successful and the two Soup Suppers were also well received. We thank all who donated to the No Bake Sale...and we thank Gary and Petra Castiglioni, Roseann Costabile, Rosa Radicchi, and Valerie Vote for the yummy homemade soups.

There are several exciting events coming up. On May 4th, our Branch will host the District Meeting. There will be light fare in the morning and a nice luncheon after the meeting. We encourage members to come watch our District in action and also to hear Laurice Levine speak about her personal experience with Cooley's anemia and how ICF donations have helped her and many others. On May 7th, we will have a Mini-Celebration of Branch 21's 90th Anniversary. Come celebrate the fact that our Branch was started only five years after ICF's inception! In July, we will have a more formal celebration that will include our new Bishop.

In closing, it is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of two lovely ICF members, Linda Rossi and Virginia Bertoli. Both were dear supporters who rarely missed an event. Their sweet smiles will be missed.

We hope to see you at our next meeting. Ciao, Tutti. Enjoy God's blessings, large and small.

*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary Branch 21*

**Salinas  
Sacred Heart, Br. 25**

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter and are enjoying our wonderful spring weather. Branch held our annual financial planning meeting in March and we reviewed our annual donations process, and this year we really focused on supporting Catholic Education. Our parish has a wonderful Catholic Elementary School, Sacred Heart School. Our Branch has been making an annual tuition assistance donation for many years, but this year, we are expanding our donation to include a \$400 scholarship to an eighth grade graduate who will be attending a local Catholic High School. We will be hosting all of the Scholarship winners at our June meeting. For those planning to go to the 95th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon in San Francisco on Sunday, June 9, and would prefer not to drive and worry about parking in the city, the Central Coast District has a bus available from Capitola. For more information/make a reservation, contact Ed Leonard from Branch 36 via email at: [eluardo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eluardo@sbcglobal.net). Please continue to keep our long time member, Don Stoffey, in your prayers. Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful Moms in our ICF family.

*JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary*

**Monterey  
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

Mothers' Day blessings and thanks to all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers (Nana's), for all the love and guidance you have given us.

Welcome to new members: Martin Brej, Larry Chazen, Gene Green, Nanette Giles, Carole Kelley, Timothy McGrath, Nancy and Steven Stanley. New member initiation is June 6th.

Congratulations to Nick Bermudez, who joined our Board as our new Sentinel.

Our website ([www.MontereyICF.org](http://www.MontereyICF.org)) is successfully up and running, thanks to Elizabeth Panetta's incredible expertise and dedication. Many took advantage of ordering their Lent dinners, takeouts, beverages and desserts online via credit card. Sincere thanks to our volunteers, members, and local community for supporting our Lent events. We served 800+ at each of our six Lenten dinners! Chef Peter John Curatolo and kitchen crew, the dining room set-up, seating, serving and clean-up teams, dessert and take-out teams, bartenders, raffle and cookbook sales teams, membership recruitment team, and ticket sales teams all worked together to deliver every week. Proceeds benefit our parish and other community charities.

We awarded branch scholarships to 5 high school graduates, and achievement awards to 2 San Carlos School eighth-graders. Check our website for this year's deserving recipients.

Our sympathy to the Mary Russo family. Mary passed away on March 18. Also, our sympathy to the Frank Campo Sr. wife Phyllis and family. Frank passed away on April 5.

*Una mamma Italiana e' una benedizione di Dio.*

*(An Italian mother is a blessing from God)*

*Con Amore,*

*Elaine Valentine*

*Financial Secretary*

*Calendar*

June 6: Branch 36 88th anniversary, new member initiation, dinner meeting

June 9: ICF 95th Anniversary Celebration in SF

July 18: 85 and Over Birthday Party



Br. 36 Members at work and at play



## 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



## The Los Angeles 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Announces A Special Opportunity

*Win a Week at the Jones River House,  
In Moovalya Keys, Parker, Arizona*

Proceeds go to St. Peter's Italian Church Ministries.  
Tickets are \$25 for one or 5 for \$100.

**The winner will be announced at the celebration on Sunday, June 30.**  
You need not be present to win.

For additional information, contact  
**Pat Mages at (805) 428-4623 or Perry Shurko at (562) 804-0230**

There will also be an opportunity to  
participate in a separate basket raffle.



## Jones River House in Moovalya Keys Parker, Arizona



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## Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy May!

May is here and that brings a busy time of year with school years ending and graduations. During this month, we celebrate wonderful moms on Mother's Day and we celebrate the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our church.

As usual Br. 51 has been very busy. At our April general meeting we discussed many upcoming events that our Branch is planning for the year. One new event that is in the works is a wine tasting/bocce ball picnic at one of our local wineries, sounds like a lot of fun. Thank you to member Ashley Stefani, my daughter, for setting that up.

Happy Birthday to our May babies: my cousin Allison Barlow, Susan Carbonel, Eva Mae Sigala, Marie Tonus, our long distance member all the way from Massarosa, Italy Rosella Salarpi, Kathie Hedrick and my beautiful daughter Ashley Stefani. Happy birthday to all of you wonderful women!

Also congratulations to our young graduate members Allison Barlow and my nephew Kevin Cortopassi.....remember your future is yours and what you make of it but your heritage and your roots will always be Italian!

We ask for continued prayers for all those that are ill, their families and their caregivers.

And lastly this will be my last Bollettino article that I will be writing. Thank you to member Natalie Carbonel for taking over and helping us, it will be nice to have young, fresh ideas to write about.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

Ciao for now,

Cindy Stefani

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

We begin with a big thank you to all the members who worked at the Fish Fry dinners, mornings and evenings for six weeks in a row. It is a big output of time and the dinners would not be a success without them. The weekly raffle was successful, and our guests seemed to be enjoying the food, beverages and camaraderie. Special recognition goes to Ellen Pauly, our coordinator, whose many years of experience keep everything going smoothly.

Members at our April meeting enjoyed a delicious ham dinner prepared by Vicky Howell, Gene Pauly, Sherry Doubleday, Nancy Harrold, and Ken Olson.

Welcome to new members Judith Campbell, Norma Mileta, Elena Tufo and Lenae Columbini.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of two of our long-time members, Tony Calciano and Tom McNamara. Our condolences to their families and to the Rick Kotila family on the death of Jane's father, Bill Casalegno.

It was good to see Mike Rios back at our meetings looking well and feeling fine after a medical procedure. The update on Ida Lomazzi is that she is now at home with a caregiver.

Heritage Committee Co-Chair Dottie Smith devised a creative and entertaining activity for the March meeting. She passed out lists of clues about a particular member and challenged members to guess who it was based on those clues. Nancy Harrold was the first to guess that it was our accordionist, Jim Musler. Her prize was Martinelli's sparkling cider for everyone at her table.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

## Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 served over 2000 Fish Fry dinners over five weeks during Lent! We want to thank all our members who helped each week, plus all our customers who purchased fish dinners, some returning every week to support the ICF!

At our March General Membership Meeting we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Kathleen Sullivan and Rose Haupt did a wonderful job decorating our table, and members donated non-perishable food and household goods to fill it. Some of our youngest members—who attend St. Patrick's School—made a procession into the hall and presented the donations to our St. Joseph's Table. Deacon Greg Dutra blessed our table, and all items collected were donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.

We recently lost one of our longtime members, Dori Desiato. Dori would have turned 100 next January. Please keep the Desiato family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear mother and grandmother. We also ask for your prayers for Branch members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time, including Anita Caracci, Dianne & Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Stevie Hall, Mary Recchia, Rose Renna-Guzzetti, Nick Sausa, Ann Silva, Jim & Throck Scudder, June Steves, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

Happy Mother's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary



Br. 291 St. Joseph's Table

## Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Howdy and welcome back y'all to Irma and David Zanini. They have returned from an extended family stay in the great state of Texas following the death of Irma's uncle. Now our little branch is whole again.

Thank you to Karen and Dave Kudija for leading us through a successful St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage Parish fundraiser, complete with homemade Irish soda bread and a few pints of Guinness, of course.

Wasting no time after their return home, our head Swiss-Italian chef, David and his right hand helper, Irma, are busy working on our "almost famous" pasta dinner. Can you smell the garlic? Thank you to the Zanini's for their hard work in making this dinner such a big success time-after-time. Educational scholarships for local schools and colleges are provided through this fundraiser.

Also, we have written a letter of welcome and support to our RCIA candidates. We welcomed them to a true conversion that asks them to make community life a focus through prayer. We extended an invitation inviting them to join us in celebrating our unique place in the mosaic of the Catholic Church and broader human family.

BIG NEWS: Our new Registration Assistance Program has welcomed three new family memberships—14 new members, 6 parents and 8 children. Welcome to Branch 354.

Yvonne Maddalena

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

The beautiful month of May as arrived. Remember to honor Mary in your own special way.

We had a great St. Joseph Table within our branch 358. A delicious catered meal by our member, Linda Calabrese, owner of A Themed Events.

Our members voted to donate \$1000 to Maryville for children, tots to 18 most of whom are on ventilators.

We are glad to have Josie Kerr and Elaine Cato back with us after some health related issues.

Birthday greetings to Cathy Neri on May 8th.

Honor Mary in your own way and enjoy the spiritual and physical beauty of this beautiful month.

Judith Schweickert

Tell everyone what's happening with your branch. Submit by May 10th to [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)

## Chicago St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Happy spring from the windy city! The blustery weather has finally subsided!

After weeks of planning and organizing, on March 16, after the 5 and 7 p.m. Masses, Branch 392 hosted the St. Francis Borgia St. Joseph's Day Table and Bake Sale. The church hall, displaying a beautiful St. Joseph statue, was adorned in red and white table coverings, flowers, fruit, breads, a buffet offering tasty Italian dishes, and a scrumptious sweet table with a lovely cake, cookies and the customary "zeppole". The evening began with Father Joe Mulcrone welcoming all and blessing the "tavolata". This year over 350 - parishioners, ICF members, and friends - gathered for the good food and friendly conversations.

Thanks to the perseverance of a dedicated committee the event was a huge success. "Grazie mille" to the many individuals, local restaurants, bakeries, delis and shops that made monetary contributions and generous donations of foods, crisp breads, sweets, and paper goods. Your contributions resulted in a bountiful table and successful bake sale. Many thanks to the team of hard working ICF volunteers and friends for serving, helping with the bake sale, and staying for the clean up.

St. Francis Borgia Church thanks everyone!

We wish to remind the Chicago area branches that the Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church. A small reception will follow in the parish hall. ICF Grand President, Andrew Pappani will preside over the swearing in ceremony.

Wishing all peace, warmth and happiness!

Aurora Pensa

## Oakland East Bay District

As the 95th Anniversary of the ICF gets closer we are planning ahead for the San Francisco celebration. As promised last month Peggy Lubeck, Pres. of Br. 10, has set up bus transportation from St. Philip Neri's in Alameda to St. Peter and Paul's in San Francisco. The Cost is \$20.00 each which is much less than parking! Thank you Peggy for your hard work.

Once again it is time to get those pictures to Lisa for the Convention yearbook. She is asking for colored ones if possible. The District will sponsor two pages. It is also time to send in your Memory pages. And while we are talking about other ICF happenings, recipes are needed for the calendar. This year is cooking with Nona. Remember the fun you had? Speaking of Convention, it is time to sell those chances. Remember, \$5.00 stays with your Branch.

We were lucky to have a guest at our last



meeting, Roselynn Jarret, with her "pop up" store of goodies to be sold at the Convention. Many nice and useful things and no worries about how to get them home.

May is Mother's month, so many blessings are wished to all who fill that role. May Mary's example of what a Mother is help us to be the best Mother we can be.

*Blessings and a Happy Mother's Day to all.*

*Pat Grasso,*

*District Secretary*

## Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are saddened to announce the death on April 1 of Father John Baldwin. Father John assisted our at sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great of Alameda, for the last two decades. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1959 and served as a U. S. Navy chaplain for the majority of his nearly six decades as a priest. A Memorial Mass was offered by Bishop of Oakland Michael Barber on April 13 at Saint Philip Neri Church.

We are hosting our 93rd Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening, May 11, in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street and Van Buren Street in Alameda. Social hour begins at 6:00 p. m., and dinner will be served at 7:00. Prices are \$40.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youngsters 12 and under. Also on the program are music by Henry Ramos and a raffle. For information and reservations you can contact secretary Jeanette Zugnoni, [jeanette@zugnoni.net](mailto:jeanette@zugnoni.net), (510) 523-8005, or first-vice president Gina Foster, [gfooster@csgdo.org](mailto:gfooster@csgdo.org), (510) 816-0365.

Our recent events have all been well-attended. Special thanks to the following chairpersons: Irish Social, Jan Rosa; Saint Joseph's Day Table, Michael Marcheschi; and Lenten Friday Fish Fry dinners, Sheila Doan.

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

Congratulations to Mary Vanek for being the lucky recipient of not one, but two ICF calendar drawings.

Br. 215's Soup Supper held on 3/20/2019 at Corpus Christi Parish Hall was very well received by 48 attendees. Our thanks to all who made delicious soups for this event: Claire Chiatello, the DeLucchis, James McGee, Fran LaTorre and Dale Mattier. Thanks also to The Corpus Christi Elks and all those who volunteered their time to make this event a success

Our Bingo Luncheon on 4/25/2019 at Cor-

pus Christi Parish Hall, one of our main revenue sources, again was very well attended. Thanks also to our generous friends who came and enjoyed the games. To all who donated raffle baskets, bingo prizes and especially their time, a hearty well did and thanks. Many hands helped set up, decorate clean up after the event.

Please keep Lorraine and John Neira, Sharon DeSousa, Scott & Judy Schiechl, and Dave Madej in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle with their illnesses.

To all members with birthdays, anniversaries or special events our congratulations. To our first responders, military and their families, we wish to express our gratitude and prayers for your safety.

*Ken Chiatello*

*Branch 215*

## Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the lovely days and colors of this season of new life.

Our fund raising polenta dinner on April 6th was well attended with 160 guests. It was a lovely evening of delicious food, great camaraderie and wonderful raffle prizes. Thank you to all who attended and especially Judy Well Beloved & Carolyn Cardinalli for chairing the event and Elaine Meier for chairing the decorations and creating such a colorful Italian environment. We appreciate the local high school students who came, with their boundless energy, to assist with several tasks. They looked to be having fun as well as earning service hours! Many members helped contribute to the success of this event. All the hard work and planning was appreciated by the happy smiles on the faces of all our guests. We were happy that several district members were able to join us.

Several of our members had the honor to lead the Stations of The Cross last month at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

Our April 12th meeting at Saint Elizabeth Seton Hall was catered by Strizzi's Restaurant followed by a heritage program.

We have several up-coming events that are currently being planned which include:

- June 1 Bingo Bash
- June 6 Day at the Races
- Aug. 3 A's Game -Italian Heritage Night
- Aug. 18 Brunch & bocce at Campo d'bocce

We continue to pray for several of our members who are dealing with health issues at this time. May they feel God's healing presence.

*Until next time, Ciao*

*Judy Bates*

Polenta Dinner



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

It is a busy time of year for our Branch which means that we will need many hands in order to keep the load light for each other. Beginning with our Pasta dinner prepared by Top Chef Mike, our president and his helpers, Melody on desserts and Karen keeping things moving. A big thanks who all who helped.

We are happy to say that our St. Joseph's Table earned over \$100 that we were able to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration Parish. What a "sweet" way to raise money.

In addition to the Branch supporting the Parish School's "Fun Run", one of our generous members, Al Bronzini, has donated funds for the 8th Grade Scholarship. Thank you so much. We also were able to sponsor the 1st year District Scholarship again this year.

We are planning ahead for our fund raisers, keep an eye out for a Paint Night this summer and a special Polenta dinner in the fall. Never fear, we will still have a Biscotti sale. So as you can see from this super busy schedule, we really do need all the help we can get.

This leads me to think of Mothers, this is what they do, take care of our needs. Prior to our May meeting we will be saying the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother. Hopefully many of you will be able to come early and pray.

Happy Mother's Day to all the women who fill this role.

*May God Bless you.*

*Pat Grasso,*

*Branch Sec.*

## Contra Costa District Council

We extend Happy Birthday wishes to all our members born in May. May you live as long as you want and never want as long

as you live.

Our District Communion is on Sunday, May 19. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at Queen of All Saints church (2390 Grant Street) in Concord. The meal will follow immediately at the "Legends at Diablo Creek" golf course, also in Concord.

We will each order from their menu and pay separately. Please RSVP to your branch by May 16.

Our next District meeting is on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:15 p.m. at the

"Legends at Diablo Creek" golf course. It's very important for all branch delegates to attend at this meeting.

Thursday May 30 is when we will be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's really great to know that He ascended into heaven, where we all hope to join him sooner or later.

Join us in celebrating "Italian Heritage Night" with the Oakland A's on Saturday, August 3rd for the game against the St. Louis Cardinals. Tickets are for field level seats and are \$33.00 each. Please contact Rose Jarret (925-381-4709, e mail [angels8199@aol.com](mailto:angels8199@aol.com)) for additional information.

This year's Annual Convention is on August 29 – September 2 in Tucson, Arizona.

In closing: *Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* (Matthew 7:12)

*Joseph ([joefflores33@comcast.net](mailto:joefflores33@comcast.net))*

## Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

Welcome to new members Stacy and Peter Nuti. We had a successful joint effort fundraiser with the San Lorenzo Ruiz Community of which my family is also members. Success of these events is due to participation of members who give of their time for the benefit of all. Thanks to members of both groups who helped and joined the fun! Thanks to attendees whose donations benefit the works of the parish and charities we support.

In May, many students graduate. Br. 13 has two: Paul, University of San Francisco and Rosemary, University of Chicago. We wish them well.

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We also honor Jesus' mother with her crowning and, children receiving First Holy Communion. We welcome them now being responsible for their reconciliation directly with God. St. Catherine celebrated its 146th Anniversary of faith with the school marking its 70th year of Catholic Education in Martinez. We threw a huge party for the entire city!

The tradition where Sunday was set aside to honor motherhood began in some European countries as Mothering Sunday. Its celebrations are actually part of the liturgical Catholic calendar which is marked Laetare Sunday (fourth Sunday in Lent) when we honor Mary and our "mother" church. In the USA, Mother's Day was nationally recognized in May 1914 after Anna Jarvis trademarked phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day" and created the Mother's Day International Association.

With that heritage, I wish all those folks who mother others, happy and fulfilling memories of those who bestowed the title upon us.

Until next time,

Mary Cook

## Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Thanks to "Mary and Joseph," aka Bonnie Leal and Carl Heller, to "Father" Bruce Pedrotti (in Father Leo's absence), Peggy Hagerthy for leading us in song, and to David Botta (who seemed to be having too much fun sprinkling holy water), for helping make our St. Joseph's Table a memorable event.

Special hugs to those "Smith Girls," Sylvia Smith and Clo Haisley, for a delicious lasagna dinner at our April meeting. We know we are in for a treat when they are in the kitchen.

Speedy recovery wishes to Bill McFarland, Tom Sarnicola, Kathy Cargo, Tara Kajla and Flora Orsi.

May 10th is our Bingo and Hot Dog Night, starting at 6. This event, begun and chaired long ago by Pat Botta, is now a favored tradition of fun and laughter. Thanks to Bruce Pedrotti for volunteering to now chair this popular fundraiser.

Traveling to Tucson in August are Convention delegates Dee Carone, Vonda Lesti-Egan and Sylvia Smith. Alternates are Addie Bepler and Bruce Pedrotti.

May 14th is the night we celebrate Mother's and Father's Days, with a festive Taco Dinner. Thank you to everyone who is kind to others. Mass is at 5:30 and the Taco Bar Dinner at 6:30, with the meeting following.

April, true to its lore, brought an abundance of showers, thus sprinkling the hills surrounding our towns with a profusion of beautiful wild flowers amongst green, green hills. We hope you were able to enjoy this spectacular show... God's magnificent gift to us!

Ciao, Diane Bottini Thomas



Members and future members at ICF 14,



Lasagna machine Ladies of ICF 14 Crockett. Delicious dinner —Clo, Sylvia & Mary

## Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Here is a list of dates/events you will not want to miss.

Sunday May 19--The Contra Costa District Communion Breakfast. Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Queen of All Saints Church in Concord. A no host brunch follows at Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek golf course in Concord.

Sunday June 9--The 95 anniversary of the ICF. Mass at 11:45 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. A luncheon reception follows at the San Francisco Athletic club.

Saturday August 3--Italian night at the Oakland A's baseball game. Enjoy Italian entertainment and food vendors before the ball game. We will sit in our reserved area to enjoy the ball game.

August 29-Sept. 2--The ICF Annual Convention at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, AZ. Theme: 95 years: The journey continues.

Saturday Sept. 7--Bus trip to Monterey for the Santa Rosalia Festa Italiana.

Our branch pool party and potluck is this summer at Joann Thilgen's. Date to be determined.

You will receive a flyer in the mail with the details before each event including our May meeting. Speaking of the meetings, thank our second vice, Josie Leontini for her ongoing hospitality. She is a devoted member and friend. We were happy that member Donna Stone was able to attend our last meeting. Donna had been very ill and is still in need of prayers for a full recovery.

Here's wishing a happy Mothers day to all.

As we say in Pittsburg, *Sempre Avanti!*

Your branch President, Patty

## Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

The April 08, 2019, meeting was all about honoring the past presidents of the St. Raymond's branch. Risotto and Salad was prepared by Walter Costa and Toni Reeder. Thank you to all past presidents. You all have contributed to the success of St. Raymond Branch 154. And thank you to all past and present officers, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

Delegates to the upcoming convention were elected. They are Alicia Treviño and Lorraine Acuña. The convention is being held on August 29th thru Sept 2, 2019, the convention is being held at the Hilton, El Conquistador in Tucson, Arizona. Please pick up your convention raffle tickets at the next meeting. Return your unstapled ticket stubs to Domenica Yonke. Remember, the branch gets to keep ten dollars for every book we sell.

The next meeting is May 13h, celebrating Mother and Father's day, Mass will be followed with an Enchilada Dinner. Get your reservations in at the next meeting or by calling Lorraine at 510-697-3128, by May 10th, 2019. *Happy Cinco de Mayo!!*

## Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

We have been a very busy branch with many events planned. We received many diapers and wipes donated for the Monument Crisis Center. They were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Terri DiLoreto and Marion Armstrong who headed this event.

On March 21st we had corned beef and cabbage pot luck dinner celebrating St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's table was set up by Franca and Paul Schepis. Paul Schepis read the heritage of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Jo Lee read a beautiful prayer.

We are looking forward to our annual Primavera Tea. It is on April 27th at Cauchi Hall. We are serving chicken salad on greens, scones with lemon curd, fingertip sandwiches, and wine ricotta cake with raspberries and teas. We have many beautiful raffle prizes. There will be a vendor booth, CC Kelly, selling great purses, scarves, wallets, etc. The price of the tea is \$30. Ed McGuirk has contacted the 8th grade students to submit their heritage essays. Money will be given to 3 winners of the essays.



Br. 214 Terri Di Loreto at Monument Crisis Center.



Br. 214 Ed McGuirk at St. Patrick's dinner



Br. 214 St. Joseph's table

Our next annual event will be at Viano Winery on Sunday, June 9th. We will have appetizers, wine tasting, raffle prizes, and desserts. There will also be an olive oil tasting booth. The price is \$30.

I hope everyone had a blessed Pasqua. with your families.

Ciao,

Norene DeLuca,

## Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Prayers for the recovery of Deacon Ron Horan are needed. On March 9 he suffered a stroke while waiting for surgery to repair the damages from an earlier stroke. The latest stroke precludes any surgery and means that his recovery will be through physical therapy. His loss leaves a large void in IHM's role of filling the needs of its Parishioners. He is truly in need of our prayers.

Deacon Ron has had a long and successful career as a purveyor of God's love for all of us. He was ordained in March of 1978 and assigned to St. Augustine's Parish. From there he moved on to other parishes. He also served twice as President of the "Deacon Community." He arrived at IHM in 2010 where he established himself.

At IHM, he became a beacon for God's way: Lighting up the Parishioner's Faith and energizing them with his brand of enthusiasm and willingness to be part of God's Life.

Deacon Ron was there for every Parishioner. He became an integral part of the IHM Community.

Deacon Ron's journey back to normalcy will be a testament to the love, strength and prayers of his family. If you are interested in following his recovery, his daughter Kim is capturing his progress and posting it daily to the website "Caring Bridge." To access Kim's postings go to "caringbridge.org" and follow the directions.

Make it part of your daily prayers to include Deacon Ron.

*la vita è buona*



Br. 432 Deacon Ron Horan of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**Pleasant Hill  
Christ the King, Br. 442**

Happy May to everyone! Hope you have planted all of your tomatoes, zucchini, and pepper plants by now as the summer heat is fast approaching!

A big THANK YOU to all those that put on our Ladies Tea. It was a wonderful and successful fundraiser for our branch!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our 'Quarterly Mass and Brunch' in April. Join us for the next one on July 7th.

Our May meeting will be on a WEEK-NIGHT, Tuesday May 7th at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. We will be serving pizza, salad and drinks. We will be inviting parishioners from St. Stephen's to join us. We hope some of our members, that can't join on Sundays, will make time to come to this weeknight meeting and enjoy some pizza.

Coming up: Salami Toss Booth at the CTK Parish Festival May 17th and 18th. See Ann Consul at the next meeting to help with a shift.

Another reminder that we will be picking delegates to go to the annual ICF convention in Tucson. Please consider becoming a delegate (and your trip is paid for!!) Several of us go to the convention and have a lot of fun. It's an informative 4-day weekend where you will learn a lot from the presentations and meet ICF members from all over California, Arizona and Chicago.

Please keep Nancy in your prayers and any other members that could use an extra blessing or two.

*Ciao,  
Your 2019 Officers*



Br. 442 members enjoying fellowship

**Sacramento**

**Sacramento,  
St. Mary, Br. 45**

Our next event will be BINGO followed by Chicken and Polenta dinner on Sunday, May 5, in Giovanni Hall. Branch meeting starts at 3:30 p.m., BINGO at 4:30, and Dinner 6:00. Menu includes: Polenta w/ Meat Sauce, 1/2 baked chicken, salad, rolls, dessert and wine. Pasta available on a pre-order basis only. Members \$15 and Non-Members \$25. Contact me at 916-508-1199 before Tues., April 30th for reservations.

We are saddened by the passing of Bishop Francis Quinn on March 21, 2019 at age 97. Bishop Quinn was a member of our branch and enjoyed working with the ICF in "his younger days," as he put it. We loved when he attended our dinners as everyone had such a high regard for him. As a great communicator, he connected with everyone. When he told me he "was grounded by his doctor and could no longer get around so easily" we learned to appreciate the times we had with him. May he rest in peace.

Scholarship applications for 8th graders went out to Mrs. Garretson in April and are due back to us by May 17th. We will be awarding two scholarships this year - The Leda Pasquini Scholarship and the Shirley Pasquini Bennett Scholarship for \$500 each. Send those applications in before the deadline.

Happy May Birthday to the following members: Grace Bashore, Lollie Bencken, Paula Buchignani, Josette Courey, Rocco Giordano, Ottavio Luchini, Kathy Pongratz, Tina Tallman, and Catherine Zerio. *Happy Day!!*

*Ciao, Janine*

**Auburn  
St. Joseph, Br. 342**

We hope you will be able to join us for two very important events this month. On Saturday, May 18th, our branch will be

holding their annual Appreciation Dinner at St. Joseph's Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. At this time, we will honor a member for service to the branch and give out scholarships to four very deserving students. This will be a potluck dinner and the calling committee will be contacting you soon to see what you would like to contribute to the meal. Our Corporate Mass will be held the following day, May 19th at St. Joseph's Church. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. and we will have brunch at the Sizzler following the mass. We hope to see many members there. It is important for us to attend mass together.

A big thank you to all who contributed their time and wonderful food to Hospitality Sunday last month. It was great to see so many smiling faces before and after the masses setting up and serving treats to the congregation. So many parishioners were so happy to see the tables full of treats and we were able to add several new families to our membership.

*Ciao!  
Pam Andersen*

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

Br. 438 ushered in Spring with our March dinner meeting celebrating St. Patrick's Day...Italian style! New members, Rich and Claire Salsman, prepared a delicious baked Rigatoni dinner, complete with salad, garlic bread and a special St. Patrick's Day dessert. Deacon Ken Crawford joined us for dinner and shared his thoughts on our Lenten journey. We also started the new feature of having one member share the story of his or her family heritage at each monthly meeting. Thank you to Gene Tiongson for being our first volunteer.

On April 8th St. Clare's ICF hosted the dinner for the Gathering Inn, a shelter that serves the homeless in our South Placer community. It was very rewarding serving over 60 of our brothers and sisters in need.

Br. 438 hosted a fun trip to Sera Fina Cellars on April 11th. Wine tasting, lunch and bocce ball were all included. Andrea and Brad Senge did a great job organizing this event!

A dozen or so local priests convened here at St. Clare for Reconciliation services on April 16th. Before hand, they were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by Frank and Angela DiGrande. Thank you Frank and Angela!

We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and blessed Easter. We continue to remember all members who are in need of healing and ask the Lord to hear our many private intentions.

*Grazie!  
Anne Finn  
Recording Secretary*



**San Francisco**

**San Francisco  
St. Vincent de Paul, Br. 50**

A most enjoyable way to reunite is our new afternoon meetings! We look forward to more attendance, and we thank Lou Massanti for his efficiency in contacting everyone. We were saddened to learn of the passing of our faithful member Elma Cooper, and we send our most heartfelt condolences to all her family.

We were so pleased to welcome our new members: Victor and Margaret Quattrin, Trevor and Nora White, Noelle Roost and family, and Helen Parker.

Our meeting concluded with all participating in a lively Bingo Game and Dessert, and we are looking forward to our next meeting in May @ 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

*Alla prossima  
Anstell Ricossa*

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

We all hope you had a beautiful Easter with your families.

We had 136 join us for our Champagne Bingo. Our lunch was delicious. It is always nice to see good friends. A Big Thank You to everyone who helped on Sat. and Sun. It takes many hands for a great bingo game. Tante Grazie!!

We are looking forward to our trip to Yosemite on May 19-21. The Park should be beautiful this time with all of the rain we had.

To all of our members who will celebrate a birthday in May - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Remember the following dates:

- May 26th - Mass
- May 27th - Meeting

*Ciao,  
Eva Perata, President*

**San Francisco  
St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

Our March meeting went well. We honored both St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Chairlady Liliana did a great job coordinating the types of food offered. The Alter Liliana built honoring Jesus's earthly Father was perfect and touching. Maria Gloria later told us about St. Patrick's parents being Roman...and how this fact actually makes Patrick Italian!

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A little "hick-up" in my March *Bollettino* article, I thanked Sian for donating our meeting luncheon, but what I should have said, "Thank you, Sian, for volunteering and taking care of purchasing our delicious meeting lunch." Many thanks to our Br. 365 for hosting!

The "No Bake Sale" flyer was mailed out to our members. Hopefully, you have received it and already mailed in a donation. Because the branch no longer has many fundraisers, it is important every member should try to participate...it's the only way that helps our branch to continue to partake in our ICF obligations and donations. Mille grazie in advance!

Our branch "Garage Sale" will take place on May 18-19 at approx. 9 a.m. each morning! The Garage Sale is a good way to get rid of knick-knacks and other items that are no longer needed and collect dust...no clothes, please! Items for this sale can be delivered anytime to Pres. George's house at 2562-17th Ave...across the street from St. Cecilia's Church. Members who would like to help are always welcomed!

There will be NO regular May meeting! Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 15 in the Green Room at 11 a.m.

Ciao, Mara Amato

## San Mateo

### San Mateo District

#### Burlingame

#### Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Spring has finally arrived but sun is out there but slow in showing up.

We are looking forward to our Sandwich Night meeting and delights this evening.

Thanks to Luci and Jim Witherspoon for chairing our dinner. We will be sending one delegate and our president, Dorene Campanile, to the convention in September and we will vote on the other delegate tonight. In the future, if any of our members would like to be a delegate to attend the convention, please let it be known to the president or one of the officers.

Our next event is our BINGO lunch in the O.L.A. Gym. April 27--Hot dogs and trimmings, salads, dessert and one Bingo card (extra cards can be purchased) \$25.00 12 noon - 3:30 p.m. Ctc: Lori Clyne loriscooking@gmail.com - deadline April 22.

Archbishop's Day 2019 Sunday, April 28

Branch 6 5 p.m. Mass Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City Appetizer, soda, coffee and tea included for \$15. Please advise our Treasurer if attending so one check can be sent in.

Keep Mary Bodicso. Jack Sherratt and Elena Malta and their families in your prayers.

May you all have a blessed Easter!

God Bless, Rosalind C. Emery

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

Members of our branch gathered for our April 9 meeting to enjoy fellowship and Chinese food provided by members Glorinda Dobleman and Jackie Smith.

During Easter season, we remember good times of the past. One of our members recounted family outings from San Francisco and buying produce south of San Francisco in what is now Daly City Westlake and Pacifica, mothers and grandmothers making home made ravioli and canning artichokes. So many good memories we have and can be made.

During our formal meeting, we begin with oath: "As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, - we promise fidelity and obedience to our Church. - As citizens or residents of this country, - we promise loyalty and respect to the American flag. - We also promise to love and honor the land of our ancestors." Our mentor, from Branch 173, Dorene, presented letter thanking Branch 213 for bread and flowers for their own St. Joseph's table. A letter from St. Augustine's pastor, Ray Reyes, was read, thanking us for warm welcome and for recent St. Joseph's table event. Roberta Franchini passed out raffle tickets for the ICF 2019 drawing, and the 95th anniversary mass and luncheon were announced with great interest in both.

Readers are invited to like and follow our Facebook Group at : <https://www.facebook.com/ICFSSF213>

See our pictures and follow our activities. Our monthly newsletter is also posted there.

Happy Easter from Branch 213

Victor Spano

## San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Just a reminder on a couple of upcoming dates, so mark your calendars:

Tuesday, May 21 at our regular meeting we will have a guest speaker joining us. Laurice Levine will be coming to speak with us about Cooley's Anemia. This is ICF's National Charity and Laurice is a Consultant for Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Please plan to attend. This should be a very informative meeting.

Sunday, June 9 is the ICF celebration of its 95th Anniversary. There will be an 11:45 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and Paul's, followed by a luncheon at the SF Athletic Club, 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco. The lunch is \$60.00 per person.

Entrée choices are 1/2 roasted chicken or grilled salmon, and includes Italian salad, antipasto, pasta marinara, risotto al funghi, roasted potatoes, mixed veggies, ice cream, coffee, tea and wine. No-host bar.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers!

Ciao, Virginia Malaspina

## Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

At our meeting on April 2, we had a special guest speaker, Laurice Levine, Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, who spoke about Thalassemia/Cooley's Anemia. The majority of our members did not know much about this disease and found her talk very informative and interesting to know that the ICF has chosen Thalassemia as their national charity.

Upcoming events:

Our next meeting will be held on May, 7 when we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican Dinner in the Parish Center, social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

On June 2, we will celebrate our 29th Anniversary with a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner in the Parish Center, with no-host cocktails at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.

Dinner will be prepared by our friends in the Millbrae Lions Club.

We are looking forward to ICF 95th Anniversary on June 9 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in San Francisco. Mass at 11:45 a.m. with lunch to follow at S. F. Athletic Club, 1640 Stockton St., San Francisco.

We are saddened to hear about the passing of Vince Sciamanna husband of member Sandra.

May he and all of our deceased members rest in peace.

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

## Marin

### Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter Season.

At our March meeting the branch celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph.

From Marlene: Looking for an enjoyable book to read, may I suggest "CONVIVIO" by my friend Lucy Vallera Luhan. She owned three restaurants in the Newport Beach area and for the last 30 plus years has been living in Montevettolini, Tuscany.

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.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Healy Hall. Mass will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Spuntino in which the scholarship recipients will be honored.

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

Wishing all the "Mother's" a very Happy Mother's Day.

Anna Biggio, Recording Secretary



Br. 403 ICF Paul, Fr. Joe, Mary

## San Jose Santa Clara Valley District

Our new Diocese of San Jose Bishop Cantu is taking on a bigger role as Bishop McGrath transitions into retirement. I once read that Bishop McGrath (the 2nd Bishop of Diocese San Jose) was likened to a "No. 2 Pencil." Both bishops need our prayers.

Several branches reported very successful Crab Dinners and now are holding Lenten Soup nights. Branch 368 also follows the soup with the Stations of the Cross. I'm sure that Fr. Chris Bennet - St Christopher Church does his wonderful Stations of the Cross presentation - A must see, usually on Fridays. Branch 368 President John Gillio provided time, materials and effort in producing a Processional Cross that will be used at convention.

Branch 445 held an excellent St. Joseph's Table. with all the traditional dishes and Fr. Tito conducted a blessing ceremony at the St. Joseph's display. District President Bob Bausino has set the Luau for April 28. He reported that 41 people have signed up for the 95th Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco. Now is the time to submit By-Law changes and nominate candidates for the various convention awards. See the *Bollettino* for details.

Our Lady of Peace Mass: May 19 at 11:00 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 enjoyed the St. Joseph's Table done at the March Dinner/Meeting.

Please remember to attend the District ICF Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara, outside in front of the Statue of the Blessed Mother on May 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Please remember to sell or buy the ICF Convention Raffle Tickets and return the stubs to Mary Ann Ruiz as soon as possible.

Santa Clara Valley District Picnic is scheduled for August 4, 2019 at Vasona in Los Gatos.

To all Mothers have a nice Mother's Day this month.

To all ICF Veterans a big thanks to all of you on Memorial Day.

Please remember in your prayers, all departed ICF Members who have passed away.

A special thanks goes to Father Prosper Molenghi for his services while at St. Clare's.

Ciao,

Marlene J. Rotolo

### Gilroy

#### Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our March 18th dinner meeting consisted of a wonderful Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by Dave Bozzo Catering in Gilroy. Members enjoyed dinner and fellowship topped off with homemade decorated cupcakes prepared by some of our talented members prior to the meeting led by President Joe Fortino.

The annual ICF conference will be held in Tucson Arizona this year. This convention will be held from August 29 – September 3. Detailed information about the convention has been in the Bollettino and will be shared at our Branch 28 meetings. All members are welcome to attend this convention along with Branch 28's selected delegates.

Remember to bring your membership card to each meeting for the drawing. You may be the lucky winner of a wonderful prize. Our winner last month was Terence Lenaghan.

Remember that our dinner meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, unless this day is a holiday. You will receive a call from a designated caller a week prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, you can contact a board member. If you have a guest who is interested in knowing more about ICF, they are welcome to attend. Please let your designated caller know who will be attending the dinner meeting with you. We need this information for the dinner count and to introduce and welcome them at the dinner meeting they are attending.

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Monday – May 20, 2019.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



Br. 28 – At the March 18th dinner meeting, Terence Lenaghan was the winner of the monthly membership card drawing.

### Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Here we are in the merry month of May. Where has the year gone? The month of the blessed Mother, Mary and all our wonderful "mothers" on Mother's Day. If you've never researched the history of Mother's Day, it would be worth your time to do so. It might interest you to know that the woman credited for Mother's Day being established as a national holiday was never married and was never a mother. She simply wanted to acknowledge and celebrate the sacrifices that mothers, including her own, made for their children.

This Mother's Day take a moment to survey the women around you. You may or may not know each of their personal stories, but you can be sure they each need prayer.

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years,

for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me

and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be.

*Happy Mother's Day and may God bless you all,*

*Denise Antonowicz, President*

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

Br. 191 continues our Lenten Season and prepares for Easter through prayer, penance and fasting.

We held our Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 14th. Mass was at 8 a.m. at St. Francis Cabrini. Followed by breakfast, an egg hunt and crafts. This was a wonderful opportunity for members to reunite in preparation for our Easter vigil.

Our Bocce courts are beginning construction on new patio covers for the eating area. Chairperson Jo Bertaccini hopes for a May/June opening.

Make reservations for the ICF 95th Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco. It

will be a gala, with a luncheon at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Contact Jim Jones if you plan to attend, as reservations are filling rapidly. Let's be the branch with the most representation.

The Santa Clara Valley District announced... halawai mai ia u ma ka luau..." Meet Me at The Luau" a fundraiser luncheon for our scholarship program on April 28th at Tiki Peter's (formerly Da Kine Restaurant). Contact Jim Jones or Bob Basuino for further details.

Plan for our 2019 convention, August 29 -Sept 2 in Tuscon. Think about nominations for delegates. Who do you wish to represent our branch in important decisions? What new ideas will our delegates bring back to our members? And if YOU have a desire to be a delegate, LET IT BE KNOWN!!!!

The Easter celebration is upon us.

He is Risen

Death could not hold him

Rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*May you all have a joyous Easter:*

*Shirley Catania, Sentinel Branch 191*

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

All hail, John Gillio, king of the polenta makers! We thank John, Mary Clarke, Rose Noack, and Paula Radzinski for the delicious dinner at our March meeting. Appetizers and desserts accompanied the scrumptious meal of Italian sausage, polenta, marinara sauce, bread, and salad. Thank you!

Our thanks also go to Mary Ridi, our first vice-president, who ably presided over the meeting. Mary's mother, Rosa Traina, from Palermo, Sicily, brought her famous St. Joseph's Day bread to the meeting. Rosa learned to bake from her parents, who opened their bakery at six o'clock every morning, which forced her father to be up much of the night preparing his wares. Rosa was a tailor, working for a man with a friend whose brother had emigrated to the United States. Of a marrying age, the brother, Francesco Traina, wanted a Sicilian bride. Through various intermediaries, Francesco and Rosa started corresponding by mail, and, lo and behold, Francesco flew to Palermo, ring in hand. They were married in Siricusa, Sicily, and settled in Cupertino, California, where Mary and her sister were born. Noreen Gillio presented Rosa's romantic story as a Valentine's Day heritage gem.

Jerry Opp tells us that the next bus trip will be to Chukchansi on May 15th, and Elaine Osorio says that our District Mass will be outside at Our Lady of Peace parish on May 19th at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow at Michael's at Shoreline for \$30.00. Reservations are due by May 13.

*Blessings with May flowers,*

*Judy Zahn*

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

Steve Lencioni led our April meeting by introducing our guest speakers, Patrick O'Meara of St. Martin's Village House, and Ann Marie Knapen and Jill Popolizio of the JW House. Sister Jane Garrison led an opening prayer before we were served our annual spaghetti and meatball dinner provided by Tony and Alba's.

Patrick explained how churches, social workers, and volunteers throughout the Santa Clara Valley work together to provide care and comfort to participants of St. Martin's Village House, which will be held on May 6-June 6, 2019. Volunteers are needed.

In her informative presentation, Ann Marie spoke of her son, Jan-Willem (JW), and of his dream to create a place where families could be supported during difficult times. Ann Marie stated that the mission of the JW House "is to take care of the caregiver which benefits the care of the patient."

Our "Wine Down with ICF" will be held on May 3, 2019. Contact Susan Busco or Cathleen Lencioni for information.

During our May 14, 2019 meeting, members will elect our ICF convention delegates, representing Branch 391 in Tucson, AZ. Also, Cathy De Maria will be circulating the signup sheet for the ICF Convention Book Memorial and Sponsor of Names.

Upcoming events: Wine Down with ICF—May 3, 2019 at 6:30; Branch 391 General Meeting—May 14, 2019 (note date) at 6:30; District Outdoor Mass—May 19, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace at 11:00 with lunch to follow at Michael's.

*Happy Mother's Day to all our dear Moms!*

*Janis Patellaro*



ICF Members tour United Kingdom- left to right: Mike Rossi, Donna, Debbie, Diane, Lisa Crudo, Marcie Rossi



Br 391 members Mike and Marcie Rossi tour United Kingdom with ICF group

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## Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Thanks to all who manned the ICF Booth at the Parish Ministry Faire for all five of the weekend Masses. It was a busy time as we had a number of folks stop by and we have six people to follow up on.

Our Annul PASTA Dinner Fundraiser for the Schools's 5th Grade Science Camp Trip raised over \$1200 for the Parish School.

Our Member Steve Richey was asked to attend and participate in the 2019 Diocese of San Jose Chrism Mass and to bring up the Oil of Catechumens for Bishop McGrath to Bless and for Steve to bring back to the Parish for distribution in our Community.

We look forward to seeing you at the SCVD Our Lady of Peace (OLP) Outdoor Mass on Sunday 19 May @ 11 AM under the Large Statue of the Blessed Virgin.

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



Br.408. ICF Member Bringing up Chrism Oil for Blessing by DSJ Bishop McGrath



Br.408. ICF Membership Booth at Parish Ministry Faire 2019.

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

Well, the sun is shining, the tomatoes and zucchini are planted and I'm almost ready to put away the cold weather clothes. It's about time!

Our March Dinner Meeting was the traditional corned beef and cabbage prepared by chef Josh Seifert, antipasto of salami and cheese donated by Josie Talamo, and ice cream with a touch of creme de menthe for the "green". Fran Scalzo presented a history of St. Patrick, including his return to Ireland after being a slave there for 6 years before escaping and returning to his

family in Britton. Once back in Ireland, now as a priest, and after many years of enduring harsh resistance from the Druids, St. Patrick prevailed and Ireland became a Catholic country.

Due to scheduling conflicts there will be no dinner meeting in April for Branch 435, but the Santa Clara Valley District will be having a Luau Fundraiser on April 27th. Branch 435 will be having our Pasta Fundraiser on Saturday, May 18th with proceeds going to the church renewal project at St. Catherine's and support for our seminar-ians. Hope we both have a big turnout.

The Sorci family donated \$500 to the ICF in memory of Millie Sorci who passed away in February. Russell Piazza, father of Toni Sorci (John's wife) passed away 2 weeks later. Please keep all in your prayers.

Ciao!

Maryclaire Sampognaro

## San Jose Church of the Transfiguration, Br. 445

Our ICF Branch celebrated "La Festa de San Giuseppe" on March 19th in Transfiguration's Mt. Tabor Hall.

This feast honors Joseph, husband to the Virgin Mary and earthly father to Jesus. St. Joseph is credited to have saved Sicily's residents during one of the devastating droughts. Tradition has it that residents prayed to St. Joseph for rain. The rains came and their spring crops were spared, preventing widespread famine for Sicily.

The Fava Bean, once considered for animals, played a prominent role in the feast since it was not affected for the many droughts and famines of Sicily making it an invaluable food source to the peasants. It represents good luck and abundance.

The St. Joseph's Table has three tiers, symbolizing the Most Holy Trinity. The top tier holds a statue of St. Joseph surrounded by flowers and greenery. The other tiers hold food, flowers candles, figurines, breads and pastries. There are gifts of food offered to the saint in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

The day ends with each participant taking home a bag filled with bread, fruit, pastries, cookies, a medal of St. Joseph, a Holy Card and a blessed Fava Bean. Keep your "Lucky Bean" to remind you to pray to Ste. Joseph!

Angelo (Andy) La Scola

Corresponding Secretary



Br. 445. St. Joseph's Table



Br. 445. Toast to St. Joseph

## Santa Rosa District

Spring is beautiful here in the valley. But watch out for frost!

The April Anniversary celebration in Arcata was wonderful, enjoyed by all.

The District Spiritual and Heritage Day, held at Branch 127, Petaluma, was very interesting with a new format.

Many branch events coming up on the next few months. Check your activities calendars. Let's support each other.

June 9th is the 95th Anniversary celebration in San Francisco. Check the Bollettino for information and reservation forms. Get them in soon. Parking will be a problem in SF, so car pool, if you can.

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

The June district meeting has been changed to June 23 at Branch 209 in Sebastopol.

The house is progressing, now that the rains have gone.

Pray and comfort each other and keep peace among yourselves.

CK

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

The Fish Fry was a great success! Thank you, once again, to everyone who attended and who helped put this fun event together!

Upcoming Events:

May 7: Branch meeting at the Rectory. 5:45 p.m.

May 26: ICF Monthly Mass at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We are encouraging members to attend this Mass together and to sit together.

May 18: Paint Party. Come and enjoy a fun evening of painting, wine and appetizers. Price: \$45.00. Time 6:00 p.m. You must make reservations online:

[https://www.yaymaker.com/events/\\_10115286](https://www.yaymaker.com/events/_10115286). Call Lauren 433-1210, if you have any questions.

June 22: Summer BBQ. Time: 5:00 p.m. Price \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The menu is being developed--it will be delicious! Come and celebrate Mother's and Father's Days, the ICF 95th Anniver-

sary and St. John the Baptist Day. This event is replacing our separate Mother's and Father's Day Dinners in May and June.

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.

Happy Mother's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen



## Cloverdale St. Peter, Br. 75

Happy Easter!

We are happy to announce that our Branch 75 celebrated our 80th Anniversary! March 6, 1939, seems just like yesterday.

Thanks to the work of our wonderful Branch, we were able to give a large donation to our Church as well as a donation to the ICF Scholarship Fund. We are blessed!

At our May monthly meeting on May 16th we celebrated Mother's and Father's Day. On the following Sunday we gathered at the 9:30 a.m. Mass to pray for the living and deceased members of our Branch. It was quite a testament to our Parish Community.

Upcoming Events:

June 23: Food and Wine Pairing

August 23: Dinner in the Vineyard

## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Thanks to all who contributed to our March Fundraiser dinner. Yours truly did not arrive until 6:00 p.m. but immediately immersed herself in the role of greeter!! So good to see our loyal members. Many thanks to the "girls" from Petaluma Br. 127 for attending. We really appreciate your attendance, but sorry Denise I did not get the chance to greet you personally. At the door accepting the reserved invites were Lila and John Boragno who sadly are moving away,

Hopefully, Fran and I can produce a photo of them taken that night. Again, the tables and decor was the responsibility of Fran McNatt and she did a great job!! Our dinner was very good, especially the ravioli and the gravy!! Our thanx again to Bill Scinto who was the chief cook and bottle washer! What a man!! And Tom Wurst just arriving from Ireland and willing to tend bar!! What a guy!!, and he sure makes a good high-ball. What a night after a hard day's work.

Looking forward to our next week's dinner

meeting as always. What a great prelude to Holy Week.

At this time, may I wish all of you a happy and holy Easter! May all of us remain in God's grace now and through this liturgical cycle.

*Marilyn Sylvestri*

*Recording-Secretary*

*Ciao a tutti*

*A presto*



Br. 103. 3 photos of our dear Lila and Johnny Boragno how just left Sonoma for the south bay. We will miss them so much.

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

Greetings from Petaluma!

Hope that you had a beautiful Easter with family. It is such a beautiful time of the year.

We held a good meeting with our V.P. Lucy Spingola conducting it. We would like to see more members in attendance now that Summer will be approaching. Make an effort to come and support the Branch.

If you have not sent in your donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale, send it in to Margaret Cordrey or bring it in to the next meeting.

By the time you get your next Bollettino, we will have had our Quarterly Communion and Day of Recollection. We want to thank all who helped in any way.

May 13th is Pizza/Bingo Nite. We meet at 6:00 for pizza, have a short meeting and play Bingo for \$5. Pizza is \$5.

Make reservations with Louise - 769-7389.

May 18th is our Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. It follows the 5:00 mass at St. James Church Hall. Menu: hors d'oeuvres, salad, chicken cacciatore, dessert, wine and coffee. Cost: Adults \$20. Children \$10. Make reservations with Louise.

Get well wishes to Janet Leone, thinking of you Shirley Isabel. Get well wishes to anyone else who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month.

May all Mothers have a great day with their family and friends. Remember to remember Mom, give her a hug and a kiss and remember all the mothers who are in Heaven. May all fathers have a nice Fathers Day as well. They always need a hug and kiss as well.

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

*Ciao,*

*Louise Vicino*

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



Br. 144 serves Lenten Meager Meal after Stations of the Cross

### **Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145**

Our April 9th meeting was a farewell meeting to our president Ken Griffin and his wife Mary. They are moving to be closer to family. We wish you both a smooth change. You will be missed.

Joe Bonino presented a heritage report the history of Italians in Colorado. We had no idea how much the Italians contributed to the growth of Colorado. It was most interesting. Thank you Joe! A reminder our anniversary dinner is on the 27th of April. It will be held at Levi Hall at St. Mary's. Mass will be at 5:30, cocktails at 6:30 wish dinner at 7:00. The cost will be \$33.00. Please join us for a lovely dinner. There will also be a breakfast the following morning at the Samoa Cookhouse. The cost will be \$15.00.

Our next meeting will be May 14th. Please plan to attend.

*Peace and good health all,*

*Nancy Paoli*

### **Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our branch deserves to be very proud with the awarding of 10 scholarships to deserving Italian Catholic high school graduates. Our thanks to Bill Scinto and helpers who will cook for the graduates, their parents

and our generous donors at our May 6th Mother's Day/Scholarship Dinner meeting. We look forward to this event each year.

With our Spring fundraiser completed, we look ahead to our Summer dinner. Come to our Father's Day pot luck in the Parish Life Center at 6:00 p.m. on June 3rd and get tickets and more information about this event Spring fundraiser event.

Remember also to attend our monthly Mass for the living and deceased members of our ICF branch at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3rd.

President Bob Acquistapace urges each of you to think about one person in your family or your parish who might join as a new member of our branch. Bring them to the pot luck and let them see how great and fun we are.

Happy Father's Day to both our living and our deceased fathers. May God bless them all.

*Ciao,*

*Gail Bonggi-Azevedo*

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

Our April 5th Fish Fry was a great success! Thank you to Roy and Leona Spadoni who again chaired this event, for all their hard work, and to the many volunteers who

helped things to run smoothly. We would also like to thank the other local ICF branches who came out to enjoy a delicious dinner and to support our branch.

After 34 years of dedicated service to our branch, Lona Bertoli has retired as Branch Secretary. She was honored at our March meeting with a commemorative gift and flowers in the presence of her daughters and son-in-law. We are happy to say that she has agreed to stay on as the contact person for the tickets sales for our events.

At this year's Apple Blossom Parade on April 13th; our member Mia Del Prete, daughter of long time members Pete & Judy Barbieri, was celebrated as Sebastopol's Citizen of the Year and led the parade as the Grand Marshall. Congratulations Mia!

Happy Birthday to Cecelia Lopera and Lucille Young, both of whom turned 90 in April!

Our Father Gerry's Bocce Tournament will be held on May 19th, following the 8am mass at St. Sebastian's Church. Play starts at 9:30am. Potluck lunch; with meat provided by Branch 209. RSVP by 5/12/19 to Debbi Wallin 707-823-5135 or [debbi\\_wallin@yahoo.com](mailto:debbi_wallin@yahoo.com).

Please pray for our sick members: Marilyn Andrews and Colombina Albini.

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month following a 6pm dinner; we would love to see you there.

*Happy Spring,*

*Sharon Vannetti*



Br. 209 A full house for our Fish Fry



Br. 209 Violet (Lona Bertoli) with her daughters Mia, Dina & Caroline and son-in-law Dan



Br. 209 Sebastopol's Citizen of the Year, Mia Del Pret

### **Stockton**

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

We had a great time at our St. Joseph's Table Celebration. The food was delicious and we had plenty. We enjoyed visiting with friends and had a lot of fun with our raffle. You never knew what you would get when you picked out a package from the table of gifts. We had so many gifts that two thirds of the way through we let everyone that had not won pick out a package and still had a few more to raffle. We were able to make a nice donation to St. Vincent De Paul with the proceeds from the raffle.

May 8, 2019 we have our meeting and our Mother's Day Potluck at 6:00 pm. 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 May 19, 2019 and June 9, 2019 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Our Bank Night winner was Antonella Turchetti

Refreshments for the May 8 meeting will be our Mother's Day Potluck.

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Coming up:

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

May 8 6:00 pm Mother's Day Potluck

May TBA District Meeting

June 12 7:00 pm Meeting in the Hall at 7th and K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

## Stockton District

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

Greetings, ICF Family!

Our branch welcomed two new members at the March 26th meeting. During fellowship, we enjoyed a wee bit of the Irish with a spread of casseroles, Irish soda bread, scones, colorful green desserts and green lemonade. Honoring St. Joseph, supplies were available for the children to create a miniature replica of the St. Joseph's Table. Heritage presented the significance of the Fava Bean on the St. Joseph's Table. Everyone received a grab bag of cookies, fava beans, and a St. Joseph holy card. Thank you, Lori Johnston, for providing the beautiful potted plant as a door prize.

Volunteer opportunities are plentiful in April. Our members plan to lend a hand in the city-wide Love Lodi project on Sat., April 13th. Members are also giving of their time on Tues., April 16th to decorate the Salvation Army Hope Harbor Dining Room for Easter.

Our first fundraising event is being organized...a booth at Festa Italia on Sat., June 9th at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. We will be promoting ICF by displaying St. Anne's ICF history, distributing ICF information, and offering Italian-themed religious articles for sale. We are excited about this opportunity!

At our next meeting on April 23rd, we will be celebrating Easter Week with a Spring garden salad potluck.

Enjoy the sunny, warm days ahead.

Patty Litts, Recording/Corresponding Secretary

### Stockton St. Luke's Church, Br. 138

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 138 at St. Luke's Church, Stockton, California, collaborated with St. Luke's School children to honor America's veterans with a pancake breakfast on April 7. Veterans ate free to acknowledge their service to our country.

Sister Wanda Billion, Orator of Branch 138, will celebrate her 50th anniversary as a nun on June 16, 2019 at the 10:15 a.m.

Mass with a reception to follow. Branch 138 will be involved with the planning of this celebration. Sister Wanda is the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Stockton, and is responsible for helping young men aspiring to the priesthood and young women who want to become nuns through their discernment period. All are welcome to come celebrate Sister Wanda for her 50 years of saying "YES!" to God.

Thank you.

Kathy Hall

Corresponding Secretary

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

The St. Anthony School gym was packed with people enjoying the branch's annual "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner last month. Manteca's East Union High School Army JROTC cadets volunteered to help set up the dining area and to serve the meal. The hard-working young students gathered over \$500 in tips from the nearly 250 diners. Chairs Lori Pellegrino-Jackson and Michelle Harmon directed another major fund-raising success. Profits will go to the branch's scholarship program.

Several of our members recently returned from a trip to Italy for a Tuscan adventure and reported having a "meraviglioso tempo". The only mishap was Ed Fichtner losing his passport. He was able to get a German passport to use for the rest of the trip.

Plans are continuing for hosting for both the Bishop's Burse and the annual Bocce Picnic in June.

Ciao,

Mariano

### Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our monthly meeting on April 25th featured an olive oil sampling to begin the festivities and celebrate Italian Heritage month. Then along with spaghetti and meatballs and those hard to find Italian flat green beans, we were treated to a nostalgic slide show created by Steve Ridolfi. He used the many, many years of photos taken by Branch 390 members that had been glued on over 50 collages of poster boards and showed them continuously, to everyone's delight. When you see yourself on the big screen, there's a feeling of celebrity, isn't there?

Thanks to charter member, Paula Re, for providing the fabulous Steve Truco to entertain us on the accordion, reminding us of our heritage. Lots of folks commented that they loved Paula's photo playing piano at age 95! How do you stay so young?

On May 30th, the Tour of Italy menu makes a comeback - but you don't need to choose between the lasagne, pesto or Alfredo offerings - we serve you all three this month!



Arvene, Jimmy, and Jim Rinaldo

### Branch 390 Tracy, CA St. Bernard's March Dinner/Meeting "Some of our Member"



Louie Serrato and Chuck Tuso



Ann Silva, Sister Marlene, Mary Hawkins, and Marilyn Tuso



Anna Serrato and Marilyn Tuso



Maxzine Millingar and Beverly Silveria



We will be attending the June 23rd Bishop's Burse celebration, Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Manteca followed by a reception at Del Webb's center.

We send our sympathy to the family of past president Larry Marsalli. We also send our condolences to the family of our long-time member, Leo Arnaudo who passed away in March.

Look for photos of yourselves on our website [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org) - new photos are loaded every month. Again, we are celebrities in this branch!

Ciao for now,

Betty Hollars

### Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Happy May everyone! We had a fun, informative and delicious Heritage event at our last branch meeting. We asked members to share what it was like to celebrate Easter/Pasqua growing up in an Italian family. We also got to sample some incredible traditional desserts.

Our branch will have the opportunity to host the May Stockton district meeting at Church of the Presentation. A fantastic lunch will be prepared by Jo Weber and her crew and Bernice Nickols has again offered to provide the center pieces. It's always great to get all of the branches together to share what we have all been up to.

Don't forget, Festa Italiana June 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Fairgrounds.

Alla prossima, Mary Ann



Br. 395 installs three new members, Paul DeLuca, Liana Hodges and Virginia Larson.

## San Diego District

Discussed at our recent district meeting were a number of varied topics. As we prepare for the summer months ahead, we are looking forward to hosting an afternoon event with Laurice Levine. All branches will be encouraged to attend. We are also looking forward to our annual picnic and bocce tournament. We are encouraging all branches to try and encourage as many members as possible to attend. We are also encouraging as many members as possible to attend this year's convention in Tucson. We are hopeful and praying that we might be bringing in one or two new branches this year. All in all, it looks like we are going to try and stay busy during this quiet time of year. A special thanks to CC for all of its encouragement and support. Keep smiling and God Bless.

Tim Smith

### San Diego Our Lady of the Rosary, Br. 230

Branch 230 hopes you had a happy Easter! We had a great start to the year! We added five new members!

On January 27th we had our Annual Recognition Mass and luncheon. After the Mass our President Patrizia Vigili spoke about what the ICF does and introduced our new members, and our Queen and her court. It was a very beautiful, inspiring event and a great tradition! We then held our Installation of Branch Officers.



To view videos of the event, you can click here if you are reading the digital version of the *Bollettino*, or just type this into your Internet Search Engine: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/h7koTdn6P2RYxTsp9>

On February 17th, we had special guest speaker Laurice Levine who is a patient with Thalassemia Major, a Thessalamia Outreach Coordinator and a recipient of the prestigious Pope John XXIII Award. She spoke about "Faith & Healing: The Benefits of A Spiritual Life." We provided a delicious lunch with wine, soda and desert and coffee with it.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast held on April 7th was a great success! It benefits college scholarships. Special thanks to all the young students from Mater di Catholic High School and St. Augustine Catholic High School that volunteered as servers, bussers and cleaners!

Our next meeting is Friday, May 17th.

*God bless! Auguri!*

*Chris Forte*

*Heritage Program Chairman*



## Spring Valley Santa Sophia Br. 416

After celebrating St Joseph Day at our parish, we are happy to report that the interest in St. Joseph and the sales of our sandwiches were both very successful. Today (April 7) we are sharing the ICF at "know your parish Sunday. We hope to have some new faces joining us after today's event. Hope everyone is having a wonderful spring and a blessed Lenten season.

*Keep smiling and God Bless.*

*Tim Smith*



Br. 416 Toni and Tim Smith and Carlo Schifano at "KYPS"

## Orange Irvine St. Thomas More, Br. 423

March's meeting was spent finalizing all the details for the St. Joseph's Table held during the weekend of March 16 and 17. Lots of yummy food items were donated and sold. The surprise item that sold very well was the Pasta in A Bowl. The Pasta in A Bowl consisted of pre-cooked pasta with home-made sauce and cheese sprinkled on top.



Dinner for the March meeting was fish tacos with breads, side salads, taco toppings, rice, beans, and dessert. Muy delicioso! Lynn Goldstrom, Rosario Cipolla, and the Giannantonio's (Frank, Rose, Susie, and Cris) were the chefs.

Joann Jordan spoke about the history of the St. Joseph's Table for the heritage report. The table came about from a special feast of thanksgiving for the end of a famine in Sicily many years ago. The peasants prayed to St. Joseph for his intercession and the famine ended. This celebration became a tradition, and thus we continue as an organization to celebrate St. Joseph by selling food items to help those less fortunate than us.

Our group social gathering took place on April 27 at Christ Cathedral to view the works of art from the Sistine Chapel in Rome. This tour features high quality reproduction of frescoes and ceiling panels Michelangelo painted in the famous church. Afterwards, members attended mass at the cathedral.

Annual Picnic to be held on August 16 at St. Thomas More parish. More details to come in the following months.

*Ciao,*

*Miranda Gibson*

## Tucson

### Green Valley Our Lady of the Valley, Br. 425

May brings our annual picnic meeting at Madera Canyon in the gorgeous Santa Rita Mountains here in Green Valley. We have a meeting and then have a lot of great picnic foods cooked by some of our members and everyone brings an item to share. It is always one of our members' favorite meetings.

At the end of April, we had our second Corporate Communion of the year and had a lovely breakfast together at a local restaurant, The Arizona Family Restaurant. Also, late in April, we had another social event, a gathering at DeAnza RV Resort's yummy restaurant where we gathered for a buffet and the song styling of Angel Perez, who will also be performing at the annual ICF Convention in August!

Speaking of the Convention, the branch is busy organizing our fundraiser, a silent auction of several gift bags. There will be everything from jewelry to food to goodies for the kids and grandkids.

Members are looking forward to attending the Convention and meeting up with old and new friends, attending workshops and dinners. We will see you there!

#### 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.

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

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

Thank You,  
Denise Antonowicz, Grand Treasurer

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

**IT ALL BEGAN JUNE 1924**

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

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 95 YEARS**

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

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

**LUNCH  
 \$60 PER PERSON**

- Italian Salad & Antipasto
- Pasta with Marinara Sauce
- 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

"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.

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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**

Please send One check per Branch made to  
 Italian Catholic Federation  
 with a list of Attendees  
 Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Dr, Suite 110  
 Oakland, CA 94621  
 For more information call Pat Mages - 805-428-4623

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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.

# 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 1st** 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 1st**.
2. Candidate entries to be included in the *Bollettino*, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the *Bollettino* Editor by **August 1st**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

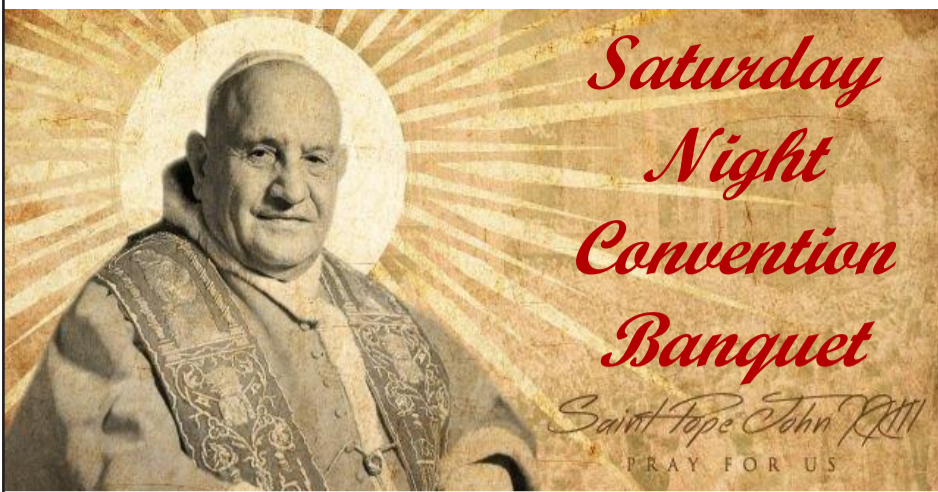
Statement of Endorsement:

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)



**Delegates, Members and Guests are invited to the annual Saturday Banquet to recognize the recipient of the Italian Catholic Federation's Saint Pope John XXIII Award.**

**Saturday, August 31, 2019  
6:30pm No-host cocktails  
7:15pm Banquet Seating Begins**

**Hilton El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson  
Turquoise Ballroom  
Semiformal Attire Suggested**

**Convention Delegates:**  
Admission is included with convention registration.  
A reply is not required on this form.

**Three Course Plated Banquet Menu:**  
Tender Greens Salad with baby spinach, arugula, cilantro, sliced strawberries, queso fresco, candied almonds and white wine vinaigrette  
Chipotle Roast Sirloin of Beef with braised fennel and mushrooms, red skin roasted potatoes, broccoli and carrot puree; rolls and butter  
Vanilla Bean Cheesecake; Iced Tea and Coffee

**Non-delegate Reservations**

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

Non-delegate Reservations:

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$70 per adult = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 per child = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ages 12 and younger, Chicken Tenders)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check to the ICF office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
8393 Capwell Drive Suite 110,  
Oakland, CA 94621

Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.

Write names of non-delegate dinner attendees on reverse. Please place a star next to the names of children attending the banquet. Each seat requires a paid attendee.

Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted.

# DANCING IN THE DESERT

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

7PM NO-HOST BAR  
7:30PM SOUTHWESTERN BUFFET  
AND DANCING  
9:30PM CONVENTION DRAWING  
AND ADDITIONAL PRIZE RAFFLE  
FOLLOWED BY MORE DANCING

**HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR HOTEL  
TURQUOISE BALLROOM 1**

**Dinner Reservations**  
Branch & City: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$70/adult \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35/child  
(Ages 12 and younger)  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please mail your check to the  
ICF office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110  
Oakland, CA 94621  
Names of Attendees:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please place a star next to the names of children attending. Each seat requires a paid attendee. Respectfully, refunds will not be extended by the hotel once the headcount has been submitted. Seating arrangements will be distributed during convention registration. Please reserve your seats on one form if you wish to sit together.

*Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.*  
-- Maria Robinson



# CONVENTION BINGO

Hilton El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson  
Friday, August 30, 2019 2pm - 4pm  
Joshua Tree Room

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

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

Jackpots based on the number of participants.

### Advance Bingo Registration Entry Form: Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____
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Name: _____	# of Bingo Packs: _____

Total Bingo Packs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to ICF and write Bingo in the memo.  
Mail to 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621. After August 15, the price per Bingo pack is \$30. All Bingo packs will be distributed at the door.

X \$25 each  
or \$30 each  
Check Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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?**

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.)

I am truly honored to be an integral part of The Italian Catholic Federation and I pray for a successful 88th Annual Convention.  
God Bless  
Patrizia Vigili  
President Branch #230

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!**

BE SEEN!  
Tell **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!

Branch 19, Colma  
San Vincenzo de Paoli

In memory of Julia Padellaro, Past Grand President's Award Winner & Member since 1987

Official Photo, Barbara Rubeck, 1st VP Emily Truett, 2nd VP Dorcas Brien, Secretary Cheryl Simon, Essential Services Susan Sempowski, Treasurer Cheryl Sempowski, Officer Patricia Hoy, Treasurer Cindy Neer and Carol Green, San Vito Lucia Berman, Member Day Transmittal, Cheryl and Donald Simon

Good luck to our Past Grand President on reelection to CC