95 Years: The Journey Continues

89th Annual National Convention
Tucson, Arizona
August 29 - September 2, 2019
Family of the Year Award: The Vannetti Family

Their oldest son, Eugene, has served as Branch Trustee, and takes care of all fundraiser advertising as needed. He, his father and his brother built two bocce courts at St. Sebastian’s. Eugene’s wife, Sharon, joined the ICF after they were married and has been involved since early on in publicity for the branch and is Recording Secretary. Their son, Ricky, helped with the building of the bocce courts and maintains them. Their twins, Katie & Kyle, also joined the branch when they were 2 and continue to help in branch activities while attending college.

Son Rick Vannetti’s daughter, Stephanie, joined the branch and has maintained her membership while currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Grand President's Award: Walter Costa

Walter is a well-known member of the Contra Costa District. He has been a member since 1972. Walter is very generous with his time. He never says NO to helping with fundraisers. Truth be told, there would be no fundraisers without Walter.

Walter and his wife, Sally, have three children who are also members. It is not unusual to see his family serving food, clearing tables and whatever else needs to be done at our meetings and fundraisers. His son, Antonio Costa, was the 2017 Young Adult Leadership award recipient. Both Antonio and his sister Isabella have been scholarship recipients and Stefano, the youngest, will follow in their footsteps. By involving his children in the ICF, he is helping ensure that our values will be preserved by the next generation. Walter is a second generation ICF member. His mother, Berta and Frankie Latham; and to another widow and Chuck became a “Dad” to Shannon’s two children, Berta and Frankie Latham; and together Chuck and Shannon have one son, Dillon.

Young Adult Leadership Award: Sarah Taylor

Sarah Taylor is a young member of the Italian Catholic Federation, Br. 102, in Burbank, California. Sarah is in the 11th grade at Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles, a parishioner at St. Monica Catholic Church and has studied Italian from her pre-school years. Sarah has been a Girl Scout since Kindergarten, and she has demonstrated leadership in a unique way. For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, she chose to promote the study of the Italian language by forming a bilingual Italian-English Girl Scout Troop in the Burbank area. She initiated the troop with the help of her mother, recruiting girls who were students of Italian, at an immersion charter school in Glendale, as well as students attending the Italian classes at Fondazione Italia, held on weekends at St. Robert Bellarmine School.

Charles (Chuck) Joseph DeBord was born in Woodward, OK, while his father was serving in the military. He was raised in Salinas, CA, along with one sister and four brothers. Chuck grew up in a strong Catholic family and attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Palma High School, and graduated from Salinas High. Chuck attended both Hartnell and Cabrillo Colleges. He holds a Certificate as a Legal Assistant in California.

Chuck has been married to Shannon Latham for 32 years. Shannon was a young widow and Chuck became a “Dad” to Shannon’s two children, Berta and Frankie Latham; and together Chuck and Shannon have one son, Dillon.

Chuck and his family have been a part of the Sacred Heart Parish family in Salinas all of his life. He generously volunteers his time and talent in support of religious and charitable activities in the Monterey Diocese, Sacred Heart Parish, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus, and Elks Lodge.

His work with the ICF is volunteering his expertise as a chef and cooks at most of the branch events, including the Central Coast District Picnic/Bishop’s Day. He has never said no to any request. He and his crew get up at dawn to be in the Parish Kitchen to prep the sauce for the branch’s Polenta Lunch; building the wood BBQ fires for picnics, prepping the prime rib and ham for the Christmas Party. When thanked for his many hours of volunteering Chuck smiles and responds, “happy to do it.” Chuck is a newcomer to the ICF, joining only in 2018, but he excels in leading a life of faith and service. This feeling is shared throughout the ICF branch, the Salinas charitable organizations and civic community organizations throughout the Monterey area.

Julie Richards, President of Br. 25, states, “Chuck excels in leading a life of faith and service…He is a role model for all of us, a man of ethics and compassion who lives what he believes.”

The first association the Vannetti family had with the ICF was when Gene’s father, Giovanni, joined St. Rose Branch 18 in Santa Rosa as a charter member in 1928. Many years later, when a new branch was formed at St. Sebastian’s in December 1966, Gene and Lorraine knew they were going to join. They became charter members and were initiated in January 1967 where they have been members for over 52 years. They not only joined the branch, but immediately became officers. As Gene and Lorraine continued to serve as officers and worked at the fundraisers for Branch 209, they also became active in and officers for the Santa Rosa District.

Gene and Lorraine began to attend the ICF annual convention in 1969 when it was held in Fresno and have attended many times over the years, even when they were not delegates.
Welcome to Tucson!

Roselynne Jarrett
Convention Directors’ Chairperson

Clergy, Delegates, Members and Guests:
I extend to you a warm welcome to the 89th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation!

This year we honor the 95th Anniversary of our beloved organization. As we reflect on our history, let’s consider how we will continue our journey of faith, heritage and charity.

The annual convention is the best resource available to educate branches on best practices, foster new ideas, facilitate conversation between leaders, celebrate successes, build friendships and grow spiritually. Between sessions, on best practices, foster new ideas, facilitate conversation between leaders, celebrate successes, build friendships, and grow spiritually. Between sessions, workshops and masses, there is plenty of room for fun too.

Enjoy the resort, the scheduled ICF activities, and stop by our convention store to take home a souvenir or supplies for your branch.

Please take advantage of all aspects of the convention weekend.
Prepared for our annual meeting takes many months of planning. I extend my appreciation to everyone who assisted in making this a successful convention: The Tucson Area Branches, under the direction of Melissa Rodriguez; our office staff Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith; and of course, the Convention Directors’ Committee who will be executing the convention from beginning to end. Please join me in thanking my co-chair, Leonard Rossi and committee members: Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, Denise Antonowicz, Robert Basuino, Lisa Crudo, Nettie Descalso-Del Nero, Dante Galeazzi, Lauren Kilcullen, Vincent Piro, Karen Rossi and Deborah Rodondi. Our Grand President, Andrew Pappani, assembled an excellent committee.

One final thank you goes out to you…our convention attendees. Volunteering your time to be the voice of your branch does not go unnoticed. The Central Council truly appreciates you coming to Tucson.

Los Angeles’ 95th Anniversary Celebration Shows ICF Going Strong Now and in the Future

Nanette Scarpellini Metz

ICF members spent the summer celebrating ICF’s 95th anniversary. Chicago started the party June 2 and San Francisco followed on June 9. Los Angeles wrapped things up Anniversary Celebrations on June 30 with an exuberant affair.

The LA event was rooted in heritage with Bishop Joe Sartoris presiding over an Italian mass in St. Peters Church; the same place he was baptized in 1927. During the luncheon party at Casa Italiana, Senator Anthony Portantino presented a Proclamation from the California State Senate to the Italian Catholic Federation for its good works. He spoke as a de facto representative of the quasi Italian caucus in the California legislation. The senator is also a long time member of La Canada Flintridge branch of ICF.

From the music and dancing to delicious food and raffle prizes, it was a full afternoon to recognize the successes of ICF. Pat Mages, Central Council member, chaired the event and coordinated all the activities with Bob Basuino, Chair of Ways and Means and committee member Franklyn Lopes. Many Central Council members attended, including Grand President Andrew Pappani and his wife Sid, as well beloved branch members.

Even though the festivities have ended, they were a lively reminder of all the organization offers.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

Andrew Pappani

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Grand President, I welcome everyone to Tucson and to our 89th Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation. It’s like going to a big family reunion, to catch up on the past year of accomplishments and to re-energize for the next year and beyond.

Our Central Council Members and the Tucson Branches have worked very hard to provide an exciting and energetic convention. I hope everybody has an opportunity to participate in as many of the activities, workshops and events as possible. It is also our hope that you will take back the same spark of energy from the convention to your branches and districts to Keep the Fire Burning.

This year’s convention theme, 95 Years The Journey Continues, is a perfect fit for the Italian Catholic Federation. Our journey is to help others who can’t help themselves, helping our Catholic Parishes and our seminarians to support them to become future Catholic priests. Our Faith is what we believe in that keeps the driving force going. In every one of us we believe in our Faith and Jesus Christ.

This is what keeps our organization so strong and makes possible the things we have accomplished. This would not be achievable without you, the Members, and the Central Council members, Committee Chairpersons, the office staff: Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith and Bollettino Editor Nanette Scarpellini Metz are all keys to our success. Thank you, Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, for all your inspiration and guidance for the membership and the Central Council.

Sid and I like to thank all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation for all your warm smiles and hospitality in the past two years and as always it is a great pleasure to be serving you as your Grand President.

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95 Years: The Journey Continues

The Italian Catholic Federation began its journey in 1924. Yes, we, the members of the ICF, are also on a journey. We are on a journey of life in this world. Time does not stand still. We are definitely on the move whether we like it or not!

Our convention gives us the opportunity to evaluate this journey as children of God and members of the ICF. It gives us a chance to renew our commitment to Jesus and to the goals and principles of the Italian Catholic Federation.

“The Italian Catholic Federation encourages and promotes faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, and the preservation of the Italian-American heritage in our communities.” (Mission statement: Central Council By-laws)

We acknowledge that our journey in this life will eventually come to an end. However, it is not an end to our existence as a person. It is, rather, a transition from this worldly journey to life in heaven which goes on forever.

While we are still here on our earthly journey, though, we have tasks to accomplish, a job ahead to ensure that our journey is an honorable and Christ-centered one.

During this convention let us work together to recommit to our own Journey with Jesus and to pledge anew to help others on their journey to love God and neighbor.

Wishing each of you a prayerful and productive convention.

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Cardelli

Spiritual Director

Italian Catholic Federation

Who Are WE?

Denise Antonowicz

Heritage Chair

Welcome to the Convention! Hope you’re having a great time meeting new friends and connecting with our long time “family of friends”. We are so fortunate to be in Tucson. The Convention Directors have spent many hours working with Rose Jarrett to create this event. Enjoy it, work hard and learn from the experience.

Now on to Heritage. The Heritage Committee, last year, was honored to be able to present a workshop on our favorite subject. After leaving our workshop, I hoped that you had the tools needed to be a Heritage Activist.

Well, one year later and Heritage Activists are out there. I can tell that with what has been submitted as Heritage Reports. What a joy it is to read what you have done during the year. And what an honor it is to award those branches that truly made heritage important.

You learned how important it is to continually talk about the histories that make us who we are. No matter what our nationalities, we should be proud to embrace the traditions of our ancestors and pass them down to our children, grandchildren, and to anyone we care about.

Most of us are a rich embodiment of many heritages; how lucky to be able to share this with others.

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Communications: The communications were read.

REPORTS

Spiritual Director – Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

None.

Grand President – Andy Pappani

• The Grand President reported on the events he’s attended and those he’s planning on attending.

Grand Treasurer – Denise Antonowicz

• The budget is on track. The Bollettino Editor salary was over, due to the $2000 donation to Providenza Fund for Richard Interrante’s work on the October and November Bollettino issues.

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

Giulia Gallego

In honor of Mrs. Maureen McManus retiring after 16 years at St. Catherine in Morgan Hill

The Antonowicz Family

Get well wishes for Janice Jones

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

Get well wishes for Bob Basuino

Denise Antonowicz

In honor of the birthday of Sal Campagna

The Antonowicz Family

Get well wishes for Janice Jones

Important Notice

The new email address for ALL Bollettino submissions is:

editor@icf.org

All other email addresses being used for Bollettino submissions were terminated on December 31, 2018. This change was made to link the Bollettino directly to the Italian Catholic Federation for a more professional look and better managing of incoming email.

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

Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the 250 max word count requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as Br880.StJoseph.servers.jpeg

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

October issue deadline is September 10, 2019.

Thank you!
Gifts of Love Note

Teresa Helfand

Gifts of Love Chair

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are wishing everyone Greetings as we prepare for our 89th Annual Convention in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of this year’s Convention “95 Years: The Journey Continues” is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need and we like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards.

As of this writing, we have received $633,920.76 in donations and granted awards of $577,920.07 since the inception of the program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to these individuals to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

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

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking all Branch Presidents to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davi902005@live.com.

God Bless You,

Teresa Helfand

Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: August 1, 2019

Louie and Pat Cordich
In memory of Dennis Sanchez
Louie and Pat Cordich
In memory of W. John Filice
John G. and Kim Filice
In memory of W. John Filice
Bill and Maria Greco
In honor of the 90th birthday of John Nunes
Officers/Members of Br. 403
In memory of Cindy Butler
Steve Duden
In memory of John Filice
Barbara and Roy Ricetti
In memory of W. John Filice
Louie and Pat Cordich
In memory of Harriet Spohr
Dean and Jeanette Hudson
In memory of W. John Filice
Italian Catholic Federation
In honor of Sarah Taylor - 2019 Young Adult Leadership Award Recipient

Welcome to Our New Members!

Branch 005
Kimberly Del Aguila

Branch 010
Terry E Greig
John Seaborn
Anthony Shomon

Branch 021
Jerome Deck
Claudio A Locatelli
Sandra E Locatelli

Branch 026
Tiana Huntley

Branch 036
Aurelio Higuera
Terry Linebarger
Vincent M Malftito
Robert L Scardina

Branch 045
Alsey De Fazio
Kevin Riley
Lauren Riley
Jeff Weninger
Mary Weninger
Preston Weninger

Branch 072
Zachary Leontini

Branch 082
Natalie D Alagna
Margaret A Foley

Branch 135
Joe De Caria
Richard L Schultz

Branch 185
Mary Kendrick

Branch 198
Lynette E Lucia

Branch 230
Deidre Lickona
Finian Lickona
Matthew Lickona
Theres Lickona
Patricia L Postal

Branch 281
Jamie Arias
Marie Briseno
Lucas Choate

Branch 281 cont.
Thomas Douglass Sr.
Ciano M Luque
Karen M Luque
Dana S Munn
Garrett Simmons
Wyatt Simmons

Branch 308
Leona L Garzelli

Branch 317
Alex N Ginez
Marie Ginez
Rev John Palmer
Estela Zubiate

Branch 352
Emily Akey
Peggy Cortez
Elaine Lucia

Branch 374
Faith Holland

Branch 380
James Cagle
Gina Maraccio
Richard Rzazewski

Branch 390
Carole A Thoming
John W Thoming

Branch 418
Franca Demma
Vincent Guasta
Kiara Marsico
Tonia Marsico

Branch 432
Jack Bagar

Branch 435
Frank Diaz
Norma J Realini
Mary Ann Sorci

Branch 438
Fabi Calenzani
German Ramos

Branch 439
Marisa Carbonara
Giovanna Del Vecchio

Branch 444
Diana Hosken
Keith Mori

Branch 445
Jackie L Cosentino
Gretchen E Pearce

In Loving Memory

Report date: August 1, 2019

Deceased Members

Angela Biagini
Louise H Koepf
Ralph J Brignatino
Anthony Trebino
W John Filice
Harriett Spohr
Natalie Whitnley
Aldo E Freadini
Ambrose Calise
Gino Bava

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Branch 435
Branch 444

Carlo F Rollandi
Robert Biehle
Donald P Becchetti
Sharon Jones
Ann Silva
Alfred A Chamberlain
Filippo De Francesco
Gino Roberti
Charles R Anthony

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Branch 444
Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella  
LA Archdiocese District

THE MOTHER CABRINI CHAPEL AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE SEND ALL ICF MEMBERS GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CONVENTION EXPERIENCE!

Mother Cabrini Chapel is the ongoing tribute to Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini by ICF LAADC members who volunteer their time operating and maintaining Her Personal Chapel. This occurs through scheduled Open Houses during the year to members and the public. This is the Chapel where Mother Cabrini prayed for inspiration and guidance to Our Lady Help of Christians. It is located on the hills overlooking the former Villa Cabrini Academy in Los Angeles.

Several visitors to the Chapel and Library have come from as far away as Florida and New York to visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine in California. One visitor from Florida was grateful to ICF for saving the Chapel from demolition back in 1973 and would like to join ICF. Visitors from other states have expressed similar sentiments but do not have an ICF Branch near them at this time.

In 2019, please include 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 and pray for special intentions. Also DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint," produced by Lucia Mauro, are still available for sale in English and Italian. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order, please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.

The next Cabrini Chapel Open Houses are scheduled on Sunday, June 9, 2019 (Host San Gabriel Region) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

Come join members of the ICF Los Angeles District at this year's Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, mass and luncheon to be held in Mother Cabrini's honor on Sunday, December 1, 2019. (See Cabrini Pilgrimage Flyer in the Bollettino!) For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and help maintain the Shrine facility, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President  
ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
E cas1810@aol.com

Apostolate – Charity Committee

Lauren Kilcullen, Chairperson

Thank you for to all branches who submitted their reports. The committee judged the Apostolate – Charity Committee reports on August 3. The awards will be presented at the Convention.

A full listing of the awardees will be in the October Bollettino.

While the number of reports submitted did not increase from 2018, the committee is encouraged by the apostolic and charitable commitments all the branches have.

For members attending the Convention, the Spiritual Workshop will be offered twice. I encourage delegates to plan on attending one of these sessions.

Thank you,  
Lauren Kilcullen

Italian Catholic Federation
Santa Rosalia Branch #36

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Family Recipes
Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President

This recipe is another family favorite for a get together and especially family holidays. Mom was a great one for discovering wonderful recipes; hands down, this is one of them. You are probably thinking another cheese cake that beats all...isn’t that what they all say? I have tried many, including the famous New York Cheesecake, and this is THE BEST!!!

In June I made it for our scholarship recipient dinner and the families that attended raved about it. They wanted the recipe. Also, I shared it at work, where they could not stop talking about it. They are placing orders for the holidays!

CHEESE CAKE

Crust:
20 halves or 10 full sheets graham crackers, crushed
1 tsp. sugar
¼ cube melted butter (6 Tbsls.)

Cake:
3 large (8 oz. each) cream cheese
5 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 1/3 tsp. vanilla

Topping:
1 pint sour cream (2 cups)
4 Tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine graham crackers, sugar and butter. Pat into bottom of 9-inch square pan or 10-inch spring form (we use spring form, a must for great presentation).

Cream cheese with sugar and eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. When creamy add vanilla. Pour into pan. Bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour. Cake is done when center is pressed lightly with finger and springs back. Cake should not brown. Remove from oven. Let set until it falls about 5 to 10 minutes.

Combine sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Spread on top of cake. Sprinkle very lightly with nutmeg. Let set for another 10 minutes. Replace in oven for 8 minutes. Cool at room temperature. Chill well before serving.

NOTE: I know so many think that you have to put some kind of preserves on top of a cheese cake. I wouldn’t do it to this recipe; it will not enhance the greatness of this cheese cake. ENJOY!!!

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office including 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!

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of August 1, 2019:

IN MEMORY OF:
Don Becchetti
Louise Koepf
Aline Amatiato
Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire
Most Reverend R. Pierre DuMaine
Wade Delashmutt
Ida Tarantino
Lido Marietti
Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire
Dennis Sanchez
Dennis Sanchez
Mary Tanferani
Most Reverend Robert F. Christian
Irene Saponichick
Alfonso Gonzalez

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Edwelweiss Geyar
David Botta
Janice Jones
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Clara Hansberry
Janice Jones
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Bob Basuino
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CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRAND PRESIDENT’S AWARD RECIPIENT:

Walter Costa

Italian Catholic Federation

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

ICF Br. 21

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

Andrew J. Pappani

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Cocktails & Appetizers (No-Host Bar) - 5:00 p.m.  Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Moose Lodge

555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940

MENU:

New York Strip Steak with all the Fixings

By Chef Ed Leonard

Coffee and Dessert

Price: $40.00 per person

All net proceeds to benefit the Providenza Fund

Make check payable to ICF

RSVP By October 25, 2019 - See Form on page 9 of Bollettino.
### Reserve Form

**for Testimonial Dinner for Andrew J. Pappani**

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**Total # of reservations __________ x $40.00**

A check in the amount of __________ is enclosed.

Please mail check & reservation form no later than October 25, 2019 to:

Italian Catholic Federation
8593 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, California 94621

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

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### August Calendar Winners

**NAME**
- Janet Rossi (343, Washington, DC, $30)
- Joe Tomatis (382, Redwood City, CA, $30)
- Sharlene Pereira (365, San Leandro, CA, $30)
- John Basco (391, San Jose, CA, $30)
- Mary Ann Miles (342, San Diego, CA, $30)
- Diane Hecker (39, Troutdale, OR, $30)
- Tina Carmadign (32, Oakley, CA, $30)
- Pat & Julie McDermott (52, Bakersfield, CA, $30)
- Marie Antonowicz (184, San Giaos, CA, $30)
- Gina Benze (33, Bakersfield, CA, $30)
- Mitchell Mariich (137, Crockett, CA, $30)
- Gloria Fabbi (281, Bakersfield, CA, $30)
- Beatrice Abate (392, Addison, IL, $30)
- Denise Campagna (345, Gilroy, CA, $30)
- Vivian Hunt (56, San Jose, CA, $30)
- Julie Graham (342, Castro Valley, CA, $30)
- Debbie & Bill Corney (190, Amiciogra, CA, $30)
- Jack Chiarelli (27, Martinez, CA, $30)
- Branch 115 (896, San Pedro, CA, $30)
- Mariu Catanosa-Helberg (14, Martinez, CA, $30)
- Amanda Novak-Murano (362, Downey, CA, $30)
- Richard Vote (21, Scott Valley, CA, $30)
- Luke Guerreo (28, Gilroy, CA, $30)
- Cindy Stefani (451, Santa Clara, CA, $30)
- Rina Cassanego (342, Santa Clara, CA, $30)
- Ronnie Lally (45, San Luis, CA, $30)
- Jackie Bates (19, Daily City, CA, $100)
- Branch 144 (409, Arata, CA, $30)
- Jean Corsinno (445, San Jose, CA, $50)
- Elaine Bonino (41, San Martin, CA, $30)

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**WINNERS**
- Washington, DC
- Redwood City, CA
- San Leandro, CA
- San Jose, CA
- San Michelle, CA
- San Joy, CA
- San Giaos, CA
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### Grand President

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**Thought of Mind**

*This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.*

**Pope Francis**

*God Bless America and the Italian Catholic Federation*

**Andrea J. Pappani**

**Grand President**

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### Bishops' Days

**DATE**
- Jan 19th
- Feb 23rd
- Apr 28th
- May 26th
- Jun 23rd
- Aug 25th
- Sept 22nd
- Sept 27th
- Sept 29th

**WINS**
- Tucson
- Orange
- San Francisco (San Francisco & Marin)
- Stockton
- Oakland (Contra Costa & East Bay)
- Santa Rosa
- Chicago
- San Diego

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**DATE**
- Oct 6th
- Oct 23rd
- Oct 26th
- Oct 27th
- Dec 8th

**WINS**
- Los Angeles Archdiocese
- San Bernardino
- Monterey (Central Coast)
- San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
- Blessed Sacramento Fresno
- Reno
Who are WE?
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Become an archaeologist of your own stories. Ask questions about our ancestors. Don’t let their stories die. Write them down, record them, do whatever you need to do to pass on the information.

Our ancestors’ have unbelievable stories that brought them to this country, and those stories are being lost!

Continue to be a Heritage Activist and care enough to dig deep, research and share!

I want to thank every one of you who cared enough to keep track of your amazing reports and turn them in. Keep up the excellent work and through your efforts our histories will not be forgotten.

Have a great Convention!

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Book Review
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Please Sign Up to Save-A-Life
8th Annual ICF Convention
Blood Drive

Friday, August 30th, 2019, 8am-12noon
at the Convention Hotel
Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle
Sponsored by:
The ICF Live to Give Committee

We must have 40 SIGN-UPS by July 15th to run the drive!

Go (Make An Appointment) Please Contact:
Laurice Levine
LLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023
or, call Vitalant Blood Bank at 877-25-VIGAL (258-4825)
Apostolate & Charity – Lauren Kilcullen
- The committee met and discussed realigning the branch categories for awards and decided to change the alignments.
- The committee also recommends Cooley’s Anemia at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles be the 2019–2020 National Charity.

By-Laws & Rituals – Mike Rossi
- The February 2019 version of the Central Council Statutes is in the Central Council packets.
- The January 2015 Ritual Books will be updated after today’s meeting.
- Mike Rossi will have Charlene get the new books printed.
- Mike Rossi discussed the proposed changes to the Central Council Statutes:
  - Chapters III and V – propose Grand Parliamentarian to serve on the Executive Committee. Passed.
  - Chapters V and VIII – propose delegations do not choose future Convention sites. This is too keep the statutes in-line with the By-laws. Passed.
  - Chapter V – Reduce size of Workshop Committee, tabled from the February Central Council meeting. This will remain as is.
  - Mike Rossi presented the proposed by-law changes to see if they will go forward to be presented at the Convention for voting on by delegates.
  - Chapter IV – add Article 4 regarding officer meetings, recommended by Rose Jarrett. Approved to send to Convention.
  - Chapter X – eliminate subordinate associations. After much discussion, no approved to send to Convention.
  - Chapter XI – give officers 15-day notice to pay dues if unpaid. Approved to send to Convention.
  - Chapter XVI – allow fellow District members to represent branch as a Convention delegate. The proposal was sent back to the committee due to loopholes.
  - Chapter XIV – Eliminate Article 7-A requiring branches to give one-year notice to Central Council before closing, proposed by Branch 198, Santa Rosa. After re-working the proposal, it was approved to send to Convention.
  - Convention’ Director’s – Roselynne Jarrett
    - Tucson Convention: Reservations are needed to decorate and participate. Each committee member developed questions that will be asked of the Convention.

Gifts of Love – Teresa Helfand
- The committee met this morning and reviewed 16 applications. $10,300 was awarded.

Heritage – Denise Antonowicz
- The San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade is on October 13. The float will be decorated that morning. Help is needed to decorate and participate in the parade.
- Santa Rosaia Parade on Sept. 8. Denise will not be here for the Parade.

Hospitalization – Bob Basuino for Lisa Crudo
- At the end of July 2018, the plan had 391 members. At the end of May 2019, the plan had 722 members. In 2018, the income was $7,730. In 2019, the income is $9,850. The plan paid out 13 claims for $2,325 in 2018. In 2019, the plan has paid out 16 claims for $3,000. $893,820 is the total of the fund.

Live to Give – Franklin Lopes
- The Convention Blood Drive is on the Friday at Convention. We need 35 people for the blood drive.

Membership – Pat Mages
- The workshop at Convention will be on retention. Most new members belong for 5 years or less and then quit.
- Br. 446 Upland. Vince Piro notified the committee that the branch wanted to close. The branch wants to move to St. Anthony’s in Upland. The priest is supportive and will notify Bishop Barnes and the parish council.
- Bob Acquistapace said Br. 18, Santa Rosa, closed and 9 members went to Br. 45. Br. 198 closed and 9 members went to Br. 52. Br. 18 will pay the dues for one year for the members at the new branches.

This is a good idea.
- Motion was made from committee that the Los Angeles Archdiocese District is asking that it is referred to, as one District, and not referencing the four separate districts that were before, this would include the statistical reports. Passed.

Public Relations – Leonard Zasoski
- None.

Scholarship – Bob A for Lisa Crudo
- Bob A for Lisa Crudo for the April 31st year Scholarship. Judging there were 255 applicants and 155 scholarships were awarded. 2nd, 3rd and 4th years scholarship judging will be Friday, August 16.
- Bob said the Santa Rosa District Council is asking each branch to contribute 50 cents per member per branch and the District will contribute the rest of the money to fund a 2nd year scholarship for a 1st year scholarship winner from Santa Rosa Diocese.

Task Force – Vinnie Piro
- National Branch: Vinnie wants to launch it at the Convention to give it publicity.

Ways and Means – Bob Basuino
- 2020 Calendar: Every month is filled from branches and members.
- Chicago Gala: June 2. Bob thanked Teresa Helfand for chairing the event. 107 people were in attendance.
- San Francisco Gala: June 9. There are 187 reservations. Bob thanked Denise Antonowicz and Deborah Rodondi and the rest of the committee.
- Los Angeles Gala: June 30. Pat Mages is chairing the event.
- Golf Tournament: Raffle prizes: Let the committee know if you will be donating a raffle prize.
- A check for $5,000 was received as a commission from the British Isles trip from the travel agent.

Workshop – Lauren Kilcullen
- None, as no districts have requested a workshop.
- Rose Jarrett suggested the workshop committee oversee the workshops at the Convention starting with the 2020 Convention.

Unfinished Business
- None.

New Business
- Frank Re resigned as Central Council Member. Motion to accept his resignation.
- Deborah Rodondi. Passed.
- Life Member Nominations: Teresa Helfand and Deborah Rodondi were nominated for Life Member to take David Botto’s place, who is being aged out to Life Member Emeritus. Deborah Rodondi won the election.

Good of the Order: Many people spoke under the “Good of the Order.”

Closing Prayer: Led by Vinnie Piro.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Grand President Andy Pappani.
In Memoriam for Most Reverend R. Pierre DuMaine
August 2, 1931 to June 13, 2019

Riposa in pace, caro amico.

Bishop DuMaine was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco on June 29, 1978 and then on March 18, 1981 he became the Founding Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose.

Bishop DuMaine asked Monsignor Joseph Milani to help him fill different positions in the Diocese, one of them finding a priest to take the job of Diocesan Director of the newly formed Santa Clara Valley District of the Italian Catholic Federation. Monsignor Milani told Bishop DuMaine he couldn't find anyone to which Bishop DuMaine said to Monsignor Milani, “Hey Joe aren’t you Italian? Why don’t you take it?” Thanks to Bishop DuMaine, Monsignor Milani has held that position for the past 38 years.

On November 27, 1999, the Holy See accepted the bishop’s request for retirement and after a long illness Bishop DuMaine was born to eternal life on June 13, 2019.

On December 22, 1941 to June 18, 2019

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Rest in Peace Bishop Blaire.

In Memoriam for Bishop Robert F. Christian
December 2, 1948 to July 11, 2019

Bishop Christian was installed as the 18th auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of San Francisco June 5, 2018. He had deep roots in San Francisco and the Bay Area, attending St. Brendan School and later St. Vincent de Paul School and St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco. He graduated from Santa Clara University and afterwards entered the Dominican order in Oakland.

Bishop Christian was ordained to the priesthood in 1976 and received his doctorate in theology in 1984. Over the course of 35 years, he held teaching and administrative positions at Rome’s Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) and served on ecumenical commissions.

In Oakland, Bishop Christian served in the Western Dominican Province’s leadership and was the Master of Students at St. Albert’s Priory at the time of his appointment as a bishop. He was appointed to lead St. Patrick’s Seminary & University January 14, 2019.

Thirteen months after his installation, Auxiliary Bishop Robert Christian, OP, passed away in his sleep at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park. Bishop Christian, the seminary’s rector-president, was 70 years old.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone said “I was deeply saddened to learn this morning of the passing of Bishop Christian. The Archdiocese was greatly blessed to have his wisdom and leadership even if for so brief a time as auxiliary bishop and even briefer time as rector of the Seminary. We join with the Dominican community in praying for the repose of his soul and for peace and comfort for his wonderful family in their time of mourning.”

He was well loved by members of the Italian Catholic Federation and said our 95th Anniversary Mass in Italian at St. Peter & Paul Church in San Francisco, on June 4th.

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Cooley's Anemia Donations

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The Countless Ways ICF Funds Have Supported Cooley’s Anemia

Laurice Levine

The ICF has donated $2,159,754 to Cooley’s Anemia (thalassemia) since it was adopted as the National Charity in 1982, under the direction of then ICF Grand President David Botta. The funds have been used in a wide variety of ways.

Early on, before the Federal Government supported research for rare diseases such as Cooley’s Anemia, the ICF was instrumental in supporting research that led to improved medication and technology. The advance made are the reason patients are able to survive into adulthood. Now that government grants fund research money can be put toward psychosocial care for patients and families.

The median survival age for thalassemia major in 1975 was about 15 years. Those patients died of heart iron overload. Currently, the calculated median survival age for thalassemia major patients is about 65 years. While this is an incredible improvement, it also exemplifies one of the challenges that all modern children with rare genetic disorders face: while they are now surviving well into adulthood, there are too few adult providers with the special expertise required to manage them. Thalassemia is so rare in the United States that adult providers do not have the opportunity to develop adequate knowledge to provide quality care to patients. To conquer this obstacle, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is developing adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. Of course, parallel to this is the importance of making sure that every patient in the country, whether pediatric or adult, has access to the specialized centers of excellence. There are only about eight major thalassemia centers in the United States. Consequently, countless patients are managed in smaller community practices, as they do not live close enough to a major center.

As CHLA actively develops this program, it is the hope that it will become a model accepted by insurance providers for management of thalassemia patients. Currently, many insurance companies will not pay for a pediatric doctor to care for an adult patient. Working through all of the barriers and problems of developing an effective co-management model is very complicated and involves dealing with interpersonal relationships and development of trusting relationships between patients and their family practice doctors, as well as trusting relationships between centers of excellence and community providers. This process also requires close collaboration with participating patient-oriented community groups. CHLA has already been working on this problem actively for several years and has been able to get some philanthropic funding to support and pilot the development of a co-management program. It is Dr. Coates’s intention to utilize the additional funds from the ICF to expand this co-management program; patients’ longevity and their quality of life depends on the success of this endeavor.

Funds are also put towards the following:
- Uncompensated Care.
- Patient travel to the hospital and to summer camp.
- Thalassemia Newsletter “In that Vein.”
- If you would like to be on the mailing list, please contact Laurice Levine.
- Christmas Party.

Thank you ICF for your continued support to your National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia!

For More Information: Laurice Levine, LLLevine430@aol.com

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### Yearly Donations to CHLA

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### Notes:
- 1983-1994 Donations went to Dr. Hyman at Cedar’s Sinai in Los Angeles
- 1994 to 2015 Donations went to Dr. Vichinsky at Children’s Hospital Research Center Oakland
- 2016 Donations transferred to Dr. Coates at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
- 2014 ICF donation included $10,000 from Kemp Trust
- 2015 donation included $5,000 from Kemp Trust; $10,000 from Joe Liotta Trust; $15,000 from Silva Trust
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- Sept. 2006 | $52,000 | $30,000 | $8,000 | $6,500 | $4,000 | $1,500 | $2,000 |
- Sept. 2005 | $113,154 | $65,000 | $10,154 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $8,000 | Give Video |
- Sept. 2004 | $45,000 | $23,000 | $4,000 | $3,500 | $12,000 | $3,500 |          |
- Sept. 2003 | $51,000 | $25,000 | $2,000 | $6,000 | $8,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 |
- Sept. 2002 | $56,000 | $52,000 | $4,000 | $0 | $5 | $5 |          |
- Sept. 2001 | $49,000 | $27,500 | $5,500 | $7,000 | $7,000 | $2,000 |          |
- Sept. 2000 | $52,000 | $32,000 | $8,000 | $6,500 | $4,000 | $1,500 |          |
- Sept. 1999 | $53,000 | $35,000 | $4,000 | $5,500 | $6,500 | $2,000 |          |
- Sept. 1998 | $58,000 | $39,000 | $6,000 | $3,500 | $8,000 | $1,500 |          |
- Sept. 1997 | $53,000 | $35,000 | $5,000 | $4,000 | $3,500 | $5,500 |          |
- Sept. 1996 | $50,000 | $33,000 | $5,000 | $4,500 | $6,000 | $1,500 |          |
- Sept. 1995 | $50,000 | $33,000 | $5,000 | $4,500 | $6,000 | $1,500 |          |
- Sept. 1994 | $11,600 | $11,600 | $0 | $0 | $5 | $5 |          |
- Sept. 1994 | $40,000 | $760,100 | $122,154 | $95,000 | $124,500 | $46,000 | $7,000 |
- 1983 - 1993 | $595,000 |          |          |          |          |          |          |
- Grand Total | $2,159,754 |          |          |          |          |          |          |
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Spiritual Workshop  
Presented by: Reverend Chris Bennett, Chaplain Branch 445 San Jose | Presidio II and III    |
| 8:30am-9:20am | Successful Branches Workshop  
Presidio I and IV  
Presented by: Branches 139, Manteca and 230, San Diego  
Topics: Branch Participation and Heritage | Presidio I and IV      |
| 9:30am-10:20am | WORKSHOP SESSION 2  
Spiritual Workshop (repeated)  
Presented by: Reverend Chris Bennett, Chaplain Branch 445 San Jose | Presidio II and III    |
| 9:30am-10:20am | Successful Branches Workshop  
Presidio I and IV  
Presented by: Branches 52, Healdsburg and 442, Pleasant Hill  
Topics: Family Membership and Fundraising/FUNraising | Presidio I and IV      |
| 10:30am-11:20am | WORKSHOP SESSION 3  
Membership Workshop  
Presented by: The Membership Committee | Turquoise II and III   |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Presidents’ Workshop  
Turquoise II and III  
Presented by: The Executive Committee | Turquoise II and III   |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Convention General Session  
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| 10:30am-11:20am | Call to Order:  
Roselynn Jarrett, Life Member and Convention Director | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Master of Ceremonies: Dante Galeazzi, Life Member and Grand Trustee | Coronado I             |
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| 10:30am-11:20am | Presentation of Colors American Legion Post 66  
Green Valley, Arizona | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | National Anthem Karen Rossi, Former First Lady | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Presentation of the Central Council Grand President:  
Andrew Pappani, Life Member | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Welcome from the Host Branches  
Melissa Rodriguez, President, Branch 433, Tucson | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Greeting from the Grand President Andrew Pappani  
Roll Call of Districts  
Key Note Speaker Reverend Patrick Crino  
Chaplain, Branch 433, Tucson | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Closing Prayer:  
Federation Anthem “Noi Vogliam Dio” Karen Rossi | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award  
Andrew Pappani, Life Member and Grand President | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Response from Recipient, Chuck DeBord | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-11:20am | Closing Prayer: Reverend Patrick Crino  
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| 10:30am-11:20am | * “God Bless America” Karen Rossi, Former First Lady | Coronado I             |

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| 5:45pm     | Golf Carts depart for dinner  
(if unable to walk across parking lot) | Main Entrance           |
| 6pm        | Tucson Welcome Dinner, by ticket only | Last Territory          |
| 9:00pm     | Golf Carts begin return trips | Last Territory          |

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Presented by: The Live to Give Committee | Coronado I             |
| 10:30am-12pm | Clergy Vesting Room  
Palo Verde | Turquoise Foyer        |
| 10:30am-12pm | Delegate Registration  
Turquoise Foyer | Pal Verde             |
| 10:30am-6:30pm | Convention Store  
Agave | Turquoise II and III   |
| 11am       | Mass  
Presidio II and III | Presidio II and III   |
| 11am-4pm   | Drop-in Bocce  
Turquoise I | Turquoise I           |
| 12pm-4pm   | Chapel  
Presidio II and III | Presidio II and III   |
| 12:15pm-2pm | Pedro Lessons  
Paloo Verde | Paloo Verde           |
| 2pm-4pm    | Bingo  
Joshua Tree | Joshua Tree           |
| 3:30pm-6:30pm | Delegate Registration  
Turquoise Foyer | Turquoise Foyer        |
| 4pm-5pm    | Open Forum  
(Presidio II and III) | Open Forum            |
| 6pm-6:30pm | Native American Flute Music  
Patio | Turquoise II and III |
| 6:30pm-7:15pm | Orientation for New Delegates  
Presidio II and III | Turquoise II and III |
| 7:30pm-8pm | Italian-Sing-a-Long  
Leonard Rossi, Life Member and Past Grand President  
Karen Rossi, Former First Lady | Turquoise II and III |
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Key Note Speaker Reverend Patrick Crino  
Chaplain, Branch 433, Tucson | Coronado I             |
| 8pm-9pm    | Closing Prayer:  
Federation Anthem “Noi Vogliam Dio” Karen Rossi | Coronado I             |
| 9pm-10pm   | Meet the Central Council Candidates  
Delegates’ Reception, No-host Bar | Turquoise II and III |

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

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| 10:30am-2pm | Convention Store  
Agave | Convention Store       |
| 11:30a-12:30pm | Memorial Mass  
Presidio II and II | Convention Store       |
| 12:45pm    | Chaplains’ Luncheon  
Joshua Tree I | Convention Store       |
| 1pm-7pm    | Chapel  
Presidio II and III | Convention Store       |
| 2pm-4pm    | Convention General Session  
Turquoise II and III | Convention Store       |
| 3pm-4:30pm | Convention Store  
Agave | Convention Store       |
| 4pm-6:30pm | District Meetings (Optional) | Turquoise II and III   |
| 6pm-6:30pm | Native American Flute Music  
Patio | Convention Store       |
| 6:30pm     | Pope Saint John XXIII Banquet  
Turquoise II and III  
(by ticket only) | Coronado I             |
| 6:30pm     | Welcome: Melissa Rodriguez, President, Branch 433, Tucson | Coronado I             |
| 6:30pm     | Master of Ceremonies: Franklin Lopes, Jr., Grand Trustee | Coronado I             |
| 7:15pm     | Invocation: Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director | Coronado I             |
| 7:30pm Dinner | Remarks: Local Dignitaries  
Turquoise II and III | Coronado I             |
| Program    | Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award  
Andrew Pappani, Life Member and Grand President  
Response from Recipient, Chuck DeBord  
Closing Prayer: Reverend Patrick Crino  
Chaplain, Branch 445, Tucson | Coronado I             |
| Program    | * “God Bless America” Karen Rossi, Former First Lady | Coronado I             |
### Welcome to Tucson, The Last Territory

**Join us for a rodeo under the stars**

**Special Musical Guest**: Singer-songwriter Angel Perez

**Location**: Last Territory at the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador

**Date**: Thursday August 29, 2019

**Time**: 
- 6:00pm No-Host Cocktails
- 7:00pm Dinner followed by dancing

**Menu**: Arizona Rodeo Buffet

**Cost**: $70

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**Thursday Night Dinner RSVP**

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Mail RSVP and check to:

ICF Branch 433  
438 East Benrich Dr  
Gilbert, AZ 85295

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

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

**Contact Information:**

(360) 860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

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.
Welcome to Tucson!

2019 CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Convention Souvenir Book Ads (prices vary)        Due: June 20
Memorial Names $5, Sponsor Names $1
Delegate Registration $275        Due: June 30
Late Delegate Registration $300        After: June 30
Central Council Candidate Application        Due: August 1
Central Council Candidate Bollettino Article        Due: August 1
Branch and District Convention Bollettino Entries        Due: August 1
Hilton El Conquistador Hotel Reservations $95/night        Deadline: August 15 or when sold out
Non-delegate Guest List        Due: August 15
Convention Raffle Tickets sent to office        Due: August 15
Thursday Welcome Dinner Reservations $70        Due: August 15*
Friday Bingo Early-bird Signups $25        Due: August 15
After August 15 or Walk-ins $30
Saturday Banquet Reservations        Due: August 15
Non-delegate Adult $70, Children $30
Adults $70, Children $35
Sunday dancing in the Desert Banquet Reservations        Due: August 15
Friday Blood Drive Signups - Priceless        Walk-ins Welcome
Friday Pedro Lessons Signups - Free        Walk-ins Welcome

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.

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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:
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2019 CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Learn new ideas at our convention workshops. Branches with multiple attendees are encouraged to split the workshops among their members to allow branches to gain more information. Non-delegates are welcome to attend and participate in workshops.

FRIDAY
August 30

Optional workshop opportunity 4pm – 5pm

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<td>Bring your questions and suggestions. Topics can be related to any ICF by-law, ritual, process, committee or program. Several Committee Chairpersons will be present to help answer questions.</td>
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DESCRIPTIONS

Finance – Presented by: The Finance Committee
Presenting the one and only showing of “The Wheel of Finance.” Come to this interactive game show where we will test your knowledge of ICF financial practices. You will have a chance to stump the committee.

Membership – Presented by: The Membership Committee
Did you know that most new members remain in their branch for five years or less? We do a great job bringing in new members. How do we keep them interested and active? This workshop will cover communication, education and participation. Adopting a few techniques and being open to new ideas will surely help member retention.

Presidents’ Workshop – Presented by: The Executive Committee
Designed as a time for Branch and District Presidents to gather, this workshop will begin with ideas for conducting meetings, delegation tips and helpful resources. The second half of the workshop will be time to share your leadership ideas and have your questions answered.

Strategic Plan – Presented by: The Task Force Committee
Hear highlights of our milestones achieved and how the strategic plan continues to guide the ICF’s objectives. The plan is regularly updated based on our priorities over the next three years. By knowing our goals, you can help the ICF achieve them.

Spiritual – Presented by: ICF Chaplain (to be announced)
As a branch community, do we place emphasis on the “C” of ICF? Part of our mission states, “Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values...” Knowing and understanding our mission statement will help ensure we are following the vision from 95 years ago, which is still relevant today.

Successful Branches
Be inspired by the ideas presented by four successful branches and try to incorporate at your branch.

Session 1 – Branch 139 Manteca and Branch 230 San Diego Topics: Branch Participation and Heritage
Session 2 – Branch 52 Healdsburg and Branch 442 Pleasant Hill Topics: Family Memberships and Fundraising/Fundraising
Central Council Candidates 2019-2020

Denise Antonowicz
Branch 184, Los Gatos and Branch 191, San Jose

My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am currently the Grand Treasurer, Chair of the Heritage and Finance Committee, member of the Convention Directors, Executive, Hospitalization and Ways and Means Committee. I am President of Br. 184 in Los Gatos, and member of Br. 191 St. Frances Cabrini in San Jose and 1st Vice President of the Santa Clara Valley District.

We the members of the Italian Catholic Federation, are of many different heritages, but the one element that binds us together is embracing the Italian ‘la vita Bella’ (the good life). Each of us brings to the Italian Catholic Federation that special something that not only creates a branch and a District but gives us an amazing support network. We share recipes, food, history and stories that enrich us all and by knowing more about each other, we become an extended family and that is the Italian way! I love the ICF and through my work as Grand Treasurer and with the help of Grand 2nd Vice President, Deborah Rodondi, we have nearly balanced our budget. As Chair of the Heritage Committee, I continue to promote the ICF by helping plan, build and decorate the floats we use in parades from Monterey to San Francisco. We are proud stewards of the 95 years of ICF history and that has brought us together thus far; we show just what we stand for, faith, family, and community, and this is what it is to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation.

With your prayers and votes, I will continue to work to help prepare the Italian Catholic Federation to face the future. Remember that we may change the way we do our business, but we will always remain members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

Nancy Corsi
Branch 433, Tucson Branch 91, Oakland

Hello ICF Family and Friends,
Picture this, back in 1972 I was invited on a ski trip to Squaw Valley. What fun we had with so many friends we knew from St. Lawrence and the kids from St. Teresa’s Branch. Sure didn’t know what this branch thing was but I sure wanted to be sure I was invited for these fun weekends in years to come. We talked so much about this group my folks joined the ICF family and as soon as I was 16, I was able to join. Art and Lorraine Fricke, my folks, held multiple officer positions for many years in Br 91, Oakland. Fast forward 46 years later I am a member of Br 453, Tucson and Br 91, Oakland. I have held multiple branch offices over the years as well as I was elected to the Central Council for 3 years. As the Heritage Chairperson I was able to reintroduce the ICF back in the SF Italian Heritage parade after a 30 year absence, a tradition that has been continued.

I had to relinquish my CC position as my parents were in need of help and they moved in with Giovanni and I. It was an honor for us to care for them; mom got her angel wings at 91 years and dad got his just a year ago at age 96. I am married to my wonderful husband Giovanni, we have 5 children, and 7 grandchildren. I work as the Director of Home Health & Hospice, for Adventist Health, am the recipient of the Mission Leader of the Year Award in 2018 and led the team to national recognition with The Best Superior Performer Award, in the top 20th percentile in the country.

I was asked to consider serving on the CC and I now am requesting your confidence and vote for a Central Council position.

Ciao!

Lisa M. Crudo
Branch 343, Castro Valley

I was elected to the Central Council at the 2013 Convention in Reno, and I have really learned a lot about this organization in the past six years. I have enjoyed meeting so many new people in each district which I have visited. I have attended many Installations, Bishops’ Days and Anniversary Dinners. It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for all of you.

During my time on the Central Council, I have served on several committees:

- The Apostolate/Charity Committee, the Scholarship Committee, and the Finance Committee. I have also served on the “Live to Give” Committee when it was first formed. I have and am currently serving on the Convention Directors’ Committee. I have also been Chairperson and am currently serving on the Ways and Means Committee, on which I have had the pleasure of supporting the ICF in planning many wonderful fundraising activities. I was elected by my fellow Central Council members to the Executive Committee. Over the past three years I have been Chairperson for the Hospitalization Committee, and it has been an honor being responsible for such an important committee. I am very proud of the fact that awareness of this program has been raised and the membership has grown to 704 members! I have also served four years as a Grand Trustee.

These past six years have flown by and I am looking forward to many more years of service, helping to implement the strategic plan, and to helping our organization grow in strength, spirituality and charity.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Central Council member for these last six years.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Teresa Helfand
Branch 392, Chicago

With the arrival of June, I begin thinking of beautiful summer weather, delightful holidays, brilliant fireworks, picnics and, of course, the approaching ICF Convention and Central Council Elections. After some thought I wish to announce that I will again seek re-election to the Central Council.

Being part of the ICF family for over 25 years (having joined the ICF in 1993) I have held many positions at St. Francis Borgia - Branch 392 and the Chicago District and was elected to the Central Council eleven consecutive years. My responsibilities have varied. I have served as: Grand Sentinel, chairperson to the ‘Gift of Love’, a member of the Expansion and Membership Committee, and have acted as the Chicago District Mentor. While some duties were challenging, others helped me grow spiritually and strengthen my faith and beliefs. I thank all the ICF colleagues and friends, who helped me make my experiences rewarding.

Feeding off of a solid Catholic background I continue to focus on: helping others through charitable works, supporting my local parish, and taking an active role in the Italian-American community. I remain quite active in parish affairs, serving as Vice Chairperson of the St. Francis Borgia Parish Pastoral Council. I continue to chair the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group (have been named “Spiritual Daughter of St. Pio”), serve as a Eucharistic Minister, and arrange memorial and funeral masses for the Italian community.

I passionately promote the ICF charities and programs (such as: Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund for Young Seminarians).

If re-elected, I will actively seek to: open new branches in the Chicago area, boost membership, continue with the ICF apostolic work, and encourage fundraising activities. I bring experience, energy, dedication, and determination. I am committed to keep our founding fathers’ dream alive. Please vote for me for Central Council.

God bless.
Lauren Kileullen
Branch 52, Healdsburg

My name is Lauren Kileullen, Central Council member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA. I humbly ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. These past five years on the Central Council have been amazing. Working with my fellow Central Council members, I enjoyed serving as the Grand Secretary, Chairperson of the Apostolate – Charity and Workshop Committees and member of the Executive, Public Relations, and Convention Directors Committees. In addition, I have enjoyed meeting many ICF members at Installations and Bishops’ Days. I marvel at the amazing things you are doing in your parishes and communities to promote and further the ideals of the ICF.

The ICF has become a second family to my parents and me. Your continued support and inquiries as to the status of rebuilding have reinforced the concept of a second family. Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me and I believe that the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the very few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. These past five years as a Central Council member have reinforced my thoughts that the ICF is still a relevant and much needed organization in today’s world.

With your continued support for me on the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future.

Pat Mages
Branch 386; Thousand Oaks

Thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 28 years, I’ve held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380, and chaired fundraising events, and past president of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.

My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; daughter-in-law Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Katherine; and cocker spaniel, Sweet Caroline.

Over 33 years I’ve advocated for victims of family/domestic violence; currently with the Port Hueneme Police.

I’m a Para-Educator with the local school district, working with severely disabled students. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them.

I’ve been a member of Central Council for over 10 years. I served as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee; a member of the Live to Give; Strategic Plan; Public Relations; and currently a Grand Trustee and Chair of the Membership Committee. My goals as a Central Council member are to include more of the general membership on the various committees; increased membership and member retention. Now is time for me and all CC members to support you and assist with the goals. As a Central Council Member, I’m here To Serve YOU the Membership!

Let’s work together to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, for a Strong Faith and Family-Oriented Italian Catholic Federation!

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Branch 227, Capitola

As we meet in Tuscon, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, once again, and I wish to thank you all for your support this past year.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA, and I am of Italian-Portuguese descent. I currently serve as Grand Trustee of the Central Council and Chairman of the Live to Give Committee. I am also a member of the Heritage, Finance, Ways and Means, and Public Relations Committees, as well as serving as President of Br. 227, Capitola, CA and 1st Vice-President of the Central Coast District. I am a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz and I have owned Stewart’s Floral for the past 20 years.

It is my hope to be re-elected to the Central Council so that I may continue what our founders, Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini, began 95 years ago. My main goal is to work on increasing membership throughout the federation and to bring before the Central Council those issues that most concern our members. It is my honor to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, and I will continue to work to make it stronger in every way – through faith, family, heritage and charity.

May we have a fun-filled, meaningful convention, and may I ask for your continued support as a member of the Central Council.

God Bless you all.

Vincent Piro
Branch 39, Merced

This year the ICF celebrates its 95th anniversary as an organization that has brought faith and fellowship into the lives of its members. ICF members have brought faith and fellowship into the lives of its members. ICF members have supported our seminarians, assisted seminarians in their education, and performed numerous charitable acts based on their faith. As we continue our journey, this focus will give strength to our organization, and as a Central Council member, I will focus on assisting branches as they build on their faith and fellowship.

While our organization, as many non-profits today, faces many challenges, it is this focus on our faith and fellowship that will strengthen the Federation.

As a Central Council member during the past year, I have served as the Grand 1st Vice-President of the Central Council. If chosen to serve again, I plan to further the goals of our founders and Federation by focusing on branch expansion as well as membership recruitment and retention. I also believe that the organization needs to continue to carry out the goals of its Strategic Plan, which calls for an honest look at ways that we can make the ICF a stronger and more efficient organization, in-cluding a review of our expectations and support of branches, the role and procedures of the Central Council, etc. I believe that open and honest dialogue is key to the actions necessary to stay a vital and thriving organization.

Together, I believe, we can continue our journey of faith and fellowship.

Kenneth Marshall
Santa Rosa District
Branch 103, Sonoma

I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, am from the Santa Rosa District and I am currently serving as the First Vice-President. I am also the current President of Branch 103 in Sonoma.

This year, I am working on re-opening two branches - one in Chico and one in Yuba City. I am so excited about getting old and new branches open. I do find myself as a recruiter.

I also belong to the Knights of Columbus. In my 4 years as a Grand Knight, in Napa, I have brought in 40 new members to my Council. I do look forward to meeting you at your Branch meetings or your District functions. I promise to work hard to not let anybody down.

Thank you and God Bless.

Support the Continued Journey of Our Charitable Programs

During the general session on Sunday, September 1, there will be an opportunity to present a donation to one or more of the ICF’s charitable programs. Donations may also be submitted to the ICF office year round.

Donors will be recognized in the Bollottino.

Thank you for your generosity!

Supports Grants to Aid Individuals with Disabilities
Providenza Fund – Supports Seminarian Education
Scholarship Fund – Supports College Education (indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Year or Italian Studies)
Thalassasemia/Cooley’s Anemia – Supports research and outreach for our National Charity.

For each donation, use a separate check to allow deposits to be made to the appropriate fund.

Make checks out to: Italian Catholic Federation

Gifts of Love – Supports Grants to Aid Individuals with Disabilities

Indicate the charitable program in the memo.
Best wishes to our 2019 First Year Scholarship Winners!

Colette Bokulich
Central Coast District

Samantha McNell
Central Coast District

Morgan Larkin
Santa Cruz, Br. 21

Whittaker Miller-Netto
Santa Cruz, Br. 21
In mem. of Mary Stagnaro

Samuel David Lavorato
Salinas, Br. 25

Sarah Mikkelsen
Salinas, Br. 25

Christina Peterson
Hollister, Br. 26

Madison Ann Ham
Monterey, Br. 36

Kevin Beach
Castroville, Br. 51

Ana Gabriella Gutierrez
Capitola, Br. 227
In mem. of Otto Ambiel

Samuel David Lavorato
Salinas, Br. 25

Sarah Mikkelsen
Salinas, Br. 25

Samantha Vanderford
Capitola, Br. 227
In mem. of Otto Ambiel

Vincent Corella
Paso Robles, Br. 354

Tessa R. Tomlinson
Paso Robles, Br. 354

James R. Fairchild
Chicago District
In mem. of Rev. Leonard Mattei

Jessica Cucinella
Itasca, Br. 418

Trevor Bluth
Martinez, Br. 13
In mem. of Sheila Grilli

Samantha Gingrich
Crockett, Br. 14

Lauren O’Grady
Crockett, Br. 14

Dominic Driscoll
Richmond, Br. 154

Ruben Trevino
Richmond, Br. 154

Lyndsey Urricelqui
Concord, Br. 214

Jaccob Ennis
Danville, Br. 352

James Ennis
Danville, Br. 352

Kathryn Lucido
Brentwood, Br. 432

Taylor Crutchley
Pleasant Hill, Br. 442

Robert F. Halupka, III
East Bay District
In mem. of Sir Robert Dianda

Halie Shea Doan
Alameda, Br. 10

Manuel Manzo
Oakland, Br. 91

Francesca Marra
Fremont, Br. 215

Marissa Gracia
Livermore, Br. 285
In mem. of Fr. Paul Minnihan
Congratulations to our graduates!
We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible:

Central Coast District: Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr. (Br. 227) - In Honor of the Birthday of Marie Antonowicz
Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Br. 227) - In Honor of the Birthday of Marie Antonowicz
Marie Mungai (Br. 227) - In Honor of the 95th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz;

Contra Costa District:

East Bay District: Br. 40 and Family and Friends - In Memory of Sir Robert Dianda

San Mateo District:

Santa Clara Valley District:
Br. 368 Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Memory of Nancy Morabito
The Antonowicz Family (Br. 184/Br. 191) - In Honor of the Birthday of Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Sam and Judy Bozzo (Br. 28) - In memory of Laura Angelino
Elaine Davis (Br. 191) - In Memory of Betty Antuzzi
Aldine Grisenti (Br. 191) - Get Well Wishes for Ed Bertaccini
Carol Tacci (Br. 435) - In Honor of the 80th Birthday of Loretta Wilson
Barbara J. White (Br. 184) - In Honor of the Birthday of Marie Antonowicz

Santa Rosa District:
Br. 145 and Br. 209 The Kilcullen Family (Br. 52) - In Honor of the 95th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz

Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413.
Johnny (John) William
Santa Rosa, Br. 198
In mem. of Tom Timko

Annalise Rackerby
Santa Rosa, Br. 198
In mem. of Frank Castelli

Kristina Skinner
Santa Rosa, Br. 198
In mem. of Louis, Margaret & Christine Scinto

Mason Stalder
Santa Rosa, Br. 198
In mem. of Romie & Helen Barbieri

Elisabeth Watkins
Stockton District

Emily J. Stenzler
Stockton, Br. 395

Eddie Ramirez
Green Valley, Br. 425

Kaylyn Continente
Antonowicz Family, Br. 184/Br. 191

Isabella De Kelaita
Chris & Virginia Bottino, Br. 432
In mem. of Alice Providenza Bottino

Cal Selna
Albert & Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
In mem. of Albert & Rina Brocchini

Bailey Cristofano
Louise De' Tomasi, Br. 14
In mem. of Donald De' Tomasi

Cailin Mirabella
John Delucchi, Br. 91
In mem. of Sir Robert Dianda

Natalie Hawkins
Family and Friends
In mem. of Sir Robert Dianda

Ariella Angelini
Stewart Family and Friends
In mem. of Sir Robert Dianda

Lexi Trucco
Mr. & Mrs. James Dooley, Br. 14
In mem. of John and Mary Regalia

Cassidy Kuden
Kathleen Scesa Dorr
In hon. of Frank and Helen Scesa

Hannah Cevasco
Barbara Ebel, Br. 6
In mem. of Michael Ebel

Sedona Falco
Robert Grassilli, Jr.
In mem. of Anna Oliva

Luke Christian Joyce
Robert Grassilli, Jr.
In mem. of Marie Grassilli

Marcus Warnert
Robert Grassilli, Jr.
In mem. of Robert Grassilli

Harrison Dal Ponte
Larry & Carmen Kilcullen, Br. 52
In mem. of Leo & Ila Kilcullen

Sophie Marie Provencio
Rose Mangini, Br. 38
In mem. of Luigi and Rosa Mangini

Sofia Marie
Dellamora Grossi
Virginia Coe Orlando, Br. 21
In mem. of John Orando

Nicholas Guggiana
The Pulone Family
In mem. of Dan Pulone

Matthew Tognolini
Leonard & Karen Rossi, Br. 343
In mem. of Nello & Cookie Rossi

Chloe Alvarado
Michael & Donna Santich, Br. 91
In mem. of Sir Robert Dianda

Giana Zamagni
Jean & Bob Segale
In mem. of Lola & Sam J. Parrinello

Dominic Love
The Segale Family
In mem. of Mary & Bill Segale

Patrick O’Brien
The Segale Family
In mem. of Mary & Bill Segale

Melissa Sheridan
The Trevizo Family, Br. 19
In mem. of Louise Trevizo

Look for the October Issue where 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarship winners will be announced.
**Branch Reports**

**Tucson**  
S.S. Peter & Paul, Br. 433

**WELCOME TO TUCSON!!!** Branch 433 is so excited to welcome everyone to the 2019 Convention.

Planning for the 2019 Convention has been a roller coaster but we are so blessed to welcome the entire organization to our beautiful foothills. And hey, the weather is nicer than Palm Springs! We would like to thank our sister branch, 425 Green Valley for organizing the gift baskets for the Thursday Night Dinner. A special thanks to the Central Council Convention Committee and to Rose Jarret for her tireless efforts in not only working on the upcoming event with our branch but also upcoming one’s years out. Lastly, a huge shout out to the members of Branch 433 for their efforts in hosting this year’s convention.

Now that Convention planning is behind us, we are working on our first annual Italian Festival Dinner set for October 12, 2019. We will be having a traditional Italian meal with Italian music, entertainment and some great raffle prizes for our guests. Our members, Giovanni and Nancy Corsi will be flying in from California to defend their Boss of the Sauce Title. We will have plenty of other tasty treats like Maria Fleischmann’s world-famous creme puffs. Keep an eye out for advertisement in the Bollettino as all are welcome!

We hope everyone has a wonderful time with us here at the El Conquistador Tucson! Thank you,

Henry J Fleischmann  
Trustee Branch 433

Welcome to Tucson from Branch 433!

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**Fresno**  
Madera  
Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The June meeting was held on the 11th and members and guests were treated to many varieties of pizza, salad, and a big beautiful cake congratulating our scholarship winner and acknowledging our past presidents. Thanks to the June committee, chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero and the committee: Jeff Bottorff, Don Sellai, and Nancy Meyers. We also honored our past presidents who were in attendance, Elsie Bottorff, and Frank Brunolli.

This year’s scholarship recipient was Ashley Graham. She is the granddaughter of members Diane and Fred Massetti, and great niece of member Dr. Cecilia Massetti. Ashley is a very intelligent and personable young lady who plans to attend Monterey Peninsula Community College, where she will study Studio Arts and play volleyball. Congratulations Ashley and best of luck with your education and career path!

Father’s Day found many of us selling baked goods after the masses. We sold out of everything at the 11:00 mass. Our branch made almost $700 for the day’s effort. Many thanks to all those who donated baked goods and/or sat in the hot sun selling on Sunday. All of your hard work is very much appreciated.

Members are getting excited about the convention and have been sending in their purchased raffle tickets. Many thanks to Lou and Rosemary Jannis for volunteering to attend the convention in Tucson.

Ciao,  
Kerin Cavallero

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**CHICAGO**  
Chicago  
St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

June was a busy month filled with Branch events. The ICF 95th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 gave the month a delightful launch. On June 23rd, 2019 we participated in the “Corpus Christi” Mass and procession at St. Francis Borgia. In fact, the Branch decorated one of the five altars in the procession route with colorful flowers and the symbolic bread and wine. Our altar, located in the Padre Pio Plaza, was the final procession stop for the concluding prayers, hymns, benediction and distribution of bread.

Branch 392 hosted the 17th Anniversary Celebration of the Canonization of Padre Pio on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at St. Francis Borgia. The festivities began with Mass at 3:30 pm followed by a short procession in church (unfortunately, the outdoor procession had to be canceled this year due to rain). However, the “Band a Siciliana” accompanied the church procession, enchanting everyone with music reminiscent of the feasts that took place years ago in our hometowns in Italy. A buffet of tasty Italian dishes and cake and cookies concluded the celebration in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to the committee for getting the “Padre Pio Piazzetta” ready (weeding and planting so many flowers) and for organizing the celebration in the Parish Hall. Many thanks go to the committee for getting the “Padre Pio Piazzetta” ready (weeding and planting so many flowers) and for organizing such a pleasant “festa.” The beautiful Mass and procession fed the spirit with joy and luncheon with friends made for a most wonderful day!

June also brought sadness, as we gave our final farewell to Filippo DeFrancesco, who after much suffering, passed away. Filippo, a loving husband, caring father and grandfather, and a long time Branch 392 member will be missed. Our prayers go to his devoted wife and our dear friend, Rosetta, and all the DeFrancesco family.

Happy summer!

Aurora Pensa

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

July’s meeting was held in the St. Alphonsus basement, which was very comfortable for a warm day. Guest speaker Fr. Jerry Amerando spoke about his grandmother who was of Italian descent and all the fond memories of her warm heart and wonderful cooking. It was followed by a yummy potluck by all the members who attended. We were glad to see Martha Acuna and Nancy Rodriguez back to our meetings.

The bake sale held in June was a great success. There was a large variety of many delicious items. Half of the proceeds were given back to St. Alphonsus Church.

Richard Romagnoli is discussing the date when he and his crew can meet on a Friday/Saturday to give the benches and tables in the covered area at the church an updated coat of paint. If you can lend a hand, please contact Richard.

There was a discussion about the St. Elia celebration to be held on September 15 and the ICF members participating in the parade which starts at St. Alphonsus church. A luncheon will follow at the Fresno Convention Center. Let us know if you would like to be a part of that.

We would love to see more members at our meetings held at St. Alphonsus on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00. Please consider joining us. Spread the word about what we do for our community with your friends and neighbors. Hope to see you!

Paulette Volpa  
Financial Secretary

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

Welcome to Tucson from Branch 433!

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**Fresno**  
From left: Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Br. 27 scholarship recipient Ashley Graham, and President Jim Cavallero

**Tucson**  
Br. 433, Fr. Patrick Crino Blessing our Table.

**Fresno**  
Br. 27 Past presidents Frank Brunolli and Elsie Bottorff.

**Tucson**  
St. Joseph Table March 24, 2019 S.S.Peter & Paul Parish, Branch 433

**Fresno**  
From left: Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Br. 27 scholarship recipient Ashley Graham, and President Jim Cavallero

**Tucson**  
Br. 27 members at the Father’s Day bake sale

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Br. 32 Bake Sale

Merced
St. Cecilia, Branch, Br. 39

Held at our beautiful Lake Yosemite, the Weiner Roast was its usual fun and well-attended event. A huge thank you goes to our amazing chair, Bob Tyler, and his helpful crew: Tony Martin on the BBQ, daughters Liz and Katie, Loretta Symes, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Sandy Del Real and Michael Belluomini. Neither of our scholarship winners, Lucca Lorenzi nor Giovanni Gates could attend. Elmer thanked us on his grandson’s behalf. Anne-Marie read a heartfelt thank you from Carol Salmeri’s grandson.

Welcome our new members Amy and Bob Bustadabe. Amy is the daughter of members Mario and Shelley Butticci. Their son Joseph won our scholarship last year.

Thanks to Anne-Maria, Loretta and Mabel Wilmon for hosting coffee and donuts after masses on August 4. Convention dates in Tucson, Arizona are August 29 through September 2. Delegates are: Terrie Rhodes, Robyn Piro, Stephanie Lucich and first-time delegate, Sandy Del Real.

Mark your calendar for our September meeting on Wednesday, September 11. Expect a tri-tip dinner with potatoes, salad, roll, wine and dessert. 5PM social hour, 6PM dinner, 7PM meeting. Delegates will report on the convention.

Goditi il resto della vostra estate. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stephanie Lucich

Sanger
Sant’ Antonio, Br. 70

At our July 9 meeting we celebrated our 81st anniversary as a branch of the Italian Catholic Federation with a pot luck dinner. All our members are fantastic cooks so it was delicious!

Our guests of honor were the two students from Sanger High School, Jorge Escalera and Moses Herrera, who were each presented with a $250.00 scholarship. The Aldo Portacchio Family donated one of the scholarships and our Branch donated the other. Our congratulations to the students and best wishes for their future endeavors.

Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Blanch Mendoza and Bob Metzo.

God Bless to all, Orosolina Casella

Los Angeles
Archdiocese

Greetings and welcome to the ICF’s Annual Convention. Our 95-year journey continues on with many hopes and dreams. I would like to welcome all of our LA Delegates, and most especially to any first time delegates. I’m sure a root in ‘ootin’ time will be had by all in this great city of Tucson. Which reminds me, thank you to the Tucson district for having us. It’s hard to believe that another summer is coming to an end, but I’m looking forward to the Fall season and cooler temps. Stay tuned for info on the LA District Bishop’s Day, which will be on October 6th at St. John’s Seminary. That’s all for now, Sincerely Perry Shurko, LA District President.

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF BRANCH 108 SEND ALL MEMBERS GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CONVENTION EXPERIENCE!

Congratulations to the new ICF Branch 108 Frank Bratta High School Scholarship Winners Ella Lena Gallo (Mayfield HS) and Matthew Pohl (Loyola HS) in photo with 1st VP Tom Haubrick.

On June 23rd Members enjoyed the Annual Branch Picnic and General Meeting at the home of Linda and Carmelo Sabatella. Thank you to Chef and President John Maggiora for great BBQ! And to all members who brought items to share.

Thank you to members for joining Branch 108 at the annual Cooley’s Anemia Fundraiser on July 14th in Holy Family Church Connolly Hall from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Members joined in a game of Bean Ball Bocce and Bean Bag Toss (cornhole) with members of all ages.

SAVE THE DATE:
- August 31st - LAADC General Meeting at Convention. See you there!
- September 8th - Branch General Meeting in Connolly Hall from 3 to 5 pm.
- September 21st - Branch Salsa Dinner Dance in Connolly Hall from 6 to 11 pm.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery.

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

Ci Vediamo presto!
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President ICF Branch 108

Br. 108 members enjoying a tasty spread.

Br. 108 scholarships winners & 1st VP Haubrick

Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

The summer would not be complete without our annual Ice Cream Social! This summer was no exception as once again George & Terri Carson opened up their spacious back yard for our July meeting. We enjoyed some sweet treats while taking care of business. We also discussed our annual “Nite at the Races” as well as other possible fund raising events for the future to attract new members.

Kathy Scatena was unanimously selected to be our branch delegate at the 2019 I.C.F. convention in Tucson Arizona this September. She is a hard working dedicated member as well as treasurer of our branch. We know Kathy will bring back new ideas and fresh energy for all our members! Also joining her will be our president Allen Watts and his wife Crystal, Leonard & Betty Gail Zasoski as well as Joey & Kristen Zasoski.

Looking ahead to Fall, we will begin hosting coffee & doughnuts the first Sunday in October as well as quarterly pancake breakfasts. This is a great way to reach out to our parish community as well as provide opportunities for fellowship. Enjoy the few remaining weeks of summer and remember to make time for family and friends.

Theresa Amarante

Br. 108 members enjoying their time together at their annual Lake Yosemite picnic.

Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67

THE BOARD OF BRANCH 67 SEND ALL MEMBERS GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CONVENTION EXPERIENCE!

Branch President Carmelo Sabatella and past ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Presidents Theresa Shaw, Pat Mages, Carmelo Sabatella and former Branch 67 President Nick D’Egidio along with author Susan van Allen attended the Federated Italo Americans of Southern California Reception for Consulate General of Italy Los Angeles Sylvia Chiave in Cana 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.

Members of Merced Branch 39 enjoying their time together at their annual Lake Yosemite picnic.

San Bernardino
Sant’ Anna, Br. 20

Members of the Italian Catholic Federation of the Diocese of San Bernardino have a special place in our hearts. We wish them all the best in the new year.

Please spread the word to friends, families and members that the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67 and Padre Pio Society will attend the 11:00 am (Italian) mass and join St Peter Parishioners on the fourth Sunday of each Month this year.

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

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA
President Branch 67
Italian Catholic Federation
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Br. 108 members enjoying a tasty spread.

Los Angeles
Archdiocese

Constance Shah, President Branch 67
Montebello
St. Benediet, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Hope you are having a marvelous summer! Thank you to the volunteers for running our Branch’s Fireworks Stand with Knights of Columbus members, Council 3429, from June 28th to July 4th, in Montebello. It was a successful event!

On August 15 at 7 p.m. there’s a General Meeting at St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th St., in Montebello. To celebrate our successful Fireworks Stand, we will have pizza and refreshments and then after the meeting celebrate the August birthdays with cake: Angela Grimaldi, Barbara Garcia, Mario Castello, Giuseppe Veneziano, and Ruben Valdez. Join us.

At our June general meeting, we had the pleasure of meeting Marianne Schiappa from Palos Verdes High School, who won Br. 111’s $400 First Year College Scholarship. Marianne’s mother, Kerry Schiappa also joined us.

We also have two winners of our Philip Pace Jr. $400 Scholarships. Ryan Gutierrez, from St. Benedict School, one of Ryan will attend St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower. Ryan and his parents, Alma and Rafael Gutierrez, joined us at the June meeting.

At the August meeting, we will meet the other winner, Santiago Alvarez, who will attend Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead.

Pray for Domenica Orofino to heal from her surgery and for a full recovery from her Cooley’s Anemia.

Ventura
Sacred Heart, Br. 169

Several of our members attended the ICF 95th Anniversary celebration mass and luncheon at St. Peter’s Church, in Los Angeles. We would like to thank St. Peter’s for their hospitality, delicious luncheon and friendship. On July 7, we had our annual picnic at Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to those who participated and contributed to the success of this event. Currently we are planning our September heritage potluck and auction, at which time we will honor our September birthday members. We will also have a membership presentation by an ICF speaker. We hope and pray all ICF members have a safe and blessed summer.

God’s Blessing to all
Branch 169

Andrea Linn President

Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Summer is officially here and the numbers that are they the Assumption Church are resting by taking off the month of July meetings. I thought this was going to be a restful, but with the opening of the refurbished church on August 10th everyone in the parish is working hard to get the last-minute details completed. This is going to be an extraordinary event after 10 months of hard work. Archbishop Gomez will join us on that day and bless the walls, the new altar and everyone in it. It’s going to be an exciting time. To celebrate the completion, we are going to have a fundraiser on August 17th to take down the temporary Worship Center AKA the “tent.” Everyone eagerly awaits this event, and will be so pleased with the new outcome of the church and patio.

Later in the month is convention in Tucson, Arizona. Best wishes for a successful one.

Pray for cooler weather Sept will start a new year of events and we can get back some what to normal activities in the church and parish hall.

Our 2 USO collections were successful, thanks to Marie Assman manning the table. Thanks Marie.

God Bless
Andrea Linn President

La Canada Flintridge
St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The branch welcomed two new members in July. Linda Rowland and Faith Holland joined ICF at our July meeting. They join Minerva Astengo, Robert and Josephine Barbera; Vincent Carabello, Anna and Philip Curenega, Rebeca Orlandini, and Bernardo and Janice Volpe who have joined our growing ranks in 2019. We welcome them to our branch and hope that they too will invite others to join.

Our branch was well represented at the 95th Anniversary Mass and Buffet held at Casa Italiana on June 30th. We came in strength with two tables and were joined by our State Senator Anthony Portantino, who, with his wife Ellen, have been members of our branch for many years.
In July, 20 branch members spent a Saturday visiting the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar touring their vintage cars and music room and then a great lunch at the 1936 vintage restaurant, La Terraza. Robert De Pietro organized the event.

Our annual summer Mass was a well-attended event this year. The Mass celebrated by Father Tony Marti, OFM, Cap. President of St. Francis High School was held at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. It was followed by a sumptuous buffet luncheon.

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Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Goodbye Summer - Hello Fall
Hope everyone had great summer to relax and have time with your family and friends.
July 18: The 85 and over Birthday party is a special event for our branch. We have 98 members that are age 85 and over. Each honored guest walked the Red Carpet and had their picture taken with the Rat Pack. Our theme was “Let’s Get in The Mood to Celebrate.” Each honored guest’s seat had a cute birthday chair cover with a framed picture at the table. They received a complementary dinner, prepared by our Executive Chef Peter John Curatolo and his crew. Menu was Pasta Paella, Insalata Ricotta, Garlic bread, and Birthday cake with strawberries cream filling. Mike Marratta and Orazio Aiello played/sang beautiful Italian songs as they strolled and serenaded our guests. The room was filled with joy and laughter. Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano, chairmen did an outstanding job in making our event welcoming, cheerful and colorful with bright floral arrangements and colorful napkins. We thank Antonia and June for the personal touches to make this a memorable event.
August 1 dinner/meeting: Santa Maria Bar-B-Q Tri Tip served with Italian style baked beans, salad, grilled corn, garlic bread and grilled fruit. Thank you, Executive Chef Peter John and all our volunteers who work hard to make our events so enjoyable to all.
Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love lets it be. Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Loves let’s it be. Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love lets it be. Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Loves let’s it be.

Castroville
Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy September!
We’re getting closer to the end of the year, one month at a time! As the weeks continue to speed by, let us use this time to be thankful for how far we’ve come and grown these past months.
Please continue to set aside any gently used or new sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, scarves, and unused socks! We will be having a clothing drive during the upcoming fall season to donate to those in need.
During our general meeting, cookies from different regions in Italy were provided by our Treasurer, Leonora Barlow. A big thank you to Leonora for sharing a little piece of Italian heritage with us!
Thank you also to Ashley Stefani for attending the National Convention in Tucson, Arizona. Ashley will have a wonderful time! Coming up on September 29th is Bishop’s Day hosted by the Monterey branch.
Happy Birthday to our September babies: members Diane Ausonio; our Orator, Toni Hibbs; Greg Stefani; and my father and brother Art & Daniel Carbonel!
Also, congratulations to member Amber Souza whose daughter, Emily, graduated this past spring from the Nursing program! I hope everyone had a safe and exciting Labor Day weekend!

Capitola
St. Joseph’s, Br. 227

The annual barbecue on July 13 was another success. Over 90 members and guests enjoyed beautiful weather and delicious food prepared by chefs Ken Olson and Danny Scott. They were assisted by Bob and Mary Montonye, Shauna and Zach Scott, and Sandy Settrini. Many thanks to them and to all the workers who helped make it a great day. A special thank you to Conrad Zanotto for donating all the bread.
Our membership drive was held on July 28. Franklyn Lopes and Ellen Pauly spoke about ICF at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses. Following masses, there was an information table in the plaza where members served coffee, donuts, bagels, juice, popsicles, and fresh fruit. Thanks to Bruce and Jean Dunn, Monica and Bill Crowley, Rick and Jane Kotila, Marie Mungai, Rita Law, Linda Calciano, Mike Rios, Shauna and Danny Scott, Bob and Mary Montonye, and Sandy Settrini for helping.

Arroyo Grande
St. Patrick, Br. 291

Branch 291 sends our prayers and best wishes for a fun and productive ICF National Convention in Tucson, AZ! Delegates attending from our Branch are Pete and Abby Gallagher, Joanna Van Blaricom and Theresa Aston. We also pray the weather is not too hot and everyone has safe travels to and from the convention!
At our June General Membership Meeting, we were honored to have Laurice Levine as our guest speaker. Laurice shared with our members all about her involvement with Cooley’s Anemia/Thalassemia at the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, the history of the disease and her personal experience living with the disease.
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It is always a delight to see and visit with Laurice!

We are sad to announce the recent passing of two dear members. Annie Silva was one of our longest members, and she passed away just a few months shy of her 100th birthday. We also bid farewell to Sharon “Jonesey” Jones, who passed away in June. Please keep Annie and Jonesey’s families in your thoughts and prayers during their time of grieving. Also, continue to pray for these members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Anita Caracci, Dianne & Homer Clees, Wally Cox, Joanne Desielt, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Bruce Hensley, Mary Recchia, Nick Sausa, Jim & Throck Scudder, Jo June Steves, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Waas.

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Oakland East Bay District Council

August and September are two busy months for the District. In the spirit of co-operation and fund raising, Branches 40 & 91 have joined forces to sponsor a Bingo Luncheon in mid August. This should be a sell out as the prizes are worth more than most Bingo prizes and the food is good also. The idea of working together makes it easier for those involved as there is more help and a lighter load for all.

Just prior to the Convention, we will be joining with Contra Costa District to celebrate Bishop’s Day on Aug. 25th at Christ the King parish in Pleasant Hill, followed by lunch at Zio Fredos. Hopefully, we will be joined by some current seminarians, as we have been in the past, thus meeting our future priests.

Next comes the Convention in Tuscon. A big thank you to all for selling so many raffle tickets. Such an easy way to earn money for our branches. Being a delegate is a great way to meet members of other branches and exchange ideas for team building and fund raising. So let’s get out there and be friendly!

Shortly after we return from the Convention, we will be treated to our District Picnic. This will happen on Sept. 21st and the price is right, FREE, for members. We will also play Bingo for lovely prizes supplied by the different branches and maybe some Bocce. So come join the fun.

In the meantime we have a safe Labor Day weekend and may God watch over those traveling to and from Tuscon.
Pat Grasso,
District Secretary

Alameda
Nostra Signora
Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Eight of our newest members, Connie Servente, Roberta and Tony Shomon, Ximena Seaborn, Terry Greig, Marcella Elmore, James Gooch and Delia Riccio-Jachec. In the photo in which Terry Greig is obscured, the person to the far right is president Peggy Lubeck—she is administering the oath of membership.

Pictured L-R is Laurice Levin with Br. 291 Officers: Pete Gallagher, Keely Sanchez, Joanna Van Blaricom, Joe Franco, Kathleen Sullivan, Gayle Quain, Theresa Aston, Throck Scudder, and this year’s Convention. In addition Branch 442 has asked for our help to run games at the September 28th festival. Food will be hosted on August 25th by Branch 442.

Saint Michael’s Church in Livermore has asked for our help to run games at their September 28th festival. Food will be available from food trucks this year and donations can be directed to the church or school.

Continued prayers for fellow ICF members and for their families who are struggling with illnesses. May they feel God’s healing presence.

Until next time, Ciao
Judy Bates

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

As you are reading this article, we are awaiting the outcome of the Banana Split Challenge between Leonard Rossi and Dorothy Cassani. Our Aug. meeting has for many years been held at the local ice cream store, Knudson's Ice Creamery, in downtown Castro Valley. Since both of our members “love” ice cream, Dorothy has challenged Leonard to a show down. The results, next month!

In the meantime, we have found raising time for many of us. We decided to have fun doing it; so we sponsored a Paint Nite. With the help of our members and their friends and family, we had a full house of artists. To ensure that all had a good time, branch members supplied finger foods and wine and a number of raffle baskets. Thank you to all who attended and to those who provided food for the evening along with the baskets.

Another thank you to all who sold raffle tickets prior to Convention. This is a way to increase our coffers and to support our charities.

In the meantime, our delegates and our Central Council candidate, Lisa Crudo, are packing their bags for the trip to Tuscon and this year’s convention. In addition to the business of the Convention, there are always fun things to do. It is great to have additional branch members attend the Convention so that more people can learn how the ICF operates and gets things done.

Have a happy Labor Day and a safe trip home!

Contra Costa District Council

Bishop’s Day (Oakland Diocese) for the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts will be hosted on August 25th by Branch 442. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill, followed by a Luncheon at Zio Frado’s restaurant, also in Pleasant Hill. Price is $30.00 per person and $15.00 for children 12 years of age or younger. We should all make a conscientious effort to attend Bishop’s Day to show our Bishop, or his representative (it might be Bishop Cummins), our support for Him and for our seminarians. The deadline for lunch reservations is August 12 but you can always try to make a reservation even though the deadline has come and gone. Thank you to all the eight branches for their apostolate reports. By doing so we will be awarded for 100 percent participation.

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

I hope all of you enjoyed the 4th of July festivities as we count our blessings for our freedom and privilege to live in this country.

Our scholarship winners and their families enjoyed our June meeting and we all got into the baseball theme complete with hot dogs and singing “Take Me Out To The Ballgame” and “I Left My Heart in San Francisco”, led by Carolyn Cardinalli. Many members donated their favorite baseball shirt. A very fun evening.

No official meeting in July, but a luncheon event is planned.

The A’s Italian Heritage Game on Aug. 3rd will be attended by several members of our branch.

Brunch and bocce at Campo Di Bocce is planned for Sunday, August 18th. Over 20 of our members are planning to attend. President, Judy Wellbeloved and Carolyn Cardinalli, Co-1st VP & Scholarship, will serve as our delegates at the 2019 International Convention in Tuscon, Arizona-August 29-September 2. Also attending as alternates, are Dave Wellbeloved and John Cardinalli. We look forward to their reports after the convention at our September meeting. We wish them a wonderful trip.

Br. 285 Scholarship winners: Natalie Hawkins, Ariella Stewar, Isabella Carrano & Marissa Gracia

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In the meantime, our delegates and our Central Council candidate, Lisa Crudo, are packing their bags for the trip to Tuscon and this year’s convention. In addition to the business of the Convention, there are always fun things to do. It is great to have additional branch members attend the Convention so that more people can learn how the ICF operates and gets things done.

Have a happy Labor Day and a safe trip home!

Contra Costa District Council

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The next District meeting will be on Thursday, October 24 at 7:15 p.m. Nominations/ elections of officers will take place at this meeting. Please consider becoming an officer, it is a great experience. You will all be notified as to the location later.

Our annual Night of Recollection will be on Monday November 11 at the Salesian High school. Dinner will be followed by Father Larry’s talk. Flyers will be sent to the branches with the information.

This year’s Annual Convention is on August 29 – September 2 in Tucson, Arizona. Best wishes for a successful convention and safe travels to attendants.

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2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:
Isabella Dekelaita, Olivia Bustos, Jonathan Harris, Charlene Sollav, Joshua Serrano, and Alyssa Sanchez

2019 CONTINUING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:
Jessica Bermudez, Emily Mack, Madeline Bustos, Giovanni Alvarez, Diego Espinosa, Feliza Juarez, and Clarissa Melgoza

2019 ICF FIRST YEAR SCHOLARSHIP:
Kathryn Lucido
Most Sincerely,
Dante Galeazzo
Chairperson, Scholarship Committee
la vita e bouna

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Happy August to all!
Although we did not have a general meeting in July, we did attend mass together, followed by brunch on the 14th. Thanks to all who attended.

Our next General Meeting is Sunday, August 11th at 1:30 at Viano Winery in Martinez. Please bring your favorite picnic item to share while we enjoy the wine. Hope many of you can join us. It’s a beautiful spot.

Bishop’s day is Sunday, August 25th. Please join Bishop Barber in celebrating at the 12:15 mass at Christ the King. Our branch is hosting and we would love to have a big presence. We will go to Zio Frazed’s across the street for a late lunch. Cost is $30. 12 and under are $15. Please bring a check to the August meeting.

Convention Raffle: ticket payments are due to Rose at the August meeting. She has more if you need them. Speaking of convention, its not too late to join the fun. Aug 29-Sept 2nd. See details in this paper.

Note these dates on your calendar: September 15th General Meeting, September 28th Anniversary Dinner, and October 13th General Meeting is Bocce at Rodgers Smith park.

As always, please keep these members and their families in your prayers: Nancy, Diane’s sister Clarice, and David Botta. May God’s grace heal you.

Ciao!
Your 2019 Officers

Blessed Sacrament
District Council

The Blessed Sacrament District gathered together on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at St. Clare Church in Roseville, CA for our annual fundraising event. 140 guests were in attendance for this enjoyabble Spaghetti and Bingo luncheon, which realized a profit of $2700+ to support our seminary burses and ICF charities. Special thanks to Brs. 43 and St. Clare Church for hosting and selling 102 tickets!

We enjoyed delicious food, gave away beautiful prizes and had lots of lucky winners. It truly takes a village to make any of our functions get off the ground.

I sincerely apologize ahead of time if I miss thanking someone, but I would like to extend my gratitude to those who went that extra mile to support the district, most especially: Br. 73 San Vito Roseville – Tony Barsotti, our chef extraordinaire, Br. 45 Sacramento – Janine Orsi and Bonnie Lally, beverages and ticket table and Tina Taliman, our terrific Bingo caller, Br. 342 Auburn – Mary Ann Miles and Pamela Anderson, assistance with decorations and dessert, Br. 438 – St. Clare Roseville – Conchita Lizardi, ticket sales and decorations, and Natalie Malone, Paula Scarpelli, Susan Ches, JC & Eileen Martinez, Carol Baci galupi, Judy Del Grande and Frank Ducato for helping me with whatever needed to be done to make this day such a memorable and huge success. We can’t wait to do it all over again next year!

Blessings and peace,
Nina Malone
ICF Blessed Sacrament District President

Sacramento
St. Mary, Br. 45

Our July Chicken and Polenta dinner was a huge success. We honored our First Year Scholarship winner SIENA MAZZA and Parish School 8th grade graduate scholarship winners, LAUREN RILEY and MAISON WENINGER and their families. We wish them much success!

Welcome NEW MEMBERS: the RILEY FAMILY, Kevin, Melinda, Kimberly & Lauren; the WENINGER FAMILY, Jeff, Mary, Mason, Preston, and London; and MICHAEL and ALYSE DE FAZIO. Looking forward to your participation in the Branch.

Our next event will be BINGO with a Pasta & Meatball dinner on Sunday, September 8th in Giovann Hall. Branch meeting starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by “BINGO” at 4:30 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Menu includes: Salad, Rolls, Pasta, Meatballs, dessert and wine. Members $15 and Non-Members $20 (Includes one bingo card) Contact me at 916-508-1199 before Tues., Sept, 3rd for reservations.

Our District Fundraiser at Tahoe Joe’s is set for Sunday, Sept. 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., dine-in or take-out. Cost is $20 per person with meal choices of Steak, BBQ Chicken, or Ribs. Contact me at 916-508-1199 for tickets by Sept. 9th. A great meal and a great fundraiser. Support the Blessed Sacramento District.

Buon Compleanno to the following members with AUGUST birthdays: Sarah Bashore, Deacon Lou, Ana belle Ebert, Michael Ebert, Mary Ann Heinen, Beverly Hoover, George Hoover, Rebecca Jelati, Ralph Isola, Kimberly Riley.

For SEPTEMBER: Terry Corcoran, Des mond Dunionchelle, Carlo Giordano, Bonnie Lally, Elaine Myers, Adele Viglione.

Ciao, Janine

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up, and attended this year’s August dinner meeting at Branch 348 in Auburn, CA. August 11th at 1:30 at Viano Winery in Marti

Branch 342 Annual picnic

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Bingo! That was the word of the day when Br. 438 hosted our Blessed Sacrament District Fundraiser in late June. A special thank you goes out to all the participants who helped make this Spaghetti and Bingo event so successful. $2,733.45 was raised to help support vocations for the priesthood.

More celebrations were in order when we celebrated our 8th anniversary as Branch 438 at our June dinner meeting. Our indoor picnic was highlighted by a summer salad bar and birthday cake followed by fun games and prizes. We had a contest to guess the number of Rotini in a pasta bowl. Ricco Ches guessed the exact number of noodles....... 959! That’s one lucky guy! Everyone had a great time celebrating this special occasion.

We dusted off our bell bottoms and put on our dancing shoes for our Saturday Night Fever Disco dance and fundraiser in July. There was plenty of music, dancing & delicious food. Thank you to Yvonne Perry and Pat Brown for coordinating this fun event. Frank and Angela DiGrande will be hosting our August dinner meeting. Rita Schillion will be speaking about the St. Clare RCIA program and Jack Bacigalups will be sharing the story of his family’s heritage. We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer season. Whether traveling abroad or spending time in your backyard pool, may the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

Have fun!
Grazie,
Anne Finn
Recording Secretary
**San Francisco**

**San Francisco**

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

Dear Members: Due to the Aug./Sept. issue of the Bollettino at Convention time, the following dates cover several months; August 30-Sept 2nd in Tuscon, Arizona Sept 4th -Convention Reports Hosts Vic & Pat Arnaudo 1 Fairway Drive, Daly City Oct. No Meeting. Best Wishes to Pres. Vic Arnaudo & wife Pat for a successful Convention.

Ciao Tony Mosello

**South San Francisco**

**Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

Happy Labor Day South City. 

Hope all our members had a restful summer.

We send our condolences to Marie Yoschak and her family on the loss of her husband Ray. You never would have known that Ray was not a South City native for his love of our community and his desire to make this a better place through his numerous volunteer work, made it seem as if he and his family had been here for generations. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Thanks to Donna Smith and everyone who pitched in to make August’s business dinner a success. The meatloaf dinner was phenomenal, and it was great to catch up with everyone.

Congratulations to former Branch President, Kelly Teglia, and husband Marc Teglia on their pending new addition to their family – a baby girl. Bambina Teglia is due any day now and we can’t wait to meet her.

Keep in your prayers all our sick members, especially Joe Johnston, former District President Marc Teglia and former longtime Branch Trustee, Roy Bava.

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer illness realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they have their burdens in peace.

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Ciao, Eva Perata, President

**San Francisco**

**St. Cecilia, Br. 365**

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Ciao, Marla Amato

**Burlingame**

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

We just finished with a well attended Ravioli dinner on June 30th. We had a lot of different raffle prizes and thank our members for their generous donations.

Mary Ann Camacho, V.P., was the chair and like a good Italian she recruited her family to help which included daughters, sister, godsons, and her granddaughter. Special thanks to her family along with Donna Cervelli, Dorene Campanile, Maria Camici, Luci Witherspoon, Jean and John Watson, and our chef, Bob, and helper John.

We will not be having a July meeting but will have a picnic on July 21st at Beresford Park, San Mateo $15.00; Children $5 and under: $5—Contact Mary Ann Camacho 415-285-1219 after 6:00 p.m. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Vegeburgers and trimmings. Our August 8, 2019 meeting will include a Make our Own Sundae in the lower hall 6:30 p.m. Fruit and all of the trimmings, brownies, etc.$5—Call Roz Emery 408-807-6982. R.S.V.P. by August 5, 2019.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers: Jack Sherratt, Elana Malta, and Frank Clynne.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

**San Mateo**

**Colma**

**San Vincenzo De Paoli, Br. 19**

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the Summer and your vacations. We had some pretty hot weather for a while but has calmed down a bit.

Coming Activities:

Monday, August 12th: Hot Dog Dinner night hosted by Don Simon. Reservations to Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com by August 8th

August 30th – September 2nd National Convention in Tucson, Arizona

Monday, Sept. 9th: Need a host for dinner or social/meeting. Reservations to Cheryl Simon (650)755-0878 or email cas94015@yahoo.com by September 28th.

Saturday, September 28th: CHAMPAGNE BINGO! Chair Person Kathy Trevizo.

1:00 p.m. Opens

2:00 p.m. Lunch with Bingo following.

$18.00 (New Price)

Reservations call Deborah Rodondi (650) 583-0805

Although it is Summer the members continued to work hard and do a great job on all planned activities. A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved. This is what makes the Branch great.

2019 Raffle Tickets - $20 per book and the Branch keeps $10 per book. Mail your check and ticket stubs payment to: Donna Barnes, 183 Santa Paula Drive, Daly City CA 94015 (650) 991-0178.

Please remember long time member David Novi and family in your prayers.

N. Thurman

**South San Francisco**

**St. Augustine, Br. 213**

Members of our branch gathered for our July 9th meeting to enjoy fellowship and Pizza from San Bruno’s Bravo Pizza, provided by Jackie. We were joined by Joe Flores, among others.

Chapter presented a $400 scholarship to Serra High School graduating Senior, Gar- ratt Carmack, who is attending University of Nevada Reno. His entire family, including four grandparents came to the meeting in support.

I came to know about Italian Catholic Fed- eration after stumbling upon a fundraising garage sale for the Colma - Holy Angels chapter in Daly City. My interest was piqued so I visited the ICF website and found my branch 213, closest to my house, and information about ICF. There are a number of historic videos on ICF that can be found on YouTube. This is how I came to be attracted to ICF and join.

Readers are invited to like and follow our Facebook Group at: https://www.facebook.com/ICFFSS213 See our pictures and follow our activities. Our monthly newsletter is also posted there.

Ciao from Branch 213

Victor Spano

**San Carlos**

**St. Charles, Br. 327**

As is the tradition for our June meet- ing, we hosted the winners of our yearly scholarships and their families at our annual pizza dinner. This year we had six grammar school recipients. Four of the recipients were selected from St. Charles; and two were from Central School. The six children are all attending local Catholic high schools. The recipients are: Bryce Burke (St. Francis); Mila O’Mally (Sacred Heart); Abigail Earnshaw (Notre Dame); Anna Keim (Notre Dame); Bridgett Sennett (Notre Dame); and Carina Carlson (Notre Dame).

At the same time, we also awarded a Dis- trict scholarship to high school graduate Sylvia Berterreche who will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall. Not all the winners were able to attend our meeting, but we want to wish them all good luck in their new ventures. Congratulations!

A big thank you to Celeste Lennemann and her committee for all the work they do reading and evaluating all the applications. Wonderful job!

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And to all the members who participate in our meetings, raffles, and St. Patrick’s Day Dinner - because of you we have the financial means to help these children and their families on their new adventures. Thank you.

The branch sends its condolences to the family of Ramona Hogan, who passed away on July 12. May she rest in peace. Ramona and her husband, Dick, are long-time members of our branch, were on the board and managed our calendar sales.

Ciao, Virginia Malaspina

**Millbrae**

**St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, with a social at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:00PM. We will be served a KFC dinner.

We are happy to announce our ICF Scholarship Award has been presented to Isabella Balagato from Mills High School.

Our sympathy and condolences to the family of long-time ICF member Cindy Butler who recently passed away. May she rest in peace.

Please remember the following members in your thoughts and prayers as we wish them a speedy recovery: Carol Orfino, Carmen Romeo, Mary Vella Tessler and Adolfo Del Carlo.

Mark your calendars for our Fundraiser Polenta Dinner to be held on September 22, 2019 in the Parish Center. Details and reservation information in next months Bollettino.

**Marin**

**Larkspur**

**St. James, Br. 161**

Two of our members have moved out of the area, Eleanor Feeney and Elvira Balatti. Soon to join them is Mary Onetti. When Marin was a District, Mary was the Recording Secretary. Mary and her sister Doris held many branch positions. Mary was Financial Secretary for many years and when Doris got sick she added Corresponding Secretary. We will miss all of them and wish them the best of luck.

Our raffle ticket sales went very well. Wishing everyone a happy and successful vacation.

Summer vacation is here, there will be NO meeting in July or August.

Please continue your get well prayers for everyone who isn’t feeling well and for those having surgery.

Have a safe 4th of July, and a wonderful summer.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

**Branch 327 Scholarship recipients.**

**San Jose**

**Santa Clara Valley District Council**

We busied to the ICF 95th Anniversary Mass in San Francisco and enjoyed a wonderful event. After mass we lunched at the San Francisco Men’s Club. President Bausino said that 69 people from the Santa Clara Valley District attended. He also thanked Joan Delfino for the bus arrangements and Denise Antonowicz for the luncheon arrangements.

At our district meeting President Bausino introduced guest speaker – Salvatore Teleman. Sal and his wife represent an Energy Savings Assistance Program sponsored by PG&E. It is a no-cost program dedicated to helping homeowners conserve electricity. If you would like to have Sal speak to your group call him at 831-854-8111.

Fr. George told us Bishop Cantu’s “Culture of Vocations” where volunteers sign up for a “Vocations Cross” that we pass from family to family every weekend to take home and pray. Elaine Osorio said “Gifts of Love” had 16 applications and $16,300 was awarded. Something for your bucket list – Branch 445’s surprising similar “Price is Right” fundraiser. Very enjoyable and entertaining. You will have to wait for a repeat next year.

President Bausino asked for Branches to please support the District BBQ at Vasona grounds at St. Mary parish in the BBQ area. Thank you to all who helped with this event.

**Santa Clara**

**N.S. Assunta, Br. 5**

Best wishes to Judy Hare who is the delegate for Br. 5 at the ICF Convention in Arizona on August 29, 2019 to Sept. 2, 2019. May she have a safe and successful weekend. She will give her report at the Meeting on September 26, 2019.

Upcoming events: General Meeting for Br. 5: August 22, 2019; September 26, 2019; October 24, 2019; November 14, 2019.

**San Jose**

**Santa Clara Valley District Council**

Our June 17th meeting began with a wonderful pasta dinner organized by Vince Saso with the help of John Matteucci who made the extra-special pasta sauce. To complete the meal, members enjoyed a sundae bar with various homemade toppings.

After six years in residence as the pastor of St. Mary parish, Father Robert Brocato is leaving to join the pastoral team at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in San Jose. On the evening of June 14th the congregation attended a Mass followed by a wonderful potluck dinner to celebrate Father Brocato’s service to our parish and community.

**Los Gatos**

**St. Mary, Br. 184**

Where has the year gone? Here we are in Tucson at our annual Convention; meeting old friends and working hard. A big THANK YOU to our outgoing Grand President Andy Pappani. You led us well and I know you will continue to support the ICF.

Andy’s testimonial will be on November 2, 2019. Come to next meeting, August 8th for more details. Our Convention delegates are Marie Antonowicz and Michelle Antonowicz, thank you for taking your time to represent our branch in Tucson. Good luck to all those running for Central Council.

We are back and our next Scholarship fundraiser will be on October 12, 2019. The theme is “It’s Gotta be Italian”. The menu is Polenta and Chicken Caccatot Dinner with Salad, Dessert and No Host bar, then dancing to the music of DJ Scott Thruman, fabulous silent auction and raffle, for only the low, low price of $35 per person. We will be mailing out flyers soon. If you can’t make the dance, you can sponsor a table for $25. Your name will go on the table and 100% of the money will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for all your support throughout the years. Because of you, we have been able to donate to many charities and give many, many scholarships.

God bless you all!

Denise Antonowicz, President

Remember, the deadline for Bollettino submissions for the October issue is: September 10th. Get your articles and photos in to editor@icf.org
San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

This is a summer of rolling activities at Br. 191.

Starting in June with scholarship awards: Brook Baker and Mike Bridgenell, St. Francis Cabrini School, were branch scholarship winners. Our High school winner, Josie Corral (granddaughter of Jim/Janice Jones and Emily Corral) attends UOP in the fall. We are excited to see these young adults advance their education.

The annual Frank Guidace Memorial Bocce Tournament was in July. Eight teams enjoyed our groomed courts, along with brand new patio covers providing shade and a cool breeze to enjoy our sausage sandwiches. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of fun, with a raffle as well. Please mark your calendar for next year’s July event.

Our July dinner meeting had “Blue and Pink” theme as we held our Layette Shower. Our Branch was generous with donations from “onesies to 6 months” for the new arrivals and their mothers. A very special “Thank You” to Lonnie Swarringim, for her time and efforts all year long for this special project.

August brings our focus to convention activities being held in Tucson, Arizona. It provides our 3 delegates with great opportunities. Convention gives delegates the chance to learn about ICF, its inner workings, and introduces us to various committees to enhance the networking of the ICF. There’s bingo and Bocce as well. The convention is YES...a place of learning...Sharing...and networking...but we can also have some fun along the way. Please give some thought to attending the convention, even if you are not a delegate!

A safe trip for all who attend.

Shirley Catania
Branch 191 Sentinel

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

With a raised hamburger, we salute the men of our branch who prepared, basted, and barbecued the meat for our July meeting. We also enjoyed appetizers, salads, and dessert for our summer feast. We suspect that Noreen and John Gillio, with the help of Costco, did a lot of the legwork. Thank you, folks!

We also thank Sal Talamo, our July guest speaker, who told us about Pacific Gas and Electric’s Energy Savings Assistance Program. He said that P.G. and E. will provide cost-free home improvements to help qualified customers keep their homes safer, more energy efficient, and more comfortable. We are planning for our August 10 baby back rib dinner, an annual fundraiser brought to our club by Bill and Maria Greco. We really look forward to Maria’s famous salad bar, which accompanies the ribs and the dessert.

We pray for Phil Robba and all the others of our branch family who are unable to be with us. Their illness hurts each one of us. We are mourning Don Landucci, a founding member who passed away recently. We remember him and all of our beloved dead; may they rest in peace.

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Although there was no meeting in July, our branch celebrated the 4th of July with our annual hot dog barbecue and beans prepared by the Lencioni Family. Thank you, Stephen and Cathleen, for your continued support which is appreciated.

During our August 6 meeting, Bob Gorini will be giving a presentation on identity theft. Come join us for this interesting discussion.

The District BBQ Picnic at Vasona will be on August 4, 2019. Contact Marcie Rossi for tickets.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 Meeting—August 6, 2019, 6:30pm; District BBQ Picnic at Vasona—August 4 at 2:00pm, ICF Convention at Tucson’s El Conquistador Resort—August 29 to September 2; 2019, Branch 391 Quarterly Mass—September 8 at 8:30am mass.

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

San Jose
Santa Caterina D’Alessandria, Br. 435

I hope that everyone had a Happy 4th of July. Morgan Hill had a 2 day celebration starting with a Patriotic Sing and a Family Music Fest on July 3rd, a 5K Freedom Run and an old fashioned parade on July 4th topped off with a professional fireworks display. It’s wonderful to be a part of such a vibrant and close knit community.

Our June dinner meeting was a delicious lasagna from one of our local restaurants, Betto’s Bistro, with antipasto, salad, bread and dessert provided by our branch members. On Saturday, June 22nd we joined the Knights of Columbus at St. Catherine’s for a Knight in Italy featuring Chicken Cacciatorere and Crab Cioppino, and then we enjoyed some great entertainment with the songs of Frank Sinatra and many of his contemporaries. A good time was had by all.

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July 11th is our annual barbecue dinner at Guglielmo Winery with a steak dinner and all the fixings courtesy of George Guglielmo and his wonderful crew served under the big white tent among the vineyards. This dinner is always well attended by our members and other branch members. We present our scholarship winner with a certificate at this event as well.

Please keep all our members in your prayers but especially those who are sick or in distress.

Grazie

Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose

Church of the Transfiguration, Br. 445

At our last ICF general meeting, our guest speaker, San Jose Catholic Worker, Bill Perry, gave us a very informative talk on how they help those who are experiencing poverty in various locations of our city entitled, “Keep Showering the People.” Every Wednesday for three years, their group has provided a Mobile Shower Service, Clean Clothing, Hygiene Items, Hot Meals, Foot Care and Friendship to those in need. In order to continue this practice, they are seeking 12 groups to each adopt one month of funding for 600 Shirts & 600 Underwear or $1500.00. Our contribution for this worthy cause will be decided in 2020.

As always, our “Donut Sunday” was a success in providing “Fellowship” as well as Donuts, Coffee, Orange & Apple Juice for our parishioners.

Angelo (Andy) La Scola

Corresponding Secretary

Orange

St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Our June meeting celebrated the winners of our book awards and Central Council Scholarship Award.

Will Pandes won the $1,500 book award, Ryan Eldio won the $1,000 book award and Paige Condy was the winner of the Central Council $400 Scholarship Award.

We thank Maureen Melvold for heading the selection committee with Betty & Ken Mackintosh and Don Gibson helping to choose the 3 worthy students.

We wish them the best in their new journey in life. June was also our ice cream social and Bingo Night. Congrats to Maureen, Jerry and Peggy …the 3 bingo winners of the night. The next ICF get together will be our picnic on August 16th at the church site. The highlight of the evening will be our bocce ball tournament.

Start practicing now, the two time winner…will be hard to beat. See you at the picnic.

Donna Stahl
ICF President
Branch 423

Santa Rosa

District Council

It’s almost grape-picking time here in the valley. Going to be very busy!

The next district meeting is in October at Br. 75 in Cloverdale. No firm date yet.

Santa Rosa Bishop’s Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2019 at St. Eugene’s Cathedral in Santa Rosa. Bishop Vasa will be the celebrant. Lunch and program follow at Cathedral’s Restaurant in Santa Rosa. Price is $25. Come and visit with the Bishop.

Branch activities will resume after a summer hiatus. Try and support each other’s activities. Always good fun and good eats! Most money realized goes to support charities.

As I have already stated, I will be “retiring” from my position as district secretary at the end of the year. Hope we have some takers.

As of this writing, our fire-destroyed house is still standing. We plan to move in after Labor Day. We are so grateful to everyone that prayed and helped us in this trying time. You are all so wonderful!

What this situation has taught us is that family is so important. The family connection sustains us and engages us even closer to face what life brings. Please, love and comfort each other, keep strong family ties, and most of all, keep prayer in your lives.

See you at Convention.

Carmen

Healdsburg

St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

We hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer! We wish our Convention delegates a safe trip to the Convention and to return with new ideas for our branch.

Upcoming Events:

September 8: ICF Monthly Mass at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
September 10: Potluck Dinner and Meeting. 6:30 p.m. in the small hall. We will have a short meeting where the delegates will present their Convention reports. After, we will share in the good food that our members bring. Please bring a dish of your choice. This event is always fun (and delicious)!

September 22: Bishop’s Day. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Eugene’s Cathedral. Lunch following at Cattlemens’ Restaurant. Price: $25.00. Please call Carmen or Lauren at 433-1210, if you would like to attend.

November 9: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out. More information, next month.

Please let President Teri or Branch Mentor Carmen know if you are interested in running for an officer position with the branch. Our branch is the 2nd largest branch in the ICF and to continue to grow and support our parish, school and other charitable activities, we need officers.

Good luck to our youngest members as they go back to school!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale

L’Annunciata, Br. 75

It is difficult to believe that summer is coming to a close soon and schools are starting up!

Our Branch had a great Picnic at Mary Jean Dell’Aquila’s house on July 28th! It was a fun time with wine, food and fellowship. Our second “Dinner in the Vineyard” was held on August 24th this year. We had a wonderful 4-course dinner paired with selected wines from Pedroncelli Winery. It was a magical evening!

We wish safe travels to our Convention delegates this year as they fly off to Tuscon.

Upcoming events:

September 19: Our monthly meeting.
September 22: Bishop’s Day at 10:30am at St. Eugene’s Cathedral followed by lunch at the Cattlemens’ Restaurant.

Harvest time is here. May God bless it with abundance and may He protect us from all dangers.

The Italian Catholic Federation #75 in Cloverdale, CA would like to invite you to their “Dinner in the Vineyard” on August 24th! The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the vineyards behind St. Peter’s Church. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are on sale for $75 a ticket and you can call 707-894-2952 for tickets.

Grazie

Louise Vicino

Petaluma

St. Vincent’s, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

The Convention is soon and I am disappointed I won’t be there. For the first time in many years, I will miss the festivities and seeing my old friends. Hopefully, President Dennice attends and has a safe trip and a good time.

Congratulations to Family of the Year Award recipients: the Vanetti Family. Also, congratulations to David Botta for his special award. You are all deserving of these awards.

I’m sure our Shrimp/Risotto Dinner will have been a success. Thanks to our Cooks Giacco Manni and Angelo Leone and everyone who helped.

Polenta/Stew Dinner is October 26th. Dinner is $25. It will be delicious. Mark your calendar and attend our last dinner of 2019.

Sept. 7th - PLEASE NOTE: Short meeting and Family potluck picnic will be at Louise Vicino’s, 1717 Brompton Street at 12:30. The Branch will provide main dishes. Join the fun and play BINGO! Cost is $10 and Bingo $5. Reservations: Louise, 769-7389.

Oct. 13th - Quarterly Communion Mass at St. Vincent’s Church - 10:30 a.m. with a Brunch to follow. More info, later.

Oct. 14th - Regular Meeting

Nov. 11th - Regular Meeting - Bring canned good for needy.

Dec. 7th - Keep open for our Christmas Party luncheon.

Well wishes to Dennice and to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating.

Sorry to report, Tula Bologna, our former branch member and a hard worker passed away. She was a wonderful lady who always had a smile and helped those in need. May she rest in peace.

Be nice to someone you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino
Eureka
St. Bernard, Br. 145

Our June 11th meeting was a delicious pizza dinner. After dinner we introduced our Colivas Scholarship winners. His name is Sky Pinto. He is going to pursue a career in the culinary arts. He will be studying at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. We wish him well. Also congratulations to his parents! You must be very proud of his accomplishments. We then enjoyed cake and ice cream. Thank you to the Silva family for providing the cake. Also thank you to Betty Senestraro for providing the pizza; and a big thank you to Lora Canzoneri for the beautiful table decorations.

Jerry Colivas expressed what an honor it is to have our scholarship named after his dad. It means so much to all of his family.

Our next meeting was for July 9th. We discussed our upcoming events.

Dates to remember are August 11, the Mezzo Agosto picnic at the redwood field.

A reminder we will have a biscotti booth.

Lastly our scholarship fund raiser spaghetti dinner will be on October 5. More information will follow.

Next meeting is August 13th, please plan to attend.

Good Health To All
Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the summer draws to a close, we remember our happy times together. Our Ice Cream Sundae meeting was so good. All the toppings made for a super sundae. The Luau was one to remember with a Mai-Tai, Kailua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, and cake for dessert. Aloha!

With the fall season on the way, we look forward to these activities:

I. September 9: Mass at 9:00 a.m. and our Pizza Night at 6:00 p.m.
II. September 22: Bishop’s Day Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. and lunch to follow at Cattlemans.
III. October 5: Fall Fundraiser / Our Polenta and Beef Stew dinner in the Brinker Room. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
IV. November 4: A Taco Bar. 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:00 p.m. Dinner.

Mark your calendar now with every one of these events. Your attendance is what makes them a success.

Kathy Acquistapace is our delegate to the Convention in Tucson and will give her report at the September meeting.

Pray for all our brothers and sisters in need, but especially for Mary Desideri, Carrie Vetillini, and Mike and Marge Milano.

Happy Labor Day to all!
Ciao,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

Stockton
District

St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We are looking forward to the Convention meeting old friends and all the activities that go on.

We enjoyed the Bishop's Burse. Members of our branch and friends attended the mass and luncheon. It was a very pleasant day. Our president Mary Jennings is doing okay after her surgery but she has stepped down as president because her husband retired and they have moved to South Carolina in the Conway/Myrtle Beach area. She found the Sons and Daughters of Italy that she is considering joining. We wish her all the best.

After the Convention thing really get busy. We help out with the St. Stanislaus Church Fall Festival September 27 thru 29. There are Booths, Dinners, A Carnival, silent and oral auctions. Many fun things to do and help with over the three days.

Following the Festival will be our bake sale Oct 5-6, 2019. All our bakers will be busy. Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays September 8 and October 13 at the

Br. 138 Sister Wanda is seated in the first row, third from the right

8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Refreshments for the October 9 will be furnished by Tom Silvaggio.

Coming up:
Aug 30 thru Sep 2 Convention Tucson, AR.
Sep 11 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets

Sep 27-29 St. Stanislaus Fall Festival
Oct 5-6 - Bake Sale after masses until sold out
Oct 9 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

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St. Bernard, Br. 390

The beginning of summer and hot weather did not keep our loyal attendees from our June 27th dinner meeting—we had almost 150 members and guests. Thanks to the many members who came in a day earlier to prepare the authentic Italian recipe meatloaf and somehow it turned out tasting even better than last year! Achievement certificates were given out that night as well to those who completed their school year with accolades!

Our delegates to this year's convention in Tucson are Anita Ridolfi, Serena Martocchio, Lucy Orsi and Nancy Schlemmer. Accompanying these fine ladies will be husbands Steve Ridolfi and Joe Schlemmer. Safe travels and have a marvelous time representing us.

Our annual Stockton District picnic will be Sunday August 18, so come and enjoy the great bbq steaks on the grill!

I just returned from Italy, as did Lucy Orsi, who travelled to Rome to visit relatives. My family and I stayed at a villa on a working vineyard and winery in Umbria while visiting there and in Tuscany. There are no words to describe the beauty of our family homeland!

Steve Ridolfi has added the photos taken at the Bishop's Burse event and the last dinner meeting for you viewing. Website www.icfbranch390.org to see great shots taken by Steve.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Hard to believe summer is wrapping up. Our members have been traveling, volunteering and spending time with famiglia. We welcomed our members back with a pizza dinner and our Heritage topic focused on our members’ various trips to Italy. It was almost as good as being there ourselves!

Our one last ICF summer activity was our Stockton District annual picnic which was held on August 18. Another year of great food and fun.

Our Branch is very excited that the two seminarians that we have been following and supporting through their spiritual journeys were ordained in July. Congratulations and thank you Fr. Adrien Cisneros and Fr. Larry Machado.

More scholarship winners from our branch to Emilia DeLuca and Jacob Fry, third year scholars to Grace Lin-Cereghino and Gina Daveggetto, and a fourth year scholarship to Eric Chapman. We are so proud of these students and for what they have accomplished so far.

On behalf of Branch 395 we want to wish everyone a successful convention and thank the Tucson District in advance for all of their hard work. Mille grazie.

Alìa prossima,
Mary Ann

Angels Camp St. Patrick, Br. 413

We hope that everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July. July was a very busy month, and had a very somber beginning, with the funeral for our former Bishop, Stephen Blaire. May God rest his soul in peace. Our BBQ Dinner dance has not happened as of this writing, but I’m sure it will go well.

August is now upon us, and we are preparing to travel to the Convention in Arizona. President Robert Pachinger and Correspondence Secretary Annette Pachinger will be the delegates for Branch 413. Attending the Convention with us will be Orator Danielle Pachinger. That means three of the officers of our Branch will be at the Convention! Maybe the boys, Joseph, Russell, and Sebastian can become officers in the future. The children are looking forward to checking out the pools, and hoping that they are not hot water like at the Convention in La Quinta. May God bless us with a very productive and fun Convention, and may He get us all to it safely and safely back home again.

See you there!
Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary
Branch 413

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Through her bilingual troop, Sarah was able to form a Gemmellaggio (twinship) with Scout troops in the Central Italian region of Umbria. Sarah was quick to point out, “being bilingual helps you learn about your heritage, and also to be able to share and help others.” When the 2016/17 earthquakes occurred, Sarah got to work fundraising by running garage sales and selling Girl Scout Cookies. The money raised helped to purchase much needed items for the region. She traveled to Umbria with her Mom and saw firsthand the devastation in both Umbria and especially in Norcia. She donated water activated flashlights and blankets to the scout bases, to help them with preparedness in the future.

Upon her return Sarah continues to assist the bilingual troop and has guided them to put together a special Italian Lunch and Festa for a non-profit Family Shelter in Culver City. The girls will prepare a luncheon of traditional pasta salad with contorni and dessert. They will also give a set of book bags, school supplies and hand-made bookmarks to the shelter families.

The Gemmellaggio continues, and in August, 2019, Sarah and her family will travel to Italy. While there they will participate in a Campo Estivo (Summer Camp) with their Italian Scout friends near Assisi. Sarah said, “Although it is surprisingly difficult to find opportunities to study Italian in Los Angeles, I was able to do it, and to be useful and helpful, through the friendships way of the Scouts in the two countries.”

The Italian Catholic Federation is proud to present to Sarah Taylor, the 2019 Young Adult Leadership Award.

Costa

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Velma Costa, was also a member until her passing. Walter shares his many talents with his parish church, St. Catherine’s in Martinez. There you can find him putting his culinary talents to use for their fundraisers and breakfasts. He is involved in the Knights of Columbus and he holds office on the Parish Council.

Branch 154 President Lorraine Azuma stated “Walter Costa is a perfect recipient of the Grand President’s Award. Br. 154 is fortunate to have his leadership, friendship and talents. Walter’s love of the ICF is evident in his involvement on every level in the Italian Catholic Federation. St. Raymond’s Branch 154 is truly blessed to have Walter Costa as a member.”

Vanetti Family

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Over the years, while visiting their daughter and her military husband, they have cooked for soldiers who couldn’t afford to travel home for the holidays, and Gene has played Santa for the soldiers and their families. It is our honor to present the Vanetti Family the 2019 Family of the Year Award.

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