ICF Shines Bright in Tucson Convention

The Italian Catholic Federation 89th Annual National Convention was a lively event in Tucson, Arizona over Labor Day Weekend. The convention was a rare opportunity for the over 350 attendees to share best practices, foster lively event in Tuscon, Arizona over 2019.

What A Convention!

Melissa Rodriguez, President of Branch 433

The Tucson Area branches 425 and 433 are so honored to have been given the privilege of hosting the 95th Annual Convention at the El Conquistador in beautiful Oro Valley, Arizona. From our Rodeo Under the Stars to our monsoons we sure hope everyone had a great time, we know we sure did. The Tucson Area branches enjoyed welcoming our fellow branches from around the country. We would like to thank everyone who came out to our Welcome Dinner and supported our local area. Angel Perez did a great job entertaining us with his Eagles covers and other oldies, but goodies. The pool was extremely enjoyable every day right up until our monsoons came and shut it (and the power) down with unexpected lighting storms. From a great blood drive to very educational workshops, there was something for everyone. And, hey, Tucson even was recognized for the Largest Gains in Membership.

Grand President’s Monthly Message

Vince Piro

(As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the Grand President’s acceptance Speech from the Convention.)

First of all, I want to say what an honor it is to have been selected as Grand President this year. Many great leaders have preceded me in this position, so it is with all humility that I accept this office.

Before I go to much further, I want to acknowledge the good work and dedication of our Past Grand President, Andy Pappani. Thank you Andy for all you gave to the federation as Grand President over the last two years. I would also like to thank my wife, my sisters, Debbie and Terrie, as well as mother, Millicent, who could not join us here today, for all their support over the years. Whether it was cooking Italian and Polish sausages for hospitality suites, making campaign posters, or running to Costco or Target to purchase some needed last minute item that I most likely forgot at home, they have been there for me. Their love and support is not something I take for granted.

I would also like to thank all my friends on the Central Council for all they have done to support me over the years. It has not been an easy job, but they have befriended me, mentored me, and given me advice over the last several years. It has all been invaluable to me. What I have done well is because of them. If I have failed, they want to remind you that it was my own doing.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the ICF for their hospitality and kindness over the years as I have visited many districts and branches for installations, bishop days, and workshops. I know you will extend to me and Robyn the same hospitality this year. We look forward to sharing meals and glasses of wine with you over the next several months.

I want to say that I feel the ICF is as vital and important an organization today as it was 95 years ago. And really our original vocation hasn’t changed that much. It says on our crest: “I came to light a fire.” It is our mission, our purpose for being.

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Halloween?

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

Halloween is very popular holiday. It is so popular, it is almost a federal holiday. Children look forward to the day. So do all the merchants, whether they are in a store or on-line. There is money to be made!

Children and some adults, too, dress up in various different costumes to celebrate the so-called spirit world. Harry Potter would fit right into Halloween. The Harry Potter saga seems like an ongoing Halloween.

How did Halloween, with its witches, gremilns and goblins, get its start?

Halloween was really a religious day of penance, fast and abstinence. For years before the Vatican II Council in 1962, the day before major feasts days such as Christmas, Easter, the Ascension, All Saints Day, the Immaculate Conception and others, were days of fast, abstinence and penance. The motive was to do penance in preparation for the celebration of the Feast on the following day. Thus, the day before All Saints Day- Holy Eve, All Hallow’s Eve, and eventually Halloween- was a day of penance and fast and abstinence.

Today, the since the Vatican II council, the vigil of these feasts days no longer requires penance. The goal now is to prepare for the feasts in a positive way by prayer and good works.

All Saints Day is a feast honoring the saints in heaven and the saints on earth. (One does not have to die to be a saint. Think about it. I think all would agree, Mother Teresa was a saint before she died!)

Somehow, throughout the years, All Hallow’s Eve, became Halloween; witches, gremilns, goblins, scary costumes, trick or treat, jack-o-lanterns. The same is true of Easter with Easter Bunnies and Christmas with Santa Claus. This is the commercialization of religious feasts for people to enjoy whether they are religious or not.

Believers look forward to All Saints Day to rejoice with the people of God and to celebrate ALL SAINTS in heaven and on earth. So, Holy Eve (Halloween) is a day of spiritual preparation for a big feast day, with or without the ghosts!

HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY!

St. Pope John XXIII Award Winner--Charles “Chuck” DeBord Acceptance Speech, ICF Annual Convention, Tucson, AZ

This was the brain child of Pope John the XXIII. This started the movement to bridge the gap between Clergy and the Laity, and build the foundations for today’s Lay Ministries; while at the same time bringing the Woodstock Generation closer to the church, and bringing more understanding of the Mass by saying it in local languages.

A little background on me. I came from a family of 7 kids and I am the middle one. Who I am now all started with my Dad. He was an Army Vet, a POW, and a devout Catholic forever. He was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent De Paul Society long before I was born.

I stand here humbled and filled with gratitude on receiving the Saint Pope John the XXIII. This started the movement to bridge the gap between Clergy and the Laity, and build the foundations for today’s Lay Ministries; while at the same time bringing the Woodstock Generation closer to the church, and bringing more understanding of the Mass by saying it in local languages.

So naturally, I grew up helping him, even when I didn’t want to, and going with Dad and other Members to make house calls to families that were asking for assistance to put any amount of food on the table so the children would not go to bed hungry. Some of the children were my age and many were younger. Those visits stuck with me.

Then there was working at Knights of Columbus events, as “free labor” of course. This was my Dad’s idea of babysitting me while my Mom worked nights at the hospital and slept during the day.

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CONVENTION DONATIONS
Branch 36 Branch 139
The Kilcullen Family
Grand Total: $1,550.00

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Al La Plante
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All Members of the Italian Catholic Federation

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IN HONOR OF:
Nancy Corsi

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

Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: September 9, 2019

Branch 027 Branch 179
Joan Massetti Larry Barretta
Belinda Christensen Jim Christensen

Branch 028 Branch 277
Joseph (Joe) M Cardoza Julia K Cardoza
Carolyn L Olsen

Branch 032
Michael Caggia

Branch 036
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Karen C Mc Cay Rose Stinnette

Branch 039
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Branch 291 Cynthia Oliphant
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Branch 390 Grand Total: $5,300.00

Report date: September 10, 2019

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In memory of Joan Marsala

In Loving Memory

Report date: September 9, 2019

Deceased Members

Olympia M De Michelisi Branch 001 Joe Pera Branch 145
Mary Ann Ruiz Branch 005 Marianna Cianfichi Branch 214
Ivan Dei Rossi Branch 006 Roland Galvan Branch 214
Arline C Furter Branch 006 Diane Lorenzetti Branch 214
Albina Galetto Branch 010 Frank Ricco Locatelli Branch 227
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Rosalie Campisi Branch 026 Ramona R Hogan Branch 327
Michael Pera Branch 026 Ida I Geist Branch 390
Josephine M Spinelli Branch 027 Richard B Harrison Branch 391
Carol D'Agostini Branch 103 Ray Addison Branch 395
Norm Hoglievina Branch 103

Elsa Taylor Branch 390
In honor of the birthday of Joan Delfino

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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.
**RESERVATIONS 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 23, 2019 to:

Italian Catholic Federation
805 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, California 94612

Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

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**Grand President**

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Today, we are still called to light a fire. We are called to light the fire of faith in our parishes and communities. And I believe this needs to remain the focus of our organization.

I have noticed over the years that strong branches have strong ties to their parishes and communities. They assist their pastors in all kinds of ways. They hold fundraiser dinners, they host coffee and donuts for the parish on Sunday morning. They act as ushers and greeters at masses, and they make lunches for RCIA meetings. Large or small, these acts are appreciated by our pastors and keep that fire of faith lit. They are the flames of faith in our parishes that make us a relevant and vital part of parish life.

So, I am encouraging each of you to return to your branches and to encourage them to find ways to connect with parish life. Or if you feel that your branch is already well integrated into your parish, to find new ways to connect to your parish or community that spread the fire of faith.

To fill us with this fire, Karen Rossi led us to convention in a chorus of Here I Am Lord.

It is among my strongest beliefs and values that, as Christians, we are called to extend the banquet table, to pull up extra chairs, and to invite all to join us for a meal. Christ calls us to extend hospitality, kindness and generosity to all people. He reminds us that all people have gifts to offer. Sure, it might take a bit of looking to find the gifts in some, but all people without exception have something to offer. And the federation should be the place that others can come to find friendship and fellowship and where they can find Christ’s love in our hospitality.

Moreover, when deciding on an issue in our branches or at the Central Council, I think we need to ask ourselves, “Are we uniting or are we dividing?” If we are uniting people, then we are doing the work of the Lord. We are extending the banquet table. And this will be a guiding principle of my decision making this year.

Finally, I would like to note that at our recent Central Council meeting, this fine group of executives hit the ground running and they are eager and ready to take on the challenges of the upcoming year. With that in mind, I have already made committee chair assignments.

Lauren Kilcullen will chair the Apostolate committee; Bob Basuino, as Grand Parliamentarian, will chair the By-Laws Committee as well as continue as Ways and Means chair; Rose Jarrett will continue to chair the Convention Committee; Deborah Rodondi will chair the Menor program with assistance from Andy Pappani with struggling branches; Mike Rossi will continue to chair the Expansion Committee; Franklin Lopes, Jr. as Grand Treasurer, will chair the Finance Committee; Teresa Helfand will chair the Gifts of Love Committee; Denise Antonowitz will chair the Heritage Committee; Pat Mages will chair the Membership Committee; Lisa Crudo will chair the Hospitalization and Scholarship Committees; Ken Marshall will Chair the Live to Give committee; Leonard Zasoski will chair the Public Relations Committee; Steve Fuentes has kindly agreed to chair the Task Force Committee; and Leonard Rossi will chair the Workshop Committee.

With their years of experience and dedication in the Federation, these will be great chairpersons to lead the ICF in the upcoming year.

If you would like to assist a committee or have any ideas for them, please contact these chairpersons. I am sure they would appreciate it.

We have already started work on many exciting and new ideas to strengthen the federation. Committee chairs and I have discussed changes to the Bollittino to make it a publication to help in new member recruitment. We have discussed new parishes and areas where the ICF can expand, plans to help with member retention, changes to branch by-laws to lessen the burden on branches to fulfill their offices and responsibilities, and workshops to assist branches in leadership development.

One plan that I am most excited about is the establishment of a national branch, a revitalization of Branch 67. This branch will be open to those who do not live in an area where the federation currently serves. This will be a branch that will have a largely virtual presence but that will have its base at St. Peter’s Church in Los Angeles. St. Peter’s was founded in 1904 to care for the spiritual and social needs of new Italian immigrants who came to America, so it seems a fitting home for our new national branch. The current members of branch 67 are excited to extend their hospitality to new members, uniting members from different regions in the country. Watch the Bollittino and the ICF Facebook page for more information in the next couple of months.

I will conclude with once again saying that I am honored to have been selected as Grand President and look forward to working with each of you this year.

Vincent Pro, Grand President

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**M. Rodriguez**

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A special thank you Bishop Weisenburger and Father Crino, and our other Diocesan Chaplains and Clergy Members for their support throughout the weekend and in everything we do as ICF members.

While we know the weather was a little toasty, we hope you took back plenty of memories and a renewed sense of apostolic charity. Thank you for Walking with Us this weekend! We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

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**Children’s Hospital Los Angeles**

We Treat Kids Better
We Treat Kids Better

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

If so, Laurence 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 (at no cost to your branch).

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.

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VINCENT PRO, GRAND PRESIDENT

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Mother Cabrini Chapel Corp Retreat August 4, 2019

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 through volunteer their time operating and maintaining Her Personal Chapel through ICF LAADC Members who volunteer their time operating and maintaining Her Personal Chapel. This is the personal Chapel where Mother Cabrini prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians on the hills overlooking the former Villa Cabrini Academy in Los Angeles for inspiration and guidance. On August 2, 3 and 4, 2019, the St. Cabrini Healthcare Services, LLC held its annual employee Retreat at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank.

During the three day retreat, employees enjoyed visiting the Chapel and Library, shared stories and purchased souveniers from the Chapel Gift Shop. On the last day of the Retreat over 50 of the employees took a group photo in front of the Chapel and left a sizeable donation in support of the Chapel and Library.

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 "Francis 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, November 10, 2019 (Host San Fernando Region) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please add the Chapel to your Branch’s list of places to visit in 2019 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF’s Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church’s first American Saint.

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 ATTACHED CABRINI PILGRIMAGE FLYER!)

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

Statistics show the average membership is for 2 to 5 years. After the 5-year mark we see a decline. There are many valid reasons for this reality. This will be the Membership Committee’s main goal for the coming year. We’ll explore those reasons and with input, ideas and planning we can reduce some of the reasons. We know that for 1 to 5 years ICF filled the needs of some members. Why is it after five years the need and fulfillment are gone?

Please help the committee to accomplish these two goals, with emphasis on retention. I will include my ICF email address every month and look forward to hearing from you. Maybe you alone have input regarding membership; or your Branch is willing to submit ideas. Email is a great way to share your thoughts, plus there’s no time limit or anyone telling you your time is ‘up’!

Email: pmages@icf.org.

We have 2019 Convention Yearbooks available for $15.00. If someone would like one, call the ICF Office at 1-888-423-1924.

PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM  MASS: 1:00 PM  LUNCH: 2:00 PM
“Each paid Dinner includes one Raffle Ticket for a Special Raffle Prize”

RESERVATIONS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 18, 2019
COST:  $20.00 / Adults  &  $8.00 / Children under 12
WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni’s Catering)

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee
Presents
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON
“CELEBRATING THE 103rd YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER CABRINI’S DEATH”
at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
3881 Scott Rd
Burbank, CA 91504
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MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, SALAD, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND DESERT (Catered by Jouni’s Catering)

RESERVATIONS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 18, 2019
CONTACT: ANDREA LINN
SEND CHECK TO: ICF c/o ANDREA LINN
T. 909-762-1392
4095 Fruit St Sp 342
E. andilimn@gmail.com
La Verne CA 91750

I wish to reserve ___ dinner(s) at $20.00 dinner; ___ Under 12 at $8.00 dinner
Enclosed is $_

*All proceeds to help fund the ongoing operations and development of Cabrini Chapel and Library.
(Please make checks to the Italian Catholic Federation)
Memo: Cabrini Pilgrimage 2019
Family Recipes
Deborah Rodondi
Grand 2nd Vice President

October is the month we celebrate Columbus Day with Italian parades and street fairs. As some of you know, there is a big Festa Italia celebration in Reno, Nevada on Columbus Day weekend.

So, if you don’t gamble, this is a great time to visit Reno. The streets are lined with booths of food and novelties, along with stages for Italian singers and entertainment. There is calamari, sfringi, garlic bread, risotto, wine stomping with stages for Italian singers and entertainment. There is calamari, sfringi, garlic bread, risotto, wine stomping and a pasta sauce competition to name a few.

One booth in particular serves a dish I always partake in and they shared the recipe with me a few years ago.

Sautéed Artichoke & Sausage

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 pound ground Italian sausage
1 large chopped onion
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 pound frozen artichoke hearts
1/4 cup white wine
salt and pepper to taste

Sauté onions in olive oil, add and cook sausage. Add rest of ingredients; simmer until artichokes are tender.

Delicious and easy. Made this for my nephew recently and he left just enough for him to take for lunch. Better yet, take the time to visit Reno for the Festa Italia and enjoy all the sights, sounds and flavors.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF.

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

Buon Appetito!

The family dinner table is the cornerstone of civilization and those who ‘graze’ from refrigerators or in front of the television sets are doomed to remain in a state of savagery.

--Judith Martin

2019 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

1st Prize, $2,500 + $250 Seller’s Prize
Michael A. Santich, Br. 91
Oakland, CA

2nd Prize, $1,500 + $150 Seller’s Prize
Patricia Reeves, Br. 390
Tracy, CA

3rd Prize, $1,500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Tim O’Connell, Br. 332
Novato, CA

4th Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Kathy Dreher, Br. 36
Monterey, CA

5th Prize, $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Mary Gualco, Br. 390
Tracy, CA

6th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Monci B. Crosby, Br. 36
Monterey, CA

7th Prize, $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Claudia McCabe, Br. 14
Crockett, CA

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

Convention Donations - 1st Year
The Antonowicz Family
Total: $400.00

Convention Donations - 3rd Year
The Antonowicz Family
Total: $600.00
Grand Total: $1,000.00

Received as of Sept. 10, 2019
Ed and Jo Bertaccini
Get well wishes for Frieda Flocchini

ICF is Going Green!

Did you know that you can receive the monthly Bollettino by email?
Benefits:
• Save a tree
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From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the following people for giving the gift of life:

- Lorraine Acuña
- Colleen Alfieri
- Denise Antonowicz
- Michelle Antonowicz
- Paul Cook
- Tom Cook
- Monica Crowley
- Lisa Crudo
- Jerry Farrugia
- Dante Galeazzi
- John Gillio
- Anna Gonzalez
- Bill Greco
- Matt Levine
- Lou Mages – Power Red (2 units)
- Pat Mages
- Elizabeth Marshall
- Ken Marshall
- Bobbie Lizarraga
- Lucy Olsen
- Robert Pachinger
- Andy Pappani
- Sid Pappani
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Special thanks to the following people for contributing to the Blood Drive Raffle:

- Denise Antonowicz
- Rose Jarrett and the Convention Committee
- Debbie Piro
- Richard Pfaff
- Carmelo Sabatella
- Terrie Rhodes
- Melissa Rodriguez
- Terri Rolleri
- Marcie Rossi
- Mike Rossi
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- Tad Shaw
- Kate Shimshock
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- Estrella Sistual
- Alicia Trevino
- Ronnie Uribe
- Judy Wellbeloved
- Andrew Zasoski
- BG Zasoski
- Joey Zasoski
- Leonard Zasoski – Power Red (2 units)

Debbie Piro was the 1st time donor, Andrew Zasoski

Frequent blood donor, Ken Marshall.

Anna Gonzalez thank you for saving 3 lives!

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September 16, 2019

Dear Grand President Andy Pappani, Apostolate Chair Lauren Kilcullen, Members of the Central Council, Branch Presidents, Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, and ICF Staff:

The 89th Annual Italian Catholic Federation Convention in beautiful Tucson, Arizona was an incredible experience. The resort was a wonderful place to spend the weekend and the natural surroundings were stunning. As always, thank you for your warmth and hospitality; you always make us feel like family.

Thank you for once again adopting the Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) as your National Charity and for the donation of $62,000. We are incredibly grateful to the ICF Members, the Shirley Silva Trust, the Joe Liotta Trust for their generous contributions. We realize all the hard work that goes into fundraising and we sincerely appreciate your continued dedication to the thalassemia community.

Educating the community about thalassemia and keeping you abreast of the projects that the ICF funds here at CHLA is a priority for us. Therefore, if your branch is interested in learning more and would like us to attend a branch meeting or a special event, please contact Laurice Levine at (360) 860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com. This of course comes at no cost to your branch.

Please Save the Date for the Thalassemia Christmas Party at CHLA – December 15, 2019 from 12noon – 2:00pm. An invitation will follow. Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our program. You are making a difference in countless lives!

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Coates, MD
Section Head for Hematology
Director, Sickle/Hemoglobinopathy Program
Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Professor of Pediatrics & Pathology
Keck School of Medicine
University of Southern California
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2019 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE – CONVENTION REPORT

Total Number of Branches – 117  Total Reports Submitted – 78

Of the 78 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:
• 71 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2018
• 71 Branches have an Apostolate Chairperson
• 36 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting
• 35 Branches have an active Chaplain
• 11 Branches attend Mass together Monthly
• 18 Branches attend Mass together Quarterly
• 10 Branches attend Mass together Semi-Annually
• 13 Branches attend Mass together Annually
• 56 Branches recite the rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting
• 66 Branches offer Masses for deceased members
• 59 Branches donate to the Providenza Fund

Participation in Branch or District Sponsored Events:
• Retreats    2 Branches     Pilgrimages  11 Branches
• Day/Night of Recollection 26 Branches  Bishop’s Days  74 Branches

Participation in Parish Life:
• 265 Mass Greeters   260 Lectors     427 Eucharistic Ministers
• 133 Ushers    122 Choir Members   67 CCD Teachers

Total Dollars Donated = $483,017.61

The Districts and Areas listed below had 100% participation in the Apostolate/Charity program:

Branches with highest monetary donations for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

1-45 Members
1. Br. 229 Chula Vista
2. Br. 180 Arcata
3. Br. 374 La Canada Flintridge
4. Br. 73 Rossmore

51-120 Members
1. Br. 227 Capitola
2. Br. 209 Sebastopol
3. Br. 327 San Carlos
4. Br. 184 Los Gatos & Br. 368 San Jose

71-129 Members
1. Br. 36 Monterey
2. Br. 52 Healdsburg
3. Br. 14 Crockett
4. Br. 295 Arroyo Grande

71-129 Members
1. Br. 227 Capitola
2. Br. 209 Sebastopol
3. Br. 327 San Carlos
4. Br. 184 Los Gatos & Br. 368 San Jose

I wish my Shannon was here tonight to experience this evening, but she is at home getting ready for another round of chemo. We have been fighting Leukemia 2 years now.

She is the one who keeps me grounded so that I am able to help others in their time of need. I will tell her how I could feel, touch see the love here tonight.

I would like to share a final thought with you tonight. When I was a young man, headstrong, opinionated and bullet proof, my Mom would say to me, it means everything now, it’s by my bed and I read it daily:

-Thanked for the Day, Chuck-
Choose to be kind over being right. The outcome will be self-understanding and wisdom.

With that, let’s all lift the glass of your choice to Saint Pope John the XXIII, the people’s pope and saint, and to the Italian Catholic Federation Family, that we may answer the cry of affliction and denounce all forms of prejudice.

And may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us with wisdom and humility so that we all shine by example to those we encounter in our daily lives.

Salute!

My sincerest THANK YOU to the ICF, good night, and “Walk With Me.”
The Story of Father Eusebio Francisco Kino

Father Kino was born in the village of Segno, now part of the town of Predaia in Northern Italy. He entered into the religious life after a grave illness. Father Kino’s role in the Southwest area is profound and he is one of two historical figures representing Arizona at the Capitol Building in Washington DC.

Originally desiring for a mission to Asia, Father Kino was instead assigned to the new world. Kino did not take this diversion as anything but a challenge to explore the great unexplored wild lands of the Sonoran Desert.

Kino was responsible for many of the first maps of the region which were considered the standard. He was actually the responsible party for the naming of a little know geographic feature of our region. You may have heard of it...The Colorado River.

Kino was not only interested in exploring these lands, but he was key in teaching many native people agriculture, and ranching. So key, he is credited with the extreme economic growth of the area. Even more incredible was his believe that we are all God's children to be cherished not separated by race or station that was commonplace in those times.

Now 400 years later Father Kino is revered in both the United States and in Mexico for his work with bringing Catholicism to the region along with the immeasurable contribution to the development of the region and his other scholastic studies.

As told by Melissa Rodriguez, Branch 433 President
The schedule on Saturday was full of a variety of workshops to help the ICF branches flourish and its members grow spiritually.

Reverend Chris Bennett, Chaplain of Br. 445—San Jose, led two SPIRITUAL WORKSHOPS that were well received. He highlighted the importance of walking with someone is more than a simple action. It offers a "kind of awareness that leads to accountability in our lives." This type of consciousness and connection helps develop personal integrity.

Photographers Tad Shaw and Paul Behrens circulated through the crowd capturing the convention memories to share in this issue.

SUCCESSFUL BRANCHES WORKSHOPS focused on BRANCH PARTICIPATION AND HERITAGE, led by Branches 139—Manteca and 230—San Diego, and FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING/FUNRAISING, led by Branches 52—Healdsburg and 442—Pleasant Hill. Both workshops were full of active participants wanting to share their experiences, both good and bad, and to learn from the presentation leaders.

The Finance Committee offered a FINANCE WORKSHOP that got everyone involved. The workshop was not a dreary pencil-pushing numbers discussion, but a game show with a spinning wheel of opportunity to learn more about the financial issues facing branches. Grand Treasures and Finance Committee Chair Denise Antonowicz gifted everyone with a calculator to keep adding those numbers.

The Task Force Committee explained ongoing developments in the STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP. While the #1 Core Strategy is Membership Growth, this is combined with Retention. ICF needs to keep members past the five-year mark. The desire is to maintain the current branches and add three a year with all branches being hospitable and welcoming. The #2 Core Strategy emphasizes Leadership development at all levels. The workshop provided key talking points and energized the members to plan for the future.

The Membership Committee kept the playful and competitive learning through gaming going in its MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP. Attendees were grouped into teams to compete in different areas of membership development. The activity kept everyone engaged and helped foster sharing of ideas.

The Executive Committee’s PRESIDENT WORKSHOP provided a thorough review of the ICF website where many resources are available to help branches run more smoothly. There are handouts, ideas and program templates for many of the challenges of running a branch. Browse through the website to find help 24/7. However, a phone call will work too if you need to reach out the ICF leadership. Key takeaways: an agenda is a key starting point to a successful meeting and don’t leave new members sitting in the corner alone.

Following the morning workshops was a Memorial Mass, and the Convention General Session proceeded after lunch. Highlights included the presentation of the Young Adult Leadership Award, given to Sarah Taylor from Branch 102, Burbank; the Family of the Year Award, presented to the Vannetti Family from Branches 18 and 209 in the Santa Rosa District; and motivating speeches by Central Council candidates. The general business rules & regulations were well-received and passed without incident. With business for the day settled, attendees enjoyed Native American Flute music before continuing to the grand event that evening.

The Pope Saint John XXIII Banquet was a joyous experience. Grand Trustee Franklyn Lopes Jr. served as Master of Ceremonies. Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli gave the Invocation. Grand President Pappani had the honor of presenting the Pope Saint John XXIII Award to Chuck DeBord from Branch 25 in Salinas, who embodies the volunteer spirit with his contribution to ICF and the surrounding community as resident chef and all-around generous character.
Family of the Year Award Recipients--The Vanetti Family

Young Leader of the Year Award Recipient--Sarah Taylor

Pope Saint John XXIII Award Recipient--Chuck DeBord
The Sunday session began with awards and the Central Council election. In an inspiring tribute and presentation, Walter Costa, was honored with the Grand President’s Award. A member since 1972, Costa continues to play an active role in Branch 154—Martinez and St. Catherine’s parish. The Central Council elected the entire slate of candidates: Denise Antonowicz, Nancy Corsi, Lisa M. Crudo, Teresa Helfand, Lauren Kilcullen, Pat Mages, Franklin Lopes, Jr., Vincent Piro and Kenneth Marshall.

With great enthusiasm, Grand President Pappani made the National Charity presentation to Dr. Thomas Coates of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Laurice Levine giving them a check for $62,000 to continue the research into Cooley’s anemia. ICF renewed support of this mission by naming Cooley’s anemia as ICF’s National Charity. Both Dr. Coates and Laurice addressed the crowd curious to learn about the status of Cooley’s anemia and its patients. There are an increasing number of people identified with Cooley’s anemia due in part to the greater movement of populations including adoptions of children from China. Owing to medical advances, individuals with Cooley’s anemia are getting older. Where the age range used to be 15, more and more are living to adulthood. When Laurice was born, she wasn’t expected to live past 13. Now the age expectancy is upward of 50. The gene is carried by 7% of the world’s population. Italy leads the way in Cooley’s anemia research and we here at the ICF are doing are part to keep the momentum going.

Presentations and awards were later given out from the various ICF Committees recognizing such successes as largest charitable donations, greatest increase in membership both individual and family, as well as the Heritage Warrior Award winner Jim Falcone from Branch 445—Transfiguration.

The morning ended with delegates streaming forward to give charitable donations to Cooley’s anemia, Gifts of Love, the Providenza Fund, and Scholarships. Seeing the gratitude fill the room inspired additional contributions.

The morning meeting ended with a touching presentation by Life Member Emeritus Bob Acquistapace who gave the speech honoring Life Member Emeritus David Botta, Past Grand President. Due to illness, Botta was unable to attend. He received a standing ovation for his contributions to the ICF.

Convention Director Roselynne Jarrett provided a sneak peak into next year’s convention. It will be in close proximity to a famous mouse. Yes, ICF is going to Anaheim, California next year.

In a closed meeting over lunch, the Central Council members elected officers. The Concelebrated Mass conducted by Bishop Weisenburger was very well attended. The jubilant music brought everyone together and celebration.

Later that evening, the Sunday Banquet featured Dancing in the Desert with many coming dressed for a western hoedown. From their boots to their cowboy hats they danced away until the raffle numbers were called. The much anticipated convention raffle and basket drawing occurred to great fanfare and then the dancing continued.
Grand President Andy Pappani, Br. 14 President, Donna Hoffmann, accepting the award on David's behalf and Past Grand President and Life Member Emeritus Bob Acquistaspace who gave the speech honoring David.
Monday at the Convention

With over three days of inspiring workshops, meetings and new friends, the end of the annual convention signaled the next phase of ICF’s continued journey both in fellowship, faith and charity.

At the prayer service, led by Spiritual Director Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, the new Central Council members and officers were installed.

The 2019–2020 Executive Board:
Grand President, Vince Piro
1st Vice President, Deborah Rodondi
2nd Vice President, Denise Antonowicz
Grand Secretary, Lauren Killcullen
Grand Treasurer, Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Grand Parliamentarian, Robert Basuino
Grand Trustees, Lisa Crudo, Pat Mages, Leonard Rossi, Leonard Zasoski

Karen Rossi graced the crowd with a final rendition of “Noi Vogliam Dio” as the convention ended.

Thank you to Roselynne Jarrett, the convention planning committee, and the Tucson area branches for making everyone feel welcome.

Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend the 90th Annual National Convention in Anaheim, California on September 4-7, 2020.
SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

On Nov. 13, 2019 we are going to the Duarte Nursery to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias in every color you can think of. Lunch is at the Hilmar Cheese Factory. Their Country Store is fantastic. You won’t leave without a purchase.

On Sept. 13, 2019 we had our 48th Anniversary Luncheon at the Basque Restaurant. Lunch was delicious and we got to visit with friends.

Nanette, we say a big thank you for publishing our Christmas pictures in the Bollettino. It has been a long time since our pictures were published! Many thanks again.

To all of our members celebrating a Birthday in October - many more Happy and Healthy Years.

SAN MATEO
South San Francisco
Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Happy Halloween South City.

Hope all our members was 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 there 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.

Congratulations to former Branch President, Kelly Teglia, and husband, former District President, Marc Teglia, on the birth of their first child, Madeline Ambrosia Teglia. We can’t wait to meet her.

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

The Western BBQ/Anniversary dinner and the October Business dinner have been cancelled this year due to a scheduling conflict with All Souls Church. More info will be provided on the new dates once we have finalized them.

Keep in your prayers all our sick members, especially Joe Johnston, Frances and Joe Regalia and Barbara Bergamaschi.

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Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers. Isola Diodati we are happy you are feeling better. Everyone says hello to you. Take Care.

Please remember the following dates:

Oct. 27th - Mass
Oct. 28th - Meeting

Ciao. Eva Perata, President

Br. 213, Champagne Bingo in the St. Augustine Hall

Pangburn.

Croissant sandwiches and tasty desserts were served. Chapter president Joyce James, Barbara Gabri and others were excited about attending the ICF convention. Joyce had met with some members of the St. Augustine’s parish prior to the branch becoming more involved with the parish and the parish becoming more involved with Branch 213. It sounded like a very fruitful meeting.

San Carlos
St. Charles, Br. 327

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Ciao.
Our recent fundraiser Polenta Dinner was a gourmet delight and a successful event, thanks to our chefs from the Millbrae Lions Club and our members who contributed raffle prizes. Also, we thank members from our San Mateo District and neighboring branches who attended and supported this event.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on October 1, 2019 with a social evening in the Parish Center at 7:00PM. Refreshments will be served and all are invited.

We are happy to announce that we have 2 new members, Gloria and Alan Sickle. Welcome!

We will surely miss our two devoted members Carmen and Dorothea Romeo who are moving out of the Bay Area. May God bless them with Good Health and Happiness.

Rose Marie Morando
Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES
ARCHDIOCESE

Wow. What a great time we all had in Tucson at this years Convention. The El Conquistador Resort was first class. This was my first time hosting the LA District hospitality room, and I hope everyone had a good time. Bishop’s Day was held at St John’s Seminary in Camarillo again this year. I love going there and visiting with our future priests. Please be sure to keep vocations in your prayers.

It looks like I’ll be a lot busier this next year as I was nominated and voted in as a Central Council Member. Thank you for the vote of confidence. I’m looking forward to helping out on the Expansion Committee with Mike Rossi. A new Little Italy has popped up in San Pedro. Let’s all make an effort to visit it. The next District Meeting is scheduled for November 2nd with District Elections being held. Are you interested in being an officer? Let us know. I hope everyone has a really fun and safe Halloween. Talk to you next month.

Perry Shurko. District President.

Los Angeles
St. Peter, Br. 67

Several Branch 67 Members attended the 89th ICF National Convention in Tuscon, Arizona over the Labor Day Weekend. Workshops included Successful Branches, Strategic Planning, Finance, Membership and Spirituality.

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 Casa Italia earlier this year.

Branch 67 will continue to work with Saint Peter’s Church and reaching out to all ICF Members, the Italian Community and those who are interested in continuing an ICF presence at this beautiful Italian National Church. Interested members are asked to call 626 372-7812 for membership in or a position on the Branch 67 Board.

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

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

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Carmelo Sabatella AIA
President Branch 67
Italian Catholic Federation
T. 626 372-7812
E. cas1810@aol.com
September 2019

Dear Branch President,

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the Bollettino. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be provided and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

- 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” (one column square) $25
- 2 1/2” x 5” (vertical or horizontal) $35
- 4” x 5” (horizontal) $50
- 6 1/2” x 5” (horizontal, quarter page) $70

To place a message, please send in your ad by e-mail, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the ICF (noted Christmas ad), to:

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

Please send all ad files electronically to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10th. Thank you.

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

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped us with another successful Parish fiesta booth. With your help we raised close to $5000.00.

On Saturday August 17th our branch celebrated the feast day of St John Joseph of the Cross. Father Pio was the predicate for mass and the Amalfitano family had the honor of carrying the Saint into the church. After mass lite refreshment were served. We also celebrated our branch’s 65th anniversary. Photos from 1954 to present were on display. Celebration continued into the evening with our dinner dance. Thank you to all who helped make this day a great success!

We wish our convention delegates Neal and Anna DiLeva and Anita and David Trujillo a good and productive convention.

Please keep our members and friends in your prayers as they take off for the central coast trip. I am sure a good time will be had by all.

September 19th is our next general meeting. We will be celebrating our branch’s 65th anniversary with a pot luck which will start at 6pm. Please call Mary Cigliano to inform her of what tasty dish you would like to bring. 310 832 0608

Gardena
St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

Dear Members,

We had a very enjoyable time in Arizona, it was a wonderful resort and the company was the best! Met new friends and caught up with old. Pictured are members from 237 and 444 with Msgr. Cardelli. October 12, 2019 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a Branch at our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance. Proceeds from this event fund our many charities. Thanks to our Parrish in 2020 Pastor for all the support your participation ensured our success! We are looking forward to the annual Christmas Party at LA Children's Hospital. It is such a great event and we all enjoy participating.

"Then the just will be glad: they will rejoice before God: they will be glad and celebrate with great joy." Psalm 68:4

Respectfully,
Michael Bohannon Roa
PS. My son Jordan is available for autographs, See January in 2020 Calendar!

Temple City
St. Luke, Br. 326

As a delegate for the 2019 ICF convention in Tucson Arizona, I can truly say that the outside temperature, the cost of adult beverages and meals did not dampen the attention span of the purpose of the convention, not one iota.

Recruitment seminars and how to maintain and increase the Branch population seminars provided the most useful information. The biggest obstacle to the gained knowledge is application of it.

As Branch 326 resumes its monthly meetings in September, the application of such knowledge will be discussed.

Inspiration thought: You can not make the same mistake twice. The second time it is a choice.

Little bit of humor: More Italians kill themselves with knives, forks and spoons than any other weapon.

Tony Farninella
First Vice President
Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

Fall is in full swing now. I hope everyone has recovered from Convention. I think it was my favorite so far. The resort was amazing and Rose Jarrett and her Committee did a superb job. I’m looking forward to next years in Orange. Last month we had our first Bingo of the new fiscal year. Lots of winners! The LA District just had its Bishop’s Day Banquet. Thank you to Pat Mages, Theresa Shaw and Nancy Dolce for helping to put this event together. Our Parish is having its Fall Festival on October 18th & 19. Come to the Bingo room and try your luck. Our next General Meeting will be on October 11th. If you’re interested in an Officers Position let us know.

Have a fun and safe Halloween.

Perry Sharko, Branch President

Thousand Oaks
St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

August was a great month for Branch 380. Our Branch enjoyed our first meeting of the year featuring a BBQ sandwich dinner with all the trimmings. Also during the month, our branch collected 121 grocery bags of food and $220 in cash donations for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Paschal Baylon Church.

The month ended with the national ICF convention in Tucson. Our delegates to the convention were Nanette Metz and Richard and Anne Interrante. Pat Mages was re-elected to the Central Council.

At our September meeting we were entertained by young dancers from Ballet Folklorico performing traditional Mexican dances. Dinner was catered by Viva la Pasta restaurant.

We are looking forward to these upcoming events:

- September 21st (Sat.) My Stuff blanket making party
- October 5th (Sat.) HalloWine Dinner
- October 6th (Sun.) Bishop’s Day at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo
- October 18th-20th Parish Fall Festival (We are currently taking sign ups for help in our Italian food booth.)

Annie Scott
Corresponding Secretary

OAKLAND
East Bay District

We enjoyed a very nice Bishop’s Day hosted by Contra Costa District the Sunday before the convention. Bishop Barber was not able to attend, but the Reverend Wayne Campbell represented him and accepted our donation to the Seminary Fund. We were also able to greet The Most Reverend John S. Cummins, Bishop Emeritus. In addition, a former seminarian, who we have followed through his studies and ordination and who celebrated the Mass, Fr. Mario Rizzo, has been appointed our District Chaplin.

It must be lucky to belong to the East Bay District, as again this year we had one of the big winners in the convention raffle. Congratulations to the Santich family! Our President Lisa Crudo was re-elected to the Central Council and was appointed a Trustee. She will continue on the Hospitalization and Scholarship committees. Way to go Lisa!

Time to relax a bit and enjoy the District picnic on Sept. 21st at the DeNurra home in Pleasant Hill. Then it's time to think about elections. Are there some newer members who might like to serve? Can we mentor them? Do some regular officers want a change or a rest? Branch elections are in Oct. and District in Nov.

Blessings to all,
Pat Grasso,
District Sec.

Alameda
Nostra Signora
Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Halie Shea Doan, Sheila & Bill Doan’s granddaughter, received a 1st-year college scholarship at Aug. meeting. Family, friends & ICF members enjoyed refreshments provided by Sheila & Bill. Halie graduated from Alameda High School and attends San Diego State University with a goal of becoming a physical therapist. Our Bunco party is Oct. 13 in Monsignor O’Brien Hall, High St. at Van Buren St. at 12:30 p.m. Price, $20, includes games, instructions on how to play the game, snacks and a raffle. Representatives of Birthright of San Lorenzo will be present. Bring donations (monetary and infant and maternity clothes) to Birthright. For reservations, call Br. 10 President Peggy Lubeck, (510) 521-4687, by Oct. 8. Send checks payable to ICF Br. 10 to Peggy Lubeck, 1823 Harvard Dr., Alameda, CA 94501. Payment confirms your reservation.

Our Ravioli Dinner is Oct. 19, in Monsignor O’Brien Hall Social hour at 6 p.m., and salad platters will be placed on tables at 7 p.m. Prices: $25 adults & $10 youngsters 12 and under (Reporter’s Note: Prices changed from those indicated in August-September Bulletin). Reservations by 9 a.m. on Oct. 15 to Br. 10 President Peggy Lubeck, (510) 521-4687. To confirm reservation, mail checks payable to ICF Br. 10 to Peggy Lubeck.

Albina Galetto, Br. 10 member for 68 years, died on July 29. She lived her entire life in the same Alameda home directly across from Monsignor O’Brien Hall. Her husband, Mario, a Br. 10 member for 60 years, died 3 months earlier. She is survived by her 5 children and 6 grandchildren.

John Zagnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Fremont
Corpus Christi, Br. 215

Hard to believe that our yearly convention has come and gone! President Fran shared information with members regarding all that took place.

Flea Market at Corpus Christi’s Parish Festival on 9/15/2019 was a success again thanks to Br. 215. We also ran the Pizza By the Slice Booth. Our Bingo Luncheon is on 10/17/2019 at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Fremont, CA. Call Fran LaTorre at (510) 589-8498 by 10/01/2019 with reservations. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Your donation is $15.00 and includes two free bingo cards. Set up takes place the night before, 10/16/2019, at 6:30 p.m.

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Reservations have been made with Giorgio Italian Restaurant in Milpitas for ICF Br. 215’s Christmas dinner. Flyers will be available at October branch meeting.

Nominations and elections of branch officers for 2020 will be held at our October branch meeting.

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Ciao Amici!

First, our branch would like to send a very special thank you Diane Thomas for many years of wonderful Bollottino articles. We are truly grateful for her generosity and her amazing talent!

Our Branch Picnic was a great success! About 45 people delighted in a day of fun, food, and of course, bocce. Winners were Reggie P, Dennis H, Pauline C. and Megan D. We enjoyed Italian sausage and delicious homemade dishes. Rita and Larry DeTomasi traveled all the way from Colorado to share the day with us — what a special treat! Many thanks to everyone who helped put together a great day.

A big thank you also goes to our Convention Delegates Dee Carone, Sylvia Smith, Vonda Lesti-Egan, and Donna Hoffmann for doing a fantastic job representing our branch.

On a sad note, our thoughts and prayers go to Franca Ponti who recently lost her beloved son David, and all of our ill members.

At the time of this writing, we haven’t had our September meeting, but I’m sure Chef David and his Sous Chefs will have delighted us with their yummy Risotto & Chicken (and don’t forget to buy your Polenta tickets)!  

Happy Halloween and a Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Dear Members,

Happy belated Grandparent’s day to those who are Grandparents.

I am happy to say our branch was one of the reasons our District received an award at the convention. We had 100 percent retention. Congrats, Branch 72.

The convention was held in Oro Valley, AZ. Just north of Tucson. I was proud to represent our branch. The resort was lovely. Staff friendly and helpful. The Masses, workshops, general session, awards, dinner dances and more were enjoyed by all. Our very own Rose was convention director. Job well done. Next year it will be held in Garden Grove. Then San Jose then Las Vegas. Once again we thank our bus trip chairperson Joann for our trip to Monterey. We had two pick ups. Pittsburg, and Concord. We enjoyed bingo, the parade, blessing of the fleet, festival, entertainment and shops. On the way back we watched a movie. Thanks for joining and thank you Joann!

By the time you get this our October meet and elections will have passed. I'll talk about that next month.

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In Nov. we will celebrate our anniversary. Watch for your invitation. Think of your favorite memories to share. Who will be the member of the year? Who will be the anniversary King and Queen? Who will be the favorite memories to share. Who will win the free raffle items?

Our two delegates went to the Convention over Labor Day weekend. Special thanks for Roselyne Jarret for making this a truly enjoyable event. They returned home with many new ideas for our Branch 214.

Upcoming on October 12th is a delicious Polenta Dinner, not to be missed. All are invited. Tickets are $30 a person. Dinner includes salad, polenta, chicken, and dessert. It is to be held after 5 p.m. mass at St. Agnes Hall. Our 6:00 to enjoy cocktails, 7:00 dinner. There are also tickets for purchasing raffle tickets for wonderful prizes. Please contact Roberta Healy at 925-689-1879 for tickets to this great event.

Many members have been in our thoughts and prayers from surgeries and illnesses. These include Ron Artale, Terriann Sturiale, Helen Bellici, and Gerri Rugani. We wish you all good health and a blessed life.

Mrs. Roberts enjoyed a pizza party! It was great to catch up with friends who were away over the summer.

The final preparations for our October Italian Heritage Dinner & Dance Fundraiser are underway. This will be held Saturday, October 26th, in the Monsignor Cardelli Center. In addition to our outstanding menu, plan to enjoy what always proves to be a very lively auction and raffle, along with Italian music during dinner – and dancing to the Ken Cooper band, to round out the evening. You don’t want to miss this one!

Ciao,
Branch 352

Danville
San Isidore, Br. 352

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ABLE SACRAMENTO DISTRICT

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

As it has done every spring for quite a few years, Branch 73 donated $300 scholarships (this year two) to be awarded to St. Rose School graduates who will attend a Catholic high school. The school chooses the recipients. This year the students chosen to receive them were Gabe Giannini (che bel cognomen italiano), who is attending Jesuit High School and Alexis Wyant, a student at St. Francis High School. We wish them much success throughout their secondary school experience.

Plan to set aside the evening of 16 November to attend Branch 73’s polenta/chicken dinner at St. Rose Hall. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert. The no host bar opens at 5:30, and dinner will be served about 6:30. Tickets are at $20 for adults and teenagers, at $10 for youngsters six to twelve, and at no cost for those younger. Tickets may be reserved by telephoning Rhonda Barsotti (781-2749), Robert Delpippo (783-5192), and Arlene Roe (782-3073). The last day when reservations may be made is Sunday, 10 November.

Buon compleanno ed auguri per tante belle cose a tutti I soci della sezione 73 nati nel mese d’ottobre. Che Dio ci benedica tutti.

Robert Delpippo
Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

We hope you will be able to join us for our Harvest Bunco fundraiser on Saturday, October 12th. This event will be held at St. Joseph’s Hall from 11 to 3. We will be serving a lunch of croissant sandwiches, green salad, pasta salad, dessert, beverages, and snacks. There will also be an awesome raffle. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased from JoAnn Swars (530-305-5312) or Barbara O’Rourke (530-906-1055). This event was a lot of fun last year and tickets sold out quickly, so don’t miss out on this great event!

Ciao!
Pam Andersen
Bollettino Contributor

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We said arrivaderci to summer with our August dinner meeting, hosted by Frank and Angela DiGrande. The menu included Italian sub sandwiches and an assortment of salads and desserts. Rita Schill in was our guest for the evening, speaking about the importance of the RCIA program here at St. Clare Parish. $200.00 was collected at the meeting and donated to this worthwhile ministry. We were also honored to have our scholarship recipient, Georgina Heredia, and her family, join us for dinner. Our evening was topped off with the Baciagalupis sharing their family heritage stories. Thank you Jack and Carol!

Br. 438 is getting ready for several fun events. Coming up soon is our Blessed Sacrament District’s fundraiser at Tahoe Joe’s Restaurant on September 15th. Proceeds from this event will help support our seminarians. On October 12th, we’ll be boarding the bus for a fun-filled day at the Italian Festival in Reno. Shortly thereafter, we’ll be having our annual Halloween bake sale. A special thank you goes out to Connie and Darrell Terry for organizing this popular fundraiser.

Br. 438 is happy to announce that we will be providing a $500.00 and $1,000.00 scholarship to Gabrielle and Clarice Favro, and Darrell Terry for organizing this popular fundraiser.

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

I’m baazaack!!! AND really looking forward to our August Picnic at Larson Park Winery on the 13th. I really hope that this year we can attract a good crowd. After all, we have had all of July to rest and plan short excursions.

As you all know, our Sonoma Branch has not grown BUT we have a great President who is constantly trying to recruit. Ken is such a dedicated person. I attended mass last Sunday (the 11:00 a.m. aka the Alka Seltzer mass) to help Ken manage his recruitment table and next Sunday we will be at St. Leo’s in Agua Caliente. Many of our members are parishioners of that parish also. Our “board” is anxious to warm up our engines in September, and so the drama continues...

Above all, I will enjoy reading all the other articles in the July Bollettino but now my fingers are getting anxious!!! to start typing again. I am very thankful for the continued attendance from the “girls” from Br. 127 (Petaluma) and will certainly attend their Shrimp and Risotto dinner on the 17th of August. Don’t start dinner without me!! because I work on Saturday. Oh, by the way, our Sonoma branch can boast its own photographer, Nita Sylvestri. You will be seeing more of us IF Nanette and I can get our act together. Pazienza.

Ciao and ci vediamo presto!!
Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma
St. Vincent’s, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!
We held our Branch picnic this past Saturday and all had a good time. It was a cool day, but quite comfortable and enjoyable. Since it was held in my home, I want to thank all who helped me. We especially want to thank Margaret & Jim Cordey for the delicious potato salad and chili beans they made. It was greatly appreciated.

A short meeting was held and Dennice gave a report on the convention and also the new bylaws. After lunch we played BINGO and everyone had big smiles. A good time was had by all. Oct. 13th - Quarterly communion, St. Vincent’s Church 10:30 a.m., with lunch at the Boulevard Cafe. Reservations: Louise - 769-7389

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

A big thank you to members Alfred and Anne Eanni for the invitation to share their lovely garden, Alfred’s famous barbecuing skills, and their gracious hospitality. As always the potluck was delicious. It was a fun time for all attendees and God provided the ideal weather!! Thank you again Alfred and Anne!!!

Sept. 8th we served another successful Chicken Polenta dinner to approximately 300 individuals. Thanks to our wonderful ICF cooks and parish members who helped, and the Newman Center students who served and washed dishes.

We served coffee hour each Sunday in November. If you were unable to attend the Oct. meeting, please call Toni at 633-5679 to sign up for Coffee Hour.

SANTA ROSA

DISTRICT

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Our Convention delegates had a great time at the ICF Convention and returned with several ideas for our branch. We presented at one of the Successful Branches Workshops and we won two awards – 2nd place for most new members and 2nd place in Apostle-Charity.

Get well wishes to Roseanna Cresci and another person (name not legible).

Arcata
St. Mary, Br. 144

Start collecting items for The District Christmas Party – locally made or Italian items.
We have the 2020 Calendars for sale for $25.00. Remember someone wins each day of the year!! And yes, members of Br. 144 have been winners! The calendars make great gifts for any occasion.
Please pray for member Nalida Mills recovering from surgery, Doris Delashmuth who spent several days in the hospital, Larry DePeel recently returned home from a stint in Granada and Tony LaBanca has been battling severe back problems.
Sept. birthdays were Michael DalPorto, and Alfred Eanni. Oct. birthdays are Wade Delashmuth, Jr., Lucille Fraga, Toni Green and Robert Rocha. Happy Birthday to all!
Our August meeting was called to order by Vice-president Gene Senestraro. Minutes and financial reports were by Joe Bonino and Suanna Rowell. Both approved as read. Gene then read a letter of thanks he received from Sky Pinto this years Colivis Scholarship recipient winner. He also enclosed a copy of his schedule of classes along with a picture of himself. Sky is enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Good luck to you as you begin your journey. It is always appreciated when a student takes the time to keep in touch.

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We are saddened by the passing of our brother Giobbo Pera. Please keep his family in your prayers. Also prayers are needed for members Lora and Joel Canzonieri. Joe is recovering from a serious surgery. Many Blessings to All, Nancy Paoli

Santa Rosa
St. Eugene, Br. 198

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Our mentor, Lorraine Vannetti, and her family were honored as the “Family of the Year” for the entire Italian Catholic Federation. Congratulations!

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Gail Bongi-Azevedo

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Team St. Eugene’s Br. 198 took 2nd Place in the Fr. Gerry Annual Bocce Tournament at St. Sebastian’s Church in Sebastopol on August 18, 2019. From left: Andy Koski, Ralph Bowman and members Gail and Steve Azevedo. Congratulation Team St. Eugene’s!

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Eureka
St. Bernard, Br. 145

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Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32

The Feast Day of St. Alphonsus of Liguori was August 1. Thank you for supporting this beautiful celebration from members: Elaine Lencioni, Evelyn Nieto, Evelyn Lopez, Beverly Magana, son Larry, Sally Caglia, Paulette Volpa, and Monica Fisher who attended. A potluck followed with much fun, good food, and fellowship.

We would like to welcome new members to our branch: Michael Caglia and Vicki Leonetti-Teore. Father Dominic Rajappa will be our new chaplain for Branch 32. On Sunday, September 29, the Festival for the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe is being held at the church. After each mass, the Guadalupanos will be having a variety of food booths with delicious eats for sale. The members of Branch #32 will be donating home baked cakes, cookies, pies and pastries.

The St. Elia celebration was held on September 15. Despite it being a warm day, it was a beautiful celebration, followed by a delicious dinner held at Valdez Hall. Branch #32 members participated in the mass and procession around the church’s perimeter.

Please pray for Don and Ann Saladino, Dan Husak, Joann Christian’s husband, Rose Caglia and Nancy Rodriguez.

A reminder that our meetings are held at St. Alphonsus on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like more information, please call Elaine Lencioni (559) 834-2278 or Paulette Volpa (559) 908-7398. Hope to see you!

Paulette Volpa
Financial Secretary

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Fresno
Our Lady of Victory, Br. 32
Merced  
St. Cecilia, Br. 39

The convention was a blast. Part of its success was the beautiful Catalina Mountain setting in the Arizona desert, the backdrop of the gorgeous resort where it was held. It was a worthwhile time of inspiration, insight and renewing friendships such as with the friendly and fun-loving Stockton District members. The most memorable and thrilling moment though, was being there to witness our own branch member, Vince Piro, be installed as our organization’s Grand President. Congratulations Vince! We are so proud of you.

Delegate experiences were shared at our September meeting including hearing from first-time delegate Sandy Del Real. Thanks to Maryellen Mazzei and her kitchen crew for the delicious tri-tip dinner before. The Convention was a blast. Part of its success was the beautiful Catalina Mountain setting in the Arizona desert, the backdrop of the gorgeous resort where it was held. It was a worthwhile time of inspiration, insight and renewing friendships such as with the friendly and fun-loving Stockton District members.

Carlos Ciacuttiore

Merced Br. 39 with Robyn Piro celebrated member Vince Piro’s election as Grand President with an ICF decorated cake, & standing ovation.

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Vince Piro and Leonard Zasoski, Jr. enjoying a good time at the Saturday banquet

Members and delegates from Merced

As we write this, two of our long-time members, Sherrrie Attolico and Tony Rainaldi, are in the hospital and need our prayers and support.

Rich and Mary Zanarini and granddaughter, Emily, went to Lima, Peru to visit Mary’s sponsored friend, Luz Estrella. This sponsorship is thru the UnBound program. Shirley Mitchell is travelling to the Grand Canyon and Laughlin, and then to the Stanislaus National Forest to visit friends. The Silva’s Grandson, Brandon, placed second competing for the 2024 Jr. Olympics. He’s ranked a state champion and is only 14 years old. Congrats!

Belated anniversary congratulations to the Lavagninos who celebrated their 60th July 5. Angelo claims LeAnne proposed to him, but may have gotten his facts wrong. Happy September birthdays to; Marieresa Charley, Geraldine Goodwin, and Melissa Siqueo-Rodriguez.

Notable upcoming events: 9/29, Mass and breakfast for members: 10/6, Parish Festival. “I cannot imagine Jesus by Joseph’s side in Nazareth, being lazy. I can imagine Jesus working hard and well, paying attention to the details of his work. Isn’t that how we should work?” (Kelly) Thought for the month: It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.

Merced Br. 39 enjoys the cool autumn weather.

Stephanie Lucich


CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Santa Cruz  
Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Buon giorno! Well, the Convention is over and our warriors have returned with great things to report. They attended workshops to learn about boosting and keeping Branch membership; on strategizing the future of the ICF; and on elevating the spiritual and heritage aspect of our Branch. Also, annual reports were given that summarized various ICF accomplishments. One of importance was the Apostolic and Charity report which stated that for the year of 2019, the total amount reported as given by 78 ICF Branches was $483,017. And we at Branch 21 are part of that wonderful tribute thanks to you, our supportive members!

Upcoming events include the Polenta Dinner on Friday, October 18th; Bishop’s Day on Saturday, October 26th; and the ICF Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 3rd. So, mark your calendars because “the time, she fly by’. Groucho Marx once said, “Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.” Seriously though, we all work to fill that time with good deeds, happy thoughts, and meeting up with friends at Branch activities.

Finally, while at the Convention, many delegates were saddened to hear of the passing of Rosalie Campisi who was a Branch 21 member and also a member of the Hollister branch. Rosalie’s generous and thoughtful support of ICF endeared her to all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Claio!  

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

ICF August Minutes

I. Call to Order: President Harry Hill called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

II. Roll Call:  
  _X_ President, Harry Hill;  
  _A_ VP Cheri Huntley;  
  _X_ Secretary, Joanna McMahon;  
  _X_ Trustees, Betty Brookshire, Ken Martinetti, and Kathy Hill.

III. Opening of Minutes: Last month’s minutes were approved.

IV. Business: The August District Picnic was cancelled due to low turnout and conflicting ICF events. President Harry Hill and Kathy Hill represented our branch at the National ICF Convention. Monterey’s Italian Festival was Sept. 6-8 at the Custom House Plaza. In August, the SF Giants honored Italians at their baseball ball game.

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VI. New Business: In October, branch officer elections will take place. A three-member committee will call for nominees.

VII. Good of the Order: Please pray for our members, Sherrie Attolico and Tony Rainaldi, are in the hospital and need our prayers and support.

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**Monterey**

**Santa Rosalia, Br. 36**

Congratulations to our new Grand President Vince Piro and newly elected Central Council members and officers! We thank our delegates from Br. 36 for attending the 89th National Convention in Tucson—Robert & Lucy Huffer, George & Greta Leonard, Eddie & Bella Leonard.

Our branch was in charge of the calamari booth on Sept. 6-7-8 at Festa Italia/ Santa Rosalia. Thank you to chair Elizabeth Grammatico, and committee members Antonio Ihnot and June Serrano, and all who volunteered during the successful three-day festival.

Hope to see you at our Oct. 3 monthly dinner meeting and board election.

We are hosting the Central Coast District Bishop’s Day on Oct. 26 - Mass at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Bishop Daniel Garcia will be our celebrant, followed by a luncheon.

Cost $15. See website for reservations and more information, http://www.MontereyICF.org

On Nov. 2, the Testimonial honoring Past Grand President Andy Pappani will be held at the Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks. Chef Ed Leonard will be preparing NY Steak and all the fixings. Price $40 per person. This is a Central Council event. See Bollettino for order form.

On Nov. 16, we will host a dinner show with the DiFranco Family singers at 6 p.m. Cost $25. Tickets will be sold in advance. See website for additional information or call chair JoAnn Riso.

Every friend is a gift. Every blessing is a reason to be grateful.

**Upcoming events:**
- October 26: Bishop’s Day
- November 7: Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting
- November 16: DiFranco Dinner Show
- December 7: Adult Christmas Party
- December 15: Children’s Christmas Party

Con tutto il mio cuore,

Elena Valentine

**Financial Secretary**

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**Castroville**

**Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51**

Happy Halloween!

First off, a warm welcome to our new member Vic Sigala!

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 months to donate to those in need.

A huge shout-out and thank you to our members for their hard work in making our tri-tip fundraiser a great success! Also, big thank you to Gayle Cantore from Claudio’s Bakery, Ed and Bella Leonardi, Carlo Cortopassi and all the way from Massarosa, Italy, member Rosella Salarpi for their donations. Thank you for all your support and generosity!

Happy Birthday to our October babies: members Kevin Cortopassi, Paul Cortopassi, Linda Grier, Thomas Martinez, and myself!

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**Capitola**

**St. Joseph’s, Br. 227**

Congratulations to our branch President, Franklyn Lopes, on his election to the office of Grand Treasurer at the convention in Tucson. We are happy to report that our branch took first place for Apostolate Reports from branches whose membership is between 71 and 129.

As a result of our membership drive, we welcomed new members Philip DuBeau, John Adams, Kathy Firth and returning members Mike and Linda Hadreas.

It will soon be time for election of officers for 2020. Thanks to this year’s Nominating Committee of Ken Reaves, Nancy Harold and Maureen O’Neil for taking on this task. Hard to believe it is that time already, but 2020 Calendars are now on sale. They are $25 each and $5 of that amount stays with our branch. 2020 Calendars are now on sale. They are $25 each and $5 of that amount stays with our branch. See Treasurer Jane Kotila to purchase from St. Patrick School.

At our September General Meeting, we enjoyed delicious chicken BBQ dinners, purchased from St. Patrick School’s Annual BBQ and Auction. When our September General Meeting falls on the same Sunday as the school BBQ, it’s always a treat to enjoy their chicken dinners, and support St. Patrick School.

Congratulations to Br. 291 Members, Jens and Sonia Wagner, who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless the Wagners with many more years together!

In late October, Br. 291 is joining forces with the St. Patrick’s Knights of Columbus Council to honor veterans from our parish with a free dinner for the veterans and their spouses. The annual event serves over 100 dinners, has informative guest speakers and all veterans in attendance are introduced, along with the Military Branch of their service.

Please continue to pray for these members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Theresa Aston, Anita Caracci, Dianne & Homer Cloes, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Bruce Hensley, Delores Lenhard, Mary Recchia, Nick Sausa, Jim & Throck Scudder, June Steves, Joanna Van Blaricom, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

Enjoy the arrival of fall, and take time to enjoy the beautiful colors and weather! Joanna Van Blaricom

**Recording Secretary**

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**Arroyo Grande**

**St. Patrick, Br. 291**

The Delegates from Branch 291 had a great time at the ICF National Convention in Tucson! Our Delegates—Pete and Abby Gallagher, Joanna Van Blaricom and Theresa Aston—had nothing but wonderful things to say about the Convention and the El Conquistador Resort!
Paso Robles
Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Branch 354 gave a $500 donation to NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries in support of Christina Mallory’s Ministry with NET. Christina serves on a team traveling around the country running retreats and rallies for Catholic youth in parishes and schools. The team of 12 young adults will be at the Saint Rose Catholic School on October 23rd, 2019, to run a middle school retreat with help from our Branch ICf member Shannon Uribe who also serves as the Saint Rose Catholic School Campus Minister and Middle School Religious Education Teacher.

Shannon, her husband Frank and their three sons, Anthony, Xavier, and Alexander, are charter members of our new Registration Assistance Program. They have been a great help to the club during our fundraising events.

We are excited to announce that during the Paso Robles Mid-State Fair while several old and new members were busy parking cars as part of our Registration Assistance Program fundraiser; another one of our Charter member’s family had one of their twin daughters selected as the Queen of the Mid-State Fair. Mikaila Ciampi was crowned as this year’s Queen and will be representing the Mid-State Fair at many different city and countywide events through 2019 and 2020.

Pasta sauce and meatballs were sold after four masses to benefit our ICf Scholarship Fundraiser. We raised $1,204.00, and are taking phone orders for the remaining 18 quarts.

Yvonne Maddalena

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

Our district meeting was hosted in the newly refurbished entrance facilities at Branch 47 St. Joseph’s church. Br. President Craig Noah welcomed us and gave an extraordinary recounting of the initial opening of the branch from the archives of the “Mountain View Register Leader”. Some 3,000 people attended the banquet and the following day’s parade had an equal number of participants with drum corps, drill teams and floats.

Branch 191 is planning a “50’s Sock Hop” dinner and encourages all to wear “poodle skirts”, men wear “T-Shirts” with cigarette packs tucked into sleeves: duck-tail hair. The gifts will go into the making of layette for newborn babies. The San Jose County Nurses Association calls when support of the ICf is needed. The San Jose Diocese sponsors the volunteer workshop to assemble these layettes. The Santa Clara County Nurses Association calls when layettes are needed. Thank you to all who makes this possible.

We continue to pray for all of our members, and especially for Dom Norcia, Fran Filice, Rose and Don Arnaudo.

God Bless,
Lucy Amico

Gilroy
Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our August 19th dinner meeting was a catered event held at the Old City Hall Restaurant at 941 Lexington Street, Santa Clara, CA. 9:00 p.m.

Thanks to members Sam and Judy Bozzo for securing a child’s playhouse for our branch to raffle off on October 12th at our Polenta dinner. Raffle tickets were sold for the playhouse at the St. Mary Parish Festival on August 25th along with information about ICf. Tickets are $1 and proceeds will be split with St. Mary Parish.

Members Diana Berry and Patricia Cordich are organizing our annual Polenta Dinner to be held on October 12th at St. Mary Parish in Cullen Hall. Tickets are $25 and will include a polenta dinner along with raffle prizes donated by our members.

Convention delegates Joe Fortino, Vince Saso, Jeanette Hudson and Sondra Serenka attended the annual convention held this year in Tucson, Arizona. We look forward to their reporting on the convention activities at upcoming meetings.

Our next bake sale has been scheduled for November 17th at the Youth Center at St. Mary Parish. A sign-up sheet will be made available at the dinner meetings and your participation is much appreciated.

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SCV District Bishop’s Day – October 26
September District Meeting – ICf Branch 184, St. Mary’s Los Gatos – Monday, September 9.

Mike Nanzinta

Santa Clara
N.S. Assunta, Br. 5

Good News - ICf Br. 5 will not be closing for now. The Board along with the support of the membership will stay open. We will take each meeting as it comes. We will recruit and welcome new members.

Reminder - Bishop Day Mass will be held at St. Clare’s Church on October 26, 2019 in the upper Church at 11:00 a.m. Address is: 941 Lexington Street, Santa Clara, CA. Lunch to follow at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose, CA. Everyone welcome to the Mass.

Sad News: Mary Ann Ruiz passed away after a short illness on August 23, 2019. She will be greatly missed by all members of the ICf. She did a great job as Treasurer and on the district board. May she rest in peace in heaven. Keep her soul in your prayers.

 Luci Amico

If its Chicken Cacciatore and Polenta, then “It’s Gotta Be Italian!” That’s the theme for our annual October dinner-dance, to be held Saturday, October 12. No Host Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8 to 10 p.m with DJ Scott Trugman.

We will have a Silent Auction in addition to our usual beautiful Raffle Baskets. For questions or reservations please call Donna Pfaff at (408) 265-7902 or Denise Antonowicz at (408) 356-2543.

Marie and Michelle Antonowicz, our delegates, attended the 89th Annual ICf Convention in Tucson, Arizona, August 29 to September 2. They, together with Denise and Germaine, then drove to Indiana to celebrate Marie’s brother’s 90th birthday! The convention report will be given next month.

The theme for this year’s ICf Convention was “95 Years, The Journey Continues.”

Don and Rose Arnaudo, after months of serious health challenges, still hosted the Layette Shower on July 20 in their home. The gifts will go into the making of layettes for newborn babies. The San Jose Diocese sponsors the volunteer workshop to assemble these layettes. The Santa Clara County Nurses Association calls when layettes are needed. Thank you to all who makes this possible.

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The beauty of Tucson Br. 191
San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

It is very quiet and still in the desert....
Open session on Friday initiated the convention. A “Meet and Greet” of the Central Council Candidates followed. Saturday was a learning experience for the delegates. Workshops involved spiritual, membership, and retention being his focus. President Piro also gave past President Andrew Pap-pani a hardy “Thank You” for two years of dedication to ICF.

We, as ICF members and delegates, continue our journey for spiritual leadership to keep ICF focused and thriving in the 21st Century. May we continue with our faith, community, and heritage to attain our goals for ICF.

Monday morning allowed delegates to welcome our new Central Council President Vincent Piro, announced exciting new ideas for ICF; Expansion, Membership, and retention being his focus. President Piro also gave past President Andrew Pap-pani a hardy “Thank You” for two years of dedication to ICF.

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HEY....All you Bobby Sockers....Get your socks....Stop by the closet ...Poodle skirt, socks...Stop by the closet ...Poodle skirt, socks and palmade please...Grab your partner, and “Rock around the Clock” ...At the St. Francis Cabrini Sock Hop on November 9th. A tapa dinner with all of the trimmings awaits a fun night of dancing, frolic, and some awesome surprises. At $35 per person, where else would you be? Contact Debbie Piro at 408 306 9244 for reservations. Watch for an insert flyer for ICF/Resurrection, Br. 408.

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

President Mike Rossi opened our September meeting by thanking the cooks and hospitality team in setting up a delicious salad bar with all the trimmings. Also, Mike remembered our first Branch President, Ralph Giannini, who recently passed away. Ralph was instrumental in founding our ICF Branch 391 over 30 years ago with a small number of members.

Thank you, Louise Vento, for your relevant heritage report on the art treasures of Italy and how history and Greek influence has molded Italy and its culture. Louise continues to surprise us with her informative heritage table, which is enjoyed by all on a monthly basis. Also, contact Louise in the coming months to purchase your ICF 2020 calendar.

Our Convention Delegates, Mike and Marcie Rossi and Teresa and Elizabeth Brodersen, reported on workshops that they attended in Tucson. Topics included Spiritual Workshops, Creating Healthy Branches with member feedback and mentors, Membership Growth by way of outreach to schools and communities, and workshops on Finance, Strategic Planning, Relationships with Parishes and Membership Retention.

During our August meeting, Bob Gorini gave an enlightening presentation on identity theft, citing examples such as electronic, telephone, jury duty summons, and insurance scams.

In the near future, Sal Talamor from PG&E will discuss its Energy Savings Assistance Program at one of our meetings.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 Meeting—October 1, 2019, 6:30 p.m.; District Bishop’s Day at St. Clare’s with lunch at Three Flames—October 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Judy Zahn

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408

We will be hosting our next ICF/Resurrection School Panacake Breakfast in support of Branch 408 Scholarship on Sunday 22 Sept after the 7, 830 and 10 AM Masses. Please volunteer to help at this Mass. Please Contact Patricia Look. We look forward to good turn out.

The 89th Annual ICF Convention was held in Tucson, Arizona over the Labor Day Weekend with the theme of “The Journey Continues”. The Weekend kicked off with a successful Blood Drive conducted by Laurice Levine. Kate Shinhock was our 408 Delegate and participated in the Business Meetings. Fr. Chris Bennett presented an inspiring spiritual workshop. Fr. George Aranha and Fr. Chris Concilbrated with Bishop Edward of Tucson at the Grand Mass.

Morgan Hill
Santa Caterina
D’Alessandria, Br. 435

Summer is coming to an end. The tomatoes & zucchini are almost done. I just harvested my pumpkins & butternut squash. The days are shorter & I’m looking forward to some cooler, more comfortable weather.

Our August meeting was a lovely fare of baked chicken, green bean salad & heirloom tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and basil. A nice summer meal cooked by Josh Seifert and his wife, Cathy. He is the grandson of our president, Giulia Gallego, and has helped us numerous times. Josh currently works at the French Cafe at Google. Dinner was topped off with a Jello dessert prepared by Giulia. Such a talented family supporting our ICF community.

Juan Scalzo (our new and heritage member) introduced his grandson, Daniel Curry, who is attending Cal State Long Beach. He presented several examples of items created by the 3D printing lab at CSLB and the nonprofit student organization hopes to expand off campus and start their own company. Daniel and his cousins are former ICF scholarship recipients.

Our Grand President, Andy Pappani, attended our August meeting and congratulated us on our continued growth in membership. We were also recognized at the annual conference in Tucson for increased membership. Kudos to all.

Our September dinner meeting will be at Morgan Hill Cellars, another ICF member winery. We will feast on pulled pork sliders, coleslaw, baked beans and corn pudding. Remember all those effected by the recent shooting in Gilroy and elsewhere in the country and pray for an end to all the violence. God bless!

Maryclaire

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

So we are ready to plunge into our fall activities, having survived the heat of the summer. The returns are in from our August rib dinner fundraiser: over $4,000 in profit to donate to the parish and to our charities. Bill, Maria, and Anna Greco, we loved your ideas for the dinner, and we thank you and our branch members for all the work on the fundraiser. Well done, good and faithful people!

Tina Souza-Dutra and John Gillio were our delegates to the Convention, accompanied by Noreen Gillio, Father George Aranha, Bill Greco, his daughter Anna Greco Gonzales, and her ten-year-old son Ethan, who has attended the Convention for nine of his ten young years. All came home full of enthusiasm for the ICF and its programs. We welcome your report!

A sweet, creamy, thank you to our August ice cream social hosts, Jacque and Paul Butler, Lynda De Manti, and Jane and Ed Wendler. A second thank you goes to our September organizers of a chicken dinner, Jerry and Joan Delfino, Mary Jane Dyson, and Ann and Robin Schlice. We thoroughly enjoyed the eats of each month.

We rejoice with our members who rejoice because of regaining their health, and mourn with those who mourn, especially with Joe Dyer, who lost his beloved wife Doris recently.

Our October activities include our parish festival the first week of the month, Bishop’s Day, and Monte Carlo Night.

Have a blessed, beautiful fall!

Judy Zahn

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini Church Bulletin.

Keep our sick members in our prayers

Shirley Catania

Sentinel

Members of Br. 391 enjoy the Santa Clara Valley District bbq picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos

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biscotti, pies and all kinds of goodies for our bake sale Oct 5-6, 2019. We will have our annual Mass and Breakfast October 27, 2019. We will attend 8:00 am Mass.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays October 13, 2019 and November 10, 2019 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Refreshments for the October 9, 2019 will be furnished by Tom Silvaggio.

Coming up:
Oct 5-6 - Bake Sale after masses until sold out.
Oct 9 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets.
Oct 20 - District meeting 1:30 p.m. at Tony’s Kitchen Lathrop.
Oct 27 - Annual Mass and Breakfast.
Nov 13 - 7:00 p.m. Meting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets.

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi
St. Anne, Br. 82

Buon Autunno, ICF Família! A new branch experiences many firsts: first meeting, first officers, first fundraiser, first convention, first chance to make new friends. Reinstituted after 18 years, St. Anne’s Lodi Branch 82 expanded from 25 to 55 members in only 9 months! Participation in the 89th annual convention stoked that enthusiasm last week, filling my mind with ideas to improve our branch and participation in our parish. Delegates and guests from my district took this newbie by the hand, patiently answering my many questions and explaining everything, all while having a great time. Molle grazie, St. Anne’s! We celebrated the first ordination of a parishioner, Fr. Adrian “Ace” Cisneros, on July 7. Fr. Ace’s father, Deacon Porfi Cisneros, had the honor of giving the homily, sharing stories of Fr. Ace as a young man.

This summer we held our first annual Pranzo e Bocce with a chicken and roast beef lunch, bocce ball, raffle, and dessert silent auction. We’ll help our parish school with their Harvest Fest on October 5 & 6 by hosting a new booth, the Salami Pitch. Now, that’s Italian!

We invite all of you to celebrate our first anniversary at a Polenta Feed on December 7. We won’t even make you stir the pot! Bring an appetite and your dancing shoes. More details next month.

Elisa Moberly, Financial Secretary and Delegate.

St. Luke, Br. 138

The Central California School of Italian Language & Culture is offering classes in the Italian language. There are three class levels: Novice, for anyone who has never studied Italian or has studied Italian in the past and is in need of an in-depth review; Early Intermediate, for those students who know some Italian and want to continue to reinforce skills learned in the previous course; and Advanced Intermediate/Early Advanced for students who have previously studied Italian for two or more years and have acquired essential speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Twenty-five class meetings will take place between September 3, 2019 and April 7, 2020. For more information, call the Italian School at 209-477-9807 or at www.italianschoolors-stockton.com.

Manteca
Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

President Elizabeth Demichelis gave a report on the Grand Convention at our monthly Branch meeting.

Our branch was well-represented at the annual Stockton District picnic held in Escalon. The large attendance was treated to barbecued steaks with all the trimmings. Our branch provided the salads, with Anna Mello coordinating our contributions.

St. Anthony’s Harvest Festival is the parish’s main fund-raiser and our branch was an important part of this annual activity. The ICF returned to operate the “Little Italy” pizza booth and it was very successful. Annie and Dan Cunial had everything organized and, after all, “Who doesn’t like pizza?”

This month’s local charity drawing showed “Love, Inc.” as the winner. It will receive a monetary donation from our group.

Our monthly meeting ended with prayers led by Orator Colleen Alfieri and the singing of the Federation anthem.

Credit should go to Secretary Michelle Harmon for gathering some of the material for this report.

Ciao, Mariano

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

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Steve Ridolfi added the photos taken at convention - lots and lots of them - for you viewing on our Website: www.icf-branch390.org.

Love seeing those great shots taken by Steve.

Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars

Stockton
Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

We are still feeding off the energy of the 89th ICF convention in Tucson. So many great ideas to take back and share with our members. And we also learned about the prickly pear!

In September, our branch staffed the Pizza Booth at this year’s Fall Fest. All proceeds go to help Presentation school. We expect a great turnout.

It is also time for elections. We look forward to electing a team that will continue to promote the ICF throughout 2020.

Save the date, our annual Polenta dinner meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2019 and you won’t want to miss it.

Alla prossima, Mary Ann

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Br. 395 with ICF members enjoy the beautiful Tucson sunset at this year’s convention.

Mary Ann and Stephanie, friends because of the ICF conventions.

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October 2019

Many Cultures.”
Submitted by: Karen Kocvara
Orange District President

Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

Branch 379 thanks the Tucson branch, Tucson Convention Committee, and Central Council Convention Committee for a wonderful convention full of fun, friendship and faith! Thank you for the continuing prayers for our members Maria Di Paolo, Joseph Di Paolo, Jacob Di Paolo, and Donna Meade who were in an accident on the way home from convention. Thankfully all were home and healing within a week—keep the prayers coming!

Branch 379 enjoyed its annual Italian Beach Picnic in July. Thank you to members Mike and Greg Geraci for inviting our branch again to celebrate with the Geraci family at Huntington State Beach. It was a beautiful day and great turnout! Thank you to Laurice Levine for visiting our branch on Aug. 22 and providing inspiration, important research updates, and informative background on Cooley’s Anemia. We invited the parish to attend, the Q&A was lively and several attendees were impacted personally. We’re so proud to support thalassemia research.

Ciao,
Karen Kocvara
Br. 379 President

Irvine
St. Thomas More, Br. 423

Branch 423 is back from the summer hiatus. Our last get together was the Annual Picnic on August 16. Thank you to Jerry and Deana Donaldson for chairing the event. Everyone attending brought a dish to share and gathered at St. Thomas More parish in the early evening. Members dined together and participated in the annual bocce ball tournament. Steve LeMire and Ken MacIntosh were the winners of the bocce ball tournament.

Our delegate for the ICF Convention in Tucson, Arizona was Gay Joyce. She will be sharing the highlights of the convention at the October meeting.

Please continue to wear blue through October when attending masses at St. Thomas More. The wearing of blue is for the continued support for the Believe & Grow campaign.

At the September meeting, the year-end activities that were discussed included:
- Mother Cabrini Mass
- Nominations for officers
- Christmas Party

If you are interested in becoming more involved in ICF, please consider running for an office. It is a great way to be involved in the group, church, and community. Other ways to be involved are volunteering to host a dinner, be a chairperson for an event, organize a social event for the group, and volunteer for the food drive.

Ciao,
Miranda Gibson
Branch 423 President

SAN DIEGO
San Diego
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Br. 261

Hello Members,
We had our branch Picnic on July 7th and our Bocce teams ready for the District Picnic on August 4th. The weather was nice but not too warm so we played bocce and the winners were:

1st Place: Our Lady of the Rosary – Richard Barker and Jim Cardinale-Hill
2nd Place: Saint Therese – Forrest Price and Vincent Oliver
3rd Place: Santa Sophia – Tim Smith and Lorenzo Pecoraro

We have a group picture of who was at the District Picnic.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Robin Fielding – ICF – Branch 261

SAN DIEGO
Good Shepherd, Br. 448

August 10, 2019 marked the inauguration of the newest ICF branch. Led by the Local Expansion Team of Lou Mages & Patrizia Vigili Master/Mistress of Ceremony: Jim Cardinale-Hill, Member, Br. 230 and Grand Trustee, Pat Mages. G.P. Pappani initiated 36 members. Officer installation conducted by Forest Price, CC Member Emeritus of Br. 261, and Lou Mages LA District Mentor of Br. 380.


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An authentic Italian Banquet was prepared in the Parish Kitchen by Chef Vincenzo (Enzo) Mauri. Wine was donated by Br. 380 St. Paschal Baylon. The first official raffle earned $180.

Branch contact information: President, Jackie Cortes, (619) 277-7992, Sentinel, Wendy Matulich, (858) 271-0488.

Reno
St. Albert, Br. 135

The Convention held in Tucson, over the Labor Day weekend was enjoyed by our delegate, President Charlyne Pacini. July and August represented a two-month summertime “vacation” from our regular dinner and meeting schedule. Our next Branch get-together will be our annual picnic, being held at President Charlyne’s house around noon on September 15. We are in the planning stage for our annual fund-raiser, a polenta with chicken & sauce dinner and all the trimmings, including appetizers and Spumoni for dessert. It will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on 9th street in Reno on Saturday, November 9. The cost is $35 for adults and $10 for children ages 6 to 12. Contact Rachael Ferrari at rachael.ferrari@gmail.com for more information or tickets.

Our next regular meeting is October 6 at St. Albert the Great Church facilities. The branch received word that our 2018 Central Council Scholarship winner, Julia Frediani, daughter of Treasurer Ron Frediani and his wife Romie was awarded a second year scholarship, congratulations!

Ciao, Charlyne Pacini
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TUCSON
Tucson
S.S.Peter & Paul, Br. 433

While we are resting up from convention, we are eagerly moving forward with our first annual Italian Festival. Set for October 12th at the Elks Lodge starting at 5:00pm with a no host bar followed by dinner at 6:00pm. It is set to be a great evening with Giovanni and Nancy Corsi showing off their Boss of The Sauce title. Afterwards, we are looking to enjoy a branch social at our local Gaslight Theatre and officer nominations later this month. We look forward to start planning for our Christmas Party and our 2020 Calendar!

All our Best,
Melissa Rodriguez
Branch President

GREEN VALLEY
Our Lady of the Valley,
Br. 425

Hello from Green Valley! To all who visited our beautiful desert, our branch hopes you had a fabulous time! It was a great few days with good food, camaraderie, and beautiful weather! And how about those mountains! The first night’s dinner at the Territory was sponsored by our branch as well as Branch 433, Sts. Peter and Paul. We had a wonderful response to our Gift Basket Auction. Thanks to all those who participated! The food was fabulous, with a Southwest flavor! Angel Perez, who did the entertainment, was great! Thank you, Angel!

Thank you, Melissa Rodriguez for sponsoring a celebration for Dick Silva, who passed away in February.

Hope you enjoy the photos.

We also have to say a sad farewell to one of our members, Carol Cirrincione, who passed away on October 8th. She was a long time member and always a helpful, cheerful person who helped in our fundraisers, especially the Lasagna Dinner. She will be very missed by our branch. We grieve with her daughter, Laurie, who has also been a member for several years now, since moving here to help Carol out and in the end, to take care of her. Carol will be very missed by our members.

Our first branch meeting since May convened on September 12th. Though many of our members will not yet have arrived, we had a fun pizza party and celebrated those of us who call Green Valley home year round.

Branch 425 members activities

Tucsons Members enjoying each others company at our Saturday “Meeting” before the banquet.

Br. 425 Pres. & 1st Lady Bob & Susan Burdick

Thanks to new members, like Giovanni (and his wife Nancy) Corsi, Tucson received some cool membership awards.

Br. 433, members enjoying the convention

Br. 425 members, helping welcome guests.

Honored Guests, Bishop Weisenburger of Tucson and Br. 433 Chaplain Father Crino (and Br. 433 President, Melissa Rodriguez)

Angel Perez at opening Rodeo
October 2019

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Chairperson

Committee Members:
Lauren Kilcullen, Franklin Lopes, Jr., Pat Mages, Richard Interrante, Laurice Levine and Betty Zasoski

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Archdiocese of San Francisco for their 89th Annual Convention on August 30, 2019 – September 2, 2019 adopt the following Communications and Resolutions:

COMMUNICATIONS:
COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS
We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO MOST REVEREND EDWARD J. WEISENBURGER OF TUCSON
We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for his continued service to the people of the Tucson Diocese. We are grateful for his participation in this year’s convention, representing the Diocese of Tucson.

COMMUNICATION TO GRAND PRESIDENT ANDREW PAPPANI
We wish to thank ICF Spiritual Director Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the ICF. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the ICF. We look forward too many more years of his friendship and guidance and congratulate him on his 62nd year of Ordination.

COMMUNICATION TO GRAND PRESIDENT ANDREW PAPPANI
We wish to thank Grand President Andrew Pappani, for his leadership during the past two years. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND CLERGY ATTENDING THE CONVENTION
We are grateful for your participation in this year’s convention, representing the members of your dioceses. We appreciate the time you have taken to spend this weekend with us. We value your guidance, advice, and prayers.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED
We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ’s Body and the Church; and we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values: faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

RESOLUTIONS:
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES
As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and community. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well-being and safe return, especially in these uncertain times.

TO ALL ELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well-being of ALL in our United States of America and in the world.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND VIOLENCE IN 2019
We offer our prayers and support to the people of the world, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2019. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE FAMILY OF THE MOST REVEREND STEPHEN E. BLAIRE, BISHOP OF STOCKTON
We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop Blaire on his recent passing. Bishop Blaire was a great spiritual leader and friend to so many. He will truly be missed by the members of his Dioceses including those members of the Italian Catholic Federation.

TO THE FAMILY OF THE MOST REVEREND R. PIERRE DUMAINE, FOUNDING BISHOP OF SAN JOSE
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We offer our congratulations to David on his lifetime of dedication to the Federation on so many levels. David has been an inspiration to our members for decades with his love of life and the ICF. We wish him a speedy recovery and many years as a Life Member Emeritus.

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TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE, MEDICAL
We offer our prayers that they will continue to be there for all of us when needed and that they are also protected from harm.

Mister President,
I move that these communications and resolutions be adopted.
Thank you.
THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee
Presents
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON
“CELEBRATING THE 103RD YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER CABRINI’S DEATH”
at
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
3801 Scott Rd
Burbank, CA 91504

DATE: December 1, 2019
PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM  MASS: 1:00 PM  LUNCH: 2:00 PM
COST: $20.00 / Adults  &  $8.00 / Children under 12
“Each paid Dinner includes one Raffle Ticket for a Special Raffle Prize”

MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, SALAD, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND DESERT (Catered by Jouni’s Catering)

RESERVATION(S) DUE BY: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

CONTACT: ANDREA LINN  SEND CHECK TO: ICF c/o ANDREA LINN
4095 Fruit St Sp 342
La Verne CA 91750
E. andilimn@gmail.com

I wish to reserve _____ dinner(s) at $20.00 dinner; _____ Under 12 at $8.00 dinner
Enclosed is $______________

*All proceeds to help fund the ongoing operations and development of Cabrini Chapel and Library.

October, 2019
Dear Branch President,
As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the Bollettino. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be provided and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

2 1/2” x 2 1/2” (one column square)  $25
2 1/2” x 5” (vertical or horizontal)  $35
4” x 5” (horizontal)  $50
6 1/2” x 5” (horizontal, quarter page)  $70

To place a message, please send in your ad by e-mail, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the ICF (noted Christmas ad), to:

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

Please send all ad files electronically to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10th. Thank you.

ICF Office