



BOLLETTINO



ICF Shines Bright in Tucson Convention



Congratulations to our newly-installed Central Council Officers. Top row: Andrew Pappani (Past Grand President), Lisa Crudo (Grand Trustee), Robert Basuino (Grand Parliamentarian), Kenneth Marshall (Grand Sentinel), Pat Mages (Grand Trustee), and Leonard Zasoski Jr. (Grand Trustee) Front row: Lauren Kilcullen (Grand Secretary), Deborah Rodondi (Grand 1st VP), Vince Piro (Grand President), Msgr. Daniel Cardelli (Spiritual Director), Denise Antonowicz (Grand 2nd VP), and Franklyn Lopes Jr. (Grand Treasurer).

Nanette Scarpellini Metz Production Editor

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 new ideas and facilitate discussion between leaders to continue support of its charitable activities.

“This year’s convention theme, 95

Years The Journey Continues, is a perfect fit for the Italian Catholic Federation,” said Andrew Pappani, past ICF Grand President. “Our journey is to help others who can’t help themselves, helping our Catholic Parishes and our seminarians.”

The Tucson Area, together with Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett and her committee, planned a busy weekend of work and fun in the southwestern oasis of the El Conquistador Resort at the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. With so many options, time moved quickly.

Convention was off to a spirited start on September 29th thanks to work of Branch 433—Tucson, Arizona. Local members organized a Rodeo under the Stars featuring an Arizona rodeo buffet with live music performed by Angel Perez and dancing. Members dusted off their cowboy boots and brushed up on their dance moves while setting the stage for a highly engaged gathering. The basket raffle got everyone involved in the fun. The hearty meal and toe-tapping music were an ideal lead in to the next day’s events.

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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.

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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 that 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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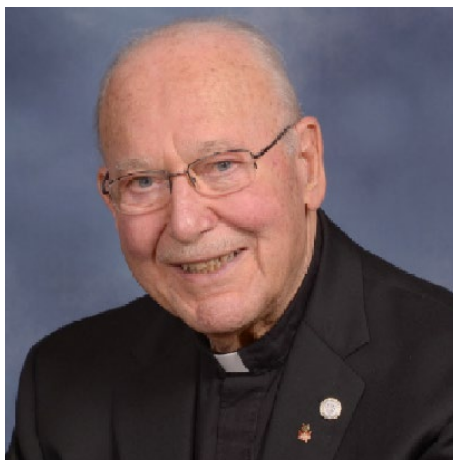
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**August/September issue
deadline is August 1, 2019.**

Thank you!

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.



Halloween?

How did Halloween, with its witches, gremlins 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, gremlins, 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



I stand here humbled and filled with gratitude on receiving the Saint Pope John the XXIII Award this year, especially when I am in the company of so many worthy candidates and recipients, past and present. I am honored.

We all remember from our younger years of Catholic study the Ecumenical Council and Vatican 2.

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In memory of Liliana Izzi

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.

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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*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.

Bishops’ Days

Jan. 19th	Tucson	Sept. 29th	San Diego
Feb. 23rd	Orange	Oct. 6th	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Apr. 28th	San Francisco (San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin)	Oct. 23rd	San Bernardino
		Oct. 26th	Monterey (Central Coast)
Jun. 23rd	Stockton	Oct. 26th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Aug. 25th	Oakland (Contra Costa & East Bay)	Oct. 27th	Blessed Sacrament
Sept. 22nd	Santa Rosa	Nov. 24th	Fresno
Sept. 27th	Chicago	Dec. 8th	Reno

In Loving Memory

Report date: September 9, 2019

Deceased Members

Olympia M De Micheli	Branch 001	Joe Pera	Branch 145
Mary Ann Ruiz	Branch 005	Marianna Cianfichi	Branch 214
Ivan Dei Rossi	Branch 006	Roland Galvan	Branch 214
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Carol D'agostini	Branch 103	Ray Addison	Branch 395
Norm Hoglievina	Branch 103		

Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: September 9, 2019

	Branch 027		Branch 179
Joan Massetti		Larry Barretta	Belinda Christensen
		Jim Christensen	
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Branch 173	Branch 395
Branch 229	Branch 425
Branch 285	Branch 433
Branch 291	The Huntley Family
Branch 374	In Memory of Rosalie Campisi (Grandma)
Branch 380	Cynthia Oliphant
Branch 390	Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr.
	In Memory of Leonard and Marian Zasoski, Sr.
	Grand Total: \$5,300.00

Report date: September 10, 2019

Branch 127	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Branch 169	In memory of Doris Dyer
Branch 213	Bob and Elaine Osorio
Don and Sharon Vanni	Thank you to Teresa Giampaoli
In memory of W. John Filice	Vince and Rita Saso
Officers/Members of Br. 435	In memory of W. John Filice
In appreciation of George Guglielmo and Family	Eldine Fernandes
Pat and David Botta	In memory of Angie Biagini
In memory of Joe Macaluso	Eva Stern
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In memory of Angie Biagini	Janet Glaubke
Christine Filice	In memory of Mary Ann Ruiz
In memory of W. John Filice	Joe and Marie Yurosko
Nancy Corsi	In memory of Mary Ann Ruiz
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In honor of the birthday of Joan Delfino	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
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	In memory of Mary Ann Ruiz
	John and Camille Orlando
	In memory of Rosalie Campisi



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.

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MENU:

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A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

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

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Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.



Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (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.

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 at 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 Mentor program with assistance from Andy Pappani with struggling branches; Mike Rossi will continue to chair the Expansion Committee; Franklyn 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 Bollettino 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 retainment, 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 that 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 Bollettino 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 Piro, Grand President

M. Rodriguez

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A special thank you Bishop Weisenburger and Father Crino, and our other Dioecian 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!

Mother Cabrini Shrine--Open House on August 4th!

Carmelo Sabatella

LA Archdiocese District



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 scheduled Open Houses during the year to Members and the Public. 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 souvenirs 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 "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are still available for sale in English and Italian. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.

The next Cabrini Chapel Open Houses are scheduled on Sunday, 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

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

Membership Matters

Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson

Here's hoping you had a fun and relaxing summertime. Many branches took a break for scheduled meetings during this time. And, many of you joined us at the annual convention in Tucson. Although Tucson is known for the hot temperature, it was not a hindrance to the weekend. The hotel was a welcoming and comfortable venue. Convention was a place for renewal of friendships, making new friends and along the way learning even more about the ICF. Convention was the place for strengthening the ICF's goals and ideals, also. Besides the fun, there was much sharing of ideas for the growth and retention of our members.

The heart of ICF is the membership, the members. So, with the rejuvenation of the convention let's continue the goals of increasing of new members and retention of current members.

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.

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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 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
 ½ pound ground Italian sausage
 1 large chopped onion
 1 clove garlic, chopped
 1 pound frozen artichoke hearts
 ¼ 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

September Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
9/1	Jack Grisafe	210	Riverside, CA	\$30
9/2	Victor & Patricia Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$100
9/3	Henry Fleischmann	433	Tucson, AZ	\$30
9/4	Mary E. Higgins	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
9/5	Josephine Del Papa	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
9/6	Jody Balestrieri	229	Chula Vista, CA	\$30
9/7	Maria Fregosi	342	Auburn, CA	\$50
9/8	Michelle Azevedo		Vacaville, CA	\$50
9/9	Jeff & Nora Farber		Novato, CA	\$30
9/10	Cecelia McGhee	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
9/11	Kathy Jeanneret		Pacifica, CA	\$30
9/12	Stacey Rosati		Herriman, UT	\$30
9/13	Anthony Bilich		San Ramon, CA	\$30
9/14	Donna Ashmore		Macon, GA	\$30
9/15	Gretchen Curry		Merced, CA	\$30
9/16	Paula Marcheschi		Oakland, CA	\$30
9/17	Ethan Rosati		Herriman, UT	\$30
9/18	Lillian Smithson	154	El Sobrante, CA	\$30
9/19	Margaret Speranza	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
9/20	Laverne Thompson		Rio Vista, CA	\$30
9/21	Kristine Conklin		Windsor, CA	\$30
9/22	Rosemary Janis	27	Madera, CA	\$30
9/23	Vicki Christophe	154	Fair Oaks, CA	\$50
9/24	Sam Parfitt		San Ramon, CA	\$30
9/25	Peggy Dunn		Agoura Hills, CA	\$30
9/26	Branch 45		Sacramento, CA	\$30
9/27	Branch 326		Temple City, CA	\$30
9/28	Mary Cook	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
9/29	Judy Wellbeloved	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
9/30	Mike Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30

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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



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Scholarship 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

Convention Blood Drive

By The Live to Give Committee

The 8th Annual Live to Give Convention Blood Drive, in honor of Cooley’s Anemia, was a huge success. 45 people attempted to donate (we are grateful for everyone for trying); 32 people were able to donate blood and a total of 35 blood products were collected (33 pints of blood and 2 pints of plasma). 101 lives will be saved as a result of this endeavor! The Live to Give Committee would like to thank Vitalant for their hard work collecting the blood.

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

Special thanks to the following people for contributing to the Blood Drive Raffle:

- Denise Antonowicz
- Rose Jarrett and the Convention Committee



- Debbie Piro
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- Terrie Rhodes
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- BG Zasoski
- Joey Zasoski
- Leonard Zasoski – Power Red (2 units)



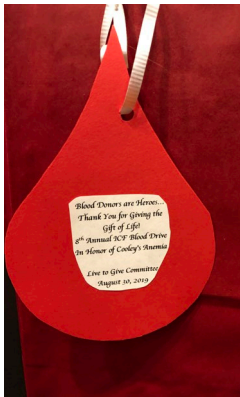
Anna Gonzalez thank you for saving 3 lives!



1st time donor, Andrew Zasoski



Frequent blood donor, Ken Marshall.





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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
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Thalassemia Outreach
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Branch 48
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Jim and Mary Ann Friebe

In Memory of Rosalie Campisi
Annemarie McCarthy

In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Cynthia Oliphant

B.G. and Leonard Zasoski, Jr.

In Memory of Ed and Shirliann
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Grand Total: \$12,100.00

Received as of Sept. 10, 2019:

Branch 6
Branch 52
Branch 127
Branch 161
Branch 169
Branch 179
Branch 213
Branch 435
Branch 442
LA Archdiocese District BBQ
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Esther Marrazzo
Roger and Kathy Santos
In memory of Dennis Sanchez
Dick and Ellen Bozzo
In memory of W. John Filice

Congratulations to our 2019 2nd, 3rd & 4th Year Scholarship Winners!

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	Branch/District/Individual	
2ND YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS (\$500.00)				
Christine Wooler	Sir Robert Dianda		Br. 36 - Monterey	
Claire Farias			Contra Costa District	
Madison Thomas			Br. 14 - Crockett	
Skylar Jacobs			Br. 154 - Richmond	
Makenna Caldwell			Br. 352 - Danville	
Maryfrances DiMaggio			Br. 432 - Brentwood	
Meagan Nachand			Br. 442 - Pleasant Hill	
Nicholas J. Neira			East Bay District	
David Edwards			Br. 32 - Fresno	
William Stoll			Br. 32 - Fresno	
Nathan Vardas			Br. 250 - Clovis	
Joseph Garbarino			Br. 332 - Novato	
McKenzie Barnes			Br. 332 - Novato	
Gabrielle Favro			Br. 438 - Roseville	
Aaron Del Monte			90th Anniversary and Past Presidents	Br. 19 - Colma
Sofia Iezza	Peter Mannina Don Becchetti	Butch Bondi	Br. 380 - Thousand Oaks	
Emma Herren			Br. 28 - Gilroy	
Owen O'Brien			Br. 184 - Los Gatos	
Hunter Miramontes			Br. 191 - San Jose	
Stephany Jimenez			Br. 391 - San Jose	
Lola Plum			Santa Rosa District	
Sofia Boicelli Woods			Br. 18 - Santa Rosa	
Julianna Filice			-(Closing Donation)	
Mia Cain			Br. 52 - Healdsburg	
Anna Bonfiglio			Br. 198 - Santa Rosa	
Emily Cunial			Br. 139 - Manteca	
Emylia DeLuca			Br. 139 - Manteca	
Skylar Jimenez			Br. 395 - Stockton	
			The Antonowicz Family:	
			Br. 184, Los Gatos	
	Br. 191, San Jose			
Steven Zichichi	The Kilcullen and Solari Families	Larry & Carmen Kilcullen		
		Br. 52, Healdsburg		
Francesca D'Alessandro	Andrew Santo Palumbo	Viva Palumbo		
		Br. 379, Huntington Beach		
Helena Willits	Andrew Santo Palumbo	Viva Palumbo		
		Br. 379, Huntington Beach		
Camille Alamo		Scholarship Fund		
Cassidy Bates		Scholarship Fund		
Julia Frediani		Scholarship Fund		
Elizabeth Gonzalez		Scholarship Fund		
Alessandra Kidd		Scholarship Fund		
Isabella Romagnoli		Scholarship Fund		
Grace Tarantino		Scholarship Fund		
3RD YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS (\$600.00)				
Alexis Palma	Sir Robert Dianda		Central Coast District	
Sophia Colello			Br. 14 - Crockett	
Sabrina Dunbar			Br. 432 - Brentwood	
Michael Cox			Br. 442 - Pleasant Hill	
Jennifer Ghiglione			East Bay District	
Jonelle Gilardi			Br. 32 - Fresno	
Francis P. Bondanza			Br. 332 - Novato	
Gina Erigero			Br. 332 - Novato	
Katherine Taylor			Br. 184 - Los Gatos	
Brianna Citrigno			Br. 191 - San Jose	
Talia Rossi			Br. 391 - San Jose	
Eliana Heath			Doreen O'Rourke	Br. 18 - Santa Rosa
				-(Closing Donation)
Garrett Paulus				Stockton District
Carly Cunial				Br. 139 - Manteca
Jackson Lieberg		Br. 390 - Tracy		
Grace Lin-Cereghino		Br. 395 - Stockton		
Olivia Grim		Rick Banchemo		
Anthony Merlo	Ambrogio and Teresa Solari	Larry & Carmen Kilcullen		
		Br. 52, Healdsburg		
Isidoro Amalfitano		Scholarship Fund		
Christopher Bernens		Scholarship Fund		
Gabriella Busco		Scholarship Fund		
Ryan Chapman		Scholarship Fund		
Arianna Fiore		Scholarship Fund		
Xavier McNally		Scholarship Fund		
Mason Parks		Scholarship Fund		
Alyssa Plummer		Scholarship Fund		

Name	In Memory of	Branch/District/Individual
ITALIAN STUDIES 3RD YEAR SCHOLARSHIP (\$600.00)		
Emma Piziali	Mario Cugia	Scholarship Fund
4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000.00)		
Lauren Anne Miller	Sir Robert Dianda	East Bay District
Rachel C. Schultz		Br. 32 – Fresno
Clarice Favro		Br. 438 – Roseville
Audrey R. Smith		Br. 191 – San Jose
Jordyn Pellegrino-Posz		Br. 139 – Manteca
Eric Chapman	Elsie Boragno	Br. 395 – Stockton
Julianna Fare		The Elsie Boragno Estate
Andreas Guerrero		Scholarship Fund
Matthew Linker		Scholarship Fund
Kailee Silacci		Scholarship Fund
ITALIAN STUDIES 4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000.00)		
Kacie Wilson	Mario Cugia	Scholarship Fund

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Central Coast District: Br. 36 and Br. 354

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Fresno District: District, Br. 31 and Br. 70

Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Br. 317

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San Bernardino District: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Darragh - In Memory of Adriana M. Shackel

San Francisco District: Br. 258

San Mateo District: Br. 213, Br. 327, Officers/Members of San Mateo District - In Memory of David Novi, Roberta Franchini (Br. 213), Deborah Rodondi (Br. 19) - In Memory of Sir Robert Dianda, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Tony Fontana, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Joan Leonard and Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of David Novi

Santa Clara Valley District: District, Br. 368, Br. 391, Br. 408, Br. 435, Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Memory of Kathleen Purdy Bondi, Officers/Members of Br. 435 - Get Well Wishes for John Sorci, The Antonowicz Family (Br. 184/Br.191), The Antonowicz Family - Get Well Wishes for Fran Filice, The Antonowicz Family - Get Well Wishes for Janice Jones, Denise Antonowicz - In Honor of the Birthday of Sal Campagna, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 95th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz, Bob Basuino - in Honor of the 90th Birthday of Ed Bertaccini, Bob Basuino - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Frankie Such, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Memory of Betty Antuzzi, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - Get Well Wishes for Bob Basuino, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Kathleen Purdy Bondi, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Frances Halley, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Barbara Jones, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - Get Well Wishes for Janice Jones, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Bud LoMonaco, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Frankie Such, Joan Delfino (Br. 368) - In Memory of Al Bernardi, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Appreciation of Richard Della Maggiore and Family, Giulia Gallego - In Appreciation of George Guglielmo, Giulia Gallego - In Honor of Mrs. Maureen McManus, Giulia Gallego - In Honor of the Birthday of Loretta Wilson, Aldine Grisenti and Family (Br. 191) - In Memory of Betty Antuzzi, Aldine Grisenti - In Honor of the 80th Birthday of Liz Donaldson and Aldine Grisenti - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Frankie Such

Santa Rosa District: Br. 209, Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District - Thank You to Deborah Rodondi, Bob and Kathy Acquistapace (Br. 198) - In Memory of Robert Dianda and The Kilcullen Family - In Memory of Al Bernardi

Stockton District: Br. 413 and Rick Banchemo.

Chuck DeBord

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My Mom was always my support and cheered me on with her unconditional love. I miss her and her love to this day.

When I was in college, I had a Poly Scie Professor, Mr. Belzic, who I looked up to. He shared his love of politics and a process he called MOL or “Management of Learning”. He said “discover for yourself a need to know and the rest will take care of itself”.

Years later, when I came back to my faith, I learned it was the Holy Spirit that gave me my MOL, by putting Professor B in my young life, and help the ‘adult’ me find my way back. The Lord sure has some weird ways of getting things done.

To continue, I have been in the restaurant business, gone to culinary arts and chef school, and then worked in the produce industry. Now I am a Legal Assistant and Currier for several lawyers, and trying to expand my business. Anyone with ideas for me, please see me later.

As long as I am able, I will continue to stay involved in the ICF, the Knights of Columbus, and Saint Vincent’s, and look for new ways to help with new humanitarian endeavors.

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 this to me, it means everything now, it’s by my bed and I read it daily:

-Thought 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 all 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.”

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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 = \$483,017.611

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Contra Costa – East Bay – Marin – Reno – Blessed Sacrament – Santa Rosa - Tucson

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1-45 Members

- 1 – Br. 229 Chula Vista
- 2 – Br. 144 Arcata
- 3 – Br. 374 La Canada Flintridge
- 4 – Br. 73 Roseville

46 - 70 - Members

- 1 – Br. 432 Brentwood
- 2 – Br. 32 Fresno
- 3 – Br. 198 Santa Rosa
- 4 – Br. 19 Colma

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

130 or More Members

- 1 – Br. 36 Monterey
- 2 – Br. 52 Healdsburg
- 3 – Br. 14 Crockett
- 4 – Br. 291 Arroyo Grande



Thank you to our Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons and members for your hard work and dedication!

Friday at the Convention

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The ICF Live to Give Committee's 8th Annual Convention Blood Drive started bright and early with a full house of donors and an array of raffle prizes. Thanks to the contribution of ICF members and delegates many lives will be saved by the donations. The drive collected 1020 unites making 503 blood transfusions possible. Mass was held at 11 a.m. for all the newcomers. While still nibbling on snacks from the blood drive, members played bocce, Pedro, Bingo and finished off with a little shopping at the Convention Store all before the Open Forum—a new Friday workshop opportunity. The Open Forum was an ideal type to get questions answered and to prepare for the coming events.

Prior to Opening Ceremonies, 40 new delegates attended an orientation meeting to get briefed on their responsibilities. New delegates joined experienced delegates and other attendees at the Italian Sing-a-Long led by Leonard Rossi, Life Member and Past Grand President, and Former First Lady Karen Rossi to awaken the musical Italian lurking beneath the surface.

Allen Watts joined the group and urged everyone forward with a rousing speech and encouragement to "walk with me." This was to highlight the need for unity and outreach to familiar faces and to new ones in the fold. As opposed to walking ahead where no one may follow or to dropping behind, we were to walk together as we continue the ICF journey.

The Master of Ceremonies for the Official Opening was Life Member and Grand Trustee Dante Galeazzi. Sr. Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director, honored everyone with an inspiring opening prayer. The American Legion Post 66, Green Valley conducted the presentation of colors, and Karen Rossi sang the National Anthem.



The Welcome from the Host Branches 425 and 433 was led by Br. 433 President Melissa Rodriguez. Her warm greeting to the region was combined with a history lesson related to Br. 433's patron—Father Eusebio Francisco Kino. (See insert for story.)

As we head into 96th year of the Italian Catholic Federation, we can learn from the past. According to Rodriguez, "Like Father Kino's unexpected journey to the new world, the road ahead for this organization is uncharted, but we will push forward nevertheless as we create something to leave the next generation as our journey continues."

Life Member and Grand President Andy Pappani greeted the members and highlighted the need for everyone to work together and help others who cannot help themselves. He saw the convention as a great big family reunion with "faith as our driving force." He encouraged everyone in attendance to "try out new ideas, look outside the box to new opportunities" and to walk with me to grow and succeed as an organization.

The keynote speaker was Reverend Patrick Crino, Chaplain, Br. 433, Tucson. He echoed Melissa Rodriguez's account of Fr. Kino. He encouraged everyone to follow the example of this pioneer padre and "live the life of faith" as the padre on horseback did many years ago. In closing, Karen Rossi sang the federation anthem, "Noi Vogliam Dio."

The evening continued with a Delegates' Reception and an opportunity to meet the Central Council Candidates. The festive room was packed with delegates snacking on some tasty Southwestern appetizers and ice cream treats. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to learn about the candidates and to discuss future plans for ICF. The reception provided a positive platform to lead into the workshops on Saturday.



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



Saturday at the Convention

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



Sunday at the Convention

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, Franklyn 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 Roselynn 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.



Recognition of Santa Clara Valley District for donating \$14,180 toward scholarships



Grand President's Award Presentation to WalterCosta





Heritage Warrior Award winner Jim Falcone, Br. 445—Transfiguration.



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 Acquistapace 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

Grand Sentinel, Kenneth Marshall.

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

Thank you to Roselynn 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.



Branch Reports

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.



Br. 258, Group picture at potluck



Br. 258, Potluck Luncheon on July 19
homemade dishes and raffle prizes

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

SAN MATEO

South San Francisco Sacro Cuore, Br. 7

Happy Halloween South City.

Hope all our members had a restful summer.

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

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.

May all who suffer illness realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

FHR

Colma, California

San Vincenzo De Paolo, Br. 19

Hello Everyone,

Back from the convention which was good, but the weather was hot. Thanks to our delegates who attended and represented the Branch. Congratulations to Debbie Rodondi on being elected 1st Vice President of the Federation - way to go! Also, our congratulations to Vince Piro on becoming Grand President.

Coming Activities:

- October 4-6: Holy Angels Festival - come and have fun.
- Monday, October 14th: No meeting.
- Saturday, October 26th: Pedro Tournament, \$35. 9am coffee and donuts; 10am tournament begins; hot dog lunch follows. Lunch only \$15. Reservations to Donna Barnes 650-991-0178, 183 Santa Paula Dr., Daly City 94015
- Monday, October 28th: In need of



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

host for dinner or social/meeting call Deborah Rodondi if you would like to host 650-583-0805. Reservation to Cheryl Simon by the 24th (650)755-0878 LEAVE MESSAGE or email cas94015@yahoo.com with reservation

- Friday, November 8th: Chaplains Night at San Mateo Elks Club. Please join us as we thank our chaplains for their support and prayers.

Please continue to remember our members who are ill or shut ins in your prayers. If you can send them a card or call and say hello.

N. Thurman

Burlingame

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We celebrated our month of July with our picnic held at Beresford Park in San Mateo on July 21, 2019. It was a beautiful day at the park and we enjoyed our grilled food and fun games. Special thanks to Mary Ann Camacho who chaired the event.

We did not have a meeting in July so our next meeting and social time will be August 8th with a Make Your Own Sundae event with all of the trimmings! Thank you to Jean Watterson and Roz Emery for co-chairing.

September is convention time and our next meeting will be on the 12th where we will hear reports from our attendees who are Dorene Campanile, Brenda Wemiz and Alternate Donna Cervelli.

Please save the date of Sunday, November 10, 2019 for our Anniversary lunch to be held at the Terrace Cafe in Millbrae at the El Rancho Motel. (more info to follow at a later date)

Please pray for our branch sick members: Mary Bodisco, Frank Clyne, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Jack Sherratt and John & Jean Watterson's Daughter, Jeannine, who is waiting for a kidney transplant.

God Bless,

Rosalind C. Emery

South San Francisco St. Augustine, Br. 213

On July 20th, our branch sponsored its Champagne Bingo in the St. Augustine Hall.

This was a very successful event, with nearly 100 in attendance, many parishioners of St. Augustine's and members from other branches in attendance. Kudos were in order to chairpersons Jackie and Roberta. (Photos)

Our August meeting was very successful, hosted by Joanne Wallace and Diane



Pangburn.

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

Readers are invited to like and follow our Facebook Group at : <https://www.facebook.com/ICFSSF213> See our pictures and follow our activities. Our monthly newsletter is also posted there..

Ciao from Branch 213

Victor Spano

San Carlos St. Charles, Br. 327

Thank you to Celeste Lennemann for our August meeting's fun picnic to end the summer of 2019. Everyone who attended the meeting enjoyed the picnic.

As most of you know, our branch will be closing on December 31st. On December 1st we will attend the 11:00am Mass at St. Charles, followed by a reception in Borromeo Hall. Prior to that we have one obligation to the San Mateo District and that is the Chaplain's Night on Friday, November 8. President Carmel Dufault has made reservations at the San Mateo Elks Club and has everything in place, ready to go. The information flyers will be going out to the branches in a few weeks. This is always a fun event, so please plan to attend and support our branch for this last event. More information will be available at our October meeting.

And lastly, at our November meeting, we will be collecting toys and games as we always do, to be delivered to St. Francis Center in Redwood City. This is the last time our branch will do this, so be on the lookout for new toys and games for Santa to pick up from St. Francis Center before he starts his Christmas route. Thank you.

Ciao,

Virginia Malaspina

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Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

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



Br.108.ICF LAADC General Meeting

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

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FIASC Reception for
Consul General with
Author Susan van Allen



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



FIASC Reception for Italy Consul General Sylvia Chiave 2019

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



Br.108 with 111 and 362 Members at ICF Convention

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Branch 108 Members along with many Branches from the Los Angeles Archdiocese District attended the 89th ICF National Convention in Tuscon, Arizona over the labor day weekend. Workshops to learn and share ideas included Workshops on Successful Branches, Strategic Planning, Finance, Membership and Spirituality. Members took the time to make new friends while maintaining old friendships.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

- November 3rd - Branch 108 General Meeting in HFC Connolly Hall from 3 - 5 pm.
- November 15th - "Creating Sacred Spaces" with Jeff Tortorelli in Connolly Hall from 6 pm
- December 1st - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon at St Francis Xavier Church, Burbank. from 12:30 pm.
- December 8th - ICF Branch 108 Christmas Party in Connolly Hall from 2 - 5 pm.
- December 15th - Children's Hospital

Cooley's Anemia Christmas in Childrens Hospital Los Angeles from 1 - 3 pm.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

Ci Vediamo presto!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President

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Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our October General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. At this meeting, we will also have Nominations/Elections for the 2020 branch officers. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Crocetta Salomone, Lina Canzonieri, Massimo Sorce, Jeannine Vieni,

and Eugenia Harnandez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, at the 9:00 A.M. mass at St. Benedict Church, 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, the mass will be offered for ICF 111 members, living and deceased. Please plan to attend this mass and wear your ICF polo shirts. After mass we plan to go to lunch together at Vittoria Pizza Restaurant, 2622 W. Valley Blvd., Alhambra.

SAVE the dates for the following events: more information will follow.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage Mass & Luncheon - Burbank
Saturday, December 7, 2019 - ICF 111 Branch Christmas Dinner, 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - Children Hospital Los Angeles Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia Christmas Party - Noon to 4:00 P.M. - Carnival Theme.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A Presto!

Frank Salomone



Br.111 July and August birthdays



Br. 111-Ryan Gutierrez, Winner of 1st Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship.



Br. 111-Santiago Alvarez - Winner of 2nd Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship



Br. 111 August 2019 Meeting

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**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 predicatore 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

At this meeting Neal will be discussing upcoming events such as City Hall Heritage day on Oct 3rd and Bishop Day Banquet on Oct 6th.

Please remember all our sick and deceased members in your prayers

Anita Trujillo Treasurer

**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!



Delegates from Br. 115 seated Neal & Anna Dileva, David & Anita Trujillo



San Pedro Br. 115 celebrated the feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross and the Branch 65th Anniversary with a Mass, procession with the Saint statue and a Dinner-Dance.



Members of 237 and 444 with Msgr. Cardelli in Arizona (1) Br. 247 Gardena



Special Events Chair Rose Moore of Br. 247 of Gap with St Anthony fiesta financial secretary Marlys Burke presenting our donation. (2337)



Our parish looks forward to yearly Spaghetti Dinners

That's enough for now. More next month.

God Bless

AndreaLinn

**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 Farinella

First Vice President

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

August 10th and we have just dedicated the newly refurbished Church. It's so nice to be back at the church. The new back drop at the altar is beautiful and brightens up the altar area. All of the stained glass windows have been cleaned and reframed. All new pews are easy to sit in. Newly redesigned patio was added to make for a relaxed community atmosphere. Hallelujah. Hooray!

Back to earth now. On Aug 17, we had a take down the alternative worship with a 50's themed party and auction. It was fun to see and remember all the relics from the old church

September 22 we will be having a fun raiser Spaghetti Dinner and welcome newcomers to the parish

The ICF will prepare the food, prepare raffle items and do 50/50 to raise money for or charities.

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 Shurko, 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 Folklórico 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 con 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 reelected 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 Bollettino). 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 Zugnoni, 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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Br. 380 Convention photo-op: Lou & Pat Mages, Nanette Metz, Anne & Richard Interrante



Br. 380 Natalie Allesandrino and Liam Swist help with food drive for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry

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Remember, if an officer is not able to attend the October meeting, a written letter or email to President Fran by 10/01/2019 stating if nominated you will accept a nomination for branch office.

Sadly, Maria Ferrario, mother of our member Paul Ferrario, passed away in August. Please pray for the repose of Maria's soul. A donation was made in Maria's memory to the Cooley's Anemia Charity.

Happy Birthday to all members with August, September and October Birthdays! Congratulations also to those who may be celebrating wedding anniversaries in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran LaTorre

President, ICF Branch 215/St. Francis of Assisi

Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

The officers who attended the International Convention in AZ came back with many new ideas and enthusiasm to share. The theme of acquiring "new members" was paramount at the convention along with developing closer relationships with pastors along with other suggestions. Our branch is developing new ways in which we might approach this challenge.

Our Branch 285 was very honored to receive the Second Place Outstanding Achievement heritage Award at the convention. We hope to continue with sharing heritage at our meetings.

Our Apostolate Spiritual Report was presented and graciously accepted by Bishop Emeritus, Rev. John Cummings, who was representing Bishop Barber at the convention. Our gifts for Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love were also presented at convention.

Our nominating committee is at work filling the various board positions for next year. We are hopeful that members will be willing and able to fill the needs required.

Cassidy Bates, our 2018 first year scholarship awardee, has earned a second year scholarship from East Bay District. Cassidy is starting her sophomore at the University of San Diego in a pre-med track. We congratulate her on earning this scholarship and representing our branch.

The proud grandparents, Milt & Kathy Elm, have announced that their grandson, Larry Frazier, who recently was accepted at Annapolis, is now a Naval Midshipman.

Three of our members are calendar winners. Our next general meeting/social potluck will be Friday, Sept 20 at St. Elizabeth Seton. Roast chicken will be provided by host couple Dave & Judy Wellbeloved. The program will be displays of Catholic wall art, tapestry & more. Items will be available for purchase.

You will find members of our branch helping with the game booth at St. Michael Fest Day on Sept. 28th.

We continue to count our many blessings, especially with so many suffering great loss in our world. We pray for them and for all of our members and their families who are in need of our prayers.

Until Next Time, Ciao,

Judy Bates

Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Thank you to all who were able to attend Bishop's Day prior to the convention. Nice to catch up with other ICF members and many priests we have known over the years.

As promised last month, we have a Champion in the Banana Split challenge; and the winner is LEONARD!

We are currently preparing for the Pasta dinner at the OLG Festival. Help is always needed so we all have time for some fun. Thank you for your help.

Our next big fund raiser will be our Biscotti sale. We will be taking orders in Oct. for delivery in time for Thanksgiving. No bake sale this year.

In addition to the upcoming election of officers in Oct., we will have a special guest speaker, Laurice Levine. Laurice always additional and interesting news on the subject of Cooley's Anemia. We are expecting a full house at that dinner/meeting.

A Blessed All Saint's Day.

And a Happy Halloween to All.

Pat Grasso,

Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

October is the month when each Branch and District nominates/elects the officers for the following year. According to the By-Laws (Chapter XI, Article 2A) if the meeting date is changed, members must be notified by U.S. mail or E-mail 14 days in advance.

As Catholics we donate our time, talent and treasure in praise of our God. Holding any office in a Branch and/or District requires the use of our time. As good stewards we should consider offering our time and talent by becoming an Officer. Speaking from experience I can tell you that it's a fun and rewarding thing to do.

The next District meeting is Thursday, October 24 at the Round Table Pizza Party room, off Highway 24 in Martinez.

How great is our God? Well, the Earth is spinning counterclockwise at 1,000 mph and orbiting the Sun at 67,000 mph, while our solar system is traveling at an average speed of 515,000 mph. We don't feel anything because all the motions are almost completely constant. Incredible; isn't it? We are a very tiny part of the firmament where there are billions upon billions of stars, planets and black matter, all created and designed by our God.

How important are we? Well, so important that our Creator sent His Son here to Earth to live, suffer and die in human form in order to redeem us. I think that make us pretty important because it shows how much our God loves us.

How much do we love HIM?

Joseph (joe flores33@comcast.net)

Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10



Br.343 enjoying the Banana Split Challenge

This was evident at the convention in Tucson. Information was gathered, blood was donated, friendships rekindled, thunder and lightning storms were enjoyed, the air conditioning was welcomed in the 110 degree heat of the prickly state; and, we received an award for increasing our membership! It was an added bonus to share the table with delegates from Chicago and a pleasure meeting a youthful first-time delegate from San Jose Br. 391 at a workshop. Elizabeth Brodersen, all of 15 years old, was a refreshing change to the typical "seasoned" delegate like myself who represented her branch well with self-assurance and knowledge. Kudos to her mother, Teresa. It was an all-around success with thanks to organizers.

Tickets are on sale for Branch 13's Annual Family Polenta, Chicken & Sausage Dinner, Saturday, November 2 at St. Catherine Parish Hall, 604 Mellus Street, Martinez. No-Host Cocktails @6 p.m., dinner @7 p.m., \$20 per person, \$8 for children 6--12 years old, and FREE for children under 6. Tickets available at 925-229-2665 or emailing: icfbranch13martinez@gmail.com. St. Catherine has a Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass, so you are able to attend Mass prior to the dinner and sleep in on Sunday!

Next branch meetings are Thu, Oct 17 and Thu, Nov 21 which is our annual Thanksgiving feast. You're invited to join us with a dish to share that complements a traditional turkey dinner. RSVP 925-229-2665. Calendars 2020 are now on sale for \$25 each.

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

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 sausages 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!)



Crockett Branch 14 picnic and Bocce tournament. Members enjoying a day together

And finally, hats off to our David Botta as a Life Member Emeritus in ICF David can no longer vote as a Central Council member because he has turned 75, but I'm sure we can all agree that he is the spirit and the life-blood of the ICF. Congratulations David!

Blessings,
~Helen

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Happy belated Grandparents 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 meeting and elections will have passed. I'll report on that next month.

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



Thank you ladies for representing Crockett Branch 14 at a wonderful Convention

The District Night of Recollection is coming up on Monday Nov. 11? The Richmond branch will host. Dinner and District Chaplain Father Larry Young's inspirational talk are not to miss! Call 925-228-0810 for tickets.

That is it for now,

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti
Patty*

Concord St. Agnes, Br. 214

Welcome back ICF members. We hope you had a great summer with family and friends. We are excited to look forward to many exciting events taking place in our Branch 214

We enjoyed a fun filled day at the Viano Wine Tasting even we held on June 9th. We sipped Viano wine while enjoying delicious appetizers and winning wonderful gift raffle prizes.

Our branch president, Roberta Healy hosted a members' appreciation barbecue in August. Perfect day to spend enjoying great weather, good food, great friends and of course, raffle prizes.

Our two delegates went to the Convention over Labor Day weekend. Special thanks for Roselynn 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.

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 blessed happy times ahead.

Ciao, Norene DeLuca

Danville San Isidore, Br. 352

Our Branch chefs were given the night off at our September dinner meeting, as members 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

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

Roseville San Vito, Br. 73

As it has done every spring for quite a few years, Branch 73 donated \$500 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*

Remember, the deadline for *Bollettino* submissions for the November issue is. October 10th.
Get your articles and photos in to
editor@icf.org

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

San Martino Branch #13

ANNUAL FAMILY POLENTA DINNER

Saturday, November 2, 2019
6 PM No-Host Cocktails
7 PM Dinner
of Chicken, Sausage, Polenta

Saint Catherine of Siena
Parish Hall
604 Mellus Street, Martinez
Enter Hall on Henrietta Street

\$20 per person 13 yrs & older. \$8 children 6 to 12 yrs.
FREE ages 5 yrs & under when accompanied by adult

Proceeds benefit ICF scholarship program which includes the St. Catherine of Siena Eighth Grade Scholarship, the ICF National Charity: Thalassemia research at Children's Hospital, and others.

Tickets Available by Calling 925-229-2665

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE
 ICF Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner on Saturday, May 16, 2020

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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 (530-305-3512) 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
Bolletino Contributor

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We said arrivederci 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 Schillin 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 Bacigalupis 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, sisters who are attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo University.

Autumn is such a beautiful time of the year and we're reminded of the Lord's blessings as we enjoy this wonderful season!

Grazie.
Anne Finn
Recording Secretary

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 Apostolate-Charity.

Our September Potluck Dinner was delicious, as usual. Those of you, who didn't attend, missed out!

Upcoming Events:

October 8: Meeting. 5:45 PM in the Rectory. All are in invited. We will elect our 2020 branch officers at this meeting.

November 9: Polenta Dinner. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Get your tickets early, as it always sells out. Mary Madden has tickets for sale. Nancy Buchanan is looking for raffle prizes, if any member would like to donate an item or two.

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

Happy Halloween!
Lauren Kilcullen

Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

I'm baaaaack!!! 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 Bolletino 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 Cordrey 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 the winners 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

Oct. 14th - Regular Meeting

Oct. 26th - Polenta Stew Dinner at St. James Church Hall - 6:15 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, salad, polenta/stew, dessert, wine and coffee. Cost is \$25 Adults \$10 Children under 12. Reservations - Louise

Nov. 11 - Regular Meeting. Bring canned goods for the needy.

Dec. 8th - Quarterly communion, St. Vincent's Church 10:30 a.m., Mass with our Christmas Party Luncheon following at the Cottages of Petaluma Club House. Cost and Menu to be determined. Information will come later.

Get well wishes to Roseanna Cresci and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month. Remember to pray for the homeless, our service people, victims of crimes and our Country.

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

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

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/servers and parish members who helped, and the Newman Center students who served and wash

We serve 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.



Br. 144, Guests at Chicken Polenta dinner



Br. 144, Cooks for Chicken Polenta dinner



Br. 144, Eanni's Garden Party



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!



Br. 31, Summer potluck

Eureka St. Bernard, Br. 145

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 Colivas 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.

Today was our Italian Festa. The weather was beautiful, food was delicious, and a bocce tournament was enjoyed all.

Our Applebees' fundraiser will be on October 7th. For more details, you can contact Joe Bonino

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Kathy Acquistapace reports that the 2019 Convention in Tucson, AZ was very successful. St. Eugene's Branch won 3 awards for Heritage, Membership and Charity. All our members should be proud of what we did in 2019 and strive to continue to do in 2020.

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

Our Polenta and Stew dinner promises to be a big success on October 5th. Thank you to all who work on this fundraiser.

Our next meeting, November 4th, will start with a Margarita at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center and then a Taco Bar at 6:00 p.m. Our regular meeting will follow the dinner. President Bob is asking that the ladies of the St. Eugene's Branch take on the respon-



Br. 31 going to Monterey Festa Italia

sibility of the Christmas dinner. If you are interested, let him know and start planning for December.

Remember, with a Rosary prayer, our brothers and sisters who are ill. Remember them now and we will be remembered when we need prayers.

Happy Halloween!

Ciao,

Gail Bong-Azevedo

Sebastopol St. Michael, Br. 209

At our August meeting, our branch enjoyed a delicious potluck of favorite dishes prepared by our members in attendance.

We would like to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Mario Valencia to St. Sebastian's Parish.

Our Sebastopol ICF Bocce Tournament was held on August 18th. Seven teams participated and were treated to a chicken BBQ and potluck lunch, in between all the bocce games. Thank you to our BBQ pit masters Charlie & Eugene for barbecuing the chicken.

We want to congratulate the Vannetti family; Gene & Lorraine, Eugene, Sharon, Katie & Kyle and Ricky & Stephanie, who have won the Family of the Year Award from ICF Central Council this year. The Vannetti's were honored at the general assembly on Saturday, August 31st at the annual ICF Convention in Tucson, AZ. Gene & Lorraine are charter members of St. Michael's Branch #209.

Another - congratulations, goes out to our Branch, First Vice-President, Yvonne Dorr, whose daughter Becky and husband David Perkins delivered their first child, a boy, on 8/9/19 at 5:45am. Westley Louis Perkins weighed in at 10 lbs., 6 oz. and 21 inches long. The baby's middle name is for his great grandfather (Yvonne's dad) Louis Sanchietti. Mom and baby are doing well.

Please pray for our sick members: Colombina Albini, Barbara Bidia: who is recuperating at home from surgery & Father Gerry Gormley who is recuperating as well.

Ciao,

Sharon Vannetti

FRESNO

Los Banos Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Hello again from Branch 31! We've had a lot happen here in Los Banos and here are some highlights. On August 17th we had our summer potluck at the home of Rick and Terri Post. It was a great time as usual; the food and drinks were fabulous, but the company was even better.

A couple weeks later, on September 7th, we filled a charter bus with members and made the trip to the Monterey Festa Italia. On the way there we enjoyed some delicious snack made by Linda Silva, Anna Boffa and Cathy Caropreso. We spent all day at the festival enjoying the music, food and sunshine. Fingers crossed we can do that again next year! The following weekend, September 15th, our church held their annual Fall Carnival. Our branch had a booth and sold Italian sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions; needless to say, there were very few sandwiches left. It was so much fun and we were happy be able to help the church raise some money.

Even with all that has happened, there is always more coming up. On October 8th we will be cooking and jarring pasta sauce that will be sold after mass before the holidays. This is always a big hit and can make a great gift if you need one. Our next meeting will be held on October 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the pastoral center.

God Bless!!

Ciao, Giona Boffa

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 Ficher 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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**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.

Our Pasta Sauce with Meat fundraiser was a big success. Our gratitude to chair Maryellen Mazzei and her helpers.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 16, our Polenta Dinner fundraiser, held at the Lodge from 5-7 PM. Tickets can be purchased from any officer or phone Robyn at 209-658-3715. The proceeds go towards local philanthropic causes and scholarships. As always, your support is appreciated.

Our next meeting is October 9, 5 PM social, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting.

The 2020 ICF calendars are hot off the press and ready for purchasing.

Pray for a quick recovery for Debbie Giannone who broke her ankle, had surgery on it and is now in rehab. Prayers are extended to Deacon Chuck Reyburn during his illness.

Goditi il fresco clima autunnale.

Enjoy the cool autumn weather.

Stephanie Lucich



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

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

As we write this, two of our long-time members, Sherrie 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; Mariateresa Charley; Geraldine Goodwin; and Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez.

Notable upcoming events: 9/29, Mass and breakfast for members: 10/ 6, Parish Festival.

"I cannot imagine Jesus by Joseph's side in the workshop 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.

Ciao!

Carlotta Cacciatore



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



Members and delegates from Merced



Br. 21 Delegates Cindy Schuette, Patty Morelli, and Roseann Costabile in 'Roma' at ICF Convention 2019.

**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.

Ciao and blessings to all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

**Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25**

What a great convention! Branch 25 Delegates, Julie Richards and JoAnn Sullivan, provided an overview of the convention workshops, the sessions, and the wonderful Masses. Best of all was the Saturday night dinner where our own Chuck DeBord received the St. Pope John XXIII Award and gave a very moving acceptance speech. The Tucson venue was also great. Chuck will also be recognized by the Knights of Columbus at their 100th Anniversary

Dinner, Saturday, September 14 at Sacred Heart Parish.

Branch 25 will again be manning the Pizza Booth at the Sacreh Heart Parish International Festival on Sunday, Sept 22, 2019. We are also planning a "Paint and Sip" fundraiser for this fall, along with our upcoming Polenta Take Out Lunch on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Also in the planning stages is a dinner dance to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Branch 25 in 2020. Our next meeting is Tuesday October 8, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

**Hollister
Sacred Heart, Br. 26**

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; _A_ Sentinel, Mary Ann Friebe; _X_ 2nd VP, Marie Petersen; _X_ Secretary, Brenda Ellis; _X_ Treasurer, Tony LoBue; _X-A_ Financial Secretary, Tony LoBue and Cheri Huntley; _X_ Orator, Joanna McMahon; Trustees, _X_ Betty Brookshire, _X_ Wes Brookshire, _A_ Martha Gibson.

III. Reading / Approval of Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved. Tony LoBue—Treasurers' Report showed \$3,787.84 in the Social account and \$5,373.94 in the General account. Dues of approximately \$2,000 from the Central Council due soon. Dinner bill needs payment. All were approved.

IV. Guest: Father Stephen Akers, the new pastor of Sacred Heart/ St. Benedict's Parishes. The Kermese parish is approaching the 20th Anniversary of St. Benedict's founding on October 30.

V. Old 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.

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 sick members; Mary Edmondson, Rosalie Campisi, Fedele Scornaienchi, Norma Martinetti, and Kathy Hill.

Anniversaries-Joe and Joanna Mc Mahon and Dan and Marie Peterson.

Birthdays-Mary Edmundsun, Wes Brookshire, and Cecil Vallejo.

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 Antonia 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,

Elaine Valentine

Financial Secretary

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 Leonard, 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!



Br. 36 ran the Calamari Booth at Fest Italia!

I hope everyone has a festive and spooky Halloween!

Until next time,

Natalie Carbonel

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 Harrold 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. See Treasurer Jane Kotila to buy your calendar and be eligible for a cash price in the daily raffle.

Here's something to ponder from Mother Teresa: *Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.*

Deanna Musler, Secretary

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!

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

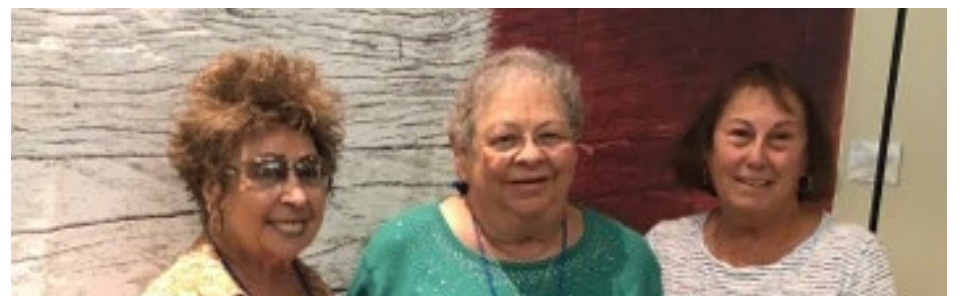
spouses. The annual event serves over 100 dinners, has informative guest speakers and all veterans in attendance are introduced, along with the Military Branch of their service.

Please continue to pray for these members who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Theresa Aston, Anita Caracci, Dianne & Homer Clees, 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!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary



Br. 291 Delegates, Joanna Van Blaricom, Theresa Aston and Abby Gallagher, are all smiles at the



64-Br. 291 Delegates had a great time at the ICF National Convention in Tucson, AZ. Pictured here are Joanna Van Blaricom, Pres. Pete Gallagher and Abby Gallagher.

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Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Branch 354 gave a \$500 donation to NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries in support of Christina Malloy's Ministry work 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. District President Bob Bausino thanked all who helped make the district picnic a success, especially the cooks. Look for new cooks next year and probably delaying the mass & lunch to an hour later. He also confirmed our Octoberfest for September 21 at Teske's Germania Restaurant.

Br. 5 President Glaubke has Bishop's Day all set for Saturday, October 26 at St. Clare's - 11 a.m. Mass followed by lunch at Three Flames- \$45.00. This is Bishop Cantu's initial attendance. Let's give him a warm welcome. We might also see our newly elected Central Council President.

It's time for each branch to put together a slate of officers for next year.



BBQ picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos



Br. 82 Festa Italia: Pasquale Esposito, Nettie Kaehler

SCV District Bishop's Day - October 26
September District Meeting - ICF Branch 184, St. Mary's Los Gatos - Monday, September 9.

Mike Nunziata

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.

Check your mail box for a letter for membership dues due for 2020. Dues for renewal by 12/31/19.

*God Bless,
Marlene J. Rotolo*

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our August 19th dinner meeting was a catered event held at the Old City Hall Restaurant.

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 I.C.F. 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.

Next dinner meeting is on October 21st at Cullen Hall. Bring your current membership card for a chance to win the membership drawing.

As I close this article, our hearts are overwhelmed with the tragic event that occurred at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. We continue to come together as a community and continue our prayers for our community and visitors who attended this event.

*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

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.



Br. 28: Playhouse and accessories that will be raffled at the upcoming Polenta dinner on October 12, 2019.

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 90+ 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.

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

*God Bless,
Lucy Amico*



The beauty of Tucson Br. 191

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

It is very quiet and still in the desert....
A new month, A new leader, A new circle of friends, New knowledge, and much more at the 2019 Tucson, Arizona Convention. 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 information to become a successful president. Sunday morning general session continued with branch awards. All delegates attended the celebratory mass in the afternoon.

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 Pappani 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.

HEY....All you Bobby Sockers....Get your socks...Stop by the closet ...Poodle skirt, saddle shoes, and palmade please....Grab your partner, and "Rock around the Clock" ...At the St. Francis Cabrini Sock Hop on November 9th. A tri-tip 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 in the St. Francis Cabrini Church Bulletin. Keep our sick members in our prayers
Shirley Catania
Sentinel

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,



Early morning Tucson, Br. 191

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. 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 Talamo 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.

Janis Patellaro

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 voltuneer 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 Shimshock was our Br 408 Delegate and participated in the Business Meetings. Fr. Chirs Bennett presented an inspirong spiritual workshop. Fr. George Arahna and Fr. Chris Concelebrated with Bishop Edward of Tucson at the Grand Mass.

Thank you to our 25 donors for our September 7th Blood Drive. These units of Blood are sorely needed at this time. Our Next ICF Blood Drive @ Rez will be held in the Farana Center on Saturday Dec 2nd from 830 A to 1PM .
Please remember to include our sick members in your prayers—including safe travels for Bishop PJ McGrath, Totsie Taylor (passed) and Paul and Dori Blefari.

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.

Fran Scalzo (our sentinel and heritage member) introduced her 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

STOCKTON **DISTRICT**

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

We enjoyed the convention and all the activities. The work shops were very good and had a lot of good information for us. The mass on Sunday was very nice. Thanks to Antonella Turchetti's for the beautiful job on the Heritage Report, she took first place in our group.

We have our convention calendars and hope our members will buy or sell at least one calendar.

As we finish with the fall festival all our bakers will be busy baking cakes, cookies,



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. Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi St. Anne, Br. 82

Buon Autunno, ICF Familia!

A new branch experiences many firsts: first meeting, first officers, first fundraiser, first convention, first chance to make new friends. Reinstated 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. Molte grazie.

St. Anne's celebrated the first ordination of a parishioner, Fr. Adrian "Ace" Cisneros, on July 6. All parish ministries helped with a reception for over 1000 well-wishers following his first Mass at St. Anne's on July

Branch 82 Pranzo e Bocce Event



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.

Stockton 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.italianschoolofstockton.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

Our delegates to this year's convention in Tucson reported the weekend was a big success. Congratulations to those newly-elected members and a big woo-hoo to our delegates and members who won big money in the drawing! You will see their photo in this issue, thank you, Steve.

Everyone is home safe now and preparing for the September dinner meeting on the 26th. The menu is Country Style Ribs, special recipe beans, salad, and the dessert bar that we supply from our volunteer bakers each meeting. Thank you all for contributing those great treats! A few extra pounds never hurt anyone, right?

The Stockton District picnic was delicious - steaks were grilled to perfection again thanks to Joe Bacchetti - and we had almost 100 in attendance, including the children, who looked to be having the most fun.

Condolences to the families of our branch members, Ida Geist, Edith Bastian and Guido Bettinzoli, who passed away recently. Ida & Edith were Charter members since 1986. Our prayers go with you - rest in peace.

Steve Ridolfi added the photos taken at convention - lots and lots of them - for



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



Delegates from Orange District at 2019 Convention: (left to right) Karen Kocvara (Br. 379), Gay Joyce (Br. 423), Joe and Rose Digrado (Br. 406), Marisa Babin (Br. 379), Maria Di Paolo (Br. 379)



Br. 395 with ICF members enjoy the beautiful Tucson sunset at this years convention.

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. Participating is a great way to give back to our parish community, as well as promote ICF and what we have to offer for all ages and nationalities. If you don't have one of the retractable ICF banners, you must order one! This month is our quarterly ICF member mass followed by a pancake breakfast. 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 will be Thursday, February 13, 2019 and you won't want to miss it.

Alla prossima, Mary Ann

ORANGE DISTRICT

The Orange District thanks the Tucson branch, Tucson Convention Committee, and Central Council Convention Committee for a truly wonderful 2019 convention! We look forward to hosting ICF members, families and friends in 2020 to celebrate "One Faith,

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



Br. 379 members at the annual Italian Beach Picnic in July 2019.



Welcome the Newest Group of Members to ICF Branch 448 in San Diego

Miranda Gibson

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 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.

Peace,

Robin Fielding – ICF – Branch 261



Br.423.Bocce Ballwinners



Ciao,



The Officer photo, names from right to left: President, Jackie Cortes, 1st VP, Simonette Mandap, 2nd VP, Pamela Smith-Ezermack, Financial Secretary, John Gulino, Orator, Nancy Light, Treasurer, Christopher McKinney, Sentinel, Wendy Matulich, Br. Mentor, Patrizia Vigili, G.P., Andy Pappani

San Diego Good Shepherd, Br. 448

August 10, 2019 marked on 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.

Branch Officers: President: Jackie Cortes, 1st VP: Simonette Mandap, 2nd VP: Pamela Smith/Ezermack, Financial Secretary: John Gulino, Treasurer: Christopher McKinney, Orator: Nancy Light, Trustees: Josie Gonzalez, Regi Reynoso, Sentinel: Wendy Matulich and Chaplain: Fr. Victor Maristela.

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.



Conducting official area business Saturday before the banquet



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



Br. 425 members, helping welcome guests.



Tucson Area Members enjoying each others company at our Saturday "Meeting" before the banquet.



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



Br. 433 members, including Branch Chaplain Father Crino before the Saturday Banquet.



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



Br. 433, members enjoying the convention



Angel Perez at opening Rodeo



Branch 425 members activities

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Chairperson

Committee Members:

Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Pat Mages, Richard Interrante, Laurice Levine and Betty Zasoski

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of Tucson 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 MSGR. CARDELLI

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 guid-

ance. 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 liberty. 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 CONVENTION DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE, LOCAL COMMITTEES, AND DIOCESAN CHAPLAINS

Whereas, the preparation of the annual convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and sacrifices on the part of many individuals; and whereas, under the direction and outstanding leadership of Roselynn Jarrett and the chairs of various local committees under the guidance of Melissa Rodriguez, the Local Chairperson of the Convention, the success of the convention was assured. We, as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith and Nanette Scarpellini Metz, Editor of the *Bollettino*.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS

We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE DELEGATES AND NON-DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION

We thank them for representing their branches and for their dedication in preserving and keeping the Italian Catholic Federation, a strong and vital organization in their communities. We wish them all a safe trip home.

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

We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop DuMaine on his recent passing. Bishop Dumaine 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 ROBERT F. CHRISTIAN, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

We offer our condolences to the family of Bishop Christian on his recent passing. Bishop Christian 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 PAST CENTRAL COUNCIL LIFE MEMBER EMERITUS SIR ROBERT DIANDA, K.S.G.

We offer our condolences to the family of Sir Robert Dianda on his recent passing. Sir Robert was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation not only as a Central Council Member but also in his Branch and District, he worked hard for the Federation and the Catholic Church.

TO DAVID BOTTA ON HIS TRANSITION TO LIFE MEMBER EMERITUS

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.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 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 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.

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“CELEBRATING THE 103rd YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
MOTHER CABRINI’S DEATH”

at
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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,
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RESERVATION(S) DUE BY: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

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I wish to reserve _____ dinner(s) at \$20.00 dinner; _____ Under 12 at \$8.00 dinner
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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
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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
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Oakland, CA 94621
Attn: Bollettino

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

The deadline is November 10th. Thank you.

ICF Office

