ICF National Branch: Up and Running

Al Restivo, National Branch Orator

On January 11th the Interim Board of Directors of the new ICF National Branch 67 met again for another Saturday morning formation meeting to finalize the execution of the launching of its long awaited branch. Grand President Vince Piro joined the board for the meeting held in the Mother Theresa room of Holy Family Church in South Pasadena. The focus of the meeting was to formalize operational details such as the shape and form of the new web page, its Facebook presence and current planning for branch member recruitment.

Also planned was participation at the upcoming Archdiocese of Los Angeles annual Education Congress which will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center on February 21-22, 2020. Once again ICF will maintain a booth to introduce the organization to the thousands of attendees who come to the conference from all over the USA and Canada. Several members, including members of the Central Council will be at the Congress to participate in the booth.

The new branch is designed to bring ICF to people all over the country. The idea of a virtual branch is to be open to people in states where there are no current branches, and is designed to provide for wider national coverage for our growing organization, noted Interim Branch President Carmelo Sabatella.

For years people from other parts of the country have been asking how they could become a part of ICF in places where no branches previously existed. Now they can join and enjoy the same benefits others have enjoyed for 91 years since the organization was formed in California, added Grand President Vince Piro.

Catholics across the country can now join ICF by completing an application online at [www.ICFNationalBranch67.org](http://www.ICFNationalBranch67.org). Dues for new members will be $50 and members will have access to the branch through an extensive website, receive a membership lapel pin, receive a monthly copy of the *Bollettino*, and the ability to attend web meetings planned for the future. In addition, new members will be encouraged to attend ICF’s annual convention on the Labor Day weekend and be represented by a delegation, which will be determined by the number of members of the new branch. The 2020 convention will be held in Anaheim, California. Membership applications will be available at the Congress.

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ICF Booth at the Religious Education Congress

Feb. 21-23

Perry Shurko, LA District President

I’m happy to announce that once again the ICF will have a booth at the Religious Education Congress. It will be held February 21-23 2020 with the Youth Day Rally on Thursday the 20th. This year’s theme is *Live Mercy, Be Holy*.

The ICF is very appreciative for the invitation to join Congress as an exhibitor once again. If you’re attending Congress be sure to stop by and visit our booth.

This year the ICF is thrilled to announce the introduction of our new Virtual or National Branch. You can sign up to be a member of the ICF without belonging to a parish branch.

Virtual members will have their own Facebook page and belong to a very special community.

I would like to thank our Central Council Members who will be helping out in the booth and to our LA District Members too. Mike and Marcie Rossi, Grand President Vince Piro, Past Grand President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid, Leonard Zasoski, Pat and Lou Mages, Carmelo Sabatella, Theresa and Tad Shaw, Anne and Richard Interrante.

I hope to see you there.

God Bless.

Perry Shurko, LA District President.

We held off pulling the calendar winners to give everyone a chance to return their ticket stubs to the ICF office by the January 31st deadline.

The winners’ names for January 2020 and February 2020 will be printed in the March 2020 issue. The winners’ names will also be available in the *Bollettino* Highlights on the ICF Web site at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) beginning with the March 2020 issue.
New Life: Beautiful and Precious

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

Life is the most beautiful, most precious gift given to us from God. What a privilege it is that humans can cooperate with God to create a new human person.

It’s a joy to see an infant begin to respond to those showing their love and care. Soon the baby starts to develop a personality. The baby becomes a unique individual unlike anyone who ever lived, is living, and will live. The child is a new life full of potential and is the most beautiful of all beautiful gifts.

May God bless all babies with a happy and holy life.

I present Rosie, my NEW great, grandniece.

Membership Drives Are A Valuable Tool

Membership Committee

The importance of membership drives should not be overlooked. As stated in the past, membership drives can be formed in several ways: a stand alone drive; as part of the parish ministry fair or a more informal drive as part of another event.

The following guidelines are for a stand alone ICF membership drive, but most of the guidelines will apply to any of the ‘drives’ mentioned. A special thank you to committee member Nina Malone, who authored “Organizing A Membership Drive”.

1. Ask permission. Let your pastor know that your branch will participate in a Ministry/Stewardship Fair. Confirm which dates might work best with the parish facility schedule to hold a Membership Drive and pick a weekend that has the least conflicts with other parish events.

2. Know the Rules. Your branch should be aware of parish policies and procedures. Is it okay to set up tables in the vestibule, stuff flyers in the bulletins or make an announcement at the end of Mass? Knowing the rules will maintain a good relationship between your branch and parish staff.

3. Get your members involved. There are plenty of jobs to go around, so delegate! The more people involved, the more excitement you will generate. Appoint a chairperson and sub-committee to carry out the tasks listed below.

4. Develop a flyer/brochure. An announcement in the church bulletin is a good way to advertise your Membership Drive, but it is a proven fact that an attractive, well-written colored flyer or brochure will grab even more attention. If the parish allows, create a handout that explains the who’s, what’s, when’s and where’s of your branch. Keep it simple; explain ICF basics, contact information, meeting times, location, membership eligibility. This is an effective tool for all branch fundraisers and parish events too!

5. Coordinate with Parish Staff. If a bulletin insert is an option, ask how many flyers should be printed and when your branch members should be available to stuff the church bulletins. If you need extra help, consider asking the parish school or youth group; a great way to interconnect with the other parish ministries. And print extra copies for you Membership Table.

6. Prepare a Mass announcement. If allowed, make a short 30-second announcement at the end of Mass. Announce that the church bulletin is a good way to advertise your Membership Drive, but it is a proven fact that an attractive, well-written colored flyer or brochure will grab even more attention. If the parish allows, create a handout that explains the who’s, what’s, when’s and where’s of your branch. Keep it simple; explain ICF basics, contact information, meeting times, location, membership eligibility. This is an effective tool for all branch fundraisers and parish events too!

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro
(As per Bollettino tradition, the Grand President’s Installation Speech.)

First of all, I want to congratulate all of the newly installed branch and district officers. Your leadership makes a difference in your branches, parishes, and communities. And it is appreciated by the Central Council, your branch members and your pastors. As I have said on many occasions, the strength of the ICF lies in its branches. They have an important and significant impact on their communities. And, I am not the only one who feels this way. During my many conversations with bishops and pastors, they have relayed to me their deep appreciation of what ICF branches contribute. They have expressed to me that they find local branches a vital part of their dioceses, parishes, and communities. ICF branches hold fundraisers that support parish ministries and projects. ICF members serve their parishes as ushers, Eucharist Ministers, lectors, choir members, and leaders on parish committees. And ICF branches give to those less fortunate in their communities by serving meals to the hungry, collecting coats and other essentials for the homeless, providing scholarships to students at all levels, and donating to numerous charities, such as Children’s Hospital in its fight against Cooley’s Anemia (Thalassemia).

Below the cross on the ICF logo is the phrase “I Came to Light a Fire,” and the plan embraces change while honoring our tradition and history. In my President’s columns in the Bollettino over the last couple of months, I have elaborated on how both the Central Council and branches can implement these necessary strategies. I won’t take the time to go into too many details now, but I do want to highlight a couple of items that directly affect branches.

First, the Membership Committee is working to create a promotional video that can be used to market the Federation at all levels and has also created a National Branch, Branch 67, to attract people to the Federation who do not live near local branches. Second, the Task Force Committee is reviewing and proposing revisions to Federation By-Laws and procedures at all levels to lessen the burden that branches often feel in attempting to fill offices and implementing Federation policy and practice.

Third, the Mentor program is being thoroughly revised so that it better serves branches, districts and the Central Council. Due to serious systemic problems with the Mentor Program, the Executive Committee felt it necessary to suspend the program for the time being as it works with branch presidents and mentors to revise the program. Of course, we all appreciate the hard work that mentors have put into the program over the years, but if we are honest, we will admit that in too many areas the program was not working as designed. As we move forward with the Strategic Plan, we must be open to change and that is not always easy. As Pope Francis reminded the Roman Curia during his Christmas Eve talk this year, we must “not fear change, it is in the nature of the missionary church.” It is also my belief that the Federation must not fear change and see it as “the nature” of our missionary work. I know that to adapt to the future while still maintaining the best of our traditions will not always be easy, and I am sure that mistakes will be made. I ask for your patience, support, and forgiveness as we move forward. Of course, the members of the Central Council and I are always willing to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have as we implement change. It is through our faith, family, fellowship, and heritage that we will find the strength and courage to move the Federation forward.

Again, I want to thank all of you for accepting leadership roles in your branches and districts. You and your branch members keep the fire of faith alive everyday.

Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi
Grand 1st Vice President

The recipe this month is from Betty Barber from Branch 227 Capitola. She states: “Many years ago I read a recipe in a “from your garden type” magazine and realized that it was a fresh salad, good all year, nutritious and DELICIOUS. From our own garden I tried it. It was wonderful. When we moved to Santa Cruz, 2 years ago, I introduced it to the ICF Friday Night Lenten Dinners and it became a HIT!” At the recent convention in Tucson, she was encouraged to send the recipe in and share it with our readers. She said she makes large portions for her family of 6 children.

The name of the recipe is interesting—it takes the first letter of each ingredient in the recipe. Betty’s recipe came with no measurements. I have added the measurements I used, but you can change it up any way you prefer.

**ABC GLOPPS**

- Apples, washed and grated (5 medium size)
- Beets, peeled and grated (2 large)
- Carrots, scrubbed and grated (4 large)
- Ginger, fresh, peeled and minced (2 Tbs. -3”x1”)
- Lemon Juice, freshly squeezed (2 lemons, about 1/3 cup)
- Olive Oil (1/3 cup)
- Parsley, chopped (3 Tbs.)
- Pine Nuts (1/2 cup)
- Salt-if needed

The Apples, Beets and Carrots are in more or less equal quantities. There are no specific amounts so the chef can use as much as is necessary for the occasion. Betty squeezes the lemon juice first, adds the olive oil and finely grated ginger to it. The apples can then be grated in this to keep them nice and white.

When all the ingredients are mixed together the beets color everything a wonderful deep pink color.

Keeps well in the refrigerator, so do not worry about making too much. The measurements I listed above made 4 quarts. I found this recipe very delightful and refreshing. A wonderful summery salad. The color is great and would make an interesting holiday addition. I would use more ginger and I also added some white balsamic for a bit more zing. I did not add salt.

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 droondoni@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!
Applications Are Open for Gifts of Love Awards
Teresa Helfan, Gifts of Love Committee Chairperson

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

If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Gifts of Love Committee is holding its first meeting of 2020 to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. In this month of February, when we celebrate Valentine’s Day and think of those we love and care about—let us also open our hearts, thoughts and prayers to our fellow parishioners and neighbors in our communities who may be in need.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or to agencies that assist individuals with disabilities.

We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to these people to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need! Please keep in mind that our next meeting will be in June.

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

Mother Cabrini Shrine
Open House on February 9th from 9 a.m. to noon

Francesca Cabrini was born in Sant’Angelo Lodigiano, Italy (about 20 miles from Milan) on July 15, 1850. She is the 13th child of her family. Stories say that a flock of white doves flew above her home shortly before her birth. She was born 2 months premature and was in delicate health through much of her life.

An avid student, she studied hard and earned a teaching certificate from the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. The religious communities would not allow her to fulfill her dream of being a missionary due to her poor health. She was not deterred and went to develop the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880. In Italy she founded various schools, orphanages and managed a hospital. Then at age 40 she was finally able to begin her global mission. While her desire had been to go China to continue her global mission. While her desire was to the East, but to the West” to New York.

This seemingly frail Mother Cabrini made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and went on to found 67 institutions, schools, orphanages, hospitals and parish ministries on 3 continents in only 67 years of life. As part of that, she helped thousands of Italian immigrants within the United States.

The Mother Cabrini Shrine in Burbank is just one of the many places touched by this remarkable woman. Please plan to attend the next Open House on February 9th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank. Please include this site in your pilgrimage of Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Chicago, Colorado and New Orleans.

For more information or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with the annual December Pilgrimage event in Burbank and help maintain the Shrine facility, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

Thank you for your continued support! Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee E cas1810@aol.com

Virtual Branch
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At a branch organizational meeting, the following board members accepted responsibility for the leadership of the national branch: Carmelo Sabatella, President; Al Restivo, Orator and Public Relations and Marketing committee chairman; Robert DePietro, Trustee and Program Chairman; Perry Shurko, Public Relations and Trustee; Webmaster and Trustee, Tad Shaw; Heritage, Antonio Fucci; Theresa Shaw, Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Membership, and Grand President Vince Piro, Facebook. Other members of the board include, Maria Bravo, Eric Bravo, Nick Sabatella, and Lou Mages. President Piro will be an ExOfficio member of the board.

The next meeting of the reorganization board will be held at Holy Family, South Pasadena on February 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Value of Membership Drive
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6. Prepare a Mass announcement. If allowed, make a short 30-second announcement at the end of Mass. Appoint someone that is comfortable with talking in front of large crowds, has a clear speaking voice and enthusiasm for the organization. If the pastor would prefer to make the announcement himself, supply information about the branch’s accomplishments and where your team will be located after Mass to talk to parishioners about the ICF.

7. Create an ICF Membership Board. Using the Membership Kit that is available on the ICF website, appoint a member to gather branch photos and the necessary supplies to create your ICF Membership Board. Highlight Bishop’s Days, Corporate Communions, Joint Installations, picnics, etc.

8. Set-up for success. Coordinate with the parish to set up a table in a heavily trafficked area. If the area allows, use your ICF banner or a colorful sign that is easy to read; drawing plenty of attention. The table should include your Membership Board, ICF brochures, handouts, Bollettinos, posters, memorabilia, balloons; even some hard candies or small giveaway items!

9. Sign them up. Create an information worksheet for prospective members; include name, phone number, email and mailing address. Give them a business card and brochure; invite them to your next meeting. For more ideas, checkout “Branch Visitor”/ “New Member” packets at www.icf.org.

For further help, contact your Membership Committee. We are here to help you!

Pat Mages – Membership Committee Chairperson, pmages@icf.org

Cooley’s Christmas Party - articles and photos coming in March.
**Book Review**

**Vince Piro, Grand President**

*The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna: A Novel*  
Juliet Grames  

This debut novel by Juliet Grames is a sweeping family saga that follows one hundred years of family secrets from Italy to America. It’s a complex and fascinating story combining fiction with family history which explores the Calabrese culture as well as the diverse immigrant experience in America that covers many generations.

The publisher describes the books as “a sweeping family saga about sisterhood, secrets, Italian immigration, the American dream, and one woman’s tenacious fight against her own fate.”

For Stella Fortuna, death has always been a part of life. Stella’s childhood is full of strange, life-threatening incidents—moments where ordinary situations like cooking eggplant or feeding the pigs inexplicably take lethal turns. Even Stella’s own mother is convinced that her daughter is cursed or haunted. Even Stella’s own mother is convinced that her daughter is cursed or haunted.

In present-day Connecticut, one family member tells this heartrending story, determined to understand the persisting rift between the now-elderly Stella and Tina. A richly told debut, The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna is a tale of family transgressions as ancient and twisted as the olive branch that could heal them.

The novel has received The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Oprah Magazine, Time and several other publications.

Juliet Grames was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and grew up in a tight-knit Italian-American family. A book editor, she has spent the last decade at Soho Press, where she is associate publisher and curator of the Soho Crime imprint. This is her first novel.

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**Who are WE?**

**Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair**

**Jan Stumhoffer, Branch 445**

**January 2019** – Jan spoke of Capodanno (New Year’s Eve) as well as traditions and foods. Her branch also sponsored her first Heritage Activist Award Recipient – 2019 Convention.

**February 2019** – Jan spoke of Valentine’s Day in the culture of ancient Italy and how it is celebrated today: “La Festa degli Innamorati” – Celebration of Lovers.

**March 2019** – She spoke of Pasque – Easter Celebrations and Traditions in Italy.

**April 2019** – Told them in addition of celebrating their birthdays, many Italian celebrate their Onomastico – the Feast Day of the Saint for whom they were named.

**May 2019** - She read a handout she received years ago in her Italian Class entitled “The Joy of Growing up Italian.”

**June 2019** – One of their members Emily Lippolis Corral gave an oral report about her family’s annual Wine Making.

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**Do You Want to Save Lives?**

**Jacqueline Delaurenti Ficht RN, BS, CNP**

**Trustee, Branch 108, Holy Family Church, South Pasadena**

Has anyone in your Branch saved the lives of two people? Diana Plescia, Trustee of Branch 108, has by performing the Heimlich Maneuver on two people who were choking. She was able to do so thanks to her background and training in Occupational Health.

The first time was at the Cooley’s Anemia Fundraiser Barbeque, held this past July at Holy Family Church. Diana looked up and saw a fellow Branch member performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a guest. As the person in distress was taller, and the man performing the maneuver was significantly shorter, while valiantly trying he was having difficulty. Diana saw that the woman’s lips were turning blue. She told another member to call 911, and then proceeded to successfully perform the Heimlich Maneuver.

The second occurrence was after the recent funeral of her brother-in-law. Her sister-in-law was eating a hard cookie when Diana noticed she was gasping for breath. Other family members were unaware of what was happening, or were too stunned or unaware of what to do. Diana told her daughter, Marissa, to call 911, and then again successfully performed the Heimlich Maneuver. She plans to have a close family friend, Dr. Brian Doerning, present information on how to do the Heimlich Maneuver at their next family function.

Because of Diana’s training, and willingness to step forward, two lives were saved.

How can you tell if someone is choking? A choking victim will often clutch their throat. Other signs include not being able to breathe, or experiencing loud, difficult breathing; inability to speak; unable to cough effectively; blue/grey cast to the lips or fingernail beds; loss of consciousness.

To familiarize yourself with how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver, you can go to [https://www.wikihow.com/Perform-The-Heimlich-Maneuver](https://www.wikihow.com/Perform-The-Heimlich-Maneuver). It is also taught as part of CPR classes available through the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Knowing how to perform CPR is also vitally important for ordinary citizens.

How can you avoid choking? Cut your food into small pieces; chew food thoroughly and carefully, especially if wearing dentures; avoid talking or laughing while chewing and swallowing; sit up straight while eating; avoid excessive intake of alcohol before and during meals.

_The life you save might be your own._
Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Upcoming: Please note no meeting in February.

St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Millbrae
Hope everyone had wonderful Holidays with family and friends. We are looking forward to our Installation of Officers which will take place on January 18, 2020 at the Terrace Cafe in Millbrae.

Our District Holiday Party will be held on January 23 in the lower hall of Our Lady of Angels. This is a pot luck dinner, where we have an opportunity to socialize with other Branch members from our District.

We are looking forward to another ICF wonderful year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020, with a soup dinner prepared by our past president Carla del Carlo. YUM!!

MARIN

Larkspur
St. Patrick, Br. 161

HAPPY 2020 TO EVERYONE!

Our Christmas Luncheon was well attended. Thank you Darcy Fitzsimmons for the delicious food, to Imma Sottile for the knitted goods, jams and breads, and Margaret DeRango for the jams. We honored two of our members Erin and Patrick Loffus-Sweetland. Every year they have been Santa and Mrs. Claus at our holiday parties. For almost 20 years they have done the same for the Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic in San Francisco. This year in honor of them we donated to the Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic, toys, books, stuffed animals and dolls, puzzles and a scooter. Over 900 children attended in 2019. Also, Erin and John Gallagher (our past president) were the first to play Santa and Mrs. Claus for the Thalassemia patients at Oakland’s Children’s Hospital.

Thank you to Lauren Kicullen for installing our branch. Also, thank you to our members who helped with the pot luck.

I am honored and surprised to see that my recipe and picture was selected for the 2020 calendar for February.

Three of our long-time members have moved out of Marin, Elvira Balatti to Belmont (CA), Eleanor Feehey to Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Mary Onetti to Lodi (CA). Thank you for all the years you supported our branch. We wish you good health and happiness.

When the time change occurred, we changed our meetings from Tuesday evenings to Saturday mornings. March 14 will be the last meeting in the morning.

Please continue to pray for our sick members, especially Gloria Ghirarduzzi, Lorraine Iavarone and Joseph Pignati son of our Treasurer Anthony Pignati, and Maria Aversa, and hope that everyone will be back to good health real soon.

Congratulations to our Officers for 2020.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

SAN MATEO

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We will have our first meeting and dinner this week to start out the New Year. We will enjoy from Leonard's Deli in Millbrae a delicious Ham, Mashed Potatoes and salad dinner as many of us are over stuffed from the many treats enjoyed during the Christmas season.

We have many events planned for the New Year and will start with our Installation of officers which takes place on Saturday 1-18-2020. Thanks to Victor Camicia for the delicious dinner as many of us are over stuffed from the Christmas meal.

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Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

Novato
Our Lady of Loretto, Br. 332

Our Branch recently enjoyed honoring long time member, Dominic Bramante, on the occasion of his 95th birthday. Dominic served for years as the head bartender at our monthly dinners, and is still very much active today passing on his recipe for the perfect Manhattan to his successors. Buon Compleanno Dominic! A Cent’Ann!

At the January meeting, the new Branch officers were introduced and the outgoing four officers were thanked and were presented with a gift of appreciation for their leadership and service to our Branch. The four retiring officers are Bob Lemos, Sandy Vasquez, Jim Harais and John Cutrufelli.

Remember, start sending in Bollettino submissions for the March issue. Deadline is February 10th. Get your articles and photos in to editor@icf.org.
The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2021 “Daily Raffle” theme:

“Family Travel Memories”

We need your participation. So how can you help?

- Share a FAMILY RECIPE from a Camping Trip or Cabin Stay and ANECDOTE about your Family Vacation.
- Share PICTURES that hold a fond memory of your Family Vacation.
- Sell! Sell! Sell! The “Daily Raffle” is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

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

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2020

Mail information and checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621

The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino
Members: Lisa Crudo and Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
Member At Large: Joseph Pachinger
Advisor: Leonard Rossi, C.L.J.

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

Well, 2020 seems to be moving right along. Last month the LA District held its annual Installation at St. Peter’s Italian Catholic Church. I want to thank our Central Council Members who came down and helped celebrate with us.

Our first District Officers Meeting was held on February 1st at Holy Family in South Pasadena, and our next General Meeting will be on February 29th at San Antonio Winery.

Don’t forget to visit the ICF Booth at the Religious Education Congress February 21-23.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy St Valentine’s Day.

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Congratulations to new Officers: Immediate Past President John Maggiora, President Thomas Haubrick, 1st VP Tad Shaw, 2nd VP Patrick Grimaldi, Treasurer Linda Sabatella, Financial Secretary Theresa Shaw, Recording Secretary Patricia Richards, Trustees Diana Plescic, Jackie Ficht, Aggie Centurioni Dawes, David Tetreault, Paola Fratino, Andrea Maggiora, Orator Patricia Avila and Sentinel Bill Dawes.

Thank you Santa Claus, ICF Mentor Steven Drobeck, ICF members, guests and families for making this year’s celebration a beautiful event.

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our Feb. General Meeting and San Valentino Potluck Dinner is Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th St, in Montebello. Join us for a pre-meeting Valentine’s potluck dinner. The branch will provide vegetable lasagna, salad, garlic bread, water, coffee, wine, and cake. Bring your favorite main dish or side dish to share. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Irena Scorcia, Carmelina Palmieri, Fr. Michael Stechmann, Lynn Enrico, Christina Castello, and Eileen Viera celebrating birthdays this month. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Our St. Joseph Table will be March 21 & 22 at St. Benedict Parish Hall. Set up is March 20th starting at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Money raised allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, Cooley’s Anemia & other charities. Your support is needed to make this a successful event.

Please mark your calendars.

We are sad to report that our member Angelo Grimaldi passed away on January 3. He was 92 years old. Services were held at St. Bruno’s Church in Whittier, CA on Jan. 18. He is survived by his beloved wife, Phyllis, daughter Sally, Son Louis (Christina), grandsons Angelo, Gabriel, & Anthony, and sister, Concetta Marchese. Sincere condolences to all the family and may he Rest in Peace. Let’s keep Angelo and his family in our thoughts and prayers, and let’s pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them all in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

A Presto!
Frank Salomone

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

Our branch will be very busy in the upcoming months!
Mass in honor of St John Joseph of the Cross will be celebrated on March 5th at 8am. Refreshments will follow in patio.
Our upcoming Crab dinner dance fundraiser was the focus of our January meeting. The dinner dance will take place on March 7th at 6pm. A delicious crab dinner will be served. Entertainment by Tony Ciaramitaro band.
Tickets are $40.00
As you can imagine many hours of work go into this event. We are looking for extra help to set up, cooking and or cleaning up help. Please consider helping our branch. A few hours of your help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Neal DiLeva to volunteer and or purchase tickets 310 433-1044.
Scholarship applications for graduating seniors are now available at local high schools or online at ICF.org. applications are due March 15, 2020.
Please attend our potluck meeting on Feb 20th at 6 p.m. Our branch has many green cooks! If it has been awhile since you have attended a meeting, consider attending. You will have a great meal and connect with friends!

As a reminder if you haven’t paid your dues of $39.00 please attend meeting or send check to Pauline Iacono 1072 W 8th St at San Pedro 90731.

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For young and old alike. Our special thanks to Ron Walkman for donating the game booths and prizes.

With the holidays over, plans begin for the annual trip to Laughlin in April. Something tells me there will be slots and slots of fun for all.

Thanks and regards,
Ch. + Nina Paul
“To serve with compassion”

Gardena St. Anthony of Padua, Br. 237

December in Gardena may not have been “white with snow”, but that didn’t stop ICF Branch 237 from jingling bells and spreading good cheer at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.
Johnny Roa manned the basketball booth and blessed the children there with his delightful personality. Special Events Coordinator Rose Moore assisted Laurice with procuring donations of games and prizes to Children’s Hospital and Santa himself showed up once again at with a gleam in his eyes to hand out presents to children along with warm hugs and a “Ho, ho ho”

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Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

Our next general meeting is February 9. As of this writing, our January meeting has not occurred. Nor has the pancake breakfast of this writing, our January meeting has not occurred. Nor has the pancake breakfast
Diamond Bar  
St Denis, Br. 317

Felice Anno Nuevo!  
A Very Happy New Year! From the Members of Branch 317 in Diamond Bar.  
We hope that you All had a Very Blessed, Happy and Safe Christmas Season.  
Well the New Year has started and so have we.  
We ended 2019 by having Members attend the CHLA Thalassemia Christmas Party. Once again, the ICF Branches did a FANTASTIC job putting this party on. All the children and their families had a GREAT time. Actually I’m not too sure who had a better time, the Families or the Volunteers. On January 6th, Members of the ICF Cooked and Served a Spaghetti dinner for the Confirmation Alpha Youth. (Approximately 50 students and Adults were there.) I was given time to speak to the Youth about ICF and what our Branch does. I invited them and their families to come to our meeting and to Volunteer at our events to earn their Service Hours.  
Our “Holy Cannoli” pre sales start on February 2nd. We will be distributing them on February 23rd. One last “Goodie” before Lent starts. This year we are trying something new. We are asking our Parishioners to bring a non-perishable food item when the pick up their Cannoli to help replenish the St. Denis Food Pantry.  
Coming up at the end of April (April 26th) is our Annual Arts and Craft Faire at St Denis. We invite everyone to come and join us. From Everyone in Branch 317, we Hope that 2020 is an AWESOME year for ALL of our ICF Families!!  
Many Blessings  
Pamela-Anne Roemer, President  
ICF Branch 317  
St Denis, Diamond Bar

Claremont  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Well we’re into a new year 2020 and everything seems to be starting out with a bang. The installation for the Los Angeles Archdiocese District went really well mass at St. Peters is a nice change. The food was good and it was nice to see the different branch. At the January board meeting came up with some ideas for the next 6 months starting with a fundraiser at El Ranchero in February. March of course I'll our famous St Joseph's table on March 15th. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are going to do the table, raffle baskets and our famous sausage sandwiches. In April we have Easter and another maybe dine-out for dollars fundraiser. May is the annual Fiesta at OLA and we will probably do the Pizza Booth if the church asks us Prepare yourself for that.  
Memorial Day weekend we will do our USO collection and also July 4th weekend. In June we will have the awards dinner to award scholarships to our OLA graduates and our charitable donations. These are just a few ideas for the future  
See you at the meeting in February.  
Andrea Linn, Pres

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Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

Wow, it’s February! 2020 is moving right along. Well, did the groundhog see his shadow or not? Congratulations to our new branch officers. We had a great time at Casa Italiana celebrating the District Installation. Don’t forget to join us for our first Bingo of 2020 which will be on the 16th. If you’re going to be at Religious Education Congress, be sure to visit the ICF Booth. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Presidents Day and Valentines Day. Don’t forget our annual St. Joseph’s Table and Brunch will be next month. If you could help us out with cookies, breads, cakes or any other donations it would be greatly appreciated. Have a great month.

Manhattan Beach
American Martyrs, Br. 447

Ciao Tutti. On behalf of our 2020 Board, we are blessed and grateful to be serving. Please meet our 2020 Board members:
- President – Stephanie DeRaddo
- 1st Vice President – Monica Rossi
- 2nd Vice President – Jodi Rich
- Recording & Corresponding Secretary (Open) – Stephanie DeRaddo (temporary)
- Treasurer & Financial Secretary – Mary Roberti
- Orator – Sheila Walsh-Vargas
- Trustees – Rich Romano, DeAnna Federico and Danielle Federico Custis
- Sentinels – Joanna Brown and Mary Pizel
- Evite Communications Chair – Mary Cheatham
- Onsite Cooking Chair – Mary Frascella

Our first Board meeting of 2020 was fun and creative. We planned many exciting events for 2020 and we look forward to bringing our ideas to our members for a vote and to elicit their great ideas. We will be creating several committees to help with our future events.

Our next General Meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at O’Donnell Hall. It will be a Valentine’s themed meeting celebrating Valentine’s Day - Love Italian Style. More details will follow in the Evite.

We will be having a very special General Meeting on Sunday, March 22nd to celebrate St. Joseph’s Day with a St. Joseph’s Day Table. We will be introducing the St. Joseph’s Day Table to the parish with a special celebration and hope to make this a very special annual event. We will be creating a St. Joseph’s Day Committee to help set up the Table and bakers to bake and donate Italian baked goods for the table. More details will follow.

Peace & Blessings,
Stephanie DeRaddo
President
Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! Officers in 2020: Fran LaTorre, President; James McGee, 1st VP; Shirley DeLucci, RSec; John DeLucci, FSec; Nadine Mattier, Orator and Sentinel; Ralph Mari Niccoli, Genevieve Vanek, Trustees. We have a challenging year in 2020. I am confident with their support Br. 215 will make significant progress.

The East Bay District’s primary fund raiser is the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on Feb. 1 at St. Philip Ner Church Hall in Alameda. Volunteers are needed to prepare 2 raffle baskets and 3 appetizers. Contact President Fran at (510) 589-8498. Bring your friends and family to this fun event.

Corpus Christi Parish’s next Friends and Family Dinner is Feb. 22. Nadine Mattier offered to make a center piece as a donation from ICF Br. 215. Contact President Fran or Nadine for tickets.

The Lenten Season is close. Br. 215 will host one of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Thank you to members who prepared soups in the past and for this year too. Please join our soup making team.

At the Nov. 2019 meeting, the branch officers developed a 2020 budget and planned branch events. One idea is for a Heritage Celebration. We will invite the parishioners of Corpus Christi to join us. James McGee is chairing this event and he will appoint his planning committee soon.

Thank you Ken Chiatello for being our faithful Bollettino correspondent for several years. We appreciate the time and care you devoted.

Happy Birthday to our Feburary birthdays. Please pray for our government leaders, locally, statewide and nationally. May angels touch their minds and hearts.

Sincerely submitted,
Fran LaTorre

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

We were finally able to celebrate with our Branch Christmas party, or as Leroy and Lisa reminded us a La Befana, at our last meeting. As we usually do, we were able to provide Birthright with layette items for newborns to 3 months and money. Our guest speaker from Birthright, Teresa Fuller, thanked us for our generosity and reported that they served 188 mothers this past year. Also, she said that they added two more churches that they will be serving.

Presently, we are working on our Polenta Feed which will be held on Feb. 15th with entertainment and raffles. So come on out, bring your friends and help us make this a success. Remember, there will not be a regular meeting in Feb.

Our next outing in March, will be a trip to Graton Casino, It is being set up by Dorothy C., who has done some very successful trips in the past.

Sounds like we can be as busy as we want the next few months, working on these projects and/or participating to make them successful.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all those who are or wish they were Irish on the 17th!

Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.

Martinez
St. Catherine of Siena,
Br. 13

In this month that is dedicated to LOVE, it is fine to be reminded to express love to those who are most special to us. If Valentine’s Day encourages spouss to say “I love you” to each other and friends to commemorate their friendship, that’s great. Our world would be a better place if people expressed their love more often. Jesus encourages us to love, not just those who love us back, but also those who do not reciprocate. All of us have such people in our lives, at work, in the local store, perhaps even in our families or our church.

Our calling, as followers of Jesus, is to love them and do good to them, not in order that they might respond, but so that we might live each day as beloved, faithful children of our Heavenly Father.

In his homily on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Fr. Anthony Huong Le asks us if we can give: One more prayer for the community of faith, one more hour a week for Jesus, three more minutes a day in prayer, one more invitation to someone

in the community who has drifted away; one more act of LOVE.

Living in a new year of faith, this Year of Grace, take up his challenge. True heaven and earth can be realized in this new year. Let’s all try together.

Ciao for now,
Mary Cook

Livermore
St. Philomena, Br. 285

HAPPY NEW YEAR! How are those New Year’s Resolutions coming along? We pray that 2020 will be a great year and we will be blessed.

Those who attended our Christmas dinner had a lovely time. The nativity display at St. Elizabeth Seton brought smiles and positive feedback. We hope the Christmas holiday was joyful for your families.

Board members were installed on Jan. 19. Our branch is in good hands for this coming year with an enthusiastic board, new energy & ideas.

We thank the officers who are staying on in their positions for another year. You are to be commended! We hope to have several informative guest speakers at some of this year’s meetings.

Our home bound members enjoyed the visits by our sunshine committee during the holidays. A little bit of holiday cheer was greatly appreciated.

Our Jan. 17th meeting/social was hosted by Pat & Patty Brick. Members have been diligent about signing up to host each of our 2020 meetings. We’re off to a good start!

Philomena Buonsante, who was in charge of our District Calendar sales, was happy to announce that all of our calendars sold and one member has already won!

Contra Costa
District

This article is being written in early January; therefore, I’ll report on the Installation of Officers and the District meeting next month.

By now all the new officers have been installed and hopefully all the membership dues have been paid.

As you know; the mentor program has been canceled. Please let your officers know your comments regarding the cancelation, give them your opinion because your opinion is very important.

Following is the list of District Officers and Committee chairs for this year:

Chaplain Rev. Larry Young
President Patty Jarrett
First vice Peggy Aiello Hagerty
Second vice Judie Van Maran
Secretary Roberta Healy
Treasurer Walter Costa
Orator Carole Delucchi Padlo
Trustee Addie Beppler
Trustee Carol Larson
Trustee Helen Politakes

Sentinel Maria Catanese Helburg
Committee Chairpersons:
Apostolic Roger Van Maran
Bollettino Joseph Flores
Convention Rose Jarrett
Heritage Mary Cook
Membership Peggy Aiello Hagerthy and Helen Politakes

Our next District meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Table Pizza party room in Martinez. Each branch should send two representatives to this meeting.

Can you remember the reason why you decided to join the Italian Catholic Federation? Perhaps you can use the same reason to have your friends and acquaintances join. Please let me know if you are interested in writing future District Bollettino articles.

In Closig: My wish for you is that Christ the Lord may hold you by the hand and guide you through life on this earth and through eternity.

Joseph (jofefores33@comcast.net)

Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!
February is traditionally a month that’s all about love. Roses and heart-shaped boxes of candy are everywhere. But in addition to all of this romance, our members know it’s also the start of another busy season, beginning with the installation of our officers.

Installation took place in January, with many people being re-elected, such as our president, Donna Hoffmann. Donna first joined the ICF in 1994, and has always been very active in the organization. Donna originally served as Sentinel, and then quickly moved up to VP. She’s been sharing her time and talent as our branch president for a number of years, and has been doing a fantastic job.

Donna believes the ICF is, “A place where friendships are made, and people are always there for each other. We volunteer and give without any hesitation or expectation, in order to help each other and our community. It’s really an extension of your family.” Our gratitude goes to Donna, and congratulations to all of our 2020 officers.

Mark your calendars! Our Polenta Dinner will be held on February 8th, and our Corned Beef Dinner on March 14th. Tickets are $20 for adults, and $7 for children under 12. Also, Al Di Prima will be making his world-famous Chicken Marsala for our upcoming meeting – don’t miss out!

In keeping with Valentine’s Day, our love goes out to all who are under the weather or just not feeling great (I’ve found that chocolate always helps).

Don’t forget to share the love!
Blessings,
–Helen

Some of Br. 14, Crockett bringing in the New Year together. Happy 2020 to all.
Pittsburg
San Domenico, Br. 72

January was a busy month for Branch 72. We hosted the Contra Costa District Installation of officers. Father Larry offered Mass followed by our installation and luncheon. Our mistress of ceremonies was Rose. I would like to thank her for making the sending the invitations and for making our table decorations for the reception. I would like to thank Helen for printing out the Mass readings and prayers of the faithful and getting them to the readers. Helen also assisted the second vice of the district in getting all the scarves passed out and collecting them. I would like to thank Walter Costa for being our Galileo contact and setting up the chairs for Mass. He does this year after year. The Galileo club in Richmond works well for us due to Walter. I would like to thank everyone who helped. The district write up next month will have a full report.

We also saw the new year in with a pot luck party. Look for your invitation for our Feb meeting. Our theme will be “Chinese New Year”—costumes and all. You will not want to miss this fun full event and meeting.

The ICF mentor program has been suspended. A new program will be made known to us. We thank our mentor Peggy Aiello Hagerthy. We have invited her to continue to join us. We appreciate all she has done for us!

Happy birthday to our Feb. birthday members! Get well wishes to anyone under the weather.

That is it for now.

As we say in Pittsburg,
Sempre Avanti
With best wishes,
Your President,
Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

Buon Anno! Happy New Year!!

The January meeting opened with Pizza and Salad.

Discussed at the January meeting was the upcoming Ravioli Family Fundraiser dinner. Date to be announced. Raffle donations will be needed as well as help setting up tables.

New officers were installed at the district installation, January 18, 2020. Mass was followed with Installation of officers and then lunch at the Galileo Club in Richmond.

The next meeting is February 10, 2020, in honor of Chinese New Year we will be celebrating with a Chinese Dinner. Everyone loved it last year so expect another enjoyable meal. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Please pick up a branch calendar for a schedule of meetings, officers, and fundraising events. They are still available at the next meeting.

If you have any graduating high school seniors in your family, please inform them of the ICF Scholarship program. Check out the ICF website for information, www.icf.org or Google, Italian Catholic Federation/scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications is in March.

Dues are payable now! Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Mike Cannady, or Toni Reeder.

If you haven’t been to a meeting in awhile consider adding attending a meeting to your New Year’s resolutions. You’ll be glad you did!

Concord
Todos Santos, Br. 214

Buon Anno.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years celebrating with family and friends.

We are holding a warm clothes drive in January to give to a homeless shelter in Concord. The event is headed by Gloria Schafer. We always have a great response for donations from our generous members.

We received some very sad news. Our branch Sentinel, Gerry Rugani, passed away on January 1st. She was a devoted wife of 60 years to her husband, Bob, and loving mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren. She was a warm, caring lady who donated her time to help with our branch activities. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

We are looking forward to the Installation of officers on January 18th. at the Galileo Club in Richmond.

I wish everyone a healthy, blessed New Year.

We pray for the sick, homeless and our troops.

Sincerely,
Norene Deluca

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

Roseville
San Vito, Br. 73

Plan to welcome the arrival of spring by attending Branch 73’s polenta/chicken dinner on Saturday evening, 21 March. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert.

The no-host bar will open about 5:00, and dinner will be served about 6:30. The cost is $20.00 for adults and youngsters 12 and older, $15.00 for children 6 to 12, and at no cost for those younger. Tickets may be ordered by telephoning Rhonda Barsotti (952-8822), Robert Delpippo (783-5192) and Arlone Rose (752-2073). The last day to do so is 15 March.

Buon Compleanno e tante belle cose a tutti i soci sezione 73 nati nel mese di febbraio.

Best wishes for a happy Valentine’s Day to all young lovers, wherever you are.

Robert Delpippo

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

A big thank you to all who helped to make our 2020 Polenta Dinner Dance such a great success. This is my favorite event every year and I am glad that so many people pulled together to make it a great evening for all who attended. We have so many people to thank: Chairs Barbara O’Rourke and MaryAnn Mikles, Chef Mark Pizziali and his crew, and Hall and Table Decorators, Servers, Bartenders, Ticket Sellers, Raffle Prize Donors and Event Sponsors, Raffle Prize Coordinator Marisa Borba and her helpers, cleaners, and all those who attended. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our branch really appreciates your support.

Please keep an eye out for information about our Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, February 22nd. We will meet at St. Joseph’s Hall for an afternoon of great fun. Please contact MaryAnn Mikles for tickets.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville
St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Holiday season.

2020 has arrived and we’re hitting the ground running! In addition to our monthly dinner meetings, lots of projects and events are in the works. Our District installation of officers takes place on February 1st at St. Joseph Parish in Auburn. Then on February 15th, we’ll be hosting our District Bingo fundraiser here at St. Clare. There will be lots of great food, prizes and, of course, BINGO! This is always such a fun event and we’re hoping for a great turnout. Tickets are on sale now!

Branch 438 is also welcoming our special guests from the Gathering Inn on February 17th. This ministry is so special in that it helps so many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

On March 3rd, we’ll be manning three local voting precincts for our California primary election. This tradition is not only a great fundraising opportunity, but it’s also a lot of fun for volunteers and a great way to get involved in the electoral process.

These are just a few of the events coming up. We’re looking forward to another successful year of service and fellowship, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our ICF family.

We ask that you pray for our members who are sick and suffering and ask for the Lord’s continued blessings and guidance. Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Ciao!

Anne Finn

Recording Secretary

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT

Healdsburg
St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped at our January Polenta Dinner. Attendance was a bit lower, but everyone had a great time!

Upcoming Events:
Feb. 11: Branch meeting at the Rectory. 6:00 PM
March 6: Fish Fry! (Please note the change in date.) For reservations, call Mary Madden: 431-0438. This event is always popular and sells out, so make your reservations early. Price: $35.00 for members and $40.00 for non-members. We will have a raffle, silent auction and live auction.

Future events:
June 28: Parish Festival
October 11: Golf Tournament
Remember to pay your dues.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Lauren Kilcullen

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Several Board Members of Branch 342 visiting Santa at our Christmas party in December.
Welcome two new members, Ann Hill and Margaret Sims. We hope you enjoy our branch and its members.

March 9th - Reg. Meeting
March 14th - Quarterly/Communion for Deceased/Living Members - St. Vincent's 5 p.m. mass. Dinner to follow at the Elks Lodge.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

Pray for our troops and for peace this year. Also pray for the homeless, and for our Country. Remember to be nice to someone you will always get it back in return.

Ciao, Louise Vicino

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Sonoma
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Hello to all Sonoma's loyal members and to the host of many many non-members who filled our tables and enjoyed our December 9th Xmas party in Sonoma! Delicious dinner again thanks to Diane Klauber. What a prelude to Xmas. Amazing!!

Now that the dust has settled we can begin to reconstruct another ICF year with so many exciting functions at our branches. Don't miss any of them. Keep informed. May I add that I really enjoyed Br. 198 Anniversary dinner last Sunday thanks to a new and gracious member who reminded me of the celebration. My very own cousin, Lynette Lucia. Thanks, girl!!

Next Tuesday, Jan. 14, planning our monthly meeting at Jo Grant's home. So wonderful of her to accommodate the Board and any other members who would like to attend an informal dinner and meeting. What a woman! The health of our Branch will be discussed as well as our future Fundraisers. Since I consider myself your favorite courier I will keep you posted now that my normal post Xmas schedule has returned to retail.

Ciao and Ci Vediamo presto!! Buon Capo d'anno!!
Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma
St. Vincent, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Our Christmas Party was a huge success. Thanks to Marilyn Lombardi with whom I co-chaired the event. Thank you Lois Bartman who provided the Club house and Alex Barthman as our Santa Claus. Thank you to all who helped to make it a success.

We start a new year with the Soup/Dessert dinner and meeting. Thank you to the cooks and all who helped.

The Branch 2020 calendar has a lot of nice events planned. Give your support to our President and the Branch. Thank you Susan O'Connor for working as Recording Secretary. Louise Vicino is taking her place and Angelo Leone replaces Louise as Trustee.

Our 54th Anniversary lunch was a true success. The spirit and the warm fraternal relationship show that our Branch is really alive and healthy. President Bob thanks Brother Paul and Father John Boettcher for their presence and their prayers.

The Branch fundraiser is set for April 18, 2020 and tickets will be available at the March meeting. The cost is $20 per person for Chicken Cordon Bleu and Risotto. Please plan to attend and bring your friends.

Our March 2nd meeting will be in the Brinker Room at 6:00 p.m. and will feature Corned Beef and Cabbage. The cost will be $10 per person and you know well Ernie Giampaoli can cook corned beef. Be there!!

Pray for all our members who are ill or in need. Make this a resolution for the Lenten Season.

Ciao,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo
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FRESNO

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

On December 8th approximately 50 members and guests attended the Branch 27 Christmas Party at the Madera Municipal Golf Course. Everyone was treated to a wonderful meal of tri-tip, and chicken, several varieties of salad, rolls, dessert, and Elsie’s delicious egg nog (with that extra something!). Thanks to the December committee, chairmen: Louise Chiarelli, committee: Ray Chiarelli, Mike Chiarelli, Carol Chiarelli, Jack, Jennifer and Juliana Chiarelli, Elsie Bottorf, Monty and Leona Pistoresi, and Ila Schoettler. It was so good to welcome Monty Pistoresi back as MC. Thanks Monty! Last years’ Christmas party wasn’t the same without you. We were able to donate approximately $1200.00, to St. Joachim Church, St. Joachim School, Holy Family Table and other ministries in the Parish. As an added bonus Bob Roland and his beautiful voice led the Christmas carols accompanied by Rick DeCarlo on his accordion. The room erupted in laughter when Lori Combs led the group through the movements to the Chicken Dance.

I hope to see everyone at the Officer Installation February 9th, the monthly meeting February 11th, and orange sales February 15th and 16th. Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

Bakersfield

San Luigi, Br. 33

Br. 33 was honored to host the Fresno District Installation February 9th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church in Bakersfield. The District members attended Mass together and then adjourned to the Parish Hall for installation and lunch. We look forward to a great and prosperous new year!

We will miss long time member, Olga Autongiovanni Jacobs, who passed away in December. Olga had been a member of ICF since 1936, when she joined at age 15. Olga was the 1st woman president of ICF, and a dedicated member. We will also miss another long-time member who recently passed away, Nancy Romani. Nancy joined ICF in 1946 at the age of 22. Gratefully still with us is Josephine Lencioni, who joined ICF in 1947 at the age of 19!

Compliments abound over our meeting dinner of homemade sausage and grilled vegetables, pesto tortellini and fresh garden salad. With a sourdough roll and butter, a glass (well, 2, but they were small glasses) of vino, followed by homemade lemon drizzle cake, this writer was in 7th heaven. Huge thanks to chefs and assistants: Domi Giovacchini is home now after a bad fall. We are happy to report our member Enis Giovacchini is home now after a bad fall. She had two months of therapy and is doing well. Our get well wishes go out to Florence Carrara for a speedy recovery. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers.

Thank you also to Madera Branch 27 for a wonderful dinner and entertainment while hosting Bishops Day. We all really enjoyed our time there.

We wish everyone a year filled with health, success and happiness.

God Bless.

Orsolina Casella

Clovis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all! The new year started out fairly quiet for most of our members, but we do have some news of interest, namely it was great to see Tony Rainaldi at our Epiphany celebration. And Orator Sherrie Attolico is back on her feet and feeling better.

Jeanette Couch visited her son Jess and his wife Daniela in Italy and reports she had a fabulous trip and that Italy really knows how to celebrate Christmas. She was able to take many great pictures and thanks Jesus for the experience.

Ruben and Cindy Silva report their Son and Grandson spent two weeks in Japan where their grandson, Brandon, placed second in a Judo tournament.

Father Robert has welcomed a new addition to the parish, his new black Labrador pup, Amica. Glory Spatafore won the prize when she discovered the baby Jesus in her cupcake. This event has become an annual tradition for our branch. And, we welcome our newest member, Chris Spatafore. Welcome, Chris!

In several months, our branch will observe its 50th anniversary, so we need to start planning some appropriate celebration! February birthday celebrants are Sherrie Attolico and Frank Pimentel, both celebrating their 39th birthdays.

In the midst of the storm comes a glimpse of a rainbow, a banner of hope lifted over God’s own; we stand sheltered beneath it, awaiting the sunshine, assured by His Word that we are never alone. -Hoff

Ciao,

Fratello Formaggio

Br. 27, Member Ila Schoettler and great-granddaughter enjoying the Christmas party.

Our Christmas and New Year party was held on January 12 at the home of Ralph and Rosemary Wymenga. Everyone had a wonderful time and we thank you for your hospitality.

We are happy to report our member Enis Giovacchini is home now after a bad fall. She had two months of therapy and is doing well. Our get well wishes go out to Florence Carrara for a speedy recovery. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers.

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God Bless.

Orsolina Casella

SANGER

Sant’ Antonio, Br. 70

Happy New Year from Branch 70 in Sanger!

We can’t believe how fast 2019 went by! Branch 70 has done well under the leadership of president Kay Lopez. Our thanks and appreciation to you Kay.

Branch 281 President, Alan Watts, presented our Branch with a $2,000 check as our share of the proceeds for the Nite for the Nite at the Races fundraiser. Pictured (p. 13) with Alan are co-president, Barbara Fanacchi Crear, and 1st Vice President, Maria Bertoluci Steele. We always enjoy partnering with our fellow Bakersfield branch in this great fundraiser.

Felicie Anno Nuovo!

MERCEDE

St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Branch 39 welcomes new members Mike and Holly Pellicano and their delightful son Michael. Flanking them are their sponsors Sally Latorraca (left) and Carol Salmeri (far right) with president Michael Belluomini.

Sanger

Branch 281 President, Alan Watts, presented our Branch with a $2,000 check as our share of the proceeds for the Nite for the Nite at the Races fundraiser. Pictured (p. 13) with Alan are co-president, Barbara Fanacchi Crear, and 1st Vice President, Maria Bertoluci Steele. We always enjoy partnering with our fellow Bakersfield branch in this great fundraiser.

Felicie Anno Nuovo!

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Bakersfield
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Br. 281

Our first meeting of 2020 began with a delicious pizza and wine dinner as well as great fellowship. Once again, Betty Zasoski outdid herself by selling over one hundred 2020 calendars for ICF! We are very appreciative of her efforts as a percentage of all proceeds go directly into our branch.

Looking forward to upcoming events we have our annual installation lunch to be held February 9th at St Francis parish of Bakersfield. All members are encouraged to attend 10:30 am Mass followed by lunch in the hall.

Also planned as a way of reaching out to our parish community we host a couple pancake breakfasts plus coffee and doughnuts after all the morning Masses. In addition we will be hosting our ever popular pasta dinner. Our Bocce tournament is also planned for the month of May with the time and place to be announced.

We wish all our fellow members and their families a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Theresa Amarante

“Spread Love wherever you go, let no one ever leave you without leaving happier.”
~Mother Teresa~

Fresno
St. Anthony, Br. 308

For our members, 2019 was an eventful year. Following a July break when we held another successful Tahoe Joe’s fund raiser, we were blessed to attend the joyous September wedding of chef Bernie Squeo and his wonderful bride Susan. In October, we welcomed new member Stephen Cantelmi - grandson of founding members Antoinette and Angelo Pecora - whose Eagle Scout project was restoring Saint John’s Cathedral garden walkway, which we were happy to support.

And we bid a heartfelt farewell to beloved member Kae Licciardello, with a Funeral Mass that included laughter as well as tears, while we reflected with gratitude on her beautiful life.

As we anticipate Lenten Season, reflecting on the recent season of Advent and Epiphany, remembering our fun having sausage sandwich sales, and another wonderful Christmas dinner at which we donated over 50 toys for Valley Children’s Hospital, our enthusiasm grows for the year ahead.

We currently look forward to again hosting Friday Lenten Dinners, for the 18th year. Each week our members will cook, set up tables, and serve timeless favorites – from eggplant, lasagna, or stuffed shells, to the traditional Fish and Chips.

And we are working to arrange special masses read in Italian (which we will try to announce here in advance), also a memorial mass in June to honor our deceased members, including Kae.

Additionally, we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming installation in Bakersfield and our Annual I.C.F. Bocce Ball Tournament in May – for which many of us are practicing.

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT
Santa Cruz
Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Happy Valentine’s Day, Tutti! This is a celebration for everyone because it’s a day about love. Charles Schultz wrote: “All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.” So we are reminding you to come to the upcoming Valentine’s Dinner on Friday, February 14th for a yummy dinner and possibly chocolate. It seems that only days after that, Lent begins. Time keeps on moving so it’s important to connect with one another at our parties.

Also, this year’s Calendar of Branch Events will be available at the Valentine’s Dinner. We had our first Branch meeting of the year with our new Board. This year we have three presidents sharing that position; Gary Castiglioni will be serving as first President through April; then, Rebecca Hernandez will continue as President from May through August; and John Barisone will continue as President from September through December. This is an interesting new concept for our Branch; but keep in mind the saying that two heads work better than one…we’re lucky to have three!

Our next meeting will be February 4th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall. Come to our meetings and bring your support and ideas; a new year is a chance to make changes where needed and to add to what already works well. The meeting is short then it’s on to food, card games, and chatting.

Ciao, Tutti. God Bless us one and all.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21
As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches. It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State.

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2019 is the following:
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.
- Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of $50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2019 is the following:
- Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.
- Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of $50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

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

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2020. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2019. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Treasurer

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**Italian Phrases of Love**

*per sempre – forever*
*per sempre tua - forever yours*
*mai soli - never alone*
*per sempre insieme - forever together*
*Luce mia - my light*
*Tesoro mio - my treasure*
*Vita mia - my life*
*Senza fine - never ending*
*Pazza di te - crazy for you*
*Anima mia - my soul*
*Ti amo - I love you*
*Amo solo te - I love only you*
*Sei incredibile - You’re incredible*
*Sei bellissima - you’re beautiful*
*Sei la mia rosa - you are my rose*
*Solo tua - only yours*
*Solo tu - only you*
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
Convention Yearbook

You need to participate!
What’s YOUR part of the story?

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:
• Collected & kept for years •
• Referenced by members •
• A visual history of your year •

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born to
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COLOR!
The Branch 36 page looks great in
the 2019 book! (See page 52.)
So much more impactful
than black and white.
Please consider color for your story.

Information (Flyers, Forms, Contracts, etc.) on the Convention Yearbook has been sent to the Branch and District Presidents.
Welcome to Our New Members!

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Scholarship Donations:

2020 1st Year Scholarship Program
Lisa Crudo, Chairperson

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program was sent to high schools after Thanksgiving, has now been sent to the Districts and Branches in the January mailing and is available on our ICF website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage as well as in the documents in the Officers’ Portal.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is March 15, 2020. Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship of $400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year Scholarship or they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:
A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 1/2 years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established - or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the “Italian Catholic Federation” - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Please visit or call your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the ICF office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.

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- Harry and Josie Shephard
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- Carol and Thomas O’Brien
  - In memory of Sal Lipari

2nd to 4th Year Scholarship Donations:
- The Cabral Family
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- Doris Milicic
  - In memory of Sal Lipari
- Susan Gordon
  - In honor of the 90th birthday of Dr. Mina Bettini
- Annette Baca
  - In memory of Sal Lipari
- Ernest Lipari
  - In memory of Sal Lipari
- Jack and Fay Guerci
  - In memory of Sal Lipari

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- Bob Martinelli
- David Botta
- Joe Mikles
- David Botta
- Fred Bertaccini
- Maria Aversa
- Vince and Robyn Piro
- Fr. Ulysses D’Aquila
- Officers/Members of Br. 6
- Al Bronzini
- Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese

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- Jim and Dottie Smith
- Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
- Mary Ann Mikles
- Officers/Members of Contra Costa District
- Mary Rossetto
- Officers/Members of Br. 161
- Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District

**GET WELL WISHES:**
- Officers/Members of Br. 6
- Officers/Members of Br. 6
- Officers/Members of Br. 390

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:**
- Al Bronzini
- Judy and Dave Wellbeloved

**IN HONOR OF:**
- Officers/Members of Br. 6
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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2020 ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT INSTALLATION:**
- Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District

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**In Loving Memory**

**Deceased Members**

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- John L Neihouse Branch 014
- Lido Marietti Branch 021
- Giovanna Orlando Branch 021
- Renetta Parry Branch 021
- Ida S Tarantino Branch 021
- Charles P Gallegos Branch 026
- Annie Caprioglio Branch 032
- Ann Saladino Branch 032
- Emilio Cal Branch 036
- Dino Ferrari Branch 050
- Ronald J Ricossa Branch 050
- Wilma Bartus Branch 102
- Lina M Della Chiesa Branch 327
- Enrico J Puccioni Jr Branch 342
- Irene T Tedesco Branch 391

**Cooley’s Anemia Donations**

- Alice Ponti In memory of David Botta
- Vic and Pat Arnaudo In memory of David Botta
- Officers/Members of Br. 6 In memory of David Botta
- Julie Contestable Officers/Members of Br. 90
- Larry and Carmen Kilcullen In memory of David Botta
- Officers/Members of Br. 6 Mentor Beatrice Tomassello
- Lauren Kilcullen In memory of David Botta
- David Pessagno In memory of David Botta
- Jim and Virginia Villa In memory of David Botta
- Joe and Marsha Molinaro In memory of David Botta
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Call all little artists!

The Ways and Means committee will be sponsoring another little fundraiser featuring your children’s artwork.

We will be making packets of All Occasion and/or Christmas cards to sell. Please have your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews submit any kind of drawing that they wish. It can be themed (i.e. get well, Happy Birthday, Christmas etc.) or just any design they wish to create. They can be as colorful and creative as they want and can submit more than one design.

Please have designs created on clean/unlined/ unfolded paper and mail to the ICF office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland CA 94621, att: ways and means committee.

Our team will then transform their artwork into lovely note cards in packs of 8 for $10.00.

The deadline for submission will be May 1, 2020. The cards will be available for purchase at convention and by request to the office by September 4, 2020.

See form below to include with submissions:

Child’s First Name: ___________________________ Age: ___________________________

Parent/Grandparent: __________________________ Branch #: __________________________

(If child is acknowledged by First Name only) if you wish to state other information, please note above (ex: Grandchild of ___Branch__).
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Salinas
Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Hope everyone had a great New Year and is now planning for a lovely Valentine’s Day. Branch 25 Board members will be attending the installation in Hollister on January 18, 2020, preparing for Lent, and also planning our Branch’s 90th Anniversary party for late spring. More to come on this.

Our members also supported the annual Community Christmas Luncheon at Sacred Heart Parish on Christmas Day, from 10 am to 3 pm. The team of Parish ministries worked to make the luncheon a success, serving over 600 meals and providing a visit with Santa and a Christmas toy to over 400 children. JoAnn Dominy (on the serving line) both donated their time to the event. Julie Richards made green bean casserole and Joe Massolo donated over a dozen pies. We want to update our members on our Polenta Take-Out Lunch and Bake Sale in November, a very nice event, and we netted $3622.53. Our proceeds included the raffle of a lovely Thanksgiving themed gift basket that was won by our own First Vice President, Thelma Frontani. (See Photo).

Branch 25’s Board Members are looking forward to the Central Coast Installation Brunch and Mass hosted by Branch 26, Hollister, on Saturday, January 18th.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Hollister
Sacred Heart, Br. 26

After President Harry Hill opened Branch 26’s first meeting of 2020 we joined him saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the Italian Flag Pledge. Andy and Cid Pappani, our branch mentor and former Grand President, attended our dinner meeting. Andy informed us that branch mentors are being reorganized. He also encouraged all to the attend the upcoming January 18 District Installation and the St. Patrick’s Dinner on March 14 both to be held in Hollister.

Harry Hill reminded all that Branch 26 is hosting the District Installation on January 18 at Immaculate Conception Church in Tres Pinos. Branch will be served from 10:30am-Noon with the Installation following in Immaculate Conception Church at noon. Fr. Rudy Ruiz will our officiate at the 1 p.m. Mass. We hope to see you all there.

On March 14, we will hold our Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser Dinner. This will be a sit down dinner including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, butter, dessert, wine and appetizers. There will be Raffle prizes. Donation is $30.00 per person. Call Harry Hill for more information, 831-637-9324. Dominic Cosentino will chair this dinner.

January Birthdays—Joe Mc Mahon, Jonathan Ellis, Brenda Ellis

Please pray for our sick and deceased members:
Deceased-Charles Gallegos
Sick-Tony LoBue, Nick Fererro, Norma Martinei, Fidel and Roseann Scornaienchi, and Juanita DeVincentzi
Joanna Mc Mahon cheered us with Bulletin Bloopers. She also led us in the closing prayer.

Respectfully,
Brenda Ellis

Trophies

Thelma Frontani, First VP of Branch 25, was the lucky winner of the beautiful fall themed gift basket that was raffled off during our November Polenta Luncheon and Bake Sale.

Monterey
Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Happy Valentine’s Day - Love is patient, Love is kind, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

January 9, 2020: First Dinner/Meeting of the New Year. Our honored guest speaker was Laurice Levine, Chairman of ICF National Charity (Cooley’s Anemia). Our members and guests enjoyed a short-ribs over polenta dinner, and had homemade pineapple upside-down cake for dessert. Attendance award winner was Agnes D’Agui; congratulations on being the recipient of $150!

January 18: Central Coast District Installation, hosted by Branch 26 Hollister, CA. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for 2020.

January 23: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all our volunteers who work so hard, especially during our Lenten Dinners.

February 6: At our next Dinner/Meeting, we will be initiating 22 new members.

Next initiation will be held in June.
February 28: First Lenten dinner! We need homemade desserts to be donated for our dessert table for all 6 weeks, please. Doors open at 4:30pm - Dinner is served at 6:00PM. Take-outs available. Cost is $15.00 person. Menu: Catch of the day, served with green salad, pasta, and our famous ICF garlic bread, too. Home-made desserts and beverages available for purchase. Avoid the ticket line and buy tickets in advance at www.MontereyICF.org (website Lent Dinner #1 ticket sales begin on Friday 2/21/2020).

2020 Lenten Dinners: February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3 – our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please support us, bring your friends, and we look forward to seeing you there! Always, Elaine Valentine

Financial Secretary

Capitola
St. Joseph’s, Br. 227

Our Lenten Fish Fries begin on February 28 at Our Lenten Fish Fries begin on February 28 and will continue for the six weeks of Lent. Ellen Pauly will once again coordinate the dinners. Prices are $15 for adults and $7 for children. Dinner is served from 5 to 7 p.m. and take-outs are available starting at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from the dinners benefit our charitable giving programs. Everyone is welcome.

Dues this year are $42 and should be given to Financial Secretary Marie Mungai. Hospital insurance can be paid with your dues for those who qualify at $25.

The 2020 schedule for coffee and donuts after mass has been finalized. Dates for our branch are February 16, July 5, and August 16. We need volunteers for those dates. Please help when you are asked.

January’s meeting was followed by a potluck dinner. It’s always fun to sample all the dishes prepared by the good cooks of our branch. Thanks to all who participated.
We are asking cooks to sign ups for our monthly meetings. See Vicki Howell to sign up to cook.

We’d like to recognize and thank Rosa Radicchi and Rebecca Hernandez who served as Branch Mentors in the past. Their presentations at our meetings were always informative and well-received.

This is a reminder to members to bring their dinnerware to each meeting, as well as non-perishable food items for St. Vince DePaul.

A final thought, with attribution to Aesop: No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

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In closing, Branch 354 wishes you abundant blessings in this new decade.

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Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184
It's hard to believe that Christmas was here and gone and Ash Wednesday is right around the corner! This year started with an amazing Installation of Officers at the beautiful St. Mary's Church in Gilroy. After the Mass and swearing in, we had lunch at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. Bob Basuino gave a "State of the Club Address," where he stated that 2019 had its challenges, but we now enter the “Roaring 20’s”! He reported that $6500.00 was given to Bishop Oscar Cantu, and that the Bishop wants to learn more about ICF! Wonderful!

Our Branch Polenta Chicken Cacciatore Dinner will be held February 22 and the theme is Mardi Gras. Please mark your calendars, invite friends and family and join us for this dinner. Call Denise Antonowicz at 408 356 2543 or Donna Pfaff at 408 265 7902 for reservations or information. Our Branch is small but we work hard in order to make contributions to our worthy causes and for scholarships.

Speaking of scholarships, yes, it's that time again. Call Rose Arnaudo regarding scholarship information. Her phone number is 408 354 2016. Rose is recuperating and continues to help our branch!

Our next regular meeting is Thursday, February 13. Hope to see you there. Please keep our members in prayer, this month especially Jan Mannina. Remember to send a Valentine to a special person!

Ciao, Lucy Amico

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191
We are into the new year at Branch 191. The installation of our new officers on January 4th in Gilroy presented Debbie Piro as our new President. We look forward to our new board members in the New Year.

Our first Board Meeting, with Debbie at the helm, was an exciting opening for 2020. Discussions revolved around planning of dinner dances, scholarship, bocce court, quarterly breakfasts, and menu planning for our calendar year. Activities like Village House and Soup Nights during lent at SFC kept all members “brain storming” on how to have these events run smoothly.

Our first event of the New year, will be our Polenta Dinner Dance on March 21,2020. A Western Theme will be center Stage along with Polenta and Bob Basuino’s famous chicken cacciatore, rounding out the evening. The raffle basket committee is in full swing to make this a successful time. More information to come, but do plan on attending on March 21.

January is also the time for all high school graduates to think about ICF scholarships. So many young, bright students need a helping hand in their education. ICF scholarships can help fulfill education dreams. Apply on line at ICF.org scholarships.

Village House, a program to shelter homeless women, will take place at SFC, from March 3 to April 3,2020. There are openings for volunteers in the areas of security, intake receptionist, prep of dinners, and laundry duties. Contact Frieda Plocechini, SFC parish Council Liaison, for more details.

Happy New Year to all of our Branches, and may each branch have a prosperous New Year for the ICF.
Shirley Catania
Sentinel Branch 191

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368
“Come and get your nice warm soup to warn yourselves on a cold winter’s day!” said our hosts and hostesses, Tony and Connie Clancy, Tina Souza-Dutra, and Gale and Steven Rese at our January meeting. We thank them for planning the wide selection of delicious appetizers, soups, salads, and desserts that we enjoyed, and for decorating our tables to celebrate the New Year. Well done, folks!

Thank you to our 2020 officers, who were installed on January 4 at Saint Mary church in Gilroy. Mary Ridi is our new president, with Joyce Robba our first vice president. Ron Sanchez is now second vice president. We are thankful to Anne Cordoni, who has agreed to continue as recording secretary, to Barbara Rufhner, who will continue as treasurer, and to Ed Wendler, who will stay on as our orator. Trustees are Avis Erkeli, Robyn Schlice, and Bill Greco. Protecting us at the door is our new sentinel, Mickey Sullivan. So many hours to us that they could have used especially those who have been serving us for several years. We know they have devoted many hours to us that they could have used in doing other things. Thank you all for your generosity and faithfulness!

With Ann Gresch we mourn the passing of her husband Joe, and with Carol Bennett the passing of her mother.

Jerry Delfino, a Central Council member, announced that the branch mentor program has been suspended for a while. He will keep us informed as the rethinking proceeds.

Blessings,
Judy Zahn
San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

President Mike Rossi opened our first meeting of the New Year with a prayer, thanking Al and Lynda Vallorz for the delicious soup and salad bar. We appreciate them as well as those members who consistently serve on the hospitality/set up team. Mike also thanked Steve Pera for his donation to the meal.

Treasurer Steve Lencioni reported that our branch distributed over $15K to various charities last year.

Louise Vento’s heritage report included origins and customs of “Christmas in Italy.”

It’s that time of year again when Tina Rossi reminds us to send in our ICF dues by end of February. In addition to her role in collecting dues, Tina sold all 35 ICF 2020 calendars by the end of the meeting. Thank you, Tina, for your continued support.

Our popular 33rd Valentine Dinner Dance, “Aloha with Love,” will be held on February 8, 2020. Guests will be treated to a full course steak dinner, with music provided by DJ Ken Cardona. Contact Cathleen Lencioni for tickets.

Setup will be held on Friday, February 7, at 6:30. Come and support Jessie Romero and her hard-working team.

Linda Pfahnl is seeking additional “callers” for our meeting attendance.

Our branch’s 2020 calendar of events will be available at our February meeting.

Scholarship application deadline is coming up. Contact Mary Lipari for additional information.


Wishing you a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408

Welcome to 2020!

We thank members for attending Installation Mass at St. Mary’s in Gilroy and a luncheon at the Old City Hall Restaurant.

May God Bless us in our all branch endeavors in the coming New Year!

Many thanks to Patricia Look who raised $365 for our Seminarians by selling ICF Creche Raffle. Fr. Ritchie (DSJ Vacations Director) was very grateful. Thank you Erik Shimshock for playing Santa.

Thanks to all who attended Fr. Chris Bennett’s Advent Afternoon of Recollection hosted by Br 445. The Lord presents many doors for us on our Life Journeys and we need to let him in.

Br. 408 will host the SCVD District Meeting on Feb. 10th. We look forward to your support.

Br. 408 will host the 1st Lenten Soup Supper on Feb. 28 and Steve Richey will lead the Station of the Cross Devotions in the church.

Our First ICF Blood Drive will be a Sunday event to help increase donor numbers.

Save the Date – Our ICF/Rez School 5th grade Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Science Camp will be 3 March.

San Diego
Santa Clara Valley District Officers Installation Mass at St. Mary’s Church in Gilroy. The mass celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany by Fr. George Aranha, our district chaplain, along with Fr. Michael Hendrickson, Pastor at St. Mary’s, and Monsignor Joseph Milani and Deacon Pat Allen. Gennaro Filice led the singing with vocalists from St. Mary’s and accompanied by Terri Filice on the piano. It was a lovely service.

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We’ll be getting back to business with our first dinner meeting of the new year on January 16th, polenta, sausages and salad.

Please pray for our members who are ill or recovering, especially Ken Ravizza, Loretta Wilson, Gloria Suboczi and Carol Tacci.

God Bless!

Maryclaire

San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Many thanks to ICF Branch 28 for hosting the 2020 Santa Clara Valley ICF Installation of District and Branch Officers on January 4th at St. Mary’s Church in Gilroy. It was a beautiful morning. Mass was celebrated by Fr. George Aranha whose homily in this “Mass of a Joyful Heart” was for each of us to go forward with “2020” vision to see more clearly the gifts we are given, keep the fire of faith alive in our journeys in order to do good for others and ourselves and thus give back to God.

Our branch officers were installed as noted in our photograph - missing due to illness were Jean Cosentino, Richard Pfaff, Phil Lang and Kathy La Scola.

The delicious Installation Luncheon at the Old City Hall Restaurant was an absolutely wonderful way to end a beautiful morning. ICF dignitaries alluded to future plans that will embrace change while honoring ICF history. Again many thanks to Br#28!! This was a great start to a new year!!

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Our ICF Br. 445 welcomes new members Dodee Morim and Vernice Palma!!

Submitted by
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer

STOCKTON DISTRICT

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

We had a very enjoyable time at our installation. Thanks to Central Council for all their support and our District Branches for their help. Within twenty minutes after members from our sister branches arrived the hall was setup the decoration on the tables and everything was ready to go. It was just as fast when they helped with the take down. Everyone pitched in to help which we greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Father Marian Korzeniowski for saying the mass to John Zamora and Joe Schiemner for the music and all the members that assisted at the mass.

Our next big event will be our St. Joseph's Table Celebration March 15, 2020. It is a Potluck and we have a fun raffle with all the gifts wrapped so you don't know what you might get. We hope to see you there. We will have all the information in the March Bollettino.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays February 9, 2020 and March 8, 2020 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Saluti amici di ICF!
The theme for our January meeting, “New Year, New You,” helped our members ring in 2020. Members brought a friend and an Italian dish they never had before. All enjoyed conversation with new faces while savoring the new flavors of main dishes, salads, and desserts.

February is the month to reflect on the love we share with others. And, the month that begins Lent, our season to sacrifice and to show our devotion and love for our Lord and Savior. In lieu of this, our branch is sponsoring two events from the heart.

At our February general meeting, we are delighted to have Laurice Levine as our guest speaker. Being an advocate and survivor of Thalassemia, she will share her personal struggle with Cooley’s Anemia, a genetic blood disorder, and present current research on treatment.

This meeting is open to all ICF branches, church parishioners, and the community. Please join us for an informative evening on Tues., Feb. 25th at 6:30 PM in St. Anne’s School’s Dominican Hall, Pleasant & Walnut Sts.

To compliment this event, our branch has coordinated a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. Treatment for Thalassemia often involves blood transfusions. Donating blood saves and improves the lives of those that are carriers of this blood disorder. Please find it in your heart to Live to Give.

To donate, come by St. Anne’s Hall, Church & Walnut Sts., on Feb. 29th between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Nell’amore fraterno e di amicizia,
Patty Litts

Corresponding Secretary

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San Jose Transfiguration Br. 445 Officers for 2020: back row L to R- Janie Falcone, Jan Stumhoffer, Lorraine Sellarole; front row Jim Falcone, Chic Cannon, Diane Devine, Emily Corral, Jim Canger

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Joe Schlemmer of Branch 390 and Danielle Pachinger of Branch 418 acting as servers.
February 2020

Tracy Branch 390

The Happy New Year January dinner meeting on Thursday January 23rd provided polenta and chicken cacciatore, salad and desserts. New 2020 members were initiated that night. We now distribute ICF membership pins to all new (and old) members and are delighted with their reaction to receiving the pins. Who knew such a little thing could bring such a response from our members. Wear them with pride!

Attention all scholarship hopefuls: Applications are available now and need to be completed between January 15 and March 15 to qualify for the 2020 scholarship awards. Be sure to go online and fill out and print the application and submit before the deadline. GOOD LUCK to all who apply - keep those grades up and you will benefit!

Tracy Branch 390 will host the Stockton District quarterly meeting on Sunday February 9th. Please get your RSVP to your branch officer responsible for turning in the numbers so we can prepare a great meal for all who are attending.

February dinner meeting on Thursday February 27th will feature country style ribs and special beans - everyone's favorite - and cole slaw. Yum! You can’t say we don’t eat well as members of ICF, can you?

Our condolences go out to the family of Tom Fornasero, who along with his lovely wife Letty, was a charter member of our branch.

Steve Ridolfi continues to treat you to seeing yourselves on our Website:  www.icfbranch390.org

We wish all a healthy winter season.

Bless,
Betty Hollars

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Angels Camp  
St. Patrick, Br. 413

To start off the New Year, we had our Installation of Officers for the Stockton District on January 5, 2020. Old St. Stanislaus Church warmed up as we all participated in a beautiful Mass and then went on to do the Installation. Branch 413 was well represented. Thank you to Cecilia McGhee and Branch 48 for hosting the Installation and a very nice meal.

Branch 413 will be holding its annual St. Valentine’s Dinner Dance on February 15th, at St. Patrick’s Church Hall in Angels Camp. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. with dinner served around 6 p.m. An adult ticket of $25 gets you a wonderful Cornish Game Hen dinner, wine, dessert, and dancing. It’s a fun date night! Children are welcome and those 12 and under receive a free kid’s meal. Come on out to the countryside and enjoy a little dancing and fellowship!!

With sadness, I must tell you that this past New Year’s Eve, Ron Schmid, the Founding Member of Branch 413, passed away. Ron had been a Branch President and a District President for the Stockton District. He was very active in the ICF, and made everyone feel welcome. Ron has gone home to his beautiful wife, Amy. His family is in our prayers, and we ask that you include them in yours, please. May God rest his soul in peace.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger 
Correspondence Secretary

San Barnardino

Upland  
St. Anthony, Br. 446

Branch 446 in Upland has been thriving since our November installation. We voted to change our branch name to St. Anthony and have become very active in the parish. In December we participated as a group in the Parish Penance Service. In February we co-sponsored the Italian Dinner Night which included an evening of food, friends and dancing.

The high-light of our activities will be the parish celebration dinner in March to honor both St. Patrick and St. Joseph. At the March 14 dinner we will have the traditional St. Joseph’s table filled with Italian themed desserts. St. Joseph will be featured as part of the dinner table decorations but traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner of corned beef will be served. Although Irish dancers will be featured as part of the entertainment, we will include a spirited tarantella for all.

Ron Schmid of Branch 413 and Stockton District

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Grand President’s Award

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

Family of the Year Award

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

Young Adult Leadership Award

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

ITRIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

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

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

Nominee:
Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______
Zip: ____________________________ Phone: (____) __________
E-mail: _______________________________________

Statement of Endorsement:
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.
- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
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Please include with this application:
Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

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Contact Information:
Laurence Levine
360-860-2023 or lilevine#1@opti.com

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