



BOLLETTINO



ICF National Branch: Up and Running

Al Restivo, National Branch Orator



NATIONAL BRANCH BOARD MEETS TO ORGANIZE--The ICF National Branch 67 Interim Board of Directors met to plan its organization. Five years in the making, the National Branch is now moving forward and recruiting members from around the US and Canada. L to R Seated: Trustees Antonio Fucci and Nick Sabatella; Niko Sabatella Standing, L to R: Tad Shaw, Trustee, Carmelo Sabatella, President; Grand President Vince Piro, Orator Al Restivo, LA Archdiocese District President Perry Shurko, and Branch Treasurer Theresa Shaw and Trustee Karen Kocvara.

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. 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.

2020 Calendar Winners

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 beginning with the March 2020 issue.

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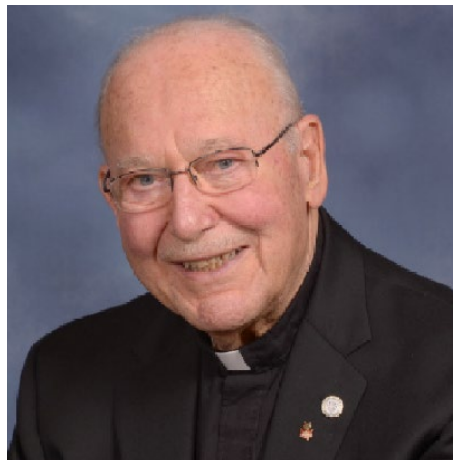
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**March issue deadline is
February 10, 2020.**

Thank you!

New Life: Beautiful and Precious

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director



Life is the most beautiful, most pre-
cious 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 re-
spond 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/Steward-
ship Fair. Confirm which dates
might work best with the parish
facility schedule to hold a Mem-
bership 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 poli-
cies 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 excite-
ment 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 bro-
chure will grab even more atten-
tion. 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, meet-
ing times, location, membership
eligibility. This is an effective tool
for all branch fundraisers and par-
ish events too!

**5. Coordinate with Parish
Staff.** If a bulletin insert is an op-
tion, 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 announce-
ment.** 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 speak-
ing voice and enthusiasm for the
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the branch's accomplishments and
where your team will be located
after Mass to talk to parishioners

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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 Federation branches keep the fire of faith lit in our parishes and communities every day.

So you can see that it is important that we keep the Federation healthy and strong.

To keep the Federation vital and thriving, we must be able to move forward while still maintaining the faith and traditions that give us strength. This can be accomplished by executing the ICF Strategic Plan, which acts as a road map to guide us into the future. This 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.

ICF is Going Green!



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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 Tbls.-3"x1")

Lemon Juice, freshly squeezed (2 lemons, about 1/3 cup)

Olive Oil (1/3 cup)

Parsley, chopped (3 Tbls.)

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

Buon Appetito!

Applications Are Open for Gifts of Love Awards

Teresa Helfand, *Gifts of Love Committee Chairperson*

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.

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

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.

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 missionary work, Pope Leo XIII told Frances "not 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 her 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
Ecas1810@aol.com

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 Communion, 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 perspective 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
Ecco Press, 2019, 464 pp.

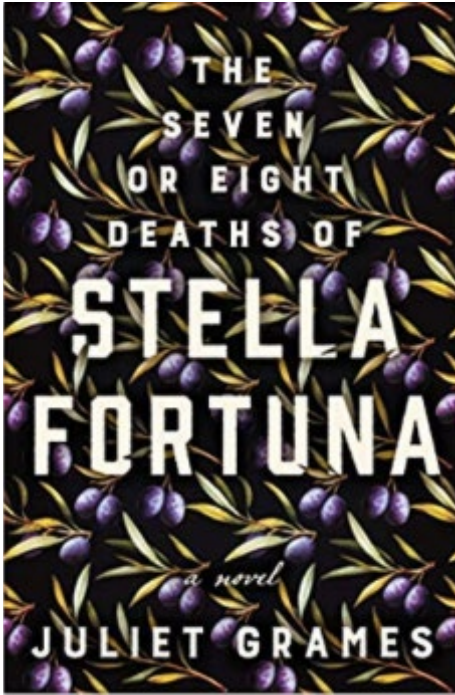
This debut novel by Juliet Grames is a sweeping family saga that follows one hundred years of family secrets from Italy to America. It’s a complex and fascinating story combining fiction with family history which explores the Calabrese culture as well as the diverse immigrant experience in America that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

In her rugged Italian village, Stella is considered an oddity—beautiful and smart, insolent and cold. Stella uses her peculiar toughness to protect her slower, plainer baby sister Tina from life’s harshest realities. But she also provokes the ire of her father Antonio: a man who demands subservience from women and whose greatest gift to his family is his absence.

When the Fortunas emigrate to America on the cusp of World War II, Stella and Tina must come of age side-by-side in a hostile new world with strict expectations for each of them. Soon Stella learns that her survival is worthless without the one thing her family will deny her at any cost: her independence.



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 *O, the 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.

Who are WE?
Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair

Jan Stumhoffer, Br. 445 Transfiguration, San Jose, CA - First Heritage Activist Award Recipient – 2019 Convention.

When Jan turned in her notebook for consideration, she had all articles, notes and background to each one of her reports. The binder was divided by month and by article. Truly the best award submission the committee had ever seen.

This month I’m sharing Jan’s timeline of articles but I look forward to sharing some of her articles with you in the coming months. Jan’s research and the development of each of her articles was meticulous and well thought out.

I think you will really enjoy learning a little bit more on how to research your heritage reports.

Happy New Year!

Jan Stumhoffer, Branch 445

January 2019 – Jan spoke of Capodanno (New Year’s Eve) as well as traditions and foods. Her branch also sponsored a heritage event “History of Venetian Masks and Mask Making”

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.

*We can only be said to be truly alive in those moments
when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.
- Thornton Wilder*

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-Manuever>. 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.

Wednesday, March 4th Spuntino and Raffle, 6 p.m.

Cost \$20.00

Reservations please call Vic Arnaudo (650)755-1369

Please bring a Raffle prize.

Please pay your Dues for 2020.

Happy Valentines Day!

Ciao! Toni Morsello

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

We went to Thunder Valley on Jan. 27th. No big winners.

For those celebrating their birthdays in February - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please remember the following dates:

Feb. 23rd - Mass

Feb. 24th - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

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 Leonardo'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 being our Marshall for the event.

We are still in our planning stages for 2020 and will have more details in our following reports.

Unfortunately, we have many members who need our prayers at this time so please remember the following: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Frank Clyne, Betty Wustefeld and John and Jean Watterson's daughter, Jeannine, who is waiting for a kidney transplant.

God Bless,

Roz Emery

Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

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 Loftus-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 Kilcullen 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 Feeney 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



Br.332 celebrates 95th birthday of Dominic Bramante



Br. 332 members enjoying one of our monthly dinners.

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'Anni!

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.

The Branch is grateful for the gift of their time, talent and dedication and looks forward to their continued support and participation in our Branch projects.

We wish our extended ICF family Happy Valentine's Day.

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The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino

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

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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 Grimaud, Treasurer Linda Sabatella, Financial Secretary Theresa Shaw, Recording Secretary Patricia Richards, Trustees Diana Plescia, 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 Scorgia, Carmelina Palmeri, 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. Monies 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 on line 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 great 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 at San Pedro 90731

Upcoming events March 24th Pauma Casino day trip

Laughlin trip April 19th, 20, 21st For either trip Call Pauline Iacono 310 832-0563

Happy Valentine's Day

Anita Trujillo

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 at the end of this month, but I am going to assume that it was a very successful event and thank Scott Carrano and crew for their great efforts. Looking back a bit, our New Year's Eve Party was a huge success – good food, good music, good time – attended by 96 persons. Thank you to Jerry Farrugia for chairing this event and Matt and Audrey Luchetta for preparing the delicious dinner. Our St Joseph's Table will be here before we know it – March 21st and 22nd, with setup on the 20th. This is our largest event of the year and takes a lot of planning and help from the members.

There will be much more on this at our meetings and in Jeane's bulletins.

Lolly M.

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"



Br. 237, Johnny Roa with a very special little girl.

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

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**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 they 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 Rancho 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

**Members of ICF Branch 317
Serving a Spaghetti Dinner to
The St Denis Confirmation Alpha Youth**



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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)
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Trustees – Rich Romano, DeAnna Federico and Danielle Federico Custis
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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 to follow.

Peace & Blessings,
Stephanie DeRaddo
President

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Br. 362, Cooley's Anemia Christmas Party. Top: Elf Ryuko Murano, Santa Steve Drobeck, Elf Helena Murano. Bottom: President Perry Shurko Bottom: Mary Margaret Drobeck & Charlene Drobeck



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Well in spite of competition from 4 other venues, on the same date in the Diocese, the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed was a success. A big thank you to all who put in time and energy to make it so and to St. Philip Neri parish for the space to do it. This is a fund raiser that helps us to continue both our scholarship and other charitable programs.

Now that we have begun to use our newest calendars it is time to think about the ones for 2021. This time the ICF will focus on travel; so they are looking for pictures, antidotes and maybe a "camping" meal. Check out the *Bollettino* to see if you have something to share for next year. It would be fun to see some local stories from people we know on the next calendar.

The ICF will also be asking for your support with the Golf Tournament. This year will be totally new, a new golf course, new meals and lots of prizes. But remember we also need lots of golfers to make this a successful venture. Again, watch the *Bollettino* for more information.

All this talk about the greens, leads me to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day

Pat Grasso,

East Bay Dist. Sec.

Alameda

Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Our 2020 social calendar continues with our annual Irish Social on Saturday, March 14 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Doors open for social hour at 6 p.m., and corned beef and all the trimmings served at 7 p.m. Prices: \$30 for adults & \$12 for youngsters 12 years and under. Reservations due by 9 p.m. on March 4 to Anne Gooch, (510) 915-2921. Send check payable to ICF Br. 10 to Anne Gooch, 2901 Marina Dr., Alameda, CA 94501.

On March 19, we host Saint Joseph's Day Table. Mass offered in St. Philip Neri Church, Van Buren St at Fountain St, at 5:30 p.m. The pasta dinner & desserts follows at 6:30. Prices: \$20 for adults & \$10 for young people 14 and under. Reservations by 9 a.m. on March 16 to Michael Marcheschi, (510) 523-4720. Bring a tasty item for the special dessert table.

Our Lenten Fish Fry's start on Feb. 28. Dinner served after Stations of the Cross in St. Philip Neri Church, which start at 5:30 p.m. Prices: \$15 for adults & \$5 for children.

Thanks to many for contributing to the success of two events. For the Christmas Party: Gina Foster (chair), Maria Croft (chef), Sharon Brunetti (reservations), Mary Peterson and family (craft table supervisors) and especially to Jeff Branchaud, for tending the reindeer while Santa Claus entertained the children. For the Polenta Dinner: Jan Rosa (chair and reservations), Ben Ratto (chef) and Ernie Poggi (captain of set-up and take-down crews).

A final thanks to Sheila Dorn for selling 71 ICF 2020 calendars.

John Zugnoni, Br. 10 publicity

Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! Officers in 2020: Fran LaTorre, President; James McGee, 1st VP; Shirley DeLucchi, RSec; John DeLucchi, FSec; Nadine Mattier, Orator and Sentinel; Ralph Marinelli, 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 Neri 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 February birthdays. Please pray for our government leaders, locally, statewide and nationally. May angels touch their minds and hearts.

Sincerely submitted,

Fran LaTorre

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!

Congratulations to Carl & Judy Bates celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 23.

Lots of plans are in the works for the coming year. Heads up for our Polenta Dinner on April 18 at St Augustine Hall. More particulars to come.

We pray for our members who are unable to join us due to illness and thank God for many answered prayers.

Until next time,

Ciao Judy Bates

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.

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
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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 Closing: *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 (joe flores33@comcast.net)

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 spouses 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*



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

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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

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

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 then sending the Invitations and for making our table decorations for the reception. I would like to thank Helen for printing out the Mass reading 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 anyone and 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 filled 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 it is 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, \$10.00 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 Arlene Roe (782-3073). 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



Several Board Members of Branch 342 visiting Santa at our Christmas party in December.

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 Piziali and his crew, 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 Maden: 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*



Br. 75, Incoming president Claudia Cuneo and husband, Ken (Orator) enjoying a hug from Josh Brown!



MJ Dell'Aquila with Ron Brown, Secretary to Branch 75 MJ is the outgoing President

Cloverdale L'Annuciata, Br. 75

Our December meeting was joyful! We brought amazing appetizers, desserts and "good will to all" assisted by some fine wine and Prosecco. It was bittersweet saying goodbye to MJ Dell'Aquila as our branch president; the woman is beyond talented. She was able to travel the globe, mourn the loss of her husband, wonderful Joe Dell'Aquila, while managing to effectively run our branch. True, there are many others and our new Wonder Woman, President Claudia Cuneo was there with husband, Ken; Ron and Margaret, your "above and beyond" does not go unnoticed nor do the "above and beyond" of the many others. Our branch, mentored by treasured Robert Aquistapache, is out "To Build that Fire" of love and enthusiasm for Our Church and each other that the founders of The ICF started long ago. We hope to thrive and grow by leaps and bounds this year!

Please, please, please, find your way to our doorstep this year and join us for our annual Citrus Fair Chicken/Spaghetti Dinner!

Tickets are only \$20 and cut that in half for children. It's February 15th, the night after Valentines Day, so grab those sweethearts, be they spouses, children, or friends! It's a great excuse to get together and enjoy each other. Call Margaret Brown, 707-894-2952 to hold your reservation; leave a message... she'll get back to you!

The event is Saturday night, right after the 4:00 Mass. That doorstep I mentioned is Reali Hall which is attached to St. Peter's Church. That's 491 Franklin St., Cloverdale, CA 95425, which any self respecting GPS can lead you to! Hope to see you then.

Patsy Buchignani

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 Bartman 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 Secty. Louise Vicino is taking her place and Angelo Leone replaces Louise as Trustee.

Our Annual All You Can Eat Crab Dinner is Feb. 22nd in the St. James Church Hall at 6 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta, all-you-can-eat crab, dessert and wine. Cost \$50. Reservations - Louise -769-7389. Tickets must be paid in advance, no refunds and no tickets sold at the door.

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

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

Our Jan. 2020 meeting began with President Linda wishing a Happy and healthful New Year to all ICF members.

Our Dec. Gift of Love free breakfast for the Parishioners was a big hit. We served 125 happy customers. Thanks Knights of Columbus for all your help and support.

The installation of officers for Br. 144 and 145 will be held Jan 18 at St. Mary Church, beginning with a 6:00 Mass Celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Pacheco. Dinner will follow in Leavey Hall.

Our 2020 Officer Roster is as follows: President - Linda Spallino; Vice-President - Rosemary Melendy; Recording Secretary - Marie LaBanca; Financial Secretary - Elena David; Orator - Anne Eanni; Sentinel - Alfred Eanni; Trustees- Shannon Gier, Pete Stagnoli, Barbara Vanni.

Our next Chicken Polenta Dinner will be held February 9. Invite your friends and stay healthy. We need all hands on deck!!!!

With great sorrow it is announce that our member Larry DePeel died on January 10. Until his illness Larry was a hard worker, volunteering at all functions. He enjoyed entertaining us while we worked!!

Please pray for our ill members: Paula's husband broke his hip, Mike DalPorto, had knee surgery, Pete Stagnoli may have knee surgery soon, Elena's eye is improving and Tony LaBanca's is improving.

Happy Birthday to our February members: Joan DePeel and Maegan Lindsey

A Happy and Prayerful New Year to all.

Rosemary



Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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 how 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 Bongie-Azevedo



Br. 33, Pictured with Allen are co-president, Barbara Fanucchi Crear, and 1st Vice President, Maria Bertolucci Steele. Branch article on p.14.

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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 eggnog (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 Bottorff, 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 Rolan 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 Antongiovanni 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 Romanini. 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!



Merced Br. 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.



Br. 27, Four generations enjoying the Christmas Party. Back row: Betty Scalise, Domingo Scalise,



Br. 27, From left: Joan and Jim Massetti, Michael and Mary Keitz.

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

Felice Anno Nuovo!

Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

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: Dominic Giampietro, Richard Rowe, Stan Bommarito, Nick Pugliese, Maryellen Mazzei and kitchen crew Loretta Symes, Ruth Redondo, Michael & Anne-Marie Bandoni and John Lucich.

Complimenti estesi al nostro nuovo presidente, Michael Belluomini. Ci ha insegnato un po' di italiano! We learned: Come stai? How are you? We installed new officers. We ended singing our national song: Noi Vogliam Dio (We want God). Great job Michael!

We were happy to initiate the Pellicano family as new members: Mike, Holly and their personable son, Michael. Welcome! Sponsors: Sally Latorraca and Carol Salmeri. Thrilled to add you as part of our ICF family. (We will put you all to work soon.)

More gratitude: Carol Salmeri for coordinating sales of over 60 calendars and to our members for buying them.

Reminder from our new Financial Secretary Sandy Del Real: please pay your 2020 dues (and hospitalization if included) subito.

Join us at 5 p.m. for socializing at the Italo Lodge for our Feb. 12 meeting. We celebrate the holiday with our 4th Annual "We Love Our Members," honoring those who have been with our branch for many years. 6 p.m. Dinner is roasted chicken, risotto, salad and cherry jubilee over ice cream. 7 p.m. Meeting.

Felice Festa di San Valentino! Happy Valentine's Day!

Stephanie Lucich

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.



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.

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 Danielle 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 it's 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

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

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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.

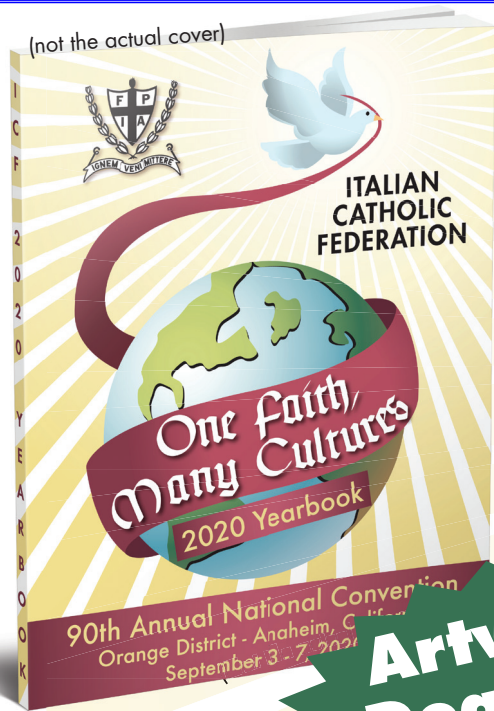
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Thank You,
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Treasurer

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
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Branch 067 Robert S De Pietro Eugene J Salandra		Branch 439 Sal Del Vecchio	
Branch 070 Elsa Rodriguez		Branch 444 Julia Bakos Janos Bakos	
Branch 108 Paola Fratino		Branch 446 John Moore Christina Moore	
Branch 135 Caroline R Long John D Long		Branch 447 Raizk Greg	
Branch 139 Louise Hill Gessica M Oliveri		Branch 448 Aaron Cortes Daniel F Cortes Jacquelin Cortes Dexter J Ezernack Felipe Gonzalez Luca Gonzalez John Gulino Nancy Light Rev Victor Maristela	
Branch 210 Joyce D Coccia		Branch 448 Wendy M Matulich Christopher McKinney Clara McKinney Stephen McKinney Veronica McKinney Kevin Nguyen Paul Nguyen	
Branch 274 Josephine Caira Lydia Di Vito Camille Lajewski		Branch 274 Maureen Caravia Vickie Dressner Nathan McKinney Teresa McKinney Chris Nguyen Michelle Nguyen Pamela V Smith	
Branch 285 Gerald Vattuone			

Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: January 10, 2020

Branch 39	Eva Stern
Branch 47	Speedy recovery wishes for Jo Bertaccini
Branch 115	
Branch 391	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Margaret and Ralph De Rango	In memory of Arden Scott
In memory of David Botta	
Officers/Members of Br. 435	Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of David Botta	In memory of Fred Bertaccini
Giovanni and Nancy Corsi	Officers/Members of San Bernardino District
In memory of Eleonora Bertoli	In honor of Lauren Kilcullen
John and Kris Kaiser	
In memory of Wilma Bartus	

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 \$400.00 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 ½ 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.

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations: 1st Year

Joe and Ada Bommarito In memory of Salvador E. Lipari	Deborah Rodondi In memory of David Botta
Lisa and Eva Feinman In memory of Sal Lipari	
Lynda Vallorz In memory of Sal Lipari	Susan Gordon In honor of the 90th birthday of Dr. Mina Bettini
Dirk and Karen Wierema In memory of Sal Lipari	Doris Milcic In memory of Sal Lipari
Paul Letsinger In memory of Sal Lipari	Tom and Norma Bommarito In memory of Sal Lipari
Cheryl Carrasco In memory of Sal Lipari	Al and Diana Vallorz In memory of Sal Lipari
Alfio V. Crema In memory of Sal Lipari	Annette Baca In memory of Sal Lipari
Harry and Josie Shephard In memory of Sal Lipari	Ernest Lipari In memory of Sal Lipari
Carol and Thomas O’Brien In memory of Sal Lipari	Jack and Fay Guercio In memory of Sal Lipari

Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year

The Cabral Family
In memory of David M. Botta
Deborah Rodondi
In memory of Eleonora Bertoli

Bishops' Days

Feb. 15th	Orange
April 26th	Chicago
Jun. 14th	Stockton
Oct. 17th	Monterey (Central Coast)
Oct. 18th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)

District Installations

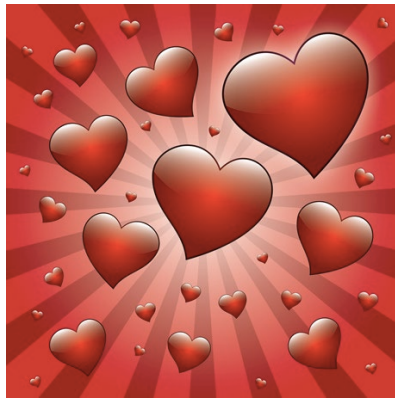
Jan. 4th	San Bernardino Santa Clara Valley
Jan. 5th	Stockton
Jan. 11th	Marin San Francisco
Jan. 12th	Los Angeles Archdiocese
Jan. 18th	Central Coast Contra Costa San Mateo
Jan. 18th	Joint Installation of Br. 144, Arcata and Br. 145, Eureka
Jan. 19th	East Bay
Feb. 1st	Blessed Sacrament Santa Rosa
Feb 9th	Fresno
Feb. 15th	Orange
April 26th	Chicago

In Loving Memory

Report date: January 10, 2020

Deceased Members

Josephine Airoidi	Branch 014
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



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:

Bob Martinelli
David Botta
Joe Mikles
David Botta

Fred Bertaccini

DONATED BY:

Jim and Dottie Smith
Giovanni and Nancy Corsi
Mary Ann Mikles
Officers/Members of Contra Costa District
Mary Rossetto

GET WELL WISHES:

Maria Aversa

Officers/Members of Br. 161

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2020 ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT INSTALLATION:

Vince and Robyn Piro

Officers/Members of Los Angeles
Archdiocese District

IN HONOR OF:

Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila

Officers/Members of Br. 6

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:

Al Bronzini

Judy and Dave Wellbeloved

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

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 10

Alice Ponti

Branch 31

In memory of David Botta

Branch 39

Vic and Pat Arnaudo

Branch 47

In memory of David Botta

Robbin and Brad Carlos

Officers/Members of Br. 6

In memory of Dave Botta

In honor of Br. 6 Mentor Beatrice
Tomasello

Carol Lawson

Julie Contestable

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Larry and Carmen Kilcullen

Officers/Members of Br. 390

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Lauren Kilcullen

Al and Deanna De Nurra

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

David Pessagno

Bill and Diane Thomas

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Jim and Virginia Villa

Gene Gatewood

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Joe and Marsha Molinaro

Richard and Claudia Lindsay

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Rona and Joyce Yamahiro

Carla Contestable

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David M. Botta

Wayne and Virginia Costa

Officers/Members of Br. 91

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Ron and Mary Lou Costa

Joan and Armand Donovan

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David M. Botta

In memory of David Botta

Jim and Mary Ann Friebe

Diana Petrolino

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Dennis and Donna Hoffmann

Clorinda Lauderdale

In memory of David Botta

In memory of David Botta

Sue Giorgetti

In memory of David Botta



Calling 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, attn: 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 #: _____

(Please note: Child will be acknowledged by First Name and Age 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 Sullivan (in the kitchen) and Rita 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. Brunch will be served from 10:30am-Noon with the Installation following in Immaculate Conception Church at noon. Fr. Rudy Ruiz will 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 Martinetti, Fidel and Roseann Scornaichenchi, and Juanita DeVincenzi

Joanna Mc Mahon cheered us with Bulletin Bloopers. She also led us in the closing pray.

Respectfully,

Brenda Ellis



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.



Branch 36 Activities



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. Homemade 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 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.*

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Lenten Fish Frys are quickly approaching! We'll kick off the season with a pre-Lenten "Mardi Gras" Fish Fry—to raise money for our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program—on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020. Our LENTEN Fish Frys will start up the following week on Friday, Feb. 28th, and continue on March 6th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd.

Time is running out to purchase your Fish Fry Raffle Tickets for a chance to win FOUR fish dinners each week during our five Lenten Fish Frys. That's 20 dinners total and a \$280 value! Raffle tickets are \$10 each and you can purchase them from any Br. 291 member. We will draw four lucky winners on Feb. 21st during our Mardi Gras Fish Fry. All proceeds from the raffle benefit our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

Our Branch Officers will be travelling up north to Hollister on Jan. 18th for Officer Installation. We always look forward to attending the ceremony and seeing other Branch Officers from our fellow Central Coast District Branches.

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

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Ciao Amici,

As we look forward to a new decade it is fitting to "count our blessings."

Branch 354 is blessed to begin the New Year with several new members who have come to us through our Tuition Assistance Program. Welcome to you and your families!

We are grateful for our new slate of branch officers, most of whom will attend the 2020 Installation of Officers, Saturday, January 18, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hollister.

In February we will be helping at the District Meeting hosted by The Arroyo Grande Branch. Then the big pots and the Guinness come out at St. Rose, and the corned beef and cabbage start cooking for the annual March 14th St. Patrick's Dinner. The Knights of Columbus will keep the Irish in order at the bar.

Looking back, Branch 354 ended the year blessed with a festive lunch at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. The Zanini elves provided an entertaining gift exchange.

Thank you to the Madonna family for giving the community another holiday season begun with a fairyland of Christmas opulence.

Our next meeting will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th, at the Maddalena home. The PBS special presentation of The Italian Americans will be viewed. Italian-themed appetizers will be served.

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

Yvonne Maddalena

CHICAGO DISTRICT

Chicago St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392

Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti!

Joyful church functions and pleasant get-togethers brought much holiday cheer at Branch 392 this past December/January. Our Christmas season came to a close with our fun-filled, annual "La Befana" Dinner Dance on Sunday, January 5th, 2020, as we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany at the Pescatore Banquets. Many thanks go to the hard working committee for organizing another enjoyable event. The party was a great success as over 150 of our members with families and friends gathered for one of our most memorable parties. Happy moments abounded throughout the evening. Some of the wonderful highlights capturing the merriment were: the adorable children lighting the way into a dimly lit hall for "il Bambino Gesù" (proudly carried by the precious second grader, Lilly A.); the excited children enjoying the arrival of the legendary "befana" bearing gifts and goodies (portrayed by our dear Lina Vavalle); Antonio DiPiazza receiving the Angel of Peace Award; Franco Caranfa receiving the Wisdom Award; and, of course, the warm conversations with friends and lively music provided by DJ Alex. Our heartfelt congratulations go to this year's award winners, Franco and Antonio, for a job well done! Grazie mille for your continued support and help!

Upcoming Events:

-The Chicago District's "Annual Bishop's Day Dinner." The fundraiser will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at The Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn.

Wishing all a happy and healthy 2020!

Aurora Pensa, Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

Fr. Chris Bennett (Chaplain of ICF Br. 445) presented a "Day of Recollection" seminar on Sunday, December 8 at the Church of the Transfiguration for the SCV District. It was a wonderful prelude for the Advent Spiritual Journey.

All Christmas parties have concluded with the finale SCV District Christmas Mass presided over by Fr. George followed by a pot roast dinner hosted by Branch 5 President Janet Glaubke and members at Tony's & Albas.

Installation of the 2020 SCV District branches was held on Saturday, January 4 at St. Mary's Parish followed by a luncheon at the Old City Hall Restaurant. Thanks to ICF Branch 28 Gilroy, Joe Fortino and Pat Cordich, for hosting the affair. The branch has begun their trifacta obligation (Installation, Bishop's Day and District Christmas Party). Don't forget the dues and the effort to maintain membership. Also, if you know of any deserving students remind them about the ICF Scholarship. See Emily Corral for details.

SCV District Meeting – ICF Branch 391 t. Martins of Tours, – January 13, 2020

Mike Nunziata

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

On December 16th Branch 28 held its annual Christmas dinner meeting at the Old City Hall Restaurant in downtown Gilroy. Santa and Mrs. Claus were special guests and heard requests from the children for their wants and needs during the Holiday Season. Santa and Mrs. Claus again took time out of their busy schedule to visit Branch 28 at this Christmas dinner meeting. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus. David Cox Director of St. Joseph's Family Center was presented a check for \$500.00 from Branch 28 and also many toys were provided by members for families in need.

On January 4th 2020, Branch 28 hosted the Santa Clara Valley District Installation of Officers. After Mass a presentment and installation of officers of all branches in Santa Clara County took place.



Br. 28, Father Joseph Gordon with an ICF calendar and Gary Burce who was the winner of one of the drawing prizes for having his membership card which was a beautiful cross. This beautiful cross was created by member John Gillio.



Br. 28, (from left to right, back row) Father George Aranha, Vince Piro – ICF Grand President, Rick Shimshock and seated in front is Monsignor Joseph Milani who attended the ICF Installation on January 4th.

Congratulations to all officers and God speed in our mission of contributing to our worthy charities. A special thank you to Father George Aranha, Santa Clara Valley District Chaplain; Monsignor Joseph Milani; Father Michael Hendrickson, Pastor of St. Mary Parish and Deacon Pat Allen for services rendered at Mass and for their invaluable support of the Italian Catholic Federation. A luncheon followed the Mass and installation where Past Grand President Andy Pappani was Master of Ceremonies. Jerry Delfino presented an update on the mentor program, Bob Basuino gave us a State of the District Message, and newly installed Grand President Vince Piro shared with attendees a State of the Federation Message.

Best Wishes in the New Year, and God Bless the Italian Catholic Federation.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



Br. 28, Santa and Mrs. Claus distributing gifts to children in attendance at our December 16th Christmas party.



Br. 28, Gennaro Filice presenting a check and announcing the toy donation to David Cox of St. Joseph's Center for families supported during the Christmas season

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 Flocchini, SFC parish Council Liaison, for more details.



Br. 184 officers at Installation, St. Mary Gilroy. Back row: Bob Cowan, Donna Pfaff, Denise Antonowicz, Marie Yurosko

Front row: Lucy Amico, Michelle Antonowicz, Germaine Antonowicz, Marie Antonowicz and Julie Klem-Brusco.



Br. 191, Happy New Year, Half Moon Bay 2020 (crab)



Br. 191 President Debbie Piro



Br. 191, Harvest at Andy's, Morgan Hill, CA

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 warm yourselves on a cold winter's day!" said our hosts and hostesses, Tony and Connie Clancy, Tina Souza-Dutra, and Gale and Steven Resz 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 Ruffner, who will continue as treasurer, and to Ed Wendler, who will stay on as our orator. Trustees are Avis Erkel, Robyn Schlice, and Bill Greco. Protecting us at the door is our new sentinel, Mickey Sanitate. We appreciate all our officers, 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.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 General Meeting—February 4, 2020 at 6:30; Valentine Dinner Dance—February 8, 2020; "2020 Wine Down with ICF"—May 8, 2020.

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 Voactions 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 7 March.



Br. 408, Fr. Chris Bennett Advent Afternoon of Recollection

Fr. Phong invited Bishop Oscar to the Parish for the 1130 a.m. Easter Mass followed by a Potluck in the Farana Center on 12 April – ICF will help host this Event.

Pray for our sick members – especially for Dori & Paul Blefari, for our Br 408 Officers, for the Lord to Guide in our efforts in the New Year and for all our deceased ICF members.

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

It's 2020! Sounds like the beginning of an old science fiction movie but it's real. As we all know January means the installation of the new ICF officers. On January 4th the Santa Clara Valley District installed all of the newly elected officers 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.

After mass we had the installation of officers. Here are the new officers for Branch 435 - President Maryclaire Sampognaro, First Vice President Giulia Gallego, Second Vice President Michael Sampognaro, Recording Secretary Catherine Ellis, Financial Secretary Sheila Walters, Treasurer Giovanni Foggiano, Orator Gloria Subocz, Sentinel Frances Scalzo, and Trustees Helga Brooks, Bill Scheid and John Zaucha. After the installation we had a delicious lunch at Old City Hall in Gilroy.



Top row Giovanni Foggiano and John Zaucha; front row Maryclaire Sampognaro, Helga Brooks, Michael Sampognaro, Catherine Ellis, Frances Scalzo, Giulia Gallego, newly elected officers of Br 435.



Br. 408, ICF Santa Claus at Parish Party



Br. 408, Christmas Creche



Br. 435, At the luncheon, Bill and Lynn Scheid and Toni and Giovanni Foggiano.

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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 Subocz 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!!

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 Schiemmer 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.



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

Coming up:

Feb 12, 2020 7:00 pm Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Street

Feb 9, 2020 1:30 pm District Meeting Tracy

Mar 11, 2020 7:00 pm Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Street

Mar 15, 2020 2:00 pm St. Joseph's Table Celebration

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

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



Branch 445 Celebrant and Homilist, Fr. George Aranha & Santa Clara Valley District Chaplain



Br. 445, Old City Hall Restaurant - Gilroy



Pachinger boys from Angles Camp Branch 418 acting as servers.



Joe Schlemmer of Branch 390 and Danielle Pachinger of Branch 418



Branch 390 Officers: Top row: Tom Salvaggio, Robert Pachinger, Stephen Ridolfi. Bottom row: MaryAnn Chapman, Danielle Pachinger, Ida Queirolo, Elise Moberly. Missing: Josephine Webber, Analisa Zamora, Bill Lina



Welcome new member Eve Galvez to Br. 395!

Anna Serrato always helping

Bob Bacchetti stirring the Raviolis

Louie Serrato and Mike Bacchetti getting the tri-tip ready.

Tracy Branch 390 Christmas Dinner

Our servers are ready!

The Gomez family takes a picture with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus

Sandy Corallo having fun

Sandy Zepeda and Pres. Anita Ridolfi checking out the raffle.

Over 180 people are ready to eat!



Central Council Members getting ready to install the officers.

Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 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 Feb-

*The most valuable
gift you can receive is
an honest friend.
--Stephen Richards*

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.
Ciao,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

The month of February is a time for romance, but for Branch 395, it's a time for Polenta! By the time you read this article our branch will be in the midst of preparing for our annual and biggest fundraiser of the year. We anticipate a sellout crowd to enjoy a delicious chicken and sausage cacciatore and polenta dinner prepared by one of our branch members, Jason Kimball. A big grazie to our 2020 chairs, Jo Weber and Karen Rosson. Thank you to all of our branch members for their help because we couldn't put on this event without you! We also can't forget to thank all of the people who continue to support the ICF and this fundraiser year after year. All of the money raised goes right back to our seminarians, to scholarships and to a variety of charities. Look for pictures in next month's Bolletino.

We began the year by installing our first new member of 2020, Eve Galvez. Eve is catholic, but not Italian and we are so excited that she believes in the mission of the ICF. In addition, members Pat Beglou and Paula Watt have taken on board positions for the first time, and we are thrilled.

*Happy Valentine's to all of our
ICF members.
alla prossima,
Mary Ann*



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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.



Branch 395 Officer Installation



Ron Schmid of Branch 413 and Stockton District



Donate Love ~~ Donate Life ~~ Donate Blood

Happy Valentine's Day
From The Live to Give Committee



Italian Catholic Federation Twentieth Annual

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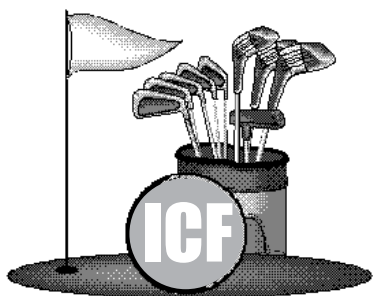
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YOUR PLANS TO SHARE IN THIS NEW GOLF VENTURE
AND MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE
20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT!!!



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

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

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

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

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award during the Sunday General Session. A \$1000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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

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

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20____
Award:

- ____ Pope Saint John XXIII
- ____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
- ____ Grand President's
- ____ Family of the Year
- ____ Young Adult Leadership

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Please include with this application:
-A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
-Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.

Nominee:
Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #/City: _____
For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Statement of Endorsement:

Start discussing possible candidates
for convention rewards now.
Nominations must be submitted by May 1st!



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

If so, Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, would be honored to come and speak at one of your branch meetings or any special event (at no cost to your branch).

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

It does not matter how small or how large your branch is, the goal is to educate everyone on Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.

Love: The Passion, The Pleasure, and The Pain by Branch 374 President Al Restivo

Love is a subject that has puzzled men and women for as long as humans have walked the earth. Now, in his third book, Dr. Al Restivo explores the subject of love in "Love: The Passion, The Pleasure, and The Pain". He defines love's many facets and its effect on our daily lives.



In this easy to read format, appropriate for people from young adults to seniors, Al explores the question posed by Cole Porter in his famous song, "What is this Thing Called Love?" Along the way he touches on such subjects as: what love is and why if one has not known love, one has difficulty defining it; love at first sight; love and respect; love that grows from ember to flame; different strokes for different folks;

life events that challenge love; when love turns to pain; what to do when love loses its luster, and restoring love and forgiveness; and the path to love.

The book provides opportunities for the reader to take a Passion Assessment to measure four aspects of love, and also to learn temperamental styles and how people relate and interact with each other through similarities and differences.

It explores elements of God's love, parental love, puppy love, dealing with anger and powerlessness, and stories about different loves between people who volunteered their stories

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