



# BOLLETTINO



## Welcome New & Returning Leaders to Guide ICF in 2020



Br. 111, St. Benedict's 2020 Officer Installation--Los Angeles Archdiocese



Br. 214, Todos Santos' Officer Installation--Contra Costa District



Br. 115, San Pedro 2020 Officers and Branch Chaplain Fr. Diego Menniti

Throughout the Federation, Grand President Vince Piro and Central Council members are visiting all the districts to inaugurate the newly elected branch officers. Along the way, they spread the tenants of the strategic plan to strengthen ICF and the communities it serves.

By uniting many cultures under one faith, ICF strives to continue to build a resilient organization drawing from the depth of all its members. The opportunity for growth is furthered through the national branch and its

boundaryless reach. Using technology and the development of an online community of faith and fellowship, ICF will be able to reach more people and help them connect.

The future is bright for ICF with its new and returning leaders taking on the challenge of helping members to join together to support those in need and further the causes of the ICF through its charitable work, such as our national charity Cooley's Anemia, support for seminarians thru the Providenza Fund and Gifts of Love. Continue reading to find out more.

## A Carnival Christmas Celebration

Laurice Levine

The 3rd Annual Christmas party at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) was held on December 15th, 2019. Guests stepped right up and enjoyed a Carnival-themed celebration complete with a delicious lunch catered by Food System's Inc., a decorate your

own donut bar and a caramel apple bar, roaming photobooth, games for prizes, face-painting; arts and crafts, a DJ, a juggler, and entertainment by the USC Medical Clown Program. Approximately 200 children, families, Red Cell Staff, and ICF enjoyed the festivities. Santa Claus was THE highlight of the party and there was certainly an abundance of gifts, in fact, there were enough to use for patient birthdays for the year to come.

The CHLA Thalassemia Team and most especially the patients and families would like to extend their wholehearted gratitude to the ICF for making this event possible. Especially the LA District under the direction of Pat and Lou Mages who organized the wrapping party and the volunteers. The hard work and dedication of the volunteers both for the wrapping party and the Christmas party was boundless.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
*A Mardi Gras Christmas Party – Dec. 12, 2020, 5 to 7 p.m.*



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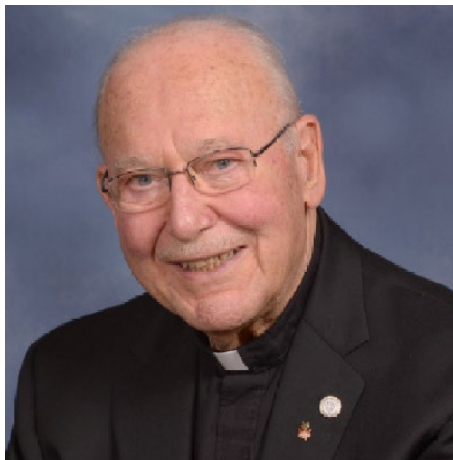
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**April issue deadline is  
March 10, 2020.**

**Thank you!**

# Holy Communion is Jesus

**Monsignor Daniel Cardelli**  
**ICF Spiritual Director**



One day Jesus spoke to his disciples and said.

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." (Jn 6:49-50)

Those who heard this were thrilled! Wow! Give us this bread. They were eager to eat this magical bread, so they would not die. Then Jesus spoke some amazing words.

**"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."** (Jn 6:48-51)

But when they heard this, they were shocked. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (Jn 6:52)

Then many of his disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that His disciples were murmuring about this, He said to them, "Does this shock you? Many of the people who heard this left Jesus and went back to their former way of life and no longer followed Him." (Jn 6:66)



If Jesus didn't really mean what He said literally, you would think He would say something like this. Wait, wait come back! Let me explain the symbolic meaning of what I just said. In fact what did He say? He emphasized all the more what He said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:53-56)

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (Jn 6:67-68)

Let's face it. The Apostles, at that time, didn't know what Jesus was referring to either. They didn't really know until after the Resurrection that Jesus was God. That would have been too much for them to handle. They stuck with Jesus because they knew He was someone good and special and had

amazing powers. They loved Him and they trusted Him.

Finally, when Jesus gathered his Apostle with Him for the Last Supper on the first Holy Thursday, He took some bread "giving thanks broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: take this and eat it for **this is my body**... In a similar way when supper was ended, He took a chalice and once more giving thanks, said take this all of you and drink from it for **this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant** which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Now it became clear! The Apostles finally understood what the words **"the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."** Jesus took bread and wine and changed them into Himself. Even though they still looked, felt and tasted like bread and wine there was no longer present any bread and wine. It was Jesus, alive, body, blood, soul and divinity! Let us respond as did the Apostle, Thomas, **"My Lord and my God!"**

**"Do this in memory of Me."** Means Jesus ordained His Apostles and their successors as priests who have the privilege and power to change bread and wine into the Holy Communion, the Eucharist.

When we receive Communion at Mass we are eating His body and blood.

What a gift! What a privilege! What a perfect, intimate relationship!

**"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."** (Jn 6:56)

*Thank you, Jesus!*

## Highlights from Membership Committee

**Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson**

I would like to share the highlights of the Membership Committee's meeting at last month's quarterly Central Council Meeting.

**Update to ICF Brochure**

It was decided it is time to update the ICF tri-fold brochure. The committee will be working on the first draft this month with plans to have the brochure completed by June if not before. We will be adding: **'One Faith, Many Cultures'** on the front. The goal is to emphasize the 'C', Catholic, in I-C-F.

While our beginning was brought



about by the struggles of the Italian immigrants and their faith, current cultures in the United States still have the need to strengthen their Catholic faith. Also, there are still needs to support our priests, serve our parishes and our communities. These are the needs of many cultures, not only the Italians. The updated brochure will strive to attract new members to read beyond the 'Italian' and to see today's vital and active ICF. The history will still be part of the brochure, but with more emphasis on the now.

**Produce Video Promos**

The committee is currently working to produce several video promos of ICF. These promos will be in the form of 15 second, 30 second and 3 to 4-minute videos meant to appeal to today's

adults. The internet and social medias such as Facebook, YouTube etc. seem to be the most effective way to promote our organization.

**Engage in Catholic Religious Education Congress**

Last month was the second year ICF participated in the Catholic Religious Education Congress. The creation of the National ICF Branch was promoted to those interested in joining. Congress attendees are from every state, plus Canada and other international countries. It is amazing how many are interested in the organization.

**Remember what makes ICF Strong**

It is important we emphasis ICF's strengths. Too often we take for granted what we do and forget that

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# Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

*I came to light a fire* has been the motto of the ICF for decades, and as I noted in my Installation speech, ICF branches keep the fire of faith alive in their local communities, parishes and dioceses every day. ICF members serve those less fortunate in their hometowns, work with their local pastors to keep their parishes vibrant, and their local bishops to support seminarians.

However, too often these connections are not well known to those outside the ICF.

This is where **Core Strategy #3—Community Connections—of the Strategic Plan** comes into play.

It reads, *We create connections between the ICF, our parishes, and communities; these connections are part of our commitment to apostolic and charitable work.*

What can we do to implement this part of the Strategic Plan. At all levels of the ICF, we can . . .

1. Promote ICF events in parish and community publications.
2. Create regular communication with pastor and clergy, including chaplains.
3. Use Expansion Committee materials to promote and educate new and current branch pastors about the ICF.

4. Use social media and web-pages to promote local branch activities within parish and community.

To help local branches, the Central Council is taking the following actions:

1. The Membership Committee is working on revising promotional materials for use by local branches. This includes revising the ICF brochure.
2. The Expansion Committee is working hard to promote the ICF in new parishes. It hopes to add three new local branches this year.
3. The Membership Committee is creating a series of promotional videos to share with pastors and bishops. This series of videos will also be used on social media to promote the ICF.

### How can you help?

You can regularly meet with your local pastor to keep him updated on ICF events and to offer your branch's support. You can place ICF promotional materials in church vestibules and parish offices. You can share the ICF promotional videos with parish and



community members. You can send Mike Rossi, the Chair of the Expansion Committee, the names of parishes that could host new ICF parishes.

You can invite and welcome members of our parishes and communities to ICF meetings and its events through parish bulletins, diocesan newspapers, local newspapers, announcements at Masses, and brochures at parish and community events.

You can invite other parish ministries to our dinner meetings and special events, such as St. Joseph's tables, Bishop's Days, picnics, etc.

Your branch can participate in charitable events within the community.

**We came to light a fire**, but we have to be sure that we do not keep our light under a bushel. As the Bible reminds us,

*Nor do they light a lamp  
and then put it under a  
bushel basket; it is set on a  
lamp stand, where it  
gives light to all in the house.  
Just so, your light must  
shine before others,  
that they may see  
your good deeds and  
glorify your heavenly Father.*

## ICF is Going Green!



Did you know that you can receive the monthly Bollettino by email?

### Benefits:

- Save a tree
- Read text at higher magnification
- Read all pages in full color
- Receive earlier than printed version

Visit this link to sign up:

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## Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand 1st Vice President

A few years ago Christine Prudenciado, a member of my branch (#19, Colma), was looking for a macaroni salad recipe with a difference for one of our potlucks. I had forgotten about this recipe, until she made it again this past week for a reception we were catering.



Oftentimes, macaroni salads can be a bit flavorless/bland, but this one has a lot of great flavor and color.

### Mexican Macaroni Salad

- 1 pound elbow macaroni
- Vegetable oil for oiling grill
- 2 ears of corn
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ cup finely chopped olives
- 6 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- ½ red onion, finely diced

### Dressing:

- 1 cup jarred salsa
- 1 cup sour cream
- ¼ cup Mayonnaise
- ½ tsp. cumin
- Salt and freshly ground pepper



1. Cook the macaroni according to the package directions. Drain and set aside to cool.
2. Heat an indoor grill and brush with oil. Cook the ears of corn, turning until browned and cooked through. Cut the kernels off the cob. We simplified the step by using either the canned or frozen fire roasted corn.
3. Put corn in big bowl with the

macaroni, black beans, olives, tomatoes, green onions and red onions. Toss to combine.

4. For the dressing: In a separate bowl, whisk together the salsa, sour cream, mayonnaise, cumin, salt and pepper. Pour over the salad ingredients and fold together until everything is coated. Taste and adjust seasoning.
5. Serve chilled.

NOTE: For more zest I would add finely diced jalapenos or hot sauce.

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!**



# Make Lent a "Positive"

Lauren Kilcullen, Apostolate—Charity Chairperson

This month, Committee member, Carmen Kilcullen, wrote this timely column regarding Lent and making it positive.

Lauren Kilcullen



## MAKE LENT A "POSITIVE"

Lent is fast approaching and people are talking about what they are giving up for Lent. This certainly is admirable, but I would like to consider Lent as a positive. Lent can be a time for doing good and positive things. We are, after all, preparing for the great feast of Easter and Lent is a proper time to "accentuate the positive."

Some suggestions:

- Attend daily Mass or as many times a week as you can.
- Participate in soup suppers.
- Donate to Outreach Program with Rice Bowls.
- Say an extra decade of the Rosary.
- If you haven't done so, work with some agency helping the poor and homeless.
- Spend time in meditation. The little Lenten booklets are good source for this.

I'm sure that each one of you can think of other ways to make Lent positive. Easter will certainly be more joyful for you.

Happy and Blessed Easter to all!

Carmen Kilcullen



# Mother Cabrini Shrine



The following article received from Marsha Ramos regarding the January 12, 2020 Open House hosted by the CABRINI COMPANIONS at the

Mother Cabrini Chapel:

"On Sunday January 12, 2020, Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC and her Cabrini Companions opened the Burbank Mother Cabrini Shrine and welcomed more than 50 visitors. Throughout the day Sr. Regina shared her stories, experiences and gave individualized blessings and good cheer. A special visitor from New York was a high-point of the day. Cherie Sprosty a former Burbank resident now living in New York, is the Director of Liturgy at St. Francis X Cabrini Shrine in New York City. She brought news from the New York ministries and special commemorative items to share. Her husband Fred Applegate and son Ben also joined her on the visit and met Sr. Reina for the first time. The



visit was uplifting and symbolized the special connection people share for St. Cabrini from all over the nation and world.

The Cabrini Shrine and museum exhibits were enjoyed by all and every one left with the spirit of Mother Cabrini in their heart and set forth in the new year with "love... that is active, vibrant and true."

The next Cabrini Chapel Open House is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

Thank you for your continued support!  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President  
ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
[Ecas1810@aol.com](mailto:Ecas1810@aol.com)

# Carnival Celebration

## Special Thanks to the following:

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- Nanette Saldana
- Glenn Scalise and AB Personal
- Della and Gino Spinelli
- Francesca & Sarah Taylor and Girl Scout Troop #4116
- Nancy Vintimiglia
- Frank Vuoso
- Ron Waldman - Signature Events and Creations

Disclaimer: Please forgive us if we have inadvertently left out a name of a volunteer or a branch – there are countless people we are so grateful for. If your name is missing please let us know.

Thank you!

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# Why Donating Blood is Important

by the Live to Give Committee

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

~Aesop

Thank you for donating blood today and being a hero. You are a lifesaver and here's why:

- \* One person every 2 seconds in the U.S. will have an accident, a heart or kidney transplant, a major surgery, cancer treatments, or suffer from an injury and will need blood.
- \* An automobile accident victim may use 50 units of red blood cells.
- \* A cancer patient may use 8 units of platelets per week.
- \* A bone marrow transplant recipient may use 20 units of red blood cells and 120 units of platelets.
- \* A person undergoing heart surgery may use 6 units of red cells and 6 units of platelets
- \* An organ transplant recipient may use 60 units of red blood cells, 6 units of platelets and 50 units of plasma.

The unit of blood you donated today may be one of the units of blood described above!

Did you know that three patients can benefit from your single donation?

- Red Blood Cells are often used for patients who require surgery, have kidney disease, or have a hemoglobinopathy such as Thalassemia or Sickle Cell Disease.
- Platelets are used to control bleeding in patients whose bone marrow produces too few platelets – patients such as those with leukemia or are undergoing bone marrow transplants.
- Plasma and its derivatives are used for the treatment of hemophilia or shock or to treat disease such as hepatitis.

Thank you, again, for finding the hero in you.

From the ICF Live to Give Committee



Book Review  
Vince Piro, Grand President

365 Ideas for Recruiting, Retaining, Motivating and Rewarding Your Volunteers: A Complete Guide for Non-Profit Organizations  
by Sunny Fader  
Atlantic Publishing 2010. 312 pp.

I am going to break from my usual book review content - usually about heritage or culture—to revisit a book I recommended a couple of years. This book can assist our branch leaders and all members with a concern that they have been sharing with me lately.

As members of a non-profit organization in the 21st century, we often find it challenging to recruit and retain members and volunteers. Many books have documented the decline in civic participation over the last several decades (such as Putman’s Bowling Alone); however, few books offer an exhaustive set of strategies to recruit and retain members as Fader’s 365 Ideas for Recruiting, Retaining, Motivating and Rewarding Your Volunteers: A Complete Guide for Non-Profit Organizations.

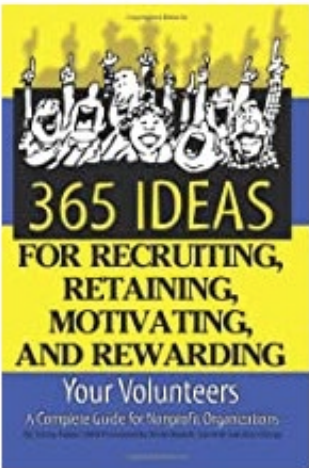
It contains such useful chapters as “How to Use Word of Mouth Ambassadors,” “What about Age” and “The Challenges of a Wired World.” And while not every aspect of this book pertains to the Federation and its structures, it contains many good ideas to solve some of the challenges we are having today.

One myth that Fader quickly dispels is that there is a lack of volunteers (and those willing to join non-profit organizations) in today’s world. However, she does note that the ways we must recruit and retain members has changed.

Below is the publisher’s description of the book, summarizing its contents.

According to recent statistics by the U.S. Department of Labor, 26.7 percent of the population volunteers. Unfortunately, while the population is increasing, the percentage of Americans who volunteer is decreasing each year. What this means is that you must hang onto and keep your volunteers happy and coming back, perhaps bringing new volunteer recruits with them.

This new book is packed with hundreds of simple and inexpensive ways to motivate, challenge, and reward your



volunteers. Volunteers today need constant reinforcement and recognition, and here is how to do it. With real life, proven examples and case studies from actual nonprofit organizations, you can use this book daily to boost morale and productivity and find fundraising activities.

This is your opportunity to build an organization that people love to volunteer, and you can do so by using these quick, effective, humorous, innovative, and simply fun solutions. Make your organization a happy place to volunteer, and reap the benefits.

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not everyone knows and truly understands what sets us apart from other service/faith organizations. One of the quotes I heard at our meeting last month best and completely describes us: **Putting our Faith in Action!** I would add to this quote: **As a Family.** This one phrase sums it all up.

Italian Catholic Federation provides:

- Support to Seminaries.
- Gifts of Love...for those with Special Needs.

- Support to Parishes, Priests, and Local Communities and Beyond.
- Family Environment that supports each other and promotes the involvement of all Family Members.

One last thing, please contact me, Pat Mages, regarding your ideas, questions of membership drives, problems and support. My cell# (805) 428-4623; email: [pmages@icf.org](mailto:pmages@icf.org).

Who are WE?

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair

Since this is the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I thought I would share a little about this very heroic man, my Great Uncle

K.S. Ignacy Antonowicz  
Holocaust Martyr



He was born on July 14, 1890 in Wieclawice the son of Jakub and Jadwiga (maiden name Valerius) Antonowicz.

In the years of 1901-1905 he studied at the Salesian Department of KS. Bosco in Oswiecim, Poland. In 1912, he began philosophical and theological studies at the Gregorian University in Rome. There, on April 23, 1916, he was ordained a priest. After obtaining his doctorate, he worked as a lecturer at Studensates in Italy. In 1917 he joined the Polis Army in France, in which he served as Captain working as a chaplain. In 1920 he began working as a professor at the Major Seminary of the Salesian Society in Krakow, but the Red Army's offensive interrupted this. He was a chaplain of the Polish Army until 1921. In this process he was awarded the Polish Cross of Valor. In 1922 he returned to work at the Philosophical Studentate. In the years 1923-26, he stayed in Oswiecim, where he lectured in theology, edited the magazine "Poklosie Salesianskie" and worked as a catechist at the Salesian Department. Between 1927 and 1930 he was Director of the Seminary and the Salesian gymnasium in Aleksandrow Kujawski. In 1931 he became Director of the Salesian center in Rozanystok. He held this office until 1934, when he was entrusted as the Prior of the Salesian Theological Institute of Krakow.

On May 23, 1941, after returning to the religious house at 39 Tyniecka Street he was arrested. The Salesians living there had already been arrested and he joined his brothers as their superior. Initially, he was detained in the prison on Montelupich Street for falsifying baptism and common certificates for the Jewish citizens in his area and for not denouncing his faith. He was then transported on June 26, 1941 to the Auschwitz concentration camp (Camp Number 17371). The next day he was beaten unconscious by the Gestapo and thrown to the ground to let the Camp dogs eat him. Later that day, he was returned to the Auschwitz hospital where he died.

Italian Catholic Federation Central Council ~ 20th Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Friday, July 31, 2020

New Location



3330 Yulupa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

4 Person Scramble/Range Balls

10:00 a.m. Hot Buffet Breakfast Shotgun Start: 11:30 a.m.

Banquet prepared by Bob Acquistapace & Br. 198  
St. Eugene's Hall - 2323 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
Menu: Salad - Risotto - Chicken Cordon Blu - Dessert - HOSTED Bar

There will be a raffle with a fantastic array of Prizes!

On Saturday August 1st, there will be 2 events you can choose to join either Wine Tasting Tour of Saini Vineyards & Ferrari Carano Winery or a half day of Antiquing then all will meet at the Ferrari Carano Winery for lunch. The price for either event will include a box lunch from Costeaux Bakery. More information to follow.

Price \$170 (includes hot buffet Breakfast, 18 holes of golf with Cart & Banquet)  
After July 19, 2020 price per golfer is \$180. Banquet only \$35

Reservation Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2020

Sign-Up If a person brings in 3 foursomes, that person golfs for free

Name	Handicap

Banquet Only

Make check for total amount (\$170 per player plus \$35 per Banquet guest), payable to the ICF Golf Tournament  
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ICF, 8393 Capwell Drive #110, Oakland, CA 94621~(888)-ICF-1924~FAX (510) 633-9758~ icf.org



## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Upcoming:

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.

Financial Secretary, Vic Arnaudo, sincerely thanks the many Members who have promptly sent in their dues for 2020.

*Stay healthy!*

*Ciao! Toni Morsello*

### San Francisco

#### St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day to everyone.

We will be going to Thunder Valley on April 6th.

We will be visiting the Western Rail Museum on July 22nd and also have lunch.

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

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please remember the following dates:

Mar. 22nd - Mass

Mar. 23rd - Meeting

*Ciao,*

*Eva Perata, President*

### SAN MATEO

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

We have many events planned for 2020 and will start with our February meeting with Soup, Sandwiches, Salad and

dessert on February 13, 2020. Thanks to Jim and Luci Witherspoon for acting as our hosts.

March 12 - celebration of St. Joseph's table. Please let Dorene know what your contribution to the meal will be. 650-344-7870. We will have Laurice Levine attending who will give us up-to-date information on Cooley's Anemia. Leftover food will be given to the Catholic Worker House.

April 18, 2020, PEDRO Tournament, Our Lady of Angels Gym, 1335 Cortez Ave. 9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts. Tournament begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. with lunch immediately following. No registration payments will be taken at

the door. Further details to follow. \$40.00 including lunch. \$15.00 lunch only. Contact: Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870.



ICF San Mateo District Installation at the El Rancho

Registration forms will be emailed to previous players. If you would like a registration form emailed please contact rozemery00@aol.com.

April 19 - Bishop's Day - Branch 6 Mt. Carmel hosts.

We would like to keep in our prayers both Lori Clyne and Cheryl Tufo who both lost their husbands recently. Also, our members Mary Bodisco, Linda Small and Betty Wuestefeld need our prayers.

*God Bless,*

*Roz Emery*

### South San Francisco

#### St. Augustine, Br. 213

Branch 213 has been busy having great meetings and planning its March 10th St. Joseph's Table, to be held at St. Augustine Parish Hall after the 5:30 pm mass. For information on our event, call Judy Crosetti at 650-589-8377 or Jackie Smith at 650-992-9505.

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

*Ciao from Branch 213*

*Victor Spano*

### Millbrae

#### St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We recently celebrated our ICF 30th Anniversary at St. Dunstan. We thank the many other Branches that joined us in this celebration.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, with a lasagna dinner. Social get-together at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

Also, on March 24th, we will have our annual St. Joseph Table pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. This is always a gourmet delight when our members share their meatless dishes for all to enjoy. We always receive an abundance of food and as always all leftovers are given to the Catholic Hospitality House in San Bruno for the homeless and less fortunate. We honor St. Joseph that evening with a flower decorated altar. This tradition originated in Sicily, as according to legend during a drought and famine people prayed to St. Joseph for rain and their

prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the food they harvested was given to the poor. We continue that tradition.

Please remember in your prayers our members who are not well right now, Marie Amoroso and Adolph del Carlo.

*Rose Marie Morando*

*Correspondent Secretary*

### MARIN

#### Larkspur

#### St. James, Br. 161

During Lent we are collecting socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, deodorants, etc. to be given to the homeless.

Darcy Fitzsimmons has been feeding us after every meeting with her wonderful cooked food. This time she made Chicken Enchiladas Verde, Chicken Enchiladas Roja, Spanish Rice and Mango, Jicama Salad. Thank you, Darcy for your wonderful food.

When the time change occurred, we changed our meetings from Tuesday evenings to Saturday mornings. March 14 will be the last meeting that will be held in the morning. Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 21.

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.

*Happy St. Patrick's and Happy St. Joseph!*

*Anna Biggio*

*Recording Secretary*

### LOS ANGELES

### ARCHDIOCESE

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Greetings everyone. Welcome to the month of March. Last month the ICF was once again represented at the LA Religious Education Congress in full swing.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help work the booth. Mike and Marci Rossi, Vince Piro, Andy and Syd Pappani, Denise

Antonowicz along with her mom and sisters, Pat and Lou Mages, Theresa and Tad Shaw, Carmelo Sabatella, Ann and Richard Interrante.

We highlighted our new National Branch and met a lot of people from all over this land who are interested in joining the ICF. I'm hoping that our organization will be back again next year.

Be sure to support and help out at branch St. Joseph Tables, including St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church- BR 67.

On Leap Day, February 29th we held our quarterly District General Meeting at San Antonio Winery. Agenda items included fundraising, Religious Ed Congress, and planning this year's Bishop Banquet. Thank you to all who came out and represented.

*Have a great Spring.*

*Perry Shurko, District President.*

### Los Angeles

#### St. Peter, Br. 67

ICF Branch 67 is working with Central Council along with present and former Branch members in the development of a new National Branch 67 at St. Peter's Italian Church. (See Article from Branch Orator Al Restivo in February 2020 Bollettino.)

We are now accepting applications for those interested in joining ICF National

Branch 67, please contact Carmelo Sabatella at phone no. 626 372-7812 or via email at cas1810@aol.com.

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

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

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Mother CABRINI Open House on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information visit [ICF.org/MotherCabriniShrine](http://ICF.org/MotherCabriniShrine).





Please let your family and friends know that National Branch 67 is now accepting applications for membership regardless of their place of residency. You can help us keep the future alive for the next generations at Branch 67 in Los Angeles. We are asking for your ideas, prayers and support.

*Your help is greatly appreciated.*  
*Carmelo Sabatella AIA*  
*President Branch 67*

**South Pasadena  
Holy Family, Br. 108**

On February 8th, Branch 108 held its 17th annual Wine Tasting Event themed “Carnevale” celebrating the latest wines produced by local San Gabriel Vintners along with several wines represented from small Boutique Vineyards of Italy.

Thank you to Co Chairs Christy Shaw and Gina Sabatella for coordinating, staffing and managing this beautiful cultural event. Thank you also to the Vintners, Vendors, ICF members, parishioners, guests and families for making this year’s celebration a beautiful and successful event once again. A special thank you to students from Bishop Amat High School for helping with hosting, serving, cleaning and assisting ICF Staff.

At the February 2nd Branch General Meeting, members celebrated the birthdays of President Tom Haubrick and Trustee Jackie Ficht and the 46th Wedding Anniversary of Tad and Theresa Shaw. members ended the meeting with a successful game of Bingo ... in Italian!

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

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.  
*Ci Vediamo presto!*  
*Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President*  
*ICF Branch 108*  
*C 626 372-7812*  
*E cas1810@aol.com*



**Montebello  
St. Benedict, Br. 111**

Ciao a tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, Montebello. Join us for refreshments and cake as we celebrate the Birthdays of the following members: Tony De Lorenzo, Estera Veneziano, Margaret Valdez-Gallardo, Della Rodriguez and Tanina Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

This year we will be commemorating our 23rd annual Feast of St. Joseph Table at St. Benedict Church Parish Hall, located at 1022 W. Cleveland Avenue, Montebello., The Feast will start on Saturday March 21st, with the Blessing of the table at 12:00 p.m. and continue until to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free pasta meal, with a salad, and a roll, to everyone on both days.

Traditional Italian foods, Italian sausage sandwiches, cannoli, and other desserts, along with breads, cookies, bottles of wine, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh flowers, nursery plants, etc. will also be available for purchase.

The monies we raise at this event will 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, and other worthwhile charities.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all you do for the ICF. May St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

*Ciao, Frank Salomone*



Br. 115 President Neal Di Leva celebrated his 75th Birthday with family members and friends at Giorgio's Restaurant

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

At our potluck February meeting, President Neal DiLeva thanked all our great chefs for the delicious food that was shared. He also thanked all who attended our Harrah's casino day trip. The bus was full!

On March 7th our branch celebrated the feast day of St. John Joseph of the Cross with our annual crab dinner dance. The evening was spent eating, singing and dancing! The event appears to happen effortlessly but many hours of planning and hard work are involved. President Neal Dileva thanked the many volunteers who help make this evening a success!

Our next fundraiser will be a day trip to Pauma casino on March 24th. \$20.00 members \$25.00 nonmembers. Free buffet is given if it is your first time to this casino. Please call Pauline for reservations at 310 8320563.

Reservations are also being taken for our Laughlin trip on April 19 to 21st with a 2-night stay at Aquarius casino. \$140.00 double occupancy \$190.00 single Please call Pauline if interested.

Please keep Joseph Scotti, benefactor of

the beautiful Madonna del Arco plaque, in your prayers. He recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

Mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco will be celebrated on April 25th at the 5:15 mass. Please bring flowers and process into church behind our banner.

Next general meeting will be held on April 16th at 7:30 p.m. Please attend and invite friends

*Anita Trujillo treasurer*

**Ventura  
Sacred Heart, Br. 169**

At the Thursday, January 30th ICF Potluck, we celebrated Father O'Sullivan's 81st Birthday! Though he was late to his own party due to "Duty First" (confessions for future First Communicants), we did sing "Happy Birthday", though some of us were a bit off-key! Everyone who attended enjoyed good food, a delicious cake and lots of fun! We wish our beloved "Father O" a healthy, happy year filled with many blessings. Thank you to Taylor and Grandfather Fred for all your hard work at putting this together.

*God's Blessings to All*  
*Branch 169*



Br.169, Father O Birthday Cutting Cake



Br.169, Celebrating Father O's Birthday



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## Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

It is that time of year again – getting ready for our St. Joseph's Table which will be on March 22 and 23. Setup will start on the 21st and continue on the 22nd. The doors will open after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening with the Table being blessed and the traditional pasta dinner will be served. On Sunday, the doors open at 8 a.m. and will be open until approximately 2 p.m. All donations of baked goods and entrees should be brought to the hall on Saturday or early Sunday morning. Please list any unusual ingredients and do not use mayonnaise on any of the entrees. If you donate a pie from a restaurant, please list what kind of a pie it is. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we always have a wonderful turnout from our members on all aspects of this event, from the food donations for the Table to helping out. If you wish to participate, please contact President Jerry and he will assign you to a job. Thank you in advance to everyone.

At our last meeting, Mary Rovarino gave a follow up for her first heritage report, this time about how her parents and all Italians at that time went through the step by step process leading to marriage. It was a fun and interesting report. Thanks to all that brought potluck, once again a delicious luncheon.

Lolly M

## Diamond Bar St. Denis, Br. 317

We hope that the first couple of months have been going Great for Everyone.

First off, we would like to announce and congratulate two of our members on the birth of their Great Grandchildren. Julia Scalise had a Great Granddaughter born on January 25th. Her name is Mia Skye. Toni Werley had a Great Granddaughter born on January 23rd. Her name is Josie Lynn. Congratulations and Many Blessings to you and your families.

We'd also like to Welcome our newest Member, Jenny Prince. Jenny comes to us from St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills. Her Parents were member of our Branch many years ago.

On February 2nd we started our "Holy Cannoli" pre-sales. We are in our 2nd of three weeks and are doing pretty good. One of our members (ok it was me) even went as far as making special "Holy Cannoli" shoes to wear. It did get people attention.

On March 13th we will be helping out the Knights of Columbus and other Ministries and providing side dishes at the Lenten Fish Dinner. This is a new event for St Denis.

On April 26th we will be hosting our annual "Arts and Craft Faire". The proceeds we receive from the "Vender spots" go to

St Denis-Building On Faith. If you are in the area, please stop by and enjoy the Faire.

From Everyone at Branch 317, St Denis in Diamond Bar, we wish you a Very Happy and Blessed Easter Season!

*Pamela-Anne Roemer  
President, Br 317  
St Denis, Diamond Bar.*

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

This year we had the pleasure again of going to the Congress in Anaheim on February 20th - 22nd. Central Council joined us to help promote our new virtual Branch located in LA, where people who cannot find a branch near them can join this one, get all the information about the ICF upcoming events and even join us at our convention each year.

In March celebrate both Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph Day.

On March 22nd, we will be having our annual Saint Joseph's table with the sale of sausage sandwiches this year. This has become a tradition at Our Lady Assumption Church and everyone seems to look forward to it. I will also be selling cannoli which have become a favorite each year.

In April, the ICF will the confirmation day with cookies and punch after the service. We will also be providing lunch for the bishop on that day.

In May again we will be serving pizza at the annual Fiesta on Mother's Day weekend. The next three months are going to busy with church functions.

I am sad to say we lost a treasured member Sylvia Stevens. The Lord called her home to be with him. She will be missed

God bless

Andrea Linn

## Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

March is here once again. Lent is in full swing, and Spring is right upon us. Last month we held our first Bingo of 2020, and what great time we all had. Red White and Blue were the colors as we celebrated President's Day. Congratulations to all of those who won. March is a very busy month for the ICF as we celebrate St Joseph's Day. Our St Joseph Table will be held on Saturday March 21st with a Mass and table blessing followed by pizza for sale. Sunday we will be having our St Joseph Brunch - Eggs, Sausages, Breakfast Potatoes, Strawberry & Cheese Blintzes Orange Juice & Coffee.

Tickets will be sold after Masses. All donations are welcomed, breads, cakes, cookies, and gift cards for our Raffle Tree. I also want to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick Day.

*Stay healthy. Till next month, God Bless.  
Perry Shurko, Branch President.*

## Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Branch 380 is getting a great start to the new year. In January Branch members gathered to prepare care packages for our troops at For Our Troops in Simi Valley.

On February 1st our ICF team participated in the 6th Annual Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run, a 5K/1M race. It was a beautiful sunny morning. Runners and walkers enjoyed a pancake breakfast and had the opportunity to take photos with the grand marshal Mike Scioscia.

We are looking forward to these upcoming events:

Feb. 15th (Sat.) "Love Italian Style" general meeting

March 7th (Sat.) General meeting

March 13th (Fri.) Fish Fry in St. Paschal Baylon Parish hall followed by Stations of the Cross

March 22nd (Sun.) St. Joseph's Table Celebration



Br. 380, Pat Scott & John Clemens with Mike Scioscia



## OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT

We are all saddened by the death of Rosalind Crudo in late February, as an ICF family our love and prayers go out to the Crudo family. She was a charter member of Branch 343 and served the ICF in many offices over the years.

Now that the crab feed is behind us, we are ready to take on some new challenges. We are currently setting a quarterly Communion at Our Lady of Grace. Flyers will be sent out with details.

Also, hopefully, in the near future, we will have worked out a date with the Bishop's office for Bishop's Day.

With Lent just around the corner, it is time to reexamine our lives and our priorities. Just pretend it is new years and we are making some resolutions. Maybe the ones we made in Jan. are not working or our focus has changed, we can make our changes now.

Wishing you a prayerful and blessed Lent.

*Also a Happy St. Joseph and St. Patrick days.*

*Pat Grasso,*

*District Sec.*

## Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We are hosting our annual St. Joseph's Day Table on March 19. Mass offered at 5:30 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church, High St. at Van Buren St., Alameda. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. in Monsignor O'Brien Hall and includes salad, chicken, pasta, vegetables and the special dessert table. Please bring an item for the dessert table. Reservations with payment are due to Michael Marcheschi, 1118 San Antonio Ave, Alameda, CA 94501 by 9 a.m. on Mon., March 16. Contact Michael at (510) 523-4720. Seating is open.

We are currently offering Lenten Fish Fry dinners on Fridays in Lent. Stations of the Cross in St. Philip Neri Church begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will follow in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. The menu includes fish, pasta, salad, rolls and dessert. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Wine, soda and beer available for separate purchase. Reservations are not necessary. The dinners will continue through April 3, the last Friday before Palm Sunday.

One final item regarding our 2019 Christmas party: Santa Claus sent a note stating that the group of children in attendance was the best-behaved group that he had ever seen.

We thank Fran La Torre for her service as our mentor. Fran served as our deputy, then mentor for the last five years of the program and always kept us updated on District news. We look forward to visiting with Fran at both our future events and events sponsored by Fran's own Branch 215.

*John Zugnoni*

*Branch 10 publicity*



### 2020 Holy Cannoli

**Branch 317  
Diamond Bar**



## Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Happy March! Thank you to Branch 10 for hosting the East Bay District's Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on February 1st. This was a wonderful event at Msgr. Patrick O'Brien Hall with almost 200 people in attendance!

During Lent, Branch 215 will host one of Corpus Christi Parish's Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to members who prepared soups in the past. We are in need of some members to make soup for this year's supper. Thank you in advance!

Don't forget, First Year Scholarship applications are due by March 15th!

Members, if you have grandchildren who like to draw/paint, you can submit some of their artwork for "all occasion/Christmas cards." Please submit their artwork by May 1, 2020.

**DID YOU SAY FESTIVAL??** Save the date (July 19th) and please plan on joining us for our First Annual Branch 215 Festival Italiano to be held at Corpus Christi Church in Fremont. Come out and enjoy some Italian delicacies, Italian games/sports, Italian music, and MORE! Call James McGee (510) 676-7337 for more information...

Special prayers to the Crudo family on the loss of their dear mother/grandmother Roz Crudo, a wonderful lady who will be dearly missed.

*Dio ti benedica,  
James Francis McGee  
Vice President*



## Livermore St. Filomena, Br. 285

Our branch will celebrate our February meeting/social on Valentine's Day with a catered dinner from Strizzi's. Hosts for the evening will be Carlotta & Dale Schauer and Irma Giannotti. The evening will be topped off with a fun game of Valentine Bingo.

Our branch has been asked to serve breakfast for the St. Michael's Alpha Program on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 at Crooked Vine Winery. Our March meeting/social will focus on the feast of Saint Joseph.

Our new officers would like to thank all the people who made the installation on Jan. 19 at the Fratellanza Club such a nice day. The Mass was beautifully celebrated followed by a delicious dinner. Our sincere appreciation for all dedication involved.

Members Judy Wellbeloved & Carolyn Cardinalli will attend the L.A. Congress from February 20-24. We pray they will have a wonderful experience.

Plans are in full swing for our up-coming Polenta Dinner on April 19th at St. Augustine's Hall. Wonderful raffle baskets are being assembled for the lucky winners. More details to follow but **SAVE THE DATE** for a great evening.

Congratulations to Carl & Judy Bates on the birth of a great-grandson, David, born on Jan. 20 and the engagement announcement of their grandson, Anthony Gennaro to Rachel Koonse. Blessings abound!

Continued prayers for members who are ill, recovering from treatments and those unable to join us at our meetings. We pray for healing and peace.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**  
*Until next time, Ciao  
Judy Bates*

## Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

With much sadness, I share with you the loss of two of our long time members. Rosalind Crudo was a charter/founding member of Branch 343, along with her husband, Dr. Frank Crudo. She served the branch in many capacities over the years and will be missed by all. Victor Pasquini was a newer, but hard working member, who has been part of the coffee and donut crew along with his wife, Darlene and Dorothy C. who also will be missed.

With the Polenta dinner behind us, we are gearing up for some long standing activities. The first one will be our St. Joseph's Table, which is a fund raiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration parish. Then with Lent fast approaching we will be serving up our special Minestrone soup at one of OLG's soup meals.

Dorothy C has advised us that the Casino trip to Graton will April 25th, so save up those gaming dollars!

*A prayerful Lenten season as we go forward.*

*Happy St. Patrick and St. Joseph's Day to all.*

*Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.*



Thank you ladies for a great job serving at Br. 14, Crockett Polenta dinner

## CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Contra Costa District Installation of Officers took place at the Galileo Club in Richmond on January 18. We were honored to have Grand President Vincent Piro install the officers. Rose Jarrett did an excellent job as Mistress of Ceremonies. Father Larry Young celebrated Mass and gave a very inspiring homily. Walter Costa set the hall and directed the delicious meal that followed. Many thanks go to all the members who helped to make this Installation a smooth flowing and efficient event working under the direction of our President, Patty Jarrett.

Our next district meeting is on Thursday April 23. The details will be emailed in advance.

I have enjoyed the many activities in which I participated during my fifty plus years as a member of the ICF. Authoring the District Bollettino article the last couple of years is one of those activities. They say the only thing permanent is change; and the time has come for me to end my stint as Bollettino author.

Future articles will be authored by Diana Mackinson from the Pleasant Hill branch. Thank you, Diana for taking over.

Camaraderie, concord and cordiality are very prevalent in most successful organizations. Participation and communication are also prevalent and very important. Please don't hesitate to participate and communicate, try it, you'll like it.

In closing:

*There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.* (Franklin D. Roosevelt)

*It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.* (Henry David Thoreau)

*Joseph*

## Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

The word 'polenta' is derived from the Latin pollen for "fine flour", and pulvis, meaning "dust". Once again, our branch served up some wonderful "fine flour dust" at our February Polenta Fundraiser.

Jim Thomas and the Crew began early morning preparations, and were spared a long day of stirring (and sore muscles) thanks to Dennis Hoffmann. Dennis developed a brilliant method of preparing large batches of polenta without the hours of physical toil. His two top-secret inventions were unofficially named "Fat Man" and "Little Boy" by the crew. Whatever you call them, they performed their duty flawlessly. Thank you, Professor Hoffmann! We all had a great time thanks to the talent and generosity of the Committee, the Crew, and everyone who donated and helped.

Sadly, we received news that Father Dillon has passed away. Always a big supporter of ICF, he served our Parish well for many years. He retired to Ireland after a lifetime of dedicated service, but always remembered the friends he made during his time with us. Please remember him in your prayers.



Our own Nancy Carlos (Botta) from Br. 14, Crockett serving drinks and taking care of business at our Polenta dinner.



Br. 14, Great job selling ticket at our Polenta Dinner.



Great job members from Br. 14 for all their help in preparing the hall for our big Polenta Dinner.

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Mark your calendars for a few upcoming events; St. Joseph's Table on March 10th (Bring a meatless side dish, salad, or dessert to share), the St. Rose Fish Fry on April 3rd, and the day we've been waiting for all year...our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 14th (I'm biased, but I like to believe it's the one day each year that the 'I' in ICF might stand for 'Irish').

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

*Irish Proverb: "May the road rise up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back"*

~Helen

## Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Hope all of you are well and happy.

Thank you for bringing delicious food for our February potluck and celebrating the Chinese New Year. The year of the rat. We also celebrated Valentine's day. We thank Josie Leontini for being our hostess. Watch for your invitation to the March meeting with our annual St. Joseph day celebration and novena. Come celebrate St. Patrick's day as well. We will reminisce over past St. Joseph day celebrations. It has been a branch 72 tradition for many years.

Remember ICF dues are over due. If you still need to pay your dues and or your hospital plan, please mail your check to our Treasurer Helen Politakes.

Spread the word to your family and friends who do not live in an area where an ICF branch is located, That the ICF has started a Virtual branch. Catholics from all over the country can now join ICF by completing an application online at [www.icfNational-Branch67.org](http://www.icfNational-Branch67.org). Dues for that is \$50 a year and members will have access to the branch through an extensive website.

The next District meeting will be Thursday April 23 at 7 p.m. The location will be emailed. All are invited to the District meetings as well as the district events throughout the year. We hope you will try to go to as many Branch and Districts events this year as possible.

We wish any of our members who are ill a speedy recovery. We also wish our members who were born in the month a March a very happy Birthday.

That is it for this time.  
*As we say in Pittsburg,  
Sempre Avanti  
With best wishes,  
Your President,  
Patty*

## Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Branch 154 celebrated Chinese New Year with a tasty Chinese dinner. We hope your fortune cookie held an interesting insight into the New Year.

We will be hosting another fundraising event: The family Ravioli Dinner will be held at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall on Saturday, March 14th 2020. Social Hour: 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. All those in attendance will feasted on Ravioli, Chicken, Salad, bread and dessert. Cost: Adults \$25.00, Children 6-11 years old, \$6.00 Children under 5 free!

Reservations are required. Please call Dee@510-236-0689

Raffle donations are needed.

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

Dues are payable now! Annual dues are \$40.00 and Hospitalization is \$25.00. Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Mike Cannady, or Toni Reeder.

If your dues are not paid by March 1, 2020, you will be dropped from membership.

Next meeting is March 09th, 2020, 2018. Corned Beef and Cabbage as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Mass to precede dinner. Walter and Toni make the best Corned Beef; it is not to be missed! Please call Dee at 510-236-0689 for a reservation.

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile consider attending a meeting.

## Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

On January 18, 2020 8 members attended the installation of officers at the Galileo Club in Richmond. There was a church service, installation of officers, and a delicious lunch served. This was a special event and we were glad to represent our branch.

We are hosting a meatball and spaghetti Bingo lunch on March 7th at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch and a bingo card. Additional cards can be purchased for \$2. This is a fun event and is open to the public. There are cash awards presented to the winners of each game. Everyone enjoys the popcorn snack during the games. This will be posted in the Church's bulletins. Reservations are required, but you can also pay at the door. Please contact Roberta Healy @ 925-689-1879, or Ed McGuirk @ 925-685-1642.

We had a very successful clothing drive for the homeless shelters. It was headed by Gloria Schafer. So wonderful to donate to such a great cause.

We mourn the passing of our beloved member, Gerry Rugani, our branches' Sentinel, and Marion Armstrong's husband, Jim Armstrong. They are in our prayers.

*Wishing you all a healthy blessed February.*

*Ciao,*

*Norene DeLuca*



## Danville St. Isidore, Br. 352

Once again, our annual Pasta & Crab Feed sold out! What a delicious dinner, from the generous antipasto, salad and pasta to the abundance of Sicilian-marinated crab. Many thanks to members Russ & Patti Belleci & their outstanding catering crew who made sure we all had our fill—no one left hungry! And "Grazie" to our member volunteers who also helped set up, decorate & serve—Marilyn, Suzi, Len, Rosemarie & Cathy. We have the best volunteers! The Branch also recognized Marianne for her years of service as Branch President. She has transitioned to a Board Trustee role, as John Kedzie and Kyle Vallone became our Branch Co-Presidents this year.

Our February monthly dinner meeting was held a week later than usual, due to the President's Day holiday. It was a time to get back to the Branch business, while giving the chefs and kitchen volunteers a night off, enjoying a fun-filled pizza party! Food is definitely a common focus at our gatherings. And in keeping with that theme, our March dinner meeting is Monday, March 16th—just in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, with a menu of corned beef & cabbage. *Wear your Green—and we'll see you then!*

*Ciao,*

*Branch 352*



Br. 442, Fun playing Left Right Center!!

## Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Happy March to all!

Thank you to everyone that made it to our Valentine's meeting. All the food and desserts were yummy! And congrats to the winners of our Left Right Center dice games! Everyone had a good time!

Please join us at our upcoming events.

March 15th is our next general meeting. We will have a short meeting and then show the movie "The Two Popes." Popcorn and candy will be served!

March 22nd is our Ministry Fair at Church. We will have a table set up for information about ICF after all masses. Please sign up to help staff the table (and talk about ICF) after one of the masses. See Juliette to volunteer.

March 28th is our Pizza Palooza Family Night. It will be a wood-fired pizza dinner to fundraise for scholarships. Join us for a fun filled night of pizza, corn hole and other games. 6:00 in the gym. Watch for the detailed flyer.

April 19th is our April general meeting. Details to follow.

April 25th is our Ladies' Tea. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of tea and traditional tea food. Pricing and details will be coming soon.

April 30th-Winter Nights Dinner-Please join us in hosting a dinner for our CTK Winter Nights guests. We are planning to serve a Pork Loin and Pasta dinner in the gym at CTK. It's a great event hope to see many of your there.

Prayers for Matt who is recovering from surgery.

*Ciao for now! -Your 2020 officers*



Br. 214 clothing drive



Br. 442, I wonder who is going to win all that cash!



# SACRAMENTO BLESSED SACRAMENT

## Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

Our first Chicken and Polenta dinner for 2020 was held on Sunday, March 1st. A great time was had by all and proceeds from the dinner help fund our scholarship awards given out in May. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sat., April 4th - Blessed Sacrament District Meeting at St. Clare.

TBD in April – Branch Officers' Meeting  
Sun., May 17th - Branch Chicken and Polenta dinner with BINGO!!

Wed., May 27th – Scholarship Presentations at 8th Grade Graduation

Buon Compleanno to the following members with March birthdays: Pat Korf, Sandra Ranieri, Preston Weninger, and Fr. Sijo.

*Ciao, Janine*

## Roseville St. Rose of Lima, Br. 73

It is not too late to reserve a place at Branch 73's polenta/chicken dinner the evening of Saturday 21 March. It can be accomplished until 15 March with a telephone call to Rhonda Barsotti (952-8822), Robert Delpippo (783-5192), or Arlene Roe (782-3073).

Branch dues for 2020 are \$43.20. These may be paid at the next meeting, 17 March, or sent to Marie Martin, 610 Carpenter Way, Roseville 905678.

Buon compleanno ed i migliori auguri per tante belle cose a tutti i soci della Sezione 73 nati nel mese di marzo.

*Che il Signore ci benedica tutti con buona salute e molta contentezza.*

*Robert Delpippo*

## Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our very first wine tasting event on Saturday, April 25th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St Joseph's Hall in Auburn. Representatives from Mount Saint Joseph Wines, Vina Castellano Vineyard & Winery, Il Castello Di Fagnano. The Boisset Collection and Bonitata Boutique Wine will be sampling their wines during an elegant evening of food and fun. There will be a raffle and silent auction along with music and delicious food. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased from Bridget Piziali at 530-906-0634. Our call committee will be contacting all branch members regarding attending the event, volunteering, and donating items for our auction and raffle. Please be as generous as you can. We need everyone to help out in order to make this event a success.

## Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Branch 438 kicked off the year with a pot luck dinner at our January Branch meeting. There is nothing like a hot bowl of chili or some homemade soup to warm our hearts and stomachs during these cold Winter months.

We're looking for volunteers to share their personal heritage stories at our monthly meetings. It's so much fun hearing about our shared yet unique journeys from "the old country". Of course, you don't have to be Italian to be a member of ICF, so we look forward to learning more about our diverse Branch members.

We'll be busy the next couple of months. Our homeless brothers and sisters will be joining us at the Gathering Inn on February 17th. Then, on March 3rd, Br. 438 volunteers will be manning 3 precincts, here at St. Clare, for our California primary elections. Also, a big thank goes out to Susan Ches for organizing our ladies' luncheon group. We look forward to getting together to share some good food and fun!

A couple of District events are coming up, too. The Installation of Officers is on February 1st, followed by our Bingo fundraiser and luncheon on Saturday, February 15th. Some future projects are also in the works, including a spiritual retreat on May 23rd. Save the date!

Please continue to pray for our sick and homebound and spread a little kindness wherever you go.

*Grazie.*

*Anne Finn*

*Recording Secretary*

## Santa Rosa District Council

Our installation of Officers for 2020 took place on February 1, at St. John's Church in Healdsburg. A more beautiful day was not possible. The author of this column has just been elected as the new Recording Secretary for Santa Rosa District Council replacing Carmen Kilcullen who was today our Mistress of Ceremonies. I hail from Sonoma #103 and our Sonoma #103 President Ken Marshall has just been elected Santa Rosa District Council President. We were also graced by the presence of our Grand President, Vince Piro who directed the Installation. Pictures were taken and you will all become familiar with your new officers. I cannot promise to be as efficient as Carmen but I will make the effort. She will be available to mentor.

All officers should attend this event. Branch directories and calendars will be distributed at this time, thanks to Carmen Kilcullen. Please note the dates and events for each branch. Try to support each other as much as possible.



After mass we all attended a delicious lunch in the Parish hall. Family and friends of the newly elected officers were present.

The March District Meeting will take place on March 15, (Ides of March) in Petaluma, Br. 127 hosting. Circle that date on your calendar.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Kathy and Bob Acquistapace for considering me for this position. It is quite an honor.

*Regards,*

*Marilyn Sylvestri*

## Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:

March 3: Branch meeting, 6:00 PM at the Rectory.

March 6: Our 6th Annual Fish Fry. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. This event is always a sellout. In addition to the delicious dinner, we will have a silent auction, raffle and live auction. Reservations a must by calling Mary Madden 431-0438. Please read the branch newsletter for exact times and pricing.

Future Events: Please put the following events on your calendar and plan on attending:

May 3: Santa Rosa District Spiritual and Heritage Day in Petaluma.

May 20: Mother's and Father's Day Dinner.

June 28: Parish Festival

July 31: Central Council Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course

October 11: Br. 52 Golf Tournament at Tayman Park Golf Course.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*

## Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Our branch was out in full force at the Officer Installation hosted by Healdsburg, Br. 52. Grand President, Vince Piro, and others represented Central Council. We listened with concern as Vince spoke of the upcoming change of the Mentor Program.

What the Acquistapaces did for our branch, with Bob as our mentor, is beyond wonderful. I pray the new measures fix whatever is not working, but do not interfere with what we like. Bob and Kathy, thank you for all you do. Don't change!!! You help keep our pilot light ignited; you energize and make us more fun!

Vince spoke of, "We Come to Build a Fire" as I did, on our Membership Day. Our branch filled a few rows at St. Peter's 9:30 a.m. Mass, followed by our monthly Coffee Social in Reali Hall. We could see how important the ICF members are to the fires that burn in the hearts, minds and various activities & services at St. Peter's/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

At our Installation, members of other Branches asked to buy tickets to Feb. 15th Chicken/Spaghetti Dinner. Cookie Allen is in charge of building baskets of eye-catching raffle surprises (many contributors). Kris Caturegli and team present a beautiful table and that kitchen/barbecue crew make it bountiful. We're rounding up a great bunch of kids to serve you and our bar trio will garnish your drinks with their smiles!



Saying goodbye to Jim and Sonja Kleusner and sons Liam & Rory. Jim's job transfer to Pennsylvania takes them away from us. They've been shining stars in our parish and our Br. 75 and we will miss them!!!

By the time you read this it will all be history and we will have had a wonderful time!

*Much love,*

*Patsy Buchignani*

## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Ave,ave...

Always ready to greet you for another year. Recently yours truly was installed as Santa Rosa's District Recording Secretary. Quite an honor which was bestowed upon me by 2 wonderful people, Bob and Kathy Acquistapace. Hopefully I will not disappoint.

In the meantime, Sonoma is having a Taco Nite on 2-11-20 at St. Francis Solano Church, Fr. Robert's Hall. Please come and eat with us. Skies getting lighter...approaching Spring. Join and help Sonoma Board members and our few remaining members who are trying so diligently to support our Br. 103. Any suggestions?

In the meantime, let us celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine who was born in 226 A.D. in Terni, Italy. Did you know? On February 14, Americans celebrate love and friendship by exchanging cards, flowers and candy. The origins of Valentine's day are murky. Ancient Rome celebrated the feast of Lupercalia, a spring festival on the 15th of February. St. Valentine was the name of a 3rd century martyr who because he defied Emperor Claudius' decree that all marriages and engagements be banned in hopes that he (Claudius) could encourage his soldiers to leave their families and lovers, lost his head! Let us keep a steady course into spring!!

*As always,*

*Il vostro segretario*

*Marilyn Sylvestri*

## Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

Our soup/dessert meeting was held and everyone who attended had a nice evening. With the cold weather the soup was delicious and warmed our tummies. Thank you to the cooks, Lucy and Dennice, and anyone else who helped in any way

We will have had our All You Can Eat Crab dinner by the time you get this paper. A report will be given next month.

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Branch 127:

Mar. 9th - Regular Meeting

Mar. 14th - Note: Change in time and place for the Quarterly Communion/Mass. The Mass will be held at St. Vincent's Church at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow at the Moose Lodge, separate checks.

April - Bakeless Cake Sale

Apr. 13th - St. James, Room 9, 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner Meeting with Bingo to follow. \$5 for Bingo. Call Louise - 769-7389

Come to the meetings and events that our Branch holds. It is so important to have every person participate. Our Officers are doing their best to make a success of the Branch and we need your help.

Get well wishes to Bea McQuaid, Irene Carnazola, Ann Cameron and anyone else who is ill. Our condolences to Heather Matzen on the loss of her Sister.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day to all.

Pray for our troops and for peace to all in our country and in the world.

*Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.*

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

## Eureka St. Ambrose, Br. 145

Our December meeting was a Christmas potluck party with Fr. Brady also attending. Everyone had a fun time especially listening to Fr. Brady's stories.

During our January meeting, we discussed our Valentine's Day potluck on Saturday, January 15th at 5:30. Everyone is asked to bring a hot dish to share. Dessert will be provided.

Other dates to remember is our Anniversary Dinner on April 18, time to be determined. We will be having the dinner at St. Joseph's Hospital in room C-1. Dinner will be catered. More information to follow. Please plan to come and celebrate with us.

Our next meeting will be February 11th at 7:00. Please plan to attend.

*Blessings to all of you,*

Nancy Paoli



Br. 145, Josephine Silva prepares dessert cookie trays for the parish Valentine's potluck hosted by the ICF Br. 145 Eureka.

## Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our sincere thanks to Ernie Giampaoli and his helpers for a successful Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 2nd. It is amazing how Italians like the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinners!

President Bob Acquistapace stresses the importance of a "sell-out" for our Chicken Cordon Blu and Risotto dinner on April 18 in the Brinker Room at 6:00 p.m. The ticket price is only \$20.00 and includes wine and cocktails. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Looking ahead, we hope you mark your calendars with these events:

I. March 8th Mass for living and deceased ICF members at 7:30 a.m. at the Cathedral.

II. April 6th Meeting, dessert and Bingo in the Parish Life Center at 6:00 p.m.

III. April 18th Mass for living and deceased ICF members at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Festa di Pasqua Fundraiser

IV. May 3rd Our Spiritual Heritage Day at St. James Parish in Petaluma with Mass at 11:00 a.m

Please pray for the health and welfare of all our members. Say a special prayer for Frank Costaglio, who was 98 on February 9th.

*God bless the members of Branch 198 and all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation.*

Ciao,

Gail Bonghi-Azevedo

## Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

On February 1st, Santa Rosa District Installations were held at St. John's Church in Healdsburg. Thank you to Healdsburg Branch for hosting this event.

Branch 209 - 2020 Board Members: President: Pam Mc Alvaine, 1st Vice Pres: Yvonne Dorr, 2nd Vice Pres: Roy Spadoni, Recording Secretary: Sharon Vannetti, Financial Secretary: Leona Spadoni, Treasurer: Lorraine Vannetti, Orator: Jacqueline Corsetti, Trustee: George "Bud" Polley, Trustee: Nancy Stedman, Trustee: William Segale and Sentinel: Eugene A. Vannetti

Thank you to Jackie Corsetti and Nancy Stedman for taking charge of a fun pizza dinner prior to our regular meeting on February 11th.

Our Polenta and Chicken dinner was well attended and a great success. Thank you to all who helped out with selling tickets, set up, cooking, selling raffle tickets, raffle prizes, tending bar, serving, clean up and to Leona Spadoni for baking the delicious biscotti for dessert.

Sadly, long time member Colombini Albini passed away on December 24, 2019. She was a wonderful friend to many, and over the years she had been a great supporter of our branch in helping at all of our events. Our hearts go out to her husband Ed Albini, her sons and their families.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events: March 10th - Regular meeting and dinner March 29th - Quarterly Communion 8am April 3rd - Our Fish Fry Dinner - ALWAYS A SELL OUT!

Please keep our sick members in your prayers.

Ciao, Sharon Vannetti



Br. 27 members and officers at the Installation luncheon in Bakersfield.

## FRESNO

### Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

The January meeting was held on the 14th and members were treated to Jim's famous pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato chips and beans. Thanks to the January committee chairmen: Jim and Kerin Cavallero; committee: Mary Contreras, Patty Farinelli, Angie and Jerry Kelzer.

On February 9, 9 members of our branch traveled to Bakersfield for the ICF Officer Installation. There was an inspiring mass at St. Francis of Assisi and then a tri-tip dinner following the mass. Thank you so much Branch 33 for hosting the installation, the decorations were beautiful and the meal delicious.

Congratulations to our new officers: President, Rosemary Janis; Vice-president, Kerin Cavallero; Recording Secretary, Cari Beveridge; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Keitz; Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Carol Espinola; Orator, Jim Cavallero; Trustees: Jim Espinola, Theresa DeFrank, and Ann Rolan. Patty Farinelli and Angie and Jerry Kelzer.

Please continue to pray for our ill and injured members.

Ciao,

Kerin Cavallero

### Fresno St. Alphonsus, Br. 32

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all 'Lucky' ICF Members.

"Well Done" to outgoing Br. 32 President, Elaine Lencioni. She completed her duty as

Outgoing President with the Installation of Br. 32 new officers at the January meeting.

Incoming President, Mike Caglia, has hit the ground running combining Sacred Heart Parishes' five remaining ICF members with those now at St. Alphonsus. It's was not an easy task either moving Br. 32 back to St. Alphonsus Parish from Our Lady of Victory Parish after many years. Br. 32 was originally chartered at St. Alphonsus in 1931.

We are growing by six new members being installed at the Feb. 4 meeting. A celebratory dinner of Tri Tip, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and peach cobbler topped off the occasion.

Nine Br 32 members are looking forward to the trip to Bakersfield for the Mass at

St. Francis of Assisi Church, the luncheon and Installation of District and Branch Officers.



St. Alphonsus ICF Br 32 initiation of 4 new members, Isidra Murrillo, Fr. Dominic Rajappa, Lupe Avila and Elsie Garcia. "Welcome to ICF".

A Thank You card was read from Fr. Dominic for our \$500 donation and a remembrance of Dr. Botta was shared.

Please keep the repose of the soul of long time member, Anna Saladino, and her family in

your prayers. She will be dearly missed.

Please pray for Vocations.

*Respectfully submitted by, Sally M Caglia, Secretary*

### Merced St. Cecilia, Branch, Br. 39

A full crowd attended our February meeting. Many of our long-time members were honored as our guests for dinner, presented a certificate, announced in front of the attending members and posed for a Bollettino photo. For the fifth year, our "We Love Our Members" event showcased 54 who have been members in 5-year increments starting with 5 years up to the longest: 67 years (Gemma Minetti) and 69 (Ezio Sansoni). We appreciate your membership all!

After a delicious dinner of roast chicken and risotto with salad, wine and dessert, we presented our 2020 budget and calendar.

Our pasta sauce fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to all who supported it. Praise to Maryellen and her valuable, hard-working crew.

Sunday, March 8, we host coffee and donuts after 7 and 9 a.m. masses. Thanks chairs Anne-Marie Bandoni and Loretta Symes.

Join us Wednesday, March 11, for our corned beef and cabbage dinner meeting at the Lodge beginning with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. to initiate our Triduum. Triduum continues Friday, March 13, 6 p.m. with Soup Night at the Parish Hall followed by Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's Church. Third event, Sunday, March 15, after the 1 p.m. mass, our members will gather to celebrate St. Joseph's Table at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Thank you, Millicent Piro, for your dedication to making our Triduum a success each year.





20 members of Merced Br. 39 were honored at the recent “We Love Our Members” event at their meeting. Every February the branch honors membership in five-year increments (five, 10, 15 etc.). These honorees represent 54 members being honored this year. The longest active member is Ezio Sansoni (far left, 69 years).



These six members of Merced Br. 39, each have been members of the branch for over 60 years! (l-r) Josephine Giampaoli, Joe Marchini, Lillian Dal Porto, Elmer Lorenzi (front), Dario Giampaoli, and Ezio Sansoni. Thank you for being our faithful and supportive members!

If you haven’t paid your dues for 2020, send them to Sandy Del Real at 4755 Fresno St., Le Grand, CA 95333-9692.  
*Buon giorno di San Patrizio.*  
*Cari Salute,*  
*Stephanie Lucich*

### Sanger St. Mary, Br. 70

We had a great time celebrating the New Year with a party at the home of Ralph and Rosemary Wymenga. Your generous hospitality was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for opening your home to us all.

Our next meeting on February 11 will be our delicious polenta dinner. We are all looking forward to an evening of good food and fellowship.

In March, St. Mary Church will be having our annual St. Patrick's fund raiser dinner. Many of our members will be helping out that day

We ask for continued get well prayers and wishes for Florence Carrara to have a speedy recovery.

I am grieved to report the passing of Enis Merlo Giovacchini at the age of 91. Enis was the oldest member of Branch 70, having joined in 1938 when our branch was founded. Enis was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to her family.

*God Bless and Ciao.*  
*Orsolina Casella*

### Bakersfield Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

What a delightful way to spend a Sunday afternoon with wonderful friends, wine and a delicious lunch! Our installation lunch at St Frances parish was well attended and represented by 17 members of Branch 281. Each branch donated a gift basket that raffled off at \$1.00 per ticket. We had several lucky winners from branch 281! The afternoon was concluded by a prayer from Msgr. Swett and a beautiful rendition of the Italian folk song Noi Vogliamo Dio (I want God) followed by God Bless America



Br. 281 2020 Installation lunch



sung by Crystal & Allen Watts and Kristen Zasoski.

Our February meeting theme was “AMORE” L-O-V-E of course! We enjoyed a yummy lasagna dinner with love themed music and decorations filling the room. A big thanks to Rodney Troutman & Mindy White for all the special touches they provided for the evening.

Andrew Zasoski is organizing an evening at the Bakersfield Condors Hockey game on “Star Wars” night March 7th. Any of you members who are fans of hockey, or StarWars or both...This is your night!

We look forward to Spring all its events such as the pasta dinner in April and the Bocce tournament in May both of which dates to be announced.

*Wishing ALL members a prayerful and fulfilling Lenten season.*

*Theresa Amarante*

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N.S. Del Pettoruto, Gustine Branch 54 held it's annual Pasta Take Out in January. Our hard-working members helped to make this fundraiser a success





The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2021 "Daily Raffle" theme:

## *"Family Travel Memories"*

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

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*The Committee thanks you for your continued support. Chairperson: Bob Basuino  
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**Rate:** \$119 plus tax single/double occupancy

**Note:** Convention attendees must book using this code for the ICF to receive credit towards our contracted room nights. Rate available until August 9 or sold out. After August 9, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. Delegates are required to stay Friday-Monday. Check-in time is 3pm, checkout is 12pm.

**Parking rate:** \$10 plus tax per car, per night

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**Bonus Challenge:**  
**Find 3 types of Italian cuisine**  
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January Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
1/1	Carla Campos		Rocklin, CA	\$100
1/2	Cookie Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
1/3	Fernando Teglia	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/4	Earl Ernst	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/5	George & Terri Carson	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
1/6	May Fraga		Fresno, CA	\$50
1/7	Father Ramon Bejarano		Stockton, CA	\$30
1/8	Stephen, John & Mark Neuburger		San Francisco, CA	\$30
1/9	Lauren Kilcullen	52	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
1/10	Ken Preston		Alameda, CA	\$30
1/11	Josephine Malkentzos	433	Tucson, AZ	\$30
1/12	Abby Thomas		Vacaville, CA	\$30
1/13	Carol Peterson		Healdsburg, CA	\$30
1/14	Joe De Maria	391	Campbell, CA	\$30
1/15	Philomena Buonsante	285	Livermore, CA	\$30
1/16	Vickie Christophe	154	Fair Oaks, CA	\$30
1/17	Anthony Jones		San Jose, CA	\$30
1/18	Lorraine Koven	214	Concord, CA	\$30
1/19	Karen Raccanello	332	Novato, CA	\$30
1/20	Maria De Anda		Fresno, CA	\$40
1/21	John & Carolyn Cardinalli	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
1/22	Walter Costa	154	Martinez, CA	\$30
1/23	Mara McDaniel		O'Donnell, TX	\$30
1/24	Bruce Swarrangim	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
1/25	Patricia Harris	374	Pasadena, CA	\$30
1/26	Sam Veneziano	442	Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
1/27	Marci Elmore	10	Alameda, CA	\$50
1/28	Maria Miller		Oakdale, CA	\$30
1/29	Thelma Frontani	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
1/30	Dorothy Saibene	50	San Francisco, CA	\$30
1/31	Rick Roberti	447	Redondo Beach, CA	\$30

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February Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
2/1	Lucille Lopez		Fontana, CA	\$30
2/2	Victor Spano	213	Pacifica, CA	\$40
2/3	Frank De Frenza	418	Park Ridge, IL	\$30
2/4	Josie Barnes	413	Angels Camp, CA	\$30
2/5	Frank Angelino	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
2/6	Josh Seifert		San Jose, CA	\$30
2/7	Carole & Ron Falconer		Lincoln, CA	\$30
2/8	Dot Proietti	39	Merced, CA	\$30
2/9	Victor & Patricia Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
2/10	Nelida Mills	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
2/11	Adriana Jensen	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
2/12	Debra Fields	169	Ventura, CA	\$50
2/13	Rev. Johannes Busch		Gilroy, CA	\$30
2/14	Colette Cote	442	Walnut Creek, CA	\$100
2/15	Bill & Gina Borba		Moss Beach, CA	\$30
2/16	Branch 144		Arcata, CA	\$30
2/17	Sharon Trayan		Spring, TX	\$50
2/18	Dan De Frank		San Rafael, CA	\$30
2/19	Mary Onetti	82	Lodi, CA	\$30
2/20	Debbie Alexy		Danville, CA	\$30
2/21	Lorraine Foster	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
2/22	Maria Di Paolo	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$50
2/23	Diane Picciola		Homer Glen, IL	\$30
2/24	Denise Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
2/25	Mary Jo Belli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$50
2/26	Frank Salomone	111	Montebello, CA	\$50
2/27	Paul Emerick	217	Redlands, CA	\$30
2/28	Kathleen Kozacek		Los Altos Hills, CA	\$30
2/29	Grace Herrold	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30

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IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

As you are aware, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board for the State of California require annual tax returns to be filed by our Districts and Branches.

It is important to remember that all Districts and Branches now have two numbers - a Federal Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the IRS and a State Tax ID Number for any forms filed with the State

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2019 is the following:  
**Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.**

**Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.**

The State limit for the tax year ending 2019 is the following:  
**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.**

**Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You,  
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Treasurer

Calendar Prize List

Results as of February 7, 2020

Top Selling Branches in each of 3 categories receive Five (5) 2020 Calendars.  
Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2020 Calendar.

Top Selling Individual receives \$50.00.  
2nd Place Individual Seller receives \$30.00.  
3rd Place Individual Seller receives \$20.00.

Category 1: 1 – 99 Members

1st Place:	Branch 281, Bakersfield	Sold 100 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 32, Fresno	Sold 56 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 33, Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars

Category 2: 100 – 199 Members

1st Place:	Branch 10, Alameda	Sold 71 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 28, Gilroy	Sold 64 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 391, San Jose	Sold 38 calendars

Category 3: 200+ Members

1st Place:	Branch 39, Merced	Sold 63 calendars
2nd Place:	Branch 14, Crockett	Sold 37 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 36, Monterey	Sold 5 calendars
3rd Place:	Branch 52, Healdsburg	Sold 5 calendars

Individuals

1st Place:	B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield	Sold 100 calendars
2nd Place:	Carol Salmeri – Br. 39 – Merced	Sold 60 calendar
3rd Place:	Michael Cerri – Br. 33 – Bakersfield	Sold 50 calendars



# 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 awards now.  
Nominations must be submitted by May 1st!

# Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

*Robert Basuino, Grand Parliamentarian*

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and or amendments to the floor of the

Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2020. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee

for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point, the Bylaws Committee will "certify" the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention, the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention, the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

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Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: February 7, 2020

<b>Branch 007</b> Madeleine Teglia	<b>Branch 227</b> Craig C Mortensen    Debra L Rollinson
<b>Branch 010</b> Martha P Hawkins	<b>Branch 229</b> Terry Kingston
<b>Branch 014</b> Abigail G Thomas    Evan J Thomas Jeffrey L Thomas    Nathan Thomas	<b>Branch 246</b> Grace M Sardina
<b>Branch 021</b> Paul Cato    Carlos C De Lara Lynette J De Lara	<b>Branch 308</b> Carolyn M Cave    Cruz Gomez Linda Gomez
<b>Branch 025</b> Carmelita R San Juan	<b>Branch 332</b> Angelo Camillo    Carolina Camillo Donatella Camillo    Maggie Camillo Dan Nowlin    Debby Nowlin
<b>Branch 028</b> Nicola Akerman	<b>Branch 352</b> Susan Siino
<b>Branch 032</b> Lupe Avila	<b>Branch 368</b> Anne M De Palma
<b>Branch 036</b> Madeline L Abramonte    Elaine M Luke	<b>Branch 390</b> Neila Denny    Elaine J Thorton Michele E Ward-    Greg J Welch Garcia    Linda P Welch
<b>Branch 067</b> Nick C Sabatella    Niko Sabatella Thaddeus R Shaw	<b>Branch 391</b> Anthony R Hole    Laura N Hole
<b>Branch 103</b> Dominic A Girish    Gabriella N Girish Marc J Girish    Stefania P Girish Vincenzo M Girish    Elizabeth Marshall	<b>Branch 392</b> Francesca Bevente    Giovanni Di Piazza Susan Di Piazza
<b>Branch 115</b> Grace Ciaramitaro	<b>Branch 403</b> Frances Sigona
<b>Branch 127</b> Ann Hill    Margaret Sims	<b>Branch 432</b> Patricia L Rebollar    Robert S Rebollar
<b>Branch 173</b> Norel M Regnier    Fred J Yeager Melanie J Yeager	<b>Branch 433</b> Josephine Malkentzos
<b>Branch 179</b> JJoann Nasca    Isabella R Sideri Linda R Sideri    Michael R Sideri Michael W Sideri	<b>Branch 435</b> Sandra Buchan
<b>Branch 191</b> Germaine Z Antonowicz	<b>Branch 445</b> Dodie M Morin    Verenice Palma Jean Reiner    Madelyn L Scocca

2020 1<sup>st</sup> Year Scholarship Program  
Lisa Crudo, Chairperson

Information on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year
The Cruzen and McBride Family In memory of Sal Lipari Linda Ochinero In memory of Sal Lipari Aldine Grisenti In memory of Fred Bertaccini Antoinette and Angelo Pecora In memory of Mary Ann Renna Officers/Members of Br. 391 In memory of Sal Lipari	Deborah Rodondi In memory of Jacqueline Nunn Deborah Rodondi In memory of Rosalind Crudo

Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: February 9, 2020

Angelo and LeAnne Lavagnino Bea Cunha In memory of Norma Bommarito Triant Varellas In memory of Pam Apostolos Joan and Jerry Delfino In memory of Joe Gresch	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata In memory of Helen Roulo Officers/Members of Br. 291 In memory of Homer Clees Officers/Members of Central Council In memory of Vittoria Messa
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### Bishops' Days

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

### District Installations

April 26th	Chicago
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### In Loving Memory

Report date: February 7, 2020

#### Deceased Members

Norma L Bommarito	Branch 005
Hank Martin	Branch 005
Louise Buonocore	Branch 006
Franca Filice	Branch 028
Olga Jacobs	Branch 033
Nancy Romanini	Branch 033
Frank Crivello	Branch 036
Barbara Bardaro	Branch 050
Orsolina Casella	Branch 070
Enis Giovacchini	Branch 070
Angelo Grimaldi	Branch 111
Faelina Scognamillo	Branch 115
Frank J Clyne	Branch 173
Ida Lomazzi	Branch 227
Rosalind Crudo	Branch 343
Thomas P Fornasero	Branch 390
Patti L Fotes	Branch 391
Eleonora Bertolli	Branch 392
Vittoria Messa	Branch 392
Lucia Primavera	Branch 392
Vittoria Lo Surdo	Branch 418
Joan Daidone	Branch 425

### Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Gil Rossie  
David Botta  
Fred Bertaccini  
David Botta  
Syl Borel  
Mary R. Seghetti  
Rosalind Crudo  
Fred Bertaccini  
Ralph Carmine Perrotti  
Mary Ann Renna  
Walter Lauritzen  
Louise Coughlin  
Louise Coughlin  
Joe Gresch  
Ida Lomazzi  
Rosalind Crudo  
Frank Crivello  
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Tom Fornasero  
Josephine Marques  
Rosalind Crudo  
Rosalind Crudo  
Robert Andersen

Rosalind Crudo

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Carol Silva  
Russ and Louise Vento  
Leroy and Stella Taddei  
Giovanni and Nancy Corsi  
Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District  
Officers/Members of Central Council

#### GET WELL WISHES:

Michael Cannady  
Mike and Donna Cannady

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Officers/Members of Central Council

#### IN CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS AS BISHOP OF SANTA ROSA:

Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa  
Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa

Larry and Carmen Kilcullen  
Lauren Kilcullen

#### THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR DISTRICT INSTALLATION:

Vince Piro  
Deborah Rodondi

Officers/Members of East Bay District  
Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District

\*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 352  
Wayne and Bonnie Leal  
In memory of David Botta  
Ed and Barbara Denton  
In memory of David Botta  
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora  
In memory of Jerry Souza  
Elise Marsalli and Family  
In memory of David Botta  
Laurice, Matt and Ben Levine  
Get well wishes for Robyn Piro  
Laurice, Matt and Ben Levine  
Get well wishes for Rose Arnaudo  
Laurice, Matt and Ben Levine  
Get well wishes for Mike Cannady  
Officers/Members of Br. 308  
In memory of David Botta

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In memory of Jerry Souza  
Charlyne Pacini  
In memory of David Botta  
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In memory of Franca Filice  
Roger and Kathy Santos  
In memory of Harriett Spohr  
David and Valerie Vanni  
In memory of Franca Filice



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:

Childs 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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## Fresno Saint Anthony, Br. 308

We are off and running for 2020. Our new board was installed February 9th at Saint Frances of Assisi Parish Church in Bakersfield. We piled into a Chevy Van for a joyful fellowship trip filled with laughter – founding member Antoinette Pecora at the helm and Marine Bernie Squeo at the wheel.

Our year began with the first of four annual “made from scratch” Sausage Sandwich Sales. It was a foggy winter weekend and an NFL play-off Sunday, so we easily sold out. For our men in the kitchen and ladies at the sale table, feeding the faithful to raise funds for our ministries is a labor of love, and the smiles our sandwiches bring seem endless.

At our February Board meeting, we finalized menus for this year’s Friday Lenten Dinners. Perennially, a corps of our dedicated branch members set up, prepare and serve food, then clean up. Our parishioner are treated to a variety of specialties – always perfect with Chef Bernie’s homemade sauce.

Selling tickets for our July Tahoe Joe’s fund raiser, this year on July 12th, will also keep us busy this Spring. Each year we are blessed with increased interest, maintaining our identity of feeding the faithful – for this event without stepping foot in the kitchen.

And rounding out our plans for coming warm weather is forming teams for the annual Fresno District Bocce Ball Tournament. With a date of May 2nd now selected, our calendar is marked since this is a never-miss day of play for us.

## MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

The Central Coast District Council Officers were installed on January 18, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Church in Tres Pinos, CA. The District Officers extend a hearty thank you and kudos to all of Branch 26 for a very nice brunch in the church hall, including Branch 26 President, Harry Hill, was also installed as a Trustee for the District. We will be publishing the group photo in the Bollettino for the Convention Issue this year.

We were sad to learn of the passing of Ida Lomazzi, at age 95, on January 11, 2020. Ida was a member and Past President of the Capitola Branch, and served as Central Coast District Treasurer for over 20 years. Ida kept the books on accounting paper in beautiful penmanship. We have fond memories of Ida at the District Picnics where she selected her table (a nice spot in the shade) to sell the meal tickets. (See photo.) Her obituary noted that she had knitted over 150 Christmas Stockings, which is amazing. She was a lovely person and we will miss her.

The first quarterly meeting of the Central Coast District will be held on February 22, 2020 in Paso Robles, co-hosted by Branch 354, and Branch 291, Arroyo Grande. The Central Coast District will be establishing a bylaws committee for an update and establishing a district budget per the recommendations of the 2019 budget committee. We will report out on our progress in the next issue.

*Julie Richards, President.*



Br. 308 Fresno District Installation Trippers: Bernie Squeo, Jay Newsome, John "Giavanni Mulligan" Mulligan, Tim Solipasso, Maria Pricolo, Angelo Pecora, Antionette Pecora, Ed Girado, and Larry Pricolo



Br. 308 Chef Bernie Squeo taste-testing the Fresno Installation Luncheon first course, and wife Susan ready with water to cleanse his palate for the second one



Br. 308 Larry Pricolo speaking with his hands 'Italian Style' to an attentive Ed Girado at the Fresno District Installation Luncheon



In Memoriam: Central Coast District Treasurer, Ida Lomazzi, at her shady table, selling meal tickets, when the District Picnic was held at JM Ranch in 2016. Rest in Peace.

## Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Well, the Lenten season is upon us. This is not only a period of repentance, but also a time to consider our daily duties towards holiness as a global family. In this time of reflection and we ask that God help us in that endeavor.

There are several upcoming events. First, the annual No Bake Campaign has begun. Here is a chance to donate to your favorite charity without firing up your oven! Also during Lent, our Branch will hold two Par-

ish Soup Suppers. The first will be held on March 6th at Holy Cross Hall, 5:30 to 7:00pm. The other will be on April 7th and will follow Branch 21's monthly General Meeting at 5:30. Come and break bread with others, or do 'take out'. Either way, it will be good to see you. More information will be sent out to you all.

It is with pleasure that we announce that our very own Branch 21 member, Alverda Orlando, after many months of hard work and research, has finished her book about Davenport. It is now in publication and will be available very soon. Congratulations, Verda!

In closing, as a kids, we remember how long the Lenten season seemed; how we couldn't wait to have whatever we 'gave up' (candy, cookies, gum) on Easter Sunday. But, in contrast, Benjamin Franklin once said, "Those have a short Lent who owe money to be paid on Easter."

*Ciao, Tutti. God Bless us one and all.*

*Patty Morelli*

*Secretary Branch 21*

## Salinas Sacred Heart, Br. 25

Branch 25 Board Members, Julie Richards (President), JoAnn Sullivan (Secretary) and Rita Dominy (Trustee) attended the Central Coast District Installation on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Julie Richards was also installed as the President of the Central Coast District, and JoAnn Sullivan was installed as the Central Coast District Secretary. Kudos to President Harry Hill and members of Branch 26, Hollister, for a lovely and memorable installation.

Branch 25 is now in the planning stages for our Branch's 90th Anniversary to be celebrated in late summer. We will be checking out venues in the Salinas area. During Lent, several of our members volunteered to work at the Fish Dinners held at Madonna Del Sasso Church that also benefit Sacred Heart Parish. Please support these dinners as they are very good and a lot of fun.

*JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary*

## Hollister Sacred Heart, Br. 26

On February 5, 2020, Vice President Marie Peterson opened the February meeting after we dined on a very delicious steak dinner at Paine's Restaurant.

We were honored with the presence of past Central Council Grand President, Andy Pappani, and his wife, Sid.

Old Business-Marie Peterson informed us that the Central Coast Officers Installations held on January 18 at Immaculate Conception Church was a success. Also, we will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 14 at Immaculate Conception Church. This will be a fundraiser for local scholarships. Dinner will include Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread and butter, appetizers, wine, and dessert. You will be treated to a sit down dinner for only \$30. For tickets, contact Harry Hill at 831-637-9324.

New Business—Three new members were welcomed to our Branch, Sharol Bernardo, Paula Lomanto and Peter Lomanto.

Joanna McMahon reported that there were new healthy and safety policies at our local hospital and the 2 nursing homes in Hollister. No visitors are allowed to Hazel Hawkins Hospital and the nursing homes because of the coronavirus and flu virus.

Some of our members shared fond memories of Valentine's Day which were enjoyable to hear. Joanna Mc Mahon shared information about St. Valentine who loved gardening and beekeeping and married many couples.

Please pray for our sick members, Norma Martinetti and Fedele Scornaienchi.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Brenda Ellis*



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](mailto: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.



## Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

*Lent is a time of Grace, a time to convert, and live out our Baptism fully.* -Pope Francis

Branch President Robert Huffer conducted the initiation ceremony for 33 new members at San Carlos Cathedral Hall on Feb. 6. Branch Chaplain, Fr. Ron Shirley, blessed our new members, spoke about the true meaning and purpose of the ICF, and offered the blessing for the dinner meeting that followed. About 265 guests enjoyed the meal of Sicilian-breaded stuffed chicken breast, cheesy pasta with fennel sausage, antipasto salad, garlic bread and shortcake with seasonal berries.

We are in full swing with our 2020 Lenten dinners! Doors open at 4:30 p.m., takeouts are available beginning at 5:15 p.m., and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Doors close at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, with full bar and excellent desserts available for purchase. Menu: Catch of the day, served with green salad, pasta and our famous ICF garlic bread. Tickets can also be purchased online in advance at [www.MontereyICF.org](http://www.MontereyICF.org). Lent Dinner Dates: Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Please support us by bringing your family and friends. Thank you for member donated desserts each week!

Our condolences to the family of Frank Crivello, who passed away January 17. He was an ICF member for many years. His funeral mass was offered by his son, Father Peter Crivello, from St. Angela Merici Church.

Scholarship applications are due on March 13. Please call Sandie Russo for an application and guidelines, or check our website for them.

*With Blessings to all,*  
*Elaine Valentine*  
*Financial Secretary*

## Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy March!

Our branch's Annual Polenta Scholarship Fundraiser will be on Sunday, March 22nd. It will be held at Our Lady of Refuge Parish Hall from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please note this year is take out dinners by pre-sale tickets only!

Thank you to our members who volunteered and took the time to help set up and prepare the delicious polenta dinners. Your generosity and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Happy Birthday to our March babies: members Bethany Barlow, Frank Rossi, and Nathan Cortopassi! I hope you all have amazing birthday celebrations!

Also, happy belated birthday to our February babies: members D.L. Grier, Dennis Hibbs, Franca Rossi, Amber Souza, and Gregory Stefani!

Lastly, thank you to, (from left) Charity Chairperson, Amber Souza; Treasurer, Lenora Barlow; Orator, Kevin Cortopassi; Secretary, Ashley Stefani; and President Cindy Stefani for representing our branch at Tres Pinos for the installation of officers for 2020!

*Until next time,*  
*Natalie Carbonel*



Br. 36, Madeline Abramonte new member



Br. 36, Lory Canepa-Liz Grammatico



Br. 36 members



Branch 51



Branch 291

## Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

Forty hearty souls braved the windstorm, downed trees, a power outage, and traffic congestion to get to February's meeting. Thanks to gas stoves and Valerie Vote's preparing some of the food beforehand, she and Richard and their crew of Cecelia Sellers and Monica Crowley were able to serve split pea soup, grilled Italian sausage sandwiches, potato salad and Chocolate Italian Love Cake to the group. Talk about going above and beyond! Congratulations to Jan Foy who won an ICF calendar during the game of Heads and Tails.

Our Fish Frys began on February 28 and will continue throughout Lent. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and takeouts are available starting at 4:30 p.m. We need desserts and workers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. Let Ellen Pauly know if you can help.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ida Lomazzi, a member of our branch since 1973. Ida was an officer of the Central Coast District for many years. At her services in Valley Church in Watsonville, our branch conducted the traditional rose ceremony.

Thanks to all those who volunteered to serve coffee and donuts after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses on February 16 and to Bob Montonye who picked up the donuts and Ken Reaves who tidied up after.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

Our Lenten Fish Frys are off to a great start. Join us on March 6th, 20th, 27th and/or April 3rd from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. in our church hall for a delicious fish and chips dinner with homemade coleslaw and tartar sauce and a huge selection of homemade desserts!

Several of our Branch Officers enjoyed Central Coast District Officer Installation ceremony on Jan. 18th. in Hollister. Thank you to the Hollister Branch for hosting us all for the delicious brunch!

At our March 22nd General Membership Meeting we will celebrate our St. Joseph's Table. Bring in non-perishable food items for our table. All the food collected will be donated to our St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Our ICF youth will be involved again this year, with a procession of the food into our church hall and presenting it to the St. Joseph's Table where Fr. Alphonse (AKA Fr. Mario) will bless it.

In January we lost a wonderful man and longtime member, Howard Clees. Howard and his friendly smile will be sorely missed and we ask that you keep his lovely wife, Dianne, in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her dear husband of nearly 64 years.

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

*Happy St. Patrick's Day from St. Patrick's ICF!*

*Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary*

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## Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Ciao Amici,

First, we want to thank the Hollister Branch for their hospitality and delicious brunch provided as they hosted the 2020 Installation of officers. Our "back roads" trip from Paso Robles to Hollister was a visual masterpiece. Congratulations and "thank you" to all of new officers.

Members of Branch 354 are looking forward to our Valentine's Day dinner and movie this Friday. We will be watching the PBS special presentation of The Italian Americans, followed by entrees representing both Northern and Southern Italy. Dessert will include a little Italian port.

Guest Stephanie Burish attended our January 10 meeting. Thank you, Stephanie, for exploring ICF's Tuition Assistance Program.

*Yvonne Maddalena*

*San Jose*

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

What a surprise to learn just prior to our SCV District Installation mass that the Mentor program was suspended. We need to await the Central Council's reorganization plan for now. District President Bob Bausino said that he and 1st VP Antonowicz have a meeting planned with Bishop Cantu to provide information on the ICF on February 11.

President Bob reminded branch presidents the January mailing from Central Council includes the new branch By-Laws and Ritual Book. He also elicited fundraisers suggestions – Octoberfest was a favorite, possibly a bus trip to Reno? Elaine Osorio suggested a "Sunday Champagne Bingo". A small winery social was also mentioned. President Bob said he would see what was feasible, discuss them with the Board and inform the delegates at a subsequent meeting.

The SCV District Picnic will be either Aug 2nd or 9th at Vasona Park, Since the Lady of Peace Outdoor Mass has been discontinued the consensus was that it would be replaced by our District Picnic mass. President Bob reported Br. 5 has 35 paid members but no officers – current status to be determined. Most other branches report good progress on dues collection and member retention.

SCV District Meeting – ICF Branch 408 Resurrection, Sunnyvale – Monday, February 10

SCV District Meeting – ICF Branch 435 St. Catherine, Morgan Hill – Monday, March 9

*Mike Nunziata*



## Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Our January 27th meeting included a wonderful meal prepared by Sam and Judy Bozzo with the assistance of members Dave Peoples and Vince Saso. Familiar names that are mentioned frequently in my Bollettino articles because of their committed dedicated service to Branch 28. Thanks again. Included in the meal was baked chicken accompanied by pasta with homemade sauce, sautéed zucchini, salad, and dessert of spumoni ice cream. Also members remember that take home is offered at a very reasonable price when available.

The membership drawing winner was Richard Bozzo a member since 1983 who took home a beautiful basket of coffee related items. Remember to bring your membership card to the meeting. Our first ICF lapel pin drawing was held at the January meeting with President Joe Fortino being the winner on the first draw. Joe was an outstanding example in showing his ICF pin attached to his lapel and took home the \$15.00 prize. The prize is planned to roll over into the following meeting when there is no winner. So remember if you cannot find your ICF pin see me, Kim Filice and for \$2.50 you can be a potential winner. Who knows how high the prize money can go if it begins to roll over.

At the January meeting Nicola Akerman was introduced and initiated as a new member bringing the current membership in Branch 28 to 184. Welcome Nicola to Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation we are very happy to have you. Mark your calendar, ICF bake sale-April 5th.

*Peace and God Bless,*

*Kim M. Filice*

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

Br. 191's 1st general dinner meeting got the new year off to a running start. We enjoyed a delightful pasta dinner courtesy of our branch.

We continue our commitment to charity and Christianity by our involvement with Village House. Volunteers needed for security, intake, dinners & laundry. Please consider giving some time to our community and our citizens at risk.

Soup Nights begin our most holy season, Lent, on Ash Wednesday. The SFC Men's Club prepared soups in February. On March 25th, Br. 191 takes over the soup prep. We will celebrate St. Joseph Day (San Giuseppe).

What is happening March 21st? Get "On the Road Again", and take "The Orange Blossom Special" and you will be "Home on the Range" at the SFC Br. 191 Country Hoedown. Our chairpersons Jim Jones & Julie Midwin have big plans for our "Grub" with polenta & chicken cacciatore rustled up by Bob Basuino. Time 6 to 10:30 p.m. Cost \$35 per person. See ya in your Best Western Duds. Don't have the "Love Sick Blues" or an "Achy Breaky Heart" if you don't attend.

To celebrate Easter, we will have our seasonal Quarterly Mass/Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Mass at SFC will be at 8 a.m., with a Pancake breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the church hall with an Egg hunt for the young and old as well. All are welcome,



Branch 28 - For having his current membership card, Richard Bozzo won a coffee themed basket when his name was drawn at the January 27th dinner meeting

and please plan to attend to make spring time fun for all.

Special Prayers and Remembrance goes to each of our sick and infirmed members.

*Shirley Catania*

*Branch 191*

*Sentinel*



## San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Our parish Crab Feed on February 1 was a tremendous success. Our branch provided a lot of the workers and the leaders: Joyce and Phil Robba served as chair persons, Jerry Opp and his buddies manned the bar, Patty Capps and Carleen Beers organized the raffle prizes and drawing, and Cathie Orlovski chaired the salad preparation. Well done, everybody!

Thank you to Mike and Mary Clarke for planning the dinner after the 5:30 Mass on February 8. It was really a treat to be with each other at Marie Callendar's.

JoAnn and Jerry Opp continue to plan for our Parish Garage Sale and Goodwill Truck event on March 21. One parking space will cost \$35 or two for \$50.

It is time to recognize and celebrate Joan (nee Fabbri) and Jerry Delfino, who helped start our branch in 1981 by sending letters to Santa Teresa parishioners and to those in neighboring parishes. Their history with ICF goes back to Branch 1 in San Francisco in 1925, when the first Bollettino edition mentioned Herman Delfino, Jerry's dad, on the first basketball team. Born in San Francisco, Joan and Jerry have been members of ICF as adults for 53 years, and Jerry has served as an officer for 52 of them. Joan has been making her spaghetti sauce, and Jerry has been stirring it, for 50 years, as they did for the recent Crab Feed. Thank you, Joan and Jerry!

*Wishing you a beautiful Lent,*

*Judy Zahn*

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Br. 191, Getting ready for dinner



Br. 191 Debbie Piro, President prepares



**San Jose  
St. Martin of Tours,  
Br. 391**

Sister Jane Garrison, our Orator, led the opening prayer during our February meeting, followed by Mike Rossi thanking Al, Diana and Lynda Vallorz for their special Pasta and Meatball dinner and our great servers and setup crew.

Louise Vento read a poem entitled “The Clothes Line,” a humorous look on how the simple clothes line served as a friendly link between neighbors within the community and was symbolic of a way of life in the past.

Our 33rd Valentine Dinner Dance, “Aloha with Love,” was a great success. Guests were treated to a full course steak dinner, prepared by Bob Gorini, and Al and Diana Vallorz. Again, chairperson Jessie Romero and her team worked hard to make this gala a memorable event. Thank you to the following: Our Cooks, Cathleen and Steve Lencioni for ticket sales and seating, to Teresa and Elizabeth Broderon for working the photo booth, to Marcie Rossi and Louise Vento for raffle and table sponsors, to Jerry Romero and crew for working the bar, to Sister Jane for selling bar tickets, to

the Branham Key Club for serving, to John Salberg for providing these servers, and to members for volunteering their services and donating raffle prizes.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 General Meeting—March 3, 2020 at 6:30; Quarterly Mass—March 8, 2020 at 11:30 am; Deadline for Annual Dues and Scholarship Applications—March 15, 2020; Stations of the Cross with ICF—March 27, 2020 at 7:00; and “2020 Wine Down with ICF”—May 8, 2020.

*Happy St. Patrick’s Day!*  
*Janis Patellaro*

**Sunnyvale  
Resurrection, Br. 408**

Well, time certainly flies – and Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lenten Journey is almost here.

Br. 408 hosted the SCVD District Meeting on Monday, February 10th. We thank our members for being such generous hosts & Sandra & her crew for a presentation on the history of Angel Food Cake with samples.

Br. 408 will host the first Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, 28 February and Steve Richey and Al Chanteloupe will lead the Station of the Cross Devotions in the Church.

Our First ICF Blood Drive of the 2020 year will be held once again on a Sunday. We hope to increase the number of our donors with a Sunday Event.

Save the Date – Our ICF/Rez School 5th grade Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Science Camp will be held Sat, 7 March.



Br. 391 Valentine Dance Decorators Melanie Wilcox and Ivette Rodriquez



Br. 391 Valentine Dinner Dance " Aloha with Love"

We look forward to your support and seeing you there. Ticket Sales start soon

Fr. Phong has invited Bishop Oscar to the Parish for the 11:30 a.m. Easter Mass followed by a Potluck in the Farana Center on 12 April – ICF will be helping to host this event.

Please please pray for our sick members – especially for Dori and Paul Blefari, for Mgsr Mitchell, and for Fr. Tony Mancuso who had back surgery.



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

Today is a perfect example of why we live here - warm temperatures, sunshine and blue skies. We had a delicious polenta dinner with Italian sausages, sauce, salad, and dessert in January. Thanks to our “former” mentor, John Gillio, for making the polenta. It was perfect. I hope they get that program back again soon. John has been a big help to us.

Andy and Sid Pappani attended our January dinner and Andy gave us a heritage report

on how he grew up in Gilroy helping his grandparents and uncles cook all the meals, and helped with Casino Nights and country dancing. We presented Andy with a check for \$300 in appreciation of all the help he has given Br. 435, and to help defer some of the costs incurred during his tenure as Grand President. We might not have a Br. 435 without his help. Thank you, Andy and Sid.

I am sad to let you know that we lost one of our long time members in January. Ken Ravizza passed away on January 15th.

He and his wife Norma were very welcoming to my husband and me when we first joined Br. 435. He will be greatly missed. Please keep Ken and Norma in your prayers.

We will be having pasta and meatballs for our February dinner, and of course in March it will be corned beef and cabbage. We will also have St. Joseph’s table on March 20th, and Br. 435 will provide a Lenten soup supper to all to enjoy.

*God Bless!*



Br. 391 Chef Bob Gorini, Valentine Dinner Dance



SCVD District Meeting hosted by Br. 408



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## San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Branch 445 kicked off the New Year with a delicious meal at our January general meeting. Many thanks to our newly elected treasurer and "chef extraordinaire" Jim Canger!

Many thanks also to Grace DeLuca Brown who researched and shared an interesting heritage report on the history behind the region of Calabria. Grace has traveled many times to Calabria and still has family there.

We had a very productive meeting with members Larry Farro, John Sellarole, Jim Canger and Donna Pfaff offering to head various sub committees as we go forward.

Our Branch members will be assisting with the Transfiguration Parish' St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 14th. We will also be planning our own Branch 445 St. Joseph's Table on 3/19.

At the end of each of our monthly general meetings, our creative President Jim Falcone has a drawing for the winner of the monthly door prize which he has obtained. This month's winner was a happy Gina Farro!

*Submitted by,  
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer  
Fino al prossimo mese :-)  
Entree, Salute and Gina Farro.*

## STOCKTON

### Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Many people celebrate St. Patrick day in March but we celebrate St. Joseph's Day in March in thanks for all we have received.

We invite you to join us for our St. Joseph's Table Celebration which will be March 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm. It will be held in the in the "J" Street Church Hall at 7 & J Streets, in Modesto. It is a Potluck so bring your favorite dish, your family and friends. We always get the best food. After the potluck we have a fun raffle with all the gifts wrapped so you don't know what you will get. We give the proceeds of the raffle to St. Vincent De Paul to help feed those in need.

If a member of your family is applying for a scholarship the application must be in to the Central Council office by March 15, 2020.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day!!

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays March 8, 2020 and April 12, 2020 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:

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

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

Apr 8, 2020 7:00 pm Meeting J Street Hall 7 & K Streets

May 2-3, 2020 Bake Sale after the masses  
*Cecelia McGhee*



Br. 445, Salute!!



Br. 445, Chef extraordinaire- Jim Canger



Br. 445, Gina Farro and a very happy choice!!



Br. 445, Entree: Salmon, Tilapia, mashed potatoes with cauliflower and parsnips and side veggie of brussel sprouts. Salads and desserts contributed by our members.

### Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

Buon pomeriggio, ICF Family!

March has blown in so quickly, and Spring will soon be upon us!

A big shout out to St. Bernard's Br. 390 for hosting the Stockton District Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 9th. The meal – molto delizioso! Congratulations to our new District Officers, especially our own Elisa Moberly who was elected District Recording Secretary.

Event successes depend on volunteers. Many members signed up to help with our American Red Cross Blood Drive on Feb. 29th. Grazie to you, and also to Laurice Levine who provided pins and goodie bags for the donors. A full report will be forthcoming in the April issue.

Our March 31st meeting will celebrate St. Joseph with a table in his honor. John Spagnola, our Heritage Chair, will share the significance of the St. Joseph's Table.

Members, please bring some friends and a traditional meatless dish, such as bread, fruits, vegetables, fava beans, figs, olives, lentils, pasta, biscotti, cannoli. See you there!

We are busy planning, with the Knights of Columbus, a Lenten Fish Fry on Fri., Apr. 3rd in St. Anne's School's Dominican Hall. The meal is mainly take-out/drive thru. Look for details in the parish bulletin, school and ICF newsletter.

During this Lenten Season, may you experience a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity.

*Patty Litts*

*Corresponding Secretary*



### Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

For our first Branch meeting of the new year, First Vice-president Birdie Nieri presided in the absence of President Jim Alfieri.

Plans are moving rapidly forward for our always popular "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner, to be held on April 18 in the St. Anthony parish gym. Committees are already working on publicity, ticket sales, raffles, hall set-up and the bar.

Each Monday in Lent, our parish has a Soup Supper, with the various groups in charge. Traditionally, the ICF has the first Monday in Lent. That date, March 2 this year, will be confirmed.

Central Council representative Dante Galeazzi announced that weekly Fish Frys are held in Monterey during Lent.

Due to parish Confirmation classes being held in the cafeteria, our Branch's meeting location, monthly meetings through April will be held at Cucina Queirolo (Tony's Kitchen) in Lathrop. Tony and Ida Queirolo made that generous offer and it was accepted.

Everyone is encouraged to have a spiritually beneficial Lenten season.

*Tutto per ora,*

*Mariano*



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**Branch 390/Tracy, CA  
January Polenta Dinner**

Check in is guests, Jeff Morri and Dennis and Alice Alegre

Our Cooks busy in the kitchen stirring the Polenta



Joe Bacchetti and Greg Selna serving Cathy Cavicchia

Our volunteers serving over 180 members and guests



Central Council Members getting ready to install the officers.

## Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our new year has started off with a bang. - The dinner meeting results had a record-setting total after expenses for our polenta & chicken cacciatore dinner \$1,950.07.

Scholarship applications are available and need to be submitted before March 15 to qualify for the 2020 scholarship awards. Go online to fill out and print the application. GOOD LUCK to all who apply—we have a healthy budget for scholars and their college endeavors.

We are also signing up new members and thank all who have joined our happy family at St. Bernard's Parish and ICF.

Tracy Br. 390 hosted the Stockton District quarterly meeting on Feb. 9th. Thanks to all board members who contributed the awesome food: Chuck and Marilyn Tusio

created the Italian baked chicken, Annette, Lucy and Serena prepared stuffed pasta shells, and Nancy and Joe Schlemmer and Anita and Steve Ridolfi finished off the menu with salad and bread. All board members brought very, very tasty dessert. Lucy provided darling Valentine decorations that made everyone smile.

February dinner meeting on Feb. 27th featured country style ribs, special beans & coleslaw. Get your reservations in early for the March 26th dinner—over 180 attended the last dinner. Deadline is Monday before the dinner meeting. We are serving Italian roasted chicken and roasted potatoes!

Steve Ridolfi continues to treat you to seeing yourselves on our Website: [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

We wish all good health, and keep the faith that flu season is coming to an end.

Ciao,

Betty Hollars

## Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

We are happy to announce that our annual Polenta fundraiser was a huge success. Over 400 people came together to enjoy a delicious chicken and sausage cacciatore and polenta dinner prepared by one of our members. There were some fantastic raffle items, but the highlight of the evening was our Live Auction; dinner with all three of Church of the Presentation's priests. What a fun evening that will be with Pastor Mark, Father Matthew and Father Joe. Mille grazie to our chairs, Josephine Weber and Karen Rosson.

Thank you to all of our branch members for their help because we couldn't do it without you. We also can't forget to thank all of the people who continue to support this fundraiser year after year.

All of the money raised goes right back to our seminarians, for scholarships and to a variety of charities. Make sure to check out pictures from the event.

March will be our quarterly ICF branch mass which we are all encouraged to attend followed by breakfast. It's a great way to visit and reflect during this season of Lent.

Alla prossima,

Mary Ann

## ORANGE

### Irvine St. Thomas More, Br. 423

The St. Joseph's Table is planned for March 21 and 22 after all Masses. This is our chapter's main fundraising event of the year and funds our charitable works, so everyone's participation is important! Volunteers are needed for all responsibilities — including setting up and cleaning up, staffing the tables, selling cannoli, organizing the goods, and of course making all the delicious foods for sale, from cookies and pizzelle to cakes and cupcakes to breads and pasta sauces. Contact a board member to volunteer your help.

Congratulations to the 2020 ICF Branch 423 officers! They were installed Feb. 15 at the annual Bishop's Banquet at St. Norbert's Church in Orange. Officers are: Kellie DeLeo, President; Dave Melvold, 1st Vice President; Tony Gonzalez, 2nd Vice President; Jerry Donaldson, Treasurer; Maureen Melvold, Secretary; Rose Giannantonio, SENTRY; Deana Donaldson, Orator; and Gay Joyce, Donna Stahl and Frank Giannantonio, Trustees.

The board is planning a number of activities for the year. Among them are ICF Masses, which members will attend as a group. The first was on Feb. 9. In the future we plan to attend an Italian-language Mass, held the first Sunday of every month, at St. John the Baptist Church in Costa Mesa.

Ciao,

Marcida Dodson

## SAN BERNARDINO

### Redlands Sacred Heart, Br. 217

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Blessings to Everyone for the Feast of St. Joseph.

Please join us for our Annual "Gala di San Giuseppe" on Wednesday, March 18th, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall in Redlands. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Our theme this year is "Forgiveness." Our Guest Speakers will be a Catholic Priest, a Rabbi and a Presbyterian Minister. We have seating for 215 guests.

So, hurry and purchase your tickets as it is a sell-out every year! Visit our Website [www.icfsb.org](http://www.icfsb.org) or call 909-553-9132.

Benedizioni



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# CHLA Carnival Celebration

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## TUCSON

Tucson

Father Eusebio Kino, Br. 433

Hello:

I wanted to bring you up to date on our ICF Branch 433, Tucson AZ, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. We had a successful Columbus Day Dinner last October and have bigger plans for October 2020. We will be holding an ICF Branch Officer Installation Luncheon on February 22nd to be attended by our Chaplain, Fr. Patrick Crino, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Tucson AZ. The luncheon will be hosted by members Maria and Henry Fleschmann where our new Branch President, Donna Raffanti will assume office. We are, also, planning our annual St. Joseph's Table for March 15th where we will be selling our famous sausage and pepper sandwiches with all the fixings and salads to be held at Grammar Hall at the Parish.

I am trying to forward you a picture of our January meeting but am unsuccessful. I will attempt to send it directly, via phone to your e-mail with label of Branch #433, Group Picture.

Thank you. Hope to hear back from you that you received this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Joseph Strangio, Branch 433 Secretary



## Officer Training Available

Attention ICF Officers!

Officer training slides are available on our website for the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Sentinel and Orator.

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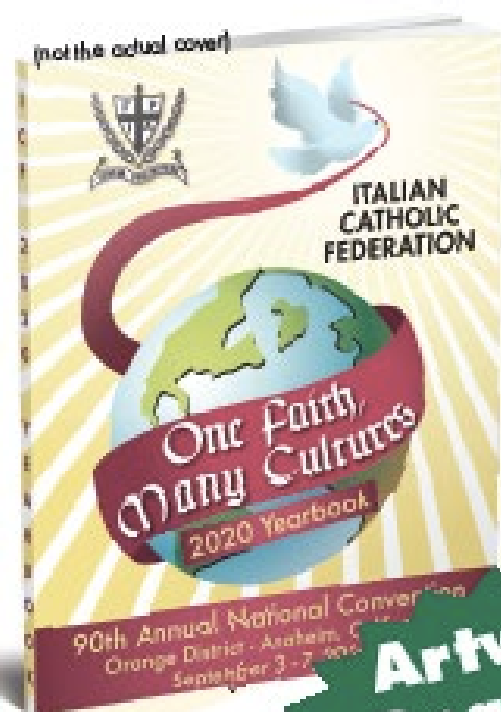


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# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION Convention Yearbook

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

**Artwork  
Deadline  
JUNE 1st!**

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

- Collected & kept for years •
- Referenced by members •
- A visual history of your year •

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spends  
money  
locally!**

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**INTRODUCING**

## Celebration Pages

*Births • Weddings • Graduations*

**Full color** 1/16<sup>th</sup> page celebration entry for only \$25.

*Includes a photo and details.*

**Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!**

*David Allen Joseph*  
*March 27, 2020*  
*born to*  
*Patricia & Alex Joseph*



- Create a **NEW** entry this year
- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use **COLOR** in your entry
- Submit Celebration entries for your members and their achievements

**COLOR!**

The full-page entry for Branch 36 looks great in the 2019 book! (See page 52.)

*So much more impactful than  
black and white would have been.*

**Please consider color for your story.**



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