



BOLLETTINO



Coronavirus Information

The Executive Committee of the ICF urges all branches and dioceses to follow the guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, your local government agencies, and your local parishes and dioceses for ICF events and gatherings.

We also encourage you to pray for all those affected by COVID-19, including those in Italy where many of our ancestors came from. If you are looking for ways to help, contact or donate to Catholic Charities, USA, or Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

- <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>
- <https://www.crs.org>

Our prayers are with each of you and all those around the world as we face this challenge.

Vince Piro
Grand President

Cooley's Corner International Thalassemia Day

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

International Thalassemia Day is celebrated annually on May 8th. Since 1994, The Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) has devoted this day to raise awareness globally; educate the community and decision-makers about this severe blood disease; and highlight the

lifelong and challenging journey of patients who are living with thalassemia. It is also a time to remember all of the patients who have suffered and passed away too soon. On this day we renew our promise to keep working until the final cure for thalassemia is found.

Each year The Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) chooses a theme for International Thalassemia Day and organizes events in order to raise awareness to patient groups, the general public, officials, healthcare professionals, and industry (Pharma and Bio-Tech). The theme for 2020 is, "The dawning of a new era for thalassemia: Time for a global effort to make novel therapies accessible and affordable for patients."

The ICF should be celebrated on this day (and every day) for the countless contributions they have made to the thalassemia community.

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TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

Who Are We? Easter Celebrations

Denise Antonowicz, 2nd Grand Vice President & Heritage Chair

Decorated eggs and candy from the Easter bunny each year, while this may be the norm in America, other cultures have their own unique Easter celebrations. So here we go around the world and to learn how different countries celebrate Easter.



1. **Australia**—In 1991, Rabbit-Free Australia launched a campaign to replace the Easter bunny with the Easter bilby, or rabbit-eared bandicoot. Why the bunny hate? In Australia, rabbits are widely considered pests for destroying crops and land. Companies now make chocolate bilbies for Easter, with proceeds benefiting the endangered animals.



2. In **Florence**, locals celebrate a 350-year-old Easter tradition known as Scoppio del Carro, or "explosion of the cart." An ornate cart packed with fireworks is led through the streets of the city by people in colorful 15th century costumes before stopping outside the Duomo; the Archbishop of Florence then lights a fuse during Easter mass that leads outside



to the cart and sparks a lively fireworks display. The meaning behind the custom dates back to the First Crusade, and is meant to ensure a good harvest.

3. **Finland**—Children in this Scandinavian country dress up like witches and go begging for chocolate eggs in the streets with made-up faces and scarves around their heads, carrying bunches of willow twigs decorated with feathers.

In some parts of **Western Finland**, people burn bonfires on Easter Sunday, a Nordic tradition stemming from the belief that the flames ward off witches who fly around on brooms between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

4. Pouring water on one another is a **Polish** Easter tradition called Śmigus-dyngus. On Easter Monday, boys try to drench other people with buckets of water, squirt guns or anything they can get their hands on. Legend says girls who get soaked will marry within the year. The refreshing tradition has its origins in the baptism of Polish Prince Mieszko on Easter Monday in 966 AD.



5. Don't forget a fork if you're in this **southern French town** on Easter Monday. Each year a giant omelet is served up in the town's main square. And when we say giant, we mean giant: The omelet uses more than 4,500 eggs and feeds up to 1,000 people. The story goes, when Napoleon and his army were traveling through the south of France, they stopped in a small town and ate omelets. Napoleon liked his so much that he ordered the townspeople to gather their eggs and make a giant omelet for his army the next day.

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Please keep your submission
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May issue deadline is

April 10, 2020.

Thank you!



We look forward to Easter with great joy and excitement! Jesus, after three days in the tomb, rises to life. Alleluia! May the celebration of the Easter season bring us closer to God and diminish the stress and fear we may have of the Coronavirus and other serious world conditions. In truth, it is a time to rejoice because Jesus loves us and loved us so much that He died on the Cross to redeem us. He gave His life so that we may live the eternal life with Him in Heaven.

What a wonderful act of love it is to give His life for us! He is the second person of the Holy Trinity who became man. He is divine and human at the same time. His extreme suffering was real and it

hurt, really excruciatingly, to the point of death.

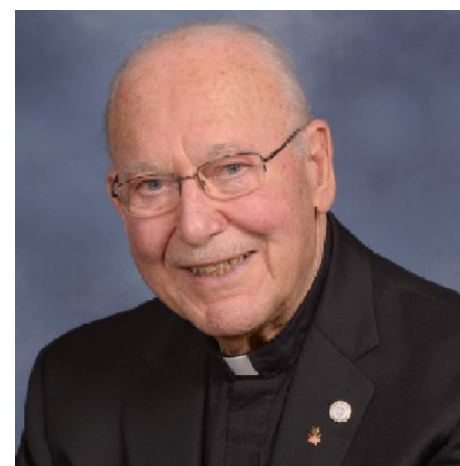
This is the ultimate act of love.

How do we respond to that? We respond by loving Him back with an honest promise to follow His commandment to love Him and our neighbor.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

(Matt. 22: 37-40)

Yes, to love everyone—even those whom we do not like. It is easy to love someone we like. There is an emotional attraction to those people we like.



Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

However, it is REALLY difficult to love someone we don't like. Something we don't think about very often is that love is an act of the will. It is not just the surge of affection we feel when we see our loved ones, our children and grandchildren or our longtime dear friends.

Jesus didn't die on the Cross just for those who loved Him. No, He died for everyone—even those who don't love Him. His love is unconditional love! His resurrection proves His love for us. His resurrection proves His divinity. It is a time to rejoice!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Highlights from Membership Committee

Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson

This was ICF's second year to participate in the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. It was an amazing learning experience. So many people from all parts of the country visited our booth and were genuinely interested in our organization. Some attendees remembered ICF from the last Congress. Seminarians from St. John's Seminary stopped by and thanked us for visiting their facility every year and for supporting them.



One of the goals of attending the Congress is to educate the attendees about who and what the ICF is. In the process of doing this, we received at least six requests to explore the possibility of opening new branches. These invitations came from parishioners and priests.

In addition to the expansion part of the weekend, we also signed up several new members for the National Branch. And, quite a few attendees were surprised to learn there were ICF branches already established in their area!

As much as we enjoyed working at the biggest membership drive ever, we realize this type of event is the exception. Often the little drives held at an ICF activity or parish event keep our organization thriving. Never underestimate the value of casual and informal drives.

For example, the Los Angeles district had its general meeting and lunch at the San Antonio Winery. I was wearing my ICF polo shirt when I stopped for a sample of some delicious port wine. The employee serving the sample noticed my shirt. He told me about his Italian mother and how he wanted to belong to a group that preserved family culture such as ICF. Also, it seemed important to him that

Catholic was an important part in addition to the heritage. Of course, I had no materials to give him. However, we discovered he was familiar with a church with a branch near to him. I gave him the branch president's name and the ICF website. I don't know if he will follow up, but I hope he does.

As you can see, these are two very different ways to attract members. Neither way is better than the other. Be open to trying different and new methods of recruiting. These can be added to the standard membership drives to increase the visibility of your branch.

In the future I will be sure to be prepared with ICF information. It may be something as simple as pen or a small business card with the ICF website printed on it.

A Happy & Blessed Easter to all.

Pat Mages

pmages@icf.org

Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

This month's column is devoted to the last Core Strategy in the ICF Strategic Plan — Finances. While the Federation is financially sound, it does face some challenges, as do many non-profit organizations. However, with hard work and determination, the Central Council Treasurer and members of the Finance Committee have worked with the Central Council to meet the financial goals of the Strategic Plan.

Core Strategy Number 4 of the plan reads that the Federation will balance its budget at all levels so that the ICF is no longer financing its operations through investment returns.

This means that ICF income must be enough to cover its an-

nual expenses. The *Bollettino* must be financially sound, and the ICF main office and branches need to use technology efficiently (emailing, online meetings, online drop boxes) to reduce operating expenses.

To achieve these goals, the Federation has taken several actions, such as increasing per capita and dues to meet services offered to members, developing and promoting an online version of the *Bollettino* to reduce the need for a printed version, and continuing to increase the use of online meetings, such as Go-to-



Meeting.

With these actions, the ICF has been able to improve its financial position; however, with a decreasing membership and increasing costs, challenges remain.

The Executive Committee, Central Council and office staff are actively seeking ways to reduce costs and increase membership.

In fact, the best way to keep The Federation budget stable is to increase membership. In the next few months, the ICF Membership Committee will be presenting several opportunities and ideas to increase our membership. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Please, feel free to contact any Central Council member with other ideas to increase membership.

ICF is Going Green!



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<http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb>



Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi
Grand 1st Vice President

When you look at anyone's cookbook or recipe, you know it is a favorite, when you see food spills and discoloration from handling.



This is one such recipe. Central Council Member Pat Mag-es scanned and sent me her well-loved copy of this recipe. She said it is great in the summer served cold. It can easily be frozen and brought out when needed. Pat wrote, "It is a favorite in South-western Kansas where I grew up... farm country."

Lemon Jello Cake

Cake:

- 1 Lemon cake mix
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/3 cup water
- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 small package lemon Jello (3 oz.)

Icing:

- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray a 9X13 inch cake pan with non-stick spray (or put a little butter on a piece of scot towel and lightly butter pan). Sprinkle with flour, tip and tap pan to coat with flour, dump out excess flour.

With a mixer, mix all the cake ingredients.



Pour into the greased and floured pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 27-30 minutes.

Prepare icing while cake is cooking.

When cake is done, while still hot prick with a 2 tined fork. (I have cocktail forks with 2 tines, most households might have a large fork used for carving with 2 tines. If not just any fork will do-you will just have more holes.)

Immediately pour lemon icing over top and if possible spread to cover.

Note: You know I had to be different. I only had yellow cake mix in the pantry, so I added the zest of one lemon and in my 1 1/2 cups water I started with the juice of 1 to 2 lemons making the total liquid 1 1/2 cups.

Took the cake to work, where it received an enthusiastic thumbs up!

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 drodon-di@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!

Gifts of Love Awards

Next Review of Applications Occurs in June 2020

Teresa Helfand, Gifts of Love Committee Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are wishing everyone the Peace and Joy of Easter and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in June. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special

or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

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

Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need!

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

God Bless You, Teresa Helfand



Mother Cabrini Shrine

Members of ICF Branches 67, 108 and 447 visited the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA) on March 5th for the Saint Joseph Table Exhibit Opening Day Celebration and also visited one of the three original Mother Cabrini monstrosities on display in the Museum along with the story of Mother Cabrini.

Good News! Mother Cabrini is being recognized and honored!

New York: "Governor Andrew Cuomo's statue panel picked Battery Park as the future home of a statue to honor Mother Frances Cabrini." See article in the December 13, 2019 *New York Post*.

Colorado: "Columbus receives unexpected replacement... Colorado has chosen to honor the United State's first saint: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini." See article in the February 28, 2020 *Angelus Newsletter*.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Cabrini Chapel Open House is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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



In 2020 please include the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank to your pilgrimage of Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Chicago, Colorado and New Orleans. Visitors from other states are coming to the Chapel in Burbank to continue their annual pilgrimage to pray to Mother Cabrini for strength and guidance and pray for special intentions.

DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are available for sale in English and Italian. The Gift Shop also received copies of the latest book on Mother Cabrini, "God's Messenger, The Astounding Achievements Of Mother Cabrini..." by Nicole Gregory. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.

Please add the Chapel to your Branch's list of places to visit in 2020 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF's Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church's first American Saint.

Cooley's Corner

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By adopting Cooley's Anemia as the National Charity in 1982 and donating over \$2,000,000, the ICF has been instrumental in funding research that has led to lifesaving therapies; technology that has eased the burden of painful liver biopsies; sponsored over 20 Christmas parties for patients and families; assisted patients and families who do not have the means to pay for their necessary medications; flown countless patients to specialty care centers for treatment; educated the community; donated lifesaving blood through the Live to Give Committees Annual Blood Drive; and the list goes on.

If you would like to do something special during the month of May and/or on May 8th consider the following ideas:

- Reading more about the Thalassemia International Federation serving the global community:

<https://thalassaemia.org.cy/>

- Donate blood at your local blood bank in honor of thalassemia (direct

donation to a thalassemia patient is NOT possible – but we always need blood in the supply chain).

- Call a thalassemia patient and encourage them to keep on truckin'. Chronic illness is tedious and isolating. Knowing others care is lifesaving and with a chronic condition the need for encouragement is ongoing.

- Donate to the ICF Cooley's anemia Fund.

- Invite a speaker to come to your branch to educate your members on your National Charity.

- Be grateful you are part of an organization, the ICF, that is so dedicated to philanthropy and is changing and saving lives for those with thalassemia and beyond. YOU do great work every day. We are so grateful!

For more information on thalassemia or questions please contact:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, Thalassemia Patient: 360-860-2023

LLevine430@aol.com

Blood and Cooley's Anemia

by the Live to Give Committee

People with Cooley's Anemia require blood transfusions every 2-4 weeks to survive. In one year, a person with Thalassemia needs approximately 36-48 units of blood.

One of those lifesaving units could be yours...

May 8th is International Thalassemia Day and throughout the month of May the thalassemia community increases their efforts



to raise awareness, get tested for trait, and give blood. It is also a time to reflect on lives lost to thalassemia and also

celebrate the advances that have been made over the years to increase life expectancy.

Please donate blood in honor of International Thalassemia Day!

For more information, contact your local blood bank or Laurice Levine, Medical Consultant/Live to Give Committee Member

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Book Review--Books on Baseball

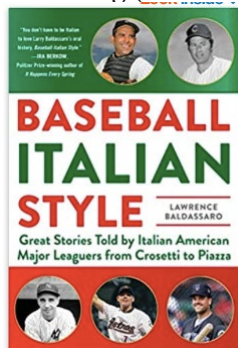
Vince Piro, Grand President

This month, I bring you a variety of books on America's favorite summer pastime, baseball. Below are publishers' descriptions of various books on baseball, most about Italians' contributions to the great game.

Baseball Italian Style: Great Stories Told by Italian American Major Leaguers from Crosetti to Piazza

By Lawrence Baldassaro

Sports Publishing (March 6, 2018)



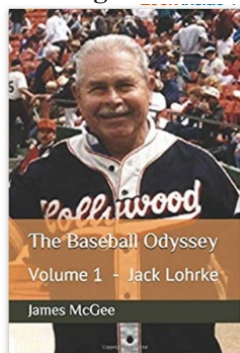
Baseball Italian Style brings together the memories of major leaguers of Italian heritage whose collective careers span almost a century, from the 1930s up to today. In these first-person accounts, baseball fans will meet at an intimate level the players they cheered as heroes or jeered as adversaries, as well as coaches, managers, front-office executives, and umpires. The men who speak in this collection, which includes eight Hall of Famers (Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, Ron Santo, Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza, Tom Lasorda, Tony La Russa, and Joe Torre) go beyond facts and figures to provide an inside look at life in the big leagues.

The Baseball Odyssey: Volume I - Jack Lohrke

By James Francis McGee

Independently published (February 18, 2020).

Available through Amazon.com



Just in time for baseball season, James McGee, ICF member, continues his "odyssey" series with *The Baseball Odyssey*, a work that focuses on Jack "Lucky" Lohrke, one of the most legendary baseball players and people in American sports history.

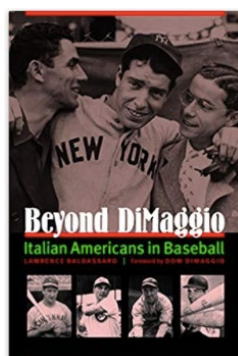
James Francis McGee was born in Oakland, California. He writes about people who have been an inspiration

in the lives of others. Besides being a writer, McGee is also a Bay Area teacher.

Beyond DiMaggio: Italian Americans in Baseball

by Lawrence Baldassaro, (Foreword by Dom DiMaggio)

University of Nebraska Press; 1st Edition edition (March 1, 2011)



In this book, Lawrence Baldassaro tells the stories of Italian Americans' contributions to the game [of baseball], from Joe DiMaggio, who transcended his ethnic identity to become an American icon, to A. Bartlett Giamatti, who served as commissioner of baseball, to Mike Piazza, considered the greatest hitting catcher ever.

Baldassaro conducted more than fifty interviews with players, coaches, managers, and executives—some with careers dating back to the 1930s—in order to put all these figures and their stories into the historical context of baseball, Italian Americans, and, finally, the culture of American sports.

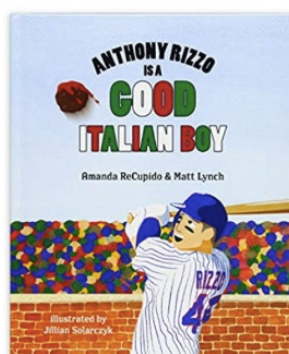
Anthony Rizzo is a Good Italian Boy

By Amanda ReCupido & Matthew Lynch

Mascot Books (January 6, 2015)

This is an enjoyable children's book. The Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo loves big family dinners, hitting home runs, and is even willing to share the last cannoli. Find out what else makes him a "good Italian boy" in this story.

Matt Lynch and Amanda ReCupido are a husband and wife team of writers, humorists, and die-hard Cubs fans living in the Chicago area. They love spending time with family, especially when pasta is involved!



Heritage Report

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6. On the morning of Holy Saturday, the traditional "pot throwing" takes place on the Greek island of **Corfu**: People throw pots, pans and other earthenware out of their windows, smashing them on the street. Some say the custom derives from the Venetians, who on New Year's Day used to throw out all of their old items. Others believe the throwing of the pots welcomes spring, symbolizing the new crops that will be gathered in the new pots.

7. On Good Friday the Pope commemorates the Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) at the Colosseum: A huge cross with burning torches illuminates the sky as the 14 Stations of the Cross are described in several languages. Mass is celebrated on the evening of Holy Saturday, and on Easter Sunday, thousands of visitors congregate in St. Peter's Square to await the Pope's blessing from the church's balcony, known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To

the City and to the World").

8. On Holy Thursday in the Medieval town of **Verges, Spain**, the traditional "dansa de la mort" or "death dance" is performed. To reenact scenes from the Passion, everyone dresses in skeleton costumes and parades through the streets. The procession ends with frightening skeletons carrying boxes of ashes. The macabre dance begins at midnight and continues for three hours into the early morning.

9. In **Prizzi, Sicily**, "the Abballu de daivuli is a representation of devils from locals wearing terrifying masks of zinc and dressed in red robes," according to The Telegraph. Those dressed in costume pester as many "souls" as they can (which really means making them pay for drinks) before the afternoon when the Virgin Mary and the risen Christ save the day by sending the devils away with angels.

Buona Pasqua!

Italian Catholic Federation Central Council ~ 20th Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 31, 2020

New Location



BENNETT VALLEY
GOLF COURSE

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 send check & reservation form to the address below by JULY 19th! Remember \$180 per player after July 19th.

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Branch Reports

Please confirm dates and times for some of the events mentioned as they may have been canceled due to the National Emergency declared.

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Please note the following events:

April—No Meeting

April—Archbishop Day - Details T.B.A

May 6—Mothers and Fathers Spuntino and Raffle, 6 p.m.

Cost \$20.00

Reservations please call Vic Arnaudo (650)755-1369

Please bring a Raffle prize.

Happy Easter to all Branch 1 Members and their Families!

Ciao! Toni Morsello

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Buona Pasqua! Happy Easter to our members and their families.

Mark your calendars: Champagne Bingo on May 17th. For information, please call Mary Perata at 1-415-239-5936.

For those who have a birthday in April—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Our sincere sympathy to Fr. Suan on the loss of his mother, Flora. Fr. Suan, our prayers are with you and your family.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please remember the following dates:

Apr. 26th – Mass—Flora Suan

Apr. 27th— Meeting

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

We will be honoring St. Joseph's feast day at our next meeting with a potluck and special prayers for the celebration. Also, we will enjoy the presence of Laurice Levine to update us on our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia.

We are happy to welcome 3 new members to our group: Fred and Melanie Yeager and Donna Ruiz. APRIL EVENTS: April 18, 2020—Pedro Tournament - O.L.A. Gym 9:00 a.m. coffee/donuts; Tournament begins at 10:00 a.m. No registration at the door \$40.00/Lunch: \$15. Flyers sent out, but for additional questions call Dorene Campanile 650-344-7870

All are invited on the evening of April 18th to the OLA Movie night to be held right after the 5 p.m. Mass. The ICF and Secular Franciscan Group will be hosting the free event. Contact our President for the movie to be shown and further details.

Our largest event will be our Ravioli dinner to be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020 so save the date and come join us!

Even though we honor St. Joseph in March we can't forget St. Patrick as our Irish friends won't let us forget him. Also, members who need our prayers are: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Betty Wustefeld, John & Jean Watterson's daughter, Jeannine, who is still awaiting a kidney transplant.

God Bless,

Roz Emery

Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6 with a hot dog dinner. We had planned a St. Joseph Table potluck dinner, but due to the coronavirus, we canceled the event.

Happy Easter:

Rose Marie Morando

Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

Starting with the April meeting we will be back to meeting on the third Tuesday of the month with dinner to follow.

The donations collected from the St. Joseph's Table went to Imma Sottile for the purchase of yarn and materials. Her blankets and hats go to Laurice Levine for the Thalassemia patients. Other blankets go to the Gubbio Project for the homeless.

Our collection of new donated goods (clothing, personal items, food) go to various charities in Marin County all year long.

Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Healy Hall.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and hope that everyone will be back to good health real soon.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

Buona Pasqua!

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT COUNCIL

April is here and Spring is in full bloom.

Last month the District held its General Meeting at the San Antonio Winery and voted to have its Bishop Banquet on November 8th at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Mass will be at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow in the Seminary Dining Room. An invitation to Archbishop Jose Gomez has already been sent. Let's cross our fingers that he'll be able to make it.

Religious Ed Congress was, in my opinion, a huge success this year. We had a much better spot this year with more foot traffic. We had about 6 good leads on potential new branches and thanks to Anne Interrante, a lead on some public relations possibilities with Relevant Radio, a Catholic radio channel on the AM dial. I want to thank everyone who helped out in our booth — Pat & Lou Mages, Anne & Richard Interrante, Theresa & Tad Shaw, Past Grand President Andy Pappani, Grand 2nd Vice President Denise Antonowicz and her family, Carmelo Sabatella and Grand President Vince Piro for putting together our PowerPoint presentation.

The next District Officer Meeting will be on May 2nd at Holy Family Parish at 9:30 a.m. Our next District General Meeting is scheduled for May 30th with a place and time to be determined.

I want to wish everyone a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter. Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Happy Easter to all ICF Members!

Please share the meaning of Easter with your friends and families.

Thank you again to Co Chairs Christy Shaw and Gina Sabatella for coordinating, staffing and managing the successful 17th annual Wine Tasting Event "Carnavale" in Holy Family Church Connolly Hall on February 8th.

On March 1st, the annual Branch General Meeting was held again at San Antonio Winery. President Tom Haubrick presided with a successful luncheon meeting where members enjoyed great food and an enthusiastic meeting in the Fermentation Room.

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

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. *May they rest in peace.*

Ci Vediamo presto!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President

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District and Branch Officers Carmelo Sabatella and Theresa Shaw with Santo Riboli at San Antonio Winery on February 29th for the LAA District General Meeting and on March 1st for the Branch 108 General Meeting.



Br. 108, ICF 17th Annual Wine Tasting Event "Carnavale" at Holy Family Connolly Hall on February 8th!

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored our St. Joseph Table!

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Ryan Gutierrez, Frances Canzonieri, Rosemarie Melendrez, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia at Los Angeles Children's Hospital and other ICF charities.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 6:00 p.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Saturday, April 25, 2020- the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A Presto!
Frank Salomone

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

On March 5th our branch celebrated our Patron Saint John Joseph of the Cross at 8 a.m. mass. Refreshments were served afterwards. We continued the celebration of our patron saint on Saturday, March 7th with our annual Crab dinner dance.



Br. 111, Luncheon after mass



Our adopted seminarian Cole Buzon also attended and shared in the festivities. May God continue to bless him!

Our many volunteers served over 300 guest a delicious meal! Our branch is so fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who came forward to make this fundraiser a success! Our sincere appreciation for all dedication involved and to keep this tradition alive. The monies raised at these events allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships and support our clergy and seminarians.

Please note the mass for the Madonna Del Arco will be held on May 9th at 5:15 p.m. not April 25th as stated in previous article. Please bring flowers and process into church behind the banner.

Our next general meeting will be held on April 16th at 7:30 p.m. Please attend and bring a guest.

Our branch mourns the passing of members Faelina Scognamillo, Rose Albano and Annette Shannon Batinovich. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Happy Easter to all!
Anita Trujillo



Br. 115, Crab-Dinner Dance on March 7, 2020



San Pedro Br. 115, celebrated the feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross, patron saint of Ischia, Italy. The annual Crab Dinner-Dance attended by 300 people took place at Mary Star of the Sea Church.



Br.111, February's Valentine's Meeting



Br.111 Christmas Dinner



Br.111 Christmas Dinner

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Glendora St. Dorothy, Br. 179

On Saturday February 22, several members of St. Dorothy ICF Branch 179 embarked on a historical outing to San Antonio Winery, located in the heart of Los Angeles. The Winery remains the oldest and largest producing winery in Los Angeles with over 100 years of winemaking. In fact, in the early 1960s, Los Angeles' Cultural Heritage Board designated the winery as Cultural Monument Number 42.

Santo Riboli, owner of San Antonio Winery, is the grandson of Founder Santo Cambianica, and a 3rd generation winemaker. Santo greeted each member personally with a big smile, a good Italian handshake, and conversation as they arrived. George Ronay, a trained sommelier, conducted a tour of the winery, providing historical background as well as insight into the wine industry. George paired our lunch with 6 delicious wines from the winery's Maddalena and San Simeon labels, then finished our luncheon with a magnum of Luiano Chianti Classico Riserva 2016 (the group's favorite wine).

The group had a very enjoyable day, complete with good wine and food. They hope to return during the week when they can see the wine bottling process in action.

Patricia Auriemmo

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

At our last meeting, we had a very special guest speaker – Laurice Levine, who represents Cooley's Anemia Foundation. It was both informative and touching to hear her personal story, coping with this disease, and about what has been accomplished from the donations from the ICF to fund research. Our junior ICF member, Katie LaCorte presented her with a \$100.00 check from their donut sales and the branch presented her with \$1,000 from the sale of our cookbooks. This money helps in different ways to aid Cooley's Anemia patients. Everyone enjoyed the El Pollo Loco luncheon after, thanks to Teri Carrano for always taking care of these luncheons. It should be mentioned that Larry Rovarino is very ill and Bob Flack is on the mend. Keep them in your prayers. Everyone have a wonderful Easter and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Lolly M.

Diamond Bar St. Denis, Br. 317

Greetings from Everyone at Br. 317,

We've been busy. February finished with our Holy Cannoli Fundraiser. On February 23rd, members started at 5:30 a.m. filling Cannoli shells. (Thank you to Toni and Julia for making the Cannoli filling so we were able to "jump right in" and start filling those shells.) We even had a few non-members come and help us. Hopefully they joined our meeting on the 14th so we can thank them again. By 2:30 p.m. we filled and sold 530 Cannolis. (366 presold and 164 sold that day.)

Parishioners brought a nonperishable food item when picking up their Cannoli to help



Cap: Pictured with tour guides George and Jeannie Ronay (front center) are members (left to right): Vince Daigneault, Bruce Brancato, Bill and Josie Bresee, John and Linda DeMarco, Cathy Napoli, Debbie and Rod Felt, Vito Napoli, and Elena and Joe Timko. Not pictured photographer Jan Daigneault.

replenish the St Denis Food Pantry. I'm happy we collected a good amount. We are thankful for our caring Parishioners.

Thank you to the wonderful members of 317 for all your hard work and time you gave for this fundraiser. Because of all of you we had our best cannoli event in the past few years!!! Love and thankful to you all!!!

On February 13th, we helped the Knights of Columbus at the Fish Dinner. We provide the Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw and Cookies and did some of the serving.

In April we will be Hosting the Arts and Craft Faire at St Denis in our Courtyard. Our proceeds from the Vendor tables will support St. Denis' Building On Faith.

From Everyone at Branch 317, we wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed Easter. May God Always Bless You with Much Love and Happiness.

Love and Hugs

God Bless :)

Pamela-Anne Roemer, President
Branch 317, St Denis, Diamond Bar

Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Well, we started out normal with coffee and donuts on Sunday after mass and went slowly down hill. With the flu and coronavirus, it was concluded to suspend all functions where large groups gather. It cancelled the fish fry, St Joseph Table and even leadership meetings. Easter brings a new day to the church. Hopefully we can get back to a normal life and possibly do a Saint Joseph's table later in April or May. Right now everything is still on hold.

In May we have fiesta, a large fundraising event and fun for all on Mother's Day. Weekend. We will be doing the traditional Pizza booth. What else!!!!

We had a dine out for dollars that was small successful. It was opposite the Fish fry at the church.

We will plan a few others events to raise the money lost from the St. Joseph Table.

Keep healthy! Andrea Linn

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

April is here and Spring has sprung and baseball season is in full bloom. I want to thank all of our members for their hard work and dedication to pulling off another successful St. Joseph Table. From our bakers and ticket sellers to our decorators and worker bees to our brunch servers, great job. Last month our Liturgy Committee held their 2nd annual Living Last Supper. What a beautiful setting it was. Our adult choir and "apostles" put us in the perfect mood leading up to Holy Week. Our next branch meeting will be earlier than usual due to Holy Week and Easter. It will be on April 3rd in the St. Thomas Room at 7 p.m. Join us on May 17 for our next Bingo Luncheon. There will be a delicious lunch served and loads of fun.

I want to wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter: Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.



La Canada Flintridge St. Bede the Venerable, Br. 374

The branch was hit hard by the news that our loyal and beloved Branch Secretary, Mary Wynton, passed away suddenly on Sunday, March 8th. Mary had just performed at the St. Bede Choir that morning. In years past, Mary had served as president of the branch twice, and for the past several years had faithfully served on the board of directors as secretary. Mary joined ICF in 1988. She was born in 1944 and was a Stanford graduate who prior to retirement had been a Children's Librarian for the Los Angeles Library system. She is survived by her son, two daughters and their spouses, and 3 grandchildren. Mary will be sorely missed by the St. Bede community, and especially by ICF members.

Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

Branch 380 celebrated "Love Italian Style" at our February general meeting. After a delicious pasta dinner, Remo and Carisa Iezza led members in a fun quiz game all about all things Italian. Players were treated to prizes of Valentine treats.

Our March general meeting was a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We are busy preparing for our St. Joseph's Table celebration coming up on March 22nd.

We are looking forward to these upcoming events:

March 22nd (Sun.) St. Joseph's Table Celebration --postponed
April 4th (Sat.) General meeting



OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT

Time just seems to be flying by and here it is almost half way through Lent. By the time you read this, it will be even closer to Easter. Even if we did not make it the kind of Lent we intended, there is always Holy Week to lead us toward a spiritual Easter Sunday.

Looking toward future activities, there are already a few on the calendar. The District's next big one is Day @ the Races in early June. Tickets are limited so plan ahead. And the branches are busy with trips and anniversaries. The first will be a casino trip to Graton Casino on April 25th, sponsored by Branch 343, contact Dorothy Cassini for reservations. Next is Branch 215, celebrating their anniversary with a Bingo/Salad Luncheon on June 21st. Branch 215 will also be involved in an Italian Fest July 19th.

Once again the District has been able to sponsor scholarships for each of the four years, good work! Please encourage your graduating relatives to apply for these scholarships, or if they received one before to apply for the next one.

It's not too early to begin planning for the Convention which will be held in Anaheim this year. We need to sell those raffle tickets, choose Delegates and get those colored photos e-mailed to Lisa for the convention yearbook.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Easter.

*Pat Grasso,
District Sec.*

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We celebrate our 94th year as a branch with our Anniversary Dinner on a Saturday in May to be determined. The evening begins with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner serves at 7 p.m. The menu is yet to be determined. Price: \$40 including hosted bar for adults and \$12 for young people 12 and under. For information, including date and menu, contact Gina Foster, gfooster@csdo.org or Jeanette Zugnoni at jeanette@zugnoni.net.

Thank Virginia Wegener for the Fish Fry dinners success during Lent. We hosted three dinners before the final three were cancelled because of the coronavirus.

Heritage presentations commenced at our membership meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. At our February meeting, Gina Foster, our 1st VP, told us the story of the Italian maternal side of her family. In March, secretary Jeanette Zugnoni related the travels of her maternal grandparents from Croatia to the San Francisco Bay Area.

We will review candidates for the \$500 Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships. We select four graduates from the two Alameda Catholic elementary schools who will enter a Catholic high school in August.

We lost a longtime member when Fred Murray died on February 26. Fred and his wife Norma, who survives him, joined Br. 10 together in March 1980. Our parish priests and Br. 10 members, Father Robert Chinapan, mf and Father Anthony Madanu, mf, concelebrated the funeral Mass on March 3 in St. Philip Neri Church.

The ICF's prayer "Farewell to a Member" was said at the Mass and at least 20 members of our branch were in attendance.

John Zugnoni

Branch 10 publicity

Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Happy April!

I hope your Lenten journey has been blessed and fruitful. Have a wonderful and blessed Easter!

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.

Please join us for our popular and social Branch 215 Bingo Luncheon on Thursday, May 21st in the Corpus Christi parish hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Call Fran LaTorre at (510) 887- 1509 for reservations.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the District's Day at the Races on Friday, June 5th! More information to follow.

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...

Dio ti benedica,

James Francis McGee

Vice President

Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

COME JOIN US: FUND RAISE EVENT!

Polenta & Chicken Cacciatore Dinner on April 18, 2020 at St. Augustine Church Hall in Pleasanton. Doors Open at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. Antipasto, salad, wine, soft drinks & dessert

included. Tickets \$35.00 per person, Children (10 & under) \$10.00. Reservations required: Call

Christine at (925) 784-9991 by April 12. I took a quick peek at the raffle prizes and they are terrific! You don't want to miss this evening of good food, accordion music, friends & prizes.

Our March 20 meeting will feature a St. Joseph's Table with members bringing canned food to be given to St. Vincent DePaul. Our special guest speaker for the evening will be Sarah Bates (a niece of a member). Sarah is a commercial fisherman in San Francisco and has been for the past 15 years. She will tell us what it is like to be in this occupation and answer questions. This will be reminiscent of the early Italians who came here and were fisherman.

Scholarship applications are at the schools for prospective seniors to pick up. Deadline was March 15.

Our branch will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 27 at St. Augustine Church beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be NO monthly business/social meeting on April 17 due to our fundraising event the next evening.

Member Shirley Koenig just returned from Florida after attending her granddaughter,

Anne Marie's wedding.

Several members have had recent surgeries and are home recuperating. We wish them well and send healing prayers to them.

HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY AND HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Branch 285 Polenta Dinner. It should be APRIL 18!

Until next time, Ciao

Judy Bates

Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

So far so good, we were able to have our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and the St. Joseph's Table. The turn out was not the highest, but as true ICF members, we carried on with our plans. Thanks to the cooks and set up crew for their hard work.

Hopefully this Corona-19 virus will be behind us and we will have a good turnout for the trip to Graton Casino on April 25th. The flyers are out and Dorothy C. and her crew have been busy signing people up after Sunday Masses. So save those gambling dollars!

Later this year, June 4th, more gambling fun, Day @ the Races, sponsored by the East Bay District. Try to stay healthy and have some time for fun.

Just a reminder that it is time to remind those high school seniors and college students that there are ICF scholarships deadline was March 15.

And finally, time to think about the ICF convention which will be held in Anaheim this year. We have raffle books to sell, colored photos to e-mail to Lisa for the convention book, and delegates to choose. Lots to do between now and Labor Day.

Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Easter!

Pat Grasso,

Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Our district wishes to thank Joseph Flores for his generosity in writing the Contra Costa Bollettino entries for the past two years.



Branch 13 hosts the first Friday Soup Supper of Lent at St. Catherine of Siena church prior to Stations of the Cross and Adoration. Monies contributed were donated to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. From left to right: President Tom Cook, Mary Cook, Debbie Pellizari, and Anne Crisp.

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I will be taking over for Joseph as of this month. I am the President of Branch 442 Pleasant Hill and a delegate to the district.

The next meeting of District Officers and Branch representatives will be on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant, 504 Center Avenue in Martinez. Also, mark your calendars and save the date for our annual Italian Night at the Oakland A's game on Saturday, August 1. Further details are forthcoming.

Please keep in your prayers the following intentions: Carole Padlo who had knee surgery; Toni Reeder who is having health issues; Addie Beppler's granddaughter who is having treatments for paralysis on one side of her body; all those affected by the coronavirus.

Wishing everyone a blessed Lent and a joyful Easter!

Diana Letizia Mackinson

Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

We celebrated St. Joseph's Day with pizza and traditional pastry of the feast. God bless all the Joseph's in the Federation, especially our dear friend, Joseph Flores!

During this time prior to Easter, make your Lenten journey worthwhile. Set aside time for yourself for reflection and time with God. Grow in your faith as you think about all that Jesus Christ has done for you! Ready yourself to experience His resurrection with an open heart. There are many opportunities at church from which to choose to augment your time. Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. is Scripture Reflections with the Clergy; first Thursdays monthly "Beneath His Cross Apostolate," a prayer cenacle is held; Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., and reflections on the Last seven Words of Christ are every Friday at 7 p.m. following Simple Soup Suppers at 6 p.m. A Lenten Mission Renewal will be held on Monday through Wednesday, April 6, 7, 8 following soup supper in the hall. Guest Speaker is Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI

Members of Branch 13 wish all those in the Federation a blessed and renewed Easter season. Alleluia.

Ciao for now,

Mary Cook

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

In Italy, the Feast of St. Joseph and Father's Day are celebrated on the same day (March 19th), which is appropriate, since St. Joseph was the father of Jesus. Our branch celebrated the day a bit early at our March meeting where Father Leo led us in honoring St. Joseph with the unveiling of a beautiful new statue given to the Church by a very generous (and anonymous) donor. The St. Joseph's Feast table was full of great pasta and tons of meatless homemade dishes and desserts. Thank you to Father Leo, to our special donor, and to everyone who helped celebrate this wonderful tradition.

Sadly, in response to the recommendations of the County, we made the tough decision to postpone our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner due the risks associated with large group gatherings in the shadow of coronavirus. Although we're all disappointed, we know that this is temporary, and look forward to holding this wonderful event again in the future.

The Reno Trip has also been cancelled, as not enough people signed up to fund the trip. We'll try again in a few months if enough people are interested.

We have a few members who are under the weather; Mike Bowman, Barbara Denton, and Dennis & Donna Hoffmann. We hope you feel better soon!

And now (finally) some good news...it's Spring! Flowers are blooming, the weather is warming, Easter is coming, and no matter what, remember that we have an ICF branch full of good friends!

Buona Pasqua a tutti voi!

(Happy Easter to you all!)

~Helen



New St Joseph Statue donated by Bill and Diane Thomas for Br. 14 St. Joseph's Table

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Hello Members,

Thanks to those that brought delicious food to our last meeting. The Chinese decorations were nice and then at our following meeting the St. Joseph celebration, decorations and novena was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Josie for hosting. It has been a long tradition for our branch to celebrate St. Joseph day.



Br. 14, Crockett: Thank you Father Leo for Blessing our table and food for our celebration.



Br. 214, Red Hats at BINGO night

Many of you may remember when we had a Mass followed by a raffle then the free giveaway of Italian treats. Then we finished by going out to dinner. We always had the Holy Family in which our members would take turns being them. Things are different now for us and we celebrate on a smaller scale but we carry on.

At our last meeting Joann stated she will plan a bus trip in the fall and give the proceeds to our branch. Thank you Joann.

At our next meeting we will distribute convention raffle tickets. This will give us many months to sale them. Our branch gets to keep some of the sales. It is a great way to make extra money. Who knows, one or more of us could win. As the months go by we will give details for the annual convention which will be held in Garden Grove Calif. Close to Disneyland. Many go to the conventions. Plan ahead and join it. It will be held over the labor day weekend.

Congratulations to Rose on the purchase of her new home in Brentwood. We wish her many happy years there.

*Happy Easter to all.
That is all for this now,
Your President,
Patty*

Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Buon Giorno

I pray everyone is well and taking precautions to avoid this terrible virus. We are praying that this virus will be over soon.

We had an uplifting day on Saturday, March 7th for our Bingo/meatball and pasta lunch. It was full of fun, good food, laughter, and being together with friends. There were 5 games of bingo with cash prizes. Meatballs were homemade from our branch members. The raffle prizes were great and 4 door prizes which were beautiful flower arrangements were won by lucky people.

We had 85 guests attending this huge success.

We are planning our annual Spring Tea on Saturday, April 18th from 11:30 to 2:30. There will be great raffle prizes, delicious tea sandwiches, scones, salad, and dessert. It will be held at St Agnes Cauchi hall. More info to follow.

Please keep those infected with this virus in your prayers.

Wishing you and your family and friends to stay healthy.

Ciao, Norene DeLuca



Brentwood Immaculate Heart of Mary, Br. 432

Ciao all!

First, I would like to correct last month's Bollettino, Robert Rebollar is our new 2nd Vice President: My apologies Robert. At our January meeting, we welcomed another new member, Marilyn Johnson. Marilyn is the 6th new member for 2020.welcome aboard. It's a good way to start the year.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for the St. Joseph Day dinner, right around the Corner in March. The scholarship awards dinner comes up next, it will be in June. Then the second annual "Murder Mystery Dinner," July 12th. The first Mystery Dinner was a big success, you won't want to miss this one. This year's play has a western theme so get your boots on. Last but not least is the 11th annual "Festa de Italia and car show." The date for the Festa will be in late September.

More on the success of ICF and Knights of Columbus scholarships. In 2019 the scholarship committee was able to award to qualified local high school seniors and continuing college students \$15,000 in scholarship money. With the addition of a full time scholarship committee, Branch President Deacon John is looking for the scholarship program to be even more successful.

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

We were to have had our next meeting on March 15 but had to cancel due to the coronavirus outbreak. We were advised to cancel any large group gatherings that weren't absolutely necessary, so officers met and decided to take a break for March. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday evening, April 15 when we will have a Pizza Night and meeting in the Parish Hall if all goes well. We are still planning on having our Ladies' Tea on Saturday afternoon, April 25, so be sure to send in your reservations. If by some chance we must cancel, all money will be refunded.

We are also still planning on feeding the homeless in our community for our Winter Nights event. Our group will be providing dinner on April 30. Sign up to help or bring food at our April 15 meeting.

We are happy to report that our former president, Matt Dallara, has had a successful surgery and is on the mend. Also, Carole Padlo had a successful knee surgery and is doing well. We are joyfully offering prayers of thanksgiving for them!

Everyone stay well and healthy and we'll see you all in April. Wishing you a blessed Lent and a joyful Easter!

Diana Mackinson, President

SACRAMENTO BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed Sacrament District is excited to announce that we will be sponsoring a one-day retreat.

Date: May 23, 2020

Time: Registration 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The Retreat will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Place: St. Clare's Church

1950 Junction Blvd.

Roseville, CA 95747

Cost: \$10.00 pre-registered

\$15.00 day of Retreat

Mark your calendar to Save the Date! Further information regarding the Retreat will be published in the next issue of the *Bollettino*.

Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

We held our first chicken and polenta dinner of the year on March 1st. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner. We all had a great time. The dinner, as always, was delicious, our accordion player, Taffy Steffen, was outstanding, and everyone likes participating in the raffle. We appreciate all the raffle prize donations and we thank you all very much.

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!! Please join us - contact Janine Orsi to make your reservation.

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

Buon Compleanno to the following members with April birthdays: Sandy Boruff, Janet Dumonchelle, Annji Ebert, Ted Olson, Renato Ranieri, Kevin Riley, Mason Weninger.

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

We hope you will be able to join us for our wine tasting event: An Evening of Wine and Roses on Saturday, April 25, from 6-9 at St. Joseph's Hall in Auburn. Each ticket is priced at \$40 and can be purchased from Bridget at 530-906-0634. Five local wineries will be offering samples, there will be heavy appetizers and desserts, a raffle, and silent auction. Wine will also be available for purchase. The calling committee will be contacting members to inquire about attending the event, donating time, and donating raffle and auction items. We hope you can be as generous as possible. We are counting on help from as many members as possible in order to make this event a success.

We will be having our annual Membership Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, May 16th at St. Joseph's Hall. At this potluck dinner, a branch member is honored for his or her service to the branch, scholarships

are awarded and new members are initiated. We hope you will be able to join us. The calling committee will be contacting you soon.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

Thank you to Angela and Frank DiGrande and Cathy and Art Rasmussen for preparing the delicious dinner at our February Branch meeting. Later that evening, Nina Malone spoke about the ICF "Gifts of Love" program and how it has helped so many people in the community. Br. 438 made a donation of \$250 towards this worthy cause.

Our recent Gathering Inn dinner served over 55 of our brothers and sisters in need. Once again, Angela and Frank DiGrande and Cathy and Art Rasmussen stepped in to prepare dinner for our guests. We appreciate our chefs as well as the many volunteers who helped make this evening so special.

Our district Bingo fundraiser, hosted by St. Clare, was a great success! Of the 190 people who attended, 122 were from St. Clare. Br. 438 is planning our very own Bingo/luncheon sometime in July. Stay tuned for more information!

Mark your calendars for our District retreat, scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. It will take place here at St. Clare's parish. Details will follow.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we ask the Lord to guide us and prepare us for this holiest of liturgical feasts. We also pray for the sick members of our community and everyone affected by the coronavirus.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Easter!

Anne Finn, Recording Secretary

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Greetings to all who attended our Installation and to many others who are always welcome and encouraged to attend our next District Council meeting in Petaluma on March 15th! Yes, that's right! The Ides of March. Our Santa Rosa Council meeting will take place on the Campus of St. James Church. Our hosts are Branch 127. The meeting commences at 1:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there. Your presence and support is greatly appreciated. For those who have never attended, now is the opportunity to see your Council at work.

Recording Secretary

Marilyn Sylvestri

Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

I hope everyone had a great time at the Fish Fry on March 6. It was a big success and we thank everyone who attended. We especially thank our chefs, under the leadership of Scott Cavallo for the fabulous dinner. Thank you for supporting the raffle, silent auction and live auction! Initial returns show a gross profit of almost \$19,000. We'll have the net profit, next month. Money raised from this event and our other events go towards our scholarships, donations to the church, school and local community.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 14: Branch meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Sunday, April 19: ICF Mass at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 20: Mother's & Father's Day Dinner. More details, next month. We will honor our scholarship winners and our Mothers and Fathers over age 80 at the dinner.



The youngest member of the Bovone Party expresses her delight upon winning a raffle prize at Br. 75, Cloverdale's Chicken/ Spaghetti Dinner!!!

If you're a golfer, there are two exciting events, this year, for you:

Friday, July 31: ICF Central Council Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. More information may be found in the *Bollettino*.

Sunday, October 11: Br. 52 Golf Tournament at Tayman Park.

Happy Easter!

Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

After a very successful February Chicken/ Spaghetti dinner, we skipped our regular meeting. We were happily fatigued and put off celebrating until our March 19th, St. Patrick's dinner, at which we will do our "wearing of the green" and eating of the traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage that Bob Aquistapace and Ernie Giampoli will prepare for us! It's Lent, but we won't ignore St. Patrick and the many wonderful things he has contributed to our Catholic tradition!

We're cognizant of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, garnering strength and courage for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert communing with His Father. During this time of vulnerability to the Covid-19 Virus, we try to martial our strength and courage and pray that Our Father will carry us safely through. Our branch initiated a prayer chain for The Kilcullen's (Carmen & Larry) who are currently docked/quarantined at the Port of Oakland on The Dawn Princess. Carmen was our Deputy/Mentor for many years. We pray no harm comes to them. The Tubbs' fire consumed their home in 2018; they have since rebuilt and made it safely through the Kincadee fire which threatened their new home in October. Enough, already!!! Love you guys!

We welcome a new member, Esther Hernandez, to our March meeting! She is a Eucharistic Minister with an adorable two-year-old named Alexandra, whose Grandpa sings in the choir and helps her blow out the altar candles after Mass! I am happy Esther is joining the branch. Each new member brings a wealth of love, joy, and inspiration!

Out in the desert with Jesus!

Patsy Buchignani



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April 25th | Italian Catholic Federation WINE GALA

An Evening of Wine and Roses



DATE: Saturday, April 25th

TIME: 6:00pm—9:00pm

PLACE: St. Joseph Parish Hall
1162 Lincoln Way, Auburn

COST: \$40.00/person

WHAT: Enjoy wine from five wineries, Italian & American hors d'oeuvres, Italian music, raffle and silent auction.

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Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Greetings Lads and Lassies!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all even though Sonoma may not be able to produce a dinner this month. Sorry to be so "flighty" this month, but due to circumstances beyond control everything is up in the air. This gives me the opportunity to advertise Sonoma #103 Fundraising dinners. Our 1st dinner will be on April 25 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Sonoma at 601 Agua Caliente Blvd. in Sonoma. \$20.00 per person. Our entree is Polenta and Stew, appetizers before dinner. Wine at table and bar is by donation.

Our 2nd dinner is on May 23 again at St. Leo's Church. Ravioli and Meatballs, garlic bread and dessert. \$20.00 per person. Wine at table and bar open to donations.

Our 3rd dinner will be held on June 27 at St. Francis Solano Church, Fa. Robert's Hall. Menu includes appetizers, Baked chicken and risotto, salad, and dessert! Absolutely delicious!! Will I see all our members there? All dinners commence at 6 p.m.

Weather's warming and skies lightening. Great season to be alive!

To all who celebrate St. Patrick's Day, remember he was born in Roman Briton in the late 4th century and celebrated for converting the pagan Irish to Christianity.

Hope to see many of you at Sonoma's initial fundraiser in late April.

Ci vediamo presto!

Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

We enjoyed seeing the members who came to our last meeting. Try to attend and support our Branch.

President Lucy installed a new member, Donna Piazzzi. We welcome you and hope you enjoy being a part of our Branch.

Our All You Can Eat Crab Dinner was very successful. Attendees said it was a delightful dinner and the crab was absolutely delicious. Thanks to our wonderful cooks, Giacco Manni & Angelo Leone, and to all who helped to make it a success especially Angelo's grandchildren for doing a great job serving.

Our next big dinner is the Chicken Cacciatore Dinner honoring our scholarship winners. It is Sat., May 23rd at St. James Church Hall.

April - Bakeless Bake Sale

April 13th - Potluck Dinner Meeting. Rm. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

May 3rd - District Day of Recollection at St. James. Quarterly/Communion 11:00 a.m. Mass with lunch to follow Rm. 9 - Recollection events in Media Room. Cost is \$7

May 11th - Pizza Dinner Meeting 6:00 p.m. \$10; Bingo to follow \$5. Reservations: Louise 769-7389

Our condolences to Josephine Lavio on the loss of her sister. Get well wishes to Ann Cameron, Bea McQuaid and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. We miss you Madeline and Rose Lavezzo and Roseanna Cresci.

Pray for our homeless, service people, our Country and pray for victims of this horrible virus.

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

*Ciao,
Louise Vicino*

Arcata St. Mary, Br. 144

March began with the Ordination of John Michael Plass, the seminarian who St. Mary Church "adopted" over the past couple of years. It was truly a pleasure to attend his first Mass on March 7 at St. Mary's Church.

Thank you Michael and Joan DalPorto for chairing our Annual St. Joseph Table on March 15. Funds earned will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul. Thanks to all who baked all the delicious goodies.

On Friday, March 27, ICF will provide the Meager Meal after the Stations of the Cross. Potato Soup is on the menu.

Our Anniversary Dinner on April 18th will be hosted by Br. 145 at St. Joseph's Hospital in room 1-C. Mark your calendar!! Can you believe we will be celebrating our 61 years of existence!!

Elena handed out our Convention Raffle tickets to sell or to buy ourselves. Be sure to get the stubs and money back to Elena.

Sip & Paint - You guessed it - On April 25th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Anne has again come up with a "fun" fundraiser! This year we

will be Sipping while we paint!! There will be wine, food, a gift basket to raffle and hidden talent unveiled!! Each person will take home their original painting. Come join us!! Fun for all!

March Birthdays were Patricia MacDonald and Sabrina MacDonald.

April Birthdays are Marie LaBanca, Lucia Monge, Ruth Monge and Tony Gonsalves. Happy Birthday to all.

A Blessed Easter to all,

Rosemary

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Bob Acquistapace sends his sincere thanks to those who volunteered at our last meeting. For the March 7th ordination of two new priests, Kathy Acquistapace, Nancy Azevedo and Linda Pisenti quickly said they would bake cookies. Linda Sherman and Marge Milano agreed to make cupcakes for the April meeting. This kind of cooperation is what makes our Branch so great. Again, Bob says "THANK YOU".

There is still time to buy a ticket to our April 18th fundraiser. Call Claire Giampaoli at 539-1443.

The "Day of Faith and Heritage" will be held on May 3, 2020 at St. James Church in Petaluma. Mass is at 11:00 with lunch at 12:15. The program will start at 1:00.

The cost is only \$7.00 per person. More information will be available at the April meeting.

Our Branch will be awarding 10 first-year scholarships this year. The recipients and the donors will join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on May 4th in the Brinker Room. Plan to be there.

In your prayers, remember Marie Lagomarsino, Claire Giampaoli, and Frank Costaglio and others in need.

Bona Pasqua a tutti,

Gail Bonghi-Azevedo

Sebastopol St. Sebastian, Br. 209

Out of an abundance of caution; our March meeting was cancelled. While it is disappointing to miss our monthly meeting and the meal we enjoy together, we need to remember that many of our members are over the age of 75, and at high risk for this flu. In this time of uncertainty due to the Covid 19 - coronavirus, we all need to take precautions to avoid catching it. Remember to wash your hands A LOT! Don't go out if you're not feeling well and get plenty of rest. Things will get back to normal soon!

We look forward even more to our upcoming events:

April 3rd - FISH FRY - Call Lona Bertoli for tickets at 707-527-1021. (Please donate prizes for the raffle)



Br. 209, February Polenta Dinner"





Br. 209, Eugene, Ricky & Gene Vannetti working on the bocce courts at St. Sebastian's

April 14th - Regular meeting and Easter dinner.

May 12th - Regular meeting and Scholarship awards dinner

May 17th - Bocce Tournament

Please pray for all of our sick members, including Barbara Bidia & Lucille Young. Also a prayer for Charlie Wallin who underwent hip replacement surgery. We also pray for a quick end to the spread of the Coronavirus and a full recovery for those who contract it.

Ciao, Sharon Vannetti

The branch will host a table at the annual Women of Faith Conference on Saturday, March 14th, at St. Joachim's Church, Holy Spouse's Hall. Eight members are looking forward to a great day together at the conference.

Please continue to pray for all of our deceased, ill and injured members.

Ciao,
Mary Keitz

**Los Banos
Santa Lucia, Br. 31**

Hello again from Branch 31. On February 8th we had our annual Polenta dinner fundraiser. We had a fantastic dinner, huge raffle and delicious desserts. The dinner was a huge success that will help us to support Cooley's Anemia and our scholarships. Thank you to all the members who helped in any way to make this dinner happen.

As a reminder scholarship and graduation season will be here before we know it. If you know any kids who qualify for our scholarship, remind them to pick up and fill out an application.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting at Round Table Pizza, held on April 20th at 6:00 pm.

ICF Branch 31 would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Elyse Etcheverry. Our prayers are with you in this time of grief and sorrow. May you have a Happy Easter and God Bless to you all!

Ciao,
Giona Boffa

FRESNO

Madera

Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

Our February 11th meeting was enjoyed by all, featuring a delicious dinner of home-made Meatball Tortellini soup, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Thanks to committee chairs Elsie and Jeff Bottorff, and committee of Jim and Kerin Cavallero, Jerry and Angie Kelzer, Bob and Ann Rolan, and Betty Scalise.

On Saturday, February 15th, members met to prepare oranges for sale after the morning masses on the following day. The club raised \$500 from the sale. Thanks to Jim and Kerin Cavallero for donating the oranges, Marcia and Jennifer Valorosi for providing harvesting helpers, and all members who volunteered to clean and bag the oranges and handle the sale. It was a fun time working together!

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**Fresno
St. Alphonsus, Br. 32**

A delicious Pork Roast dinner was served at our March meeting with salads and desserts. Thanks to all who contributed.

New members installed at the meeting were Vicki Teore and Josie Reyna. Congratulations and welcome.

Our Branch placed 2nd in the category of Branches with 1-99 members regarding calendar sales. Br. 32 sold 56 calendars.

As our prize, our Branch received a calendar which entitles us to entry into the daily drawing. Good work to those that sold (and bought)!

The Annual Bocce Ball Tournament will be held May 2 at San Joaquin Memorial High school. \$20 per person. Needed: a team of 4, you do not need to be an ICF member to play. Contact Paulette at 559-908-7398 if you are interested.

Please pray for Vocations and for all the ill and home-bound.

Happy Easter
Paulette Volpa



St. Alphonsus Br. 32 newest members, Vicki Teore and Josie Reyna



Br. 75





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

"Family Travel Memories"

We need your participation. So how can you help?

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

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

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

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

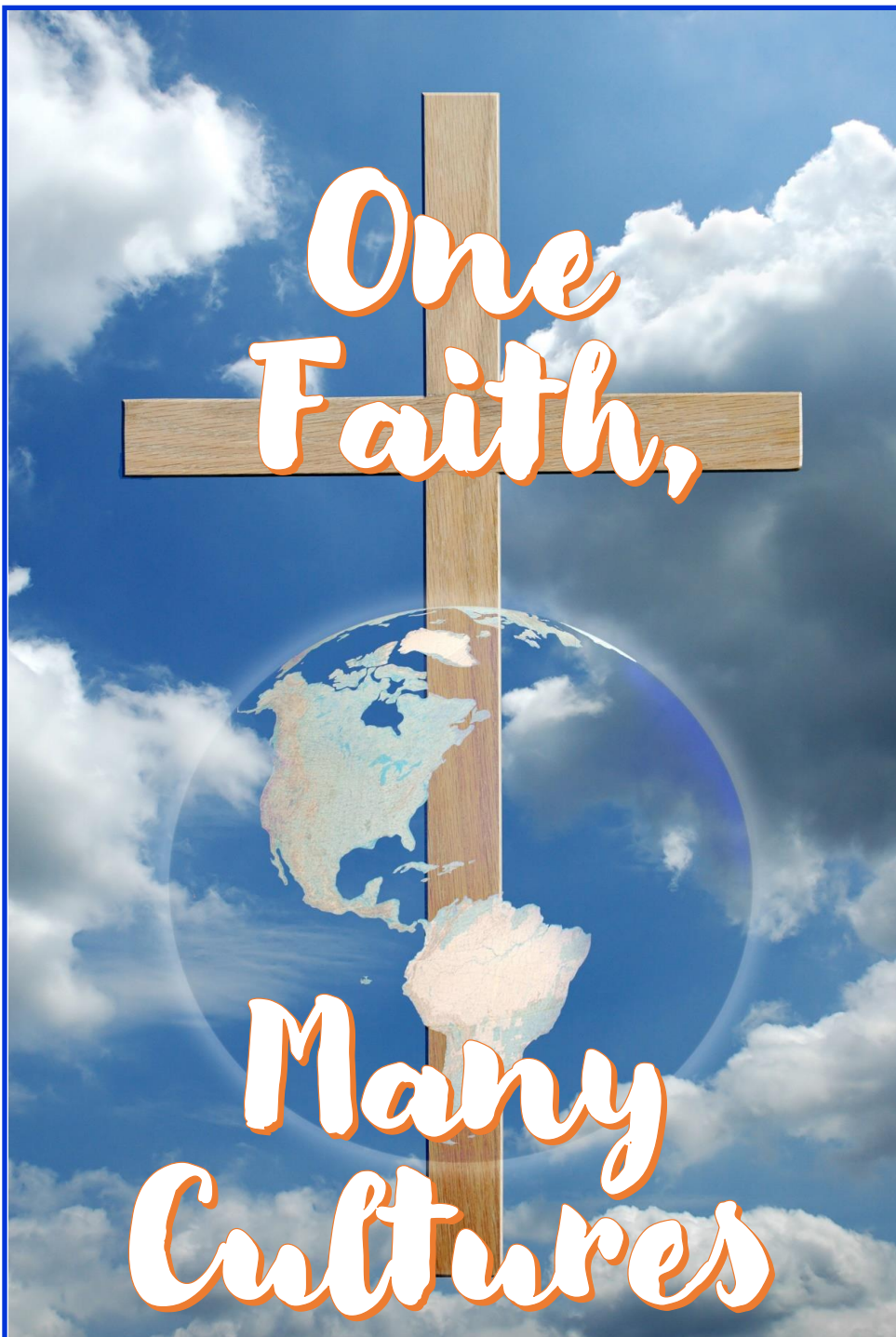
Example: **\$30 – 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10** or
\$40 – 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20
Deadline for names and payment is: **May 1, 2020**

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



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

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



Italian Catholic Federation 90th Annual National Convention

Travel Highlights
September 3 – 7, 2020

Hotel: Delta by Marriott 12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove/Anaheim (714) 867-5555 (800) MARRIOTT

Reservations: Marriott.com/SNADE Under rates, select group, then enter ICFICFA for one king or ICFICFC for two queens

Link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1580409122946&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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

John Wayne Airport: 13 miles

Long Beach Airport: 17 miles

Los Angeles Airport: 36 miles

Hertz Rental Car: ICF year-round 'business' discount. Receive up to 30%. Discount Code 2173699

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.

For assistance, contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924.

Convention updates are visible first on Facebook.

Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation.

Also look for convention news in the Bollettino and at www.icf.org.

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

Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or LLevine430@aol.com

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

March Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Jan Rosa	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/2	Barbara Tongate	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/3	Rich Trevizo		Antioch, CA	\$30
3/4	Elaine Meier	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
3/5	Tammi Cuthill	342	Roseville, CA	\$30
3/6	Justin Velez		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/7	Kim M. Filice	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
3/8	Jen Simi		San Ramon, CA	\$30
3/9	Allen Watts	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/10	Carol Farrugia	218	Arcadia, CA	\$30
3/11	Xavier & Barbara Irias		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
3/12	Norma Harris	342	Applegate, CA	\$30
3/13	Allison Gallego		San Martin, CA	\$30
3/14	Jack & Patsy Grisafe	210	Riverside, CA	\$30
3/15	Marissa Spallino		Windsor, CA	\$30
3/16	Lauren Dupuis		Tigard, OR	\$30
3/17	Tim Barnes		Danville, CA	\$50
3/18	Dave Pinto	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/19	Rosemary Melendy	144	Arcata, CA	\$50
3/20	Lucy Salinas		Parlier, CA	\$30
3/21	Celeste Lennemann		San Carlos, CA	\$30
3/22	Glorinda Dobleman	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/23	Marcie Soper	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/24	Margaret Lubeck	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/25	Amie Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
3/26	Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy		San Diego, CA	\$30
3/27	Jan Wrobel	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
3/28	Nancy Carlos	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
3/29	Donna Vaughan		Le Grand, CA	\$30
3/30	Doug Schenk	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/31	Barbara Levey		Merced, CA	\$30

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG



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 ____)

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.

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



Convention Friday Tour
September 4, 2020

- Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Thalassemia Program**
Learn more about ICF’s National Charity Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia)
- CHLA Guided Tour may include a visit to the hematology unit, hospital lab, and blood bank in addition to main hospital
 - Welcome by Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, ICF Thalassemia Outreach Program Consultant
 - Lunch and discussion with Dr. Thomas Coates, MD, Director, Sickle/Hemoglobinopathy Program, Children’s Center fo Cancer and Blood Diseases
 - Learn how ICF’s donations make a difference to research and treatment!

\$35 per person
Includes transportation and lunch
RSVP and payment due by August 1, 2020

Tour subject to change due to COVID-19; if cancelled, payment will be refunded.

9:30 a.m. Departure from Delta Hotels by Marriott Anaheim Garden Grove
Return to hotel around 2 p.m.

Guest Name _____ Branch # _____
Guest Name _____ Branch # _____

Number of Guests _____ x \$35 = _____

Contact Person Phone Number _____ and Email _____



Mail RSVP and payment to:
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The state of public health will be assessed as the date approaches to ensure it is safe to conduct tours at the hospital.

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.

Statement of Endorsement:

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: _____

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.

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Branch 014		Branch 191	
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Branch 026		Branch 210	
Sharol A Bernardo	Paula Lomanto	Alba G Segarra	
Peter Lomanto		Branch 218	
Branch 031		Dina M Mc Call	
Joseph Bondi	Brian Cutler	Branch 227	
Michelle Cutler	Dan Forte	Nancy A Bilicich	
Sandra Forte	Linda N Gosling	Branch 229	
Rodney M Gosling	Michael E Hill	Austin L Charlton Pheonix Charlton	
Posey Post		Preston Charlton Michele	
Branch 036		Gonzales AgnesHummel	
James J Culcasi	Rosine L Culcasi	Branch 246	
Brock Gurunian	Mardee Killiam	Maria Ruggeri-Torres	
Bella Lofaso	Efrain Medina	Branch 250	
Cynthia Lopez Monroe		Chris Spatafore	
Richard S Monroe	Linda Radley	Branch 390	
Richard Radley	Nancy Rice	Joe B French Dolores L Gom	
John J Ruccello	Janet Russo	Susan E Johnston	
Nicola Scarpello		Branch 391	
Branch 047		Karen Avilla Rich Avilla	
Virginia Hernandez	Anne Marie	Branch 395	
Pelella	Mario M Pelella	Diana Rojo	
Branch 054		Branch 433	
Austin T Borrelli	Nicole Borrelli	Donald Brown Diane Mitchell	
Branch 127		Branch 445	
Donna C Piezzi		Kathy Samaripa	
Branch 135		Branch 446	
Matthew M Telliano	Sara S Telliano	Mary Ann Miller	
Branch 154			
Cornelius P Cronin			
Branch 173			
Donna M Ruiz			

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Branch 391	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Santa Clara Valley District	In memory of Ted Gennuso
Terry Giannetto	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Elva and Bill Valli	In memory of Roy "Pinky" Swenson
In memory of David M. Botta	Pat and Louie Cordich
John G. and Kim Filice	In memory of Roy "Pinky" Swenson
In memory of Philip Shackel	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Bunny Filice	In memory of Philip Shackel
In memory of Marlene Filice	Pat and Louie Cordich
Anita Marciochi	In memory of Philip Shackel
In memory of Jerry Souza	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Dean and Jeanette Hudson	In memory of Marlene Filice
In memory of Marlene Filice	Pat and Louie Cordich
Dean and Jeanette Hudson	In memory of Marlene Filice
In memory of Philip Shackel	David and Linda Carpenter
The Dianda Family	In memory of Franca Filice
In memory of Rosalind Crudo	Roger and Kathy Santos
Eileen and Mario Cavallaro	In memory of Franca Filice
In memory of Franca Filice	
Officers/Members of Br. 308	
In memory of Marcus Shiveley	

Gifts of Love Donations

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Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo	Eva Stern
In memory of Louise Buonocore	Speedy recovery wishes for Craig Noah
Officers/Members of Br. 291	David and Valerie Vanni
In memory of Angelo Torquato	In memory of Marlene Filice
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Mora Taormino
Get well wishes for Mike Cannady	In memory of Marlene Filice
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Mora Taormino
In memory of Rosalind Crudo	In memory of Franca Filice
Joan and Jerry Delfino	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get well wishes for Denise Antonowicz	Get well wishes for Teresa Helfand
Rose Haupt	Conchita Lizardi
In memory of Angelo Torquato	Special intentions for Alfredo Villaseñor
Barbara Firpo	Barbara Chabot
In memory of Louise Buonocore	In memory of Claude Chabot
Nina Malone	John and Dorene Campanile
In memory of Rosalind Crudo	In honor of the 90th birthday of Frank Aguilar
Vic and Pat Arnaudo	Women In Touch II
In memory of Daryl Dorn	In memory of Marlene Filice
Mary C. Saccullo	The Guido Zan Family
In memory of Marlene Filice	In memory of Sandy Zan
Mary C. Saccullo	Joan and Jerry Delfino
In memory of Franca Filice	In memory of Andy Rodondi
Teresa and Cory Helfand	
In memory of Rosalind Crudo	

When making checks out for the Scholarship Fund, Providenza Fund, Gifts of Love or Cooley's Anemia.

Please make checks out to the Italian Catholic Federation, and in the memo line, please put where you would like the money to go to, ie: Scholarship, Providenza, etc.

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations: 1st Year	Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year
Officers/Members of Br. 435	Carmie Jimenez
In memory of Kenneth Ravizza	In memory of Carl Rossi
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora	Mike and Marcie Rossi
In memory of Richard Walter Samuelian	In memory of Carl Rossi
Ed and Jo Bertaccini	Janis Patellaro
In memory of Vince Stalteri	In memory of Carl Rossi
Ed and Jo Bertaccini	P.H. Smith - Westwood Properties II
In memory of Louise Stalteri	In memory of Carl Rossi
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Oct. 18th	San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)
Nov. 8th	Los Angeles Archdiocese

District Installations

April 26th	Chicago
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In Loving Memory

Report date: March 9, 2020

Deceased Members

Marina Balestreri	Branch 001
John F Vodanovich	Branch 026
Marlene A Filice	Branch 028
Roy D Swenson	Branch 028
Erma Germino	Branch 031
Carmella V Lewis	Branch 031
Hazel Fanucchi	Branch 033
Dominic Mineo	Branch 036
Rose Albano	Branch 115
Angelina Renucci	Branch 135
Valdo Renucci	Branch 135
Larry R De Peel	Branch 144
Colombina Albini	Branch 209
Geraldine M Rugani	Branch 214
Mildred S Zielinski	Branch 218
Tony Rainaldi	Branch 250
Sylvia C Stephens	Branch 319
Adriana E Arnaudo	Branch 390
Totsie Taylor	Branch 408

Orsolina Casella, a member of Br. 70, was mistakenly listed in this column last month. We are happy to report that Orsolina is doing well and we send our apologies.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

IN MEMORY OF:

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THANK YOU:

Vince Piro

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY:

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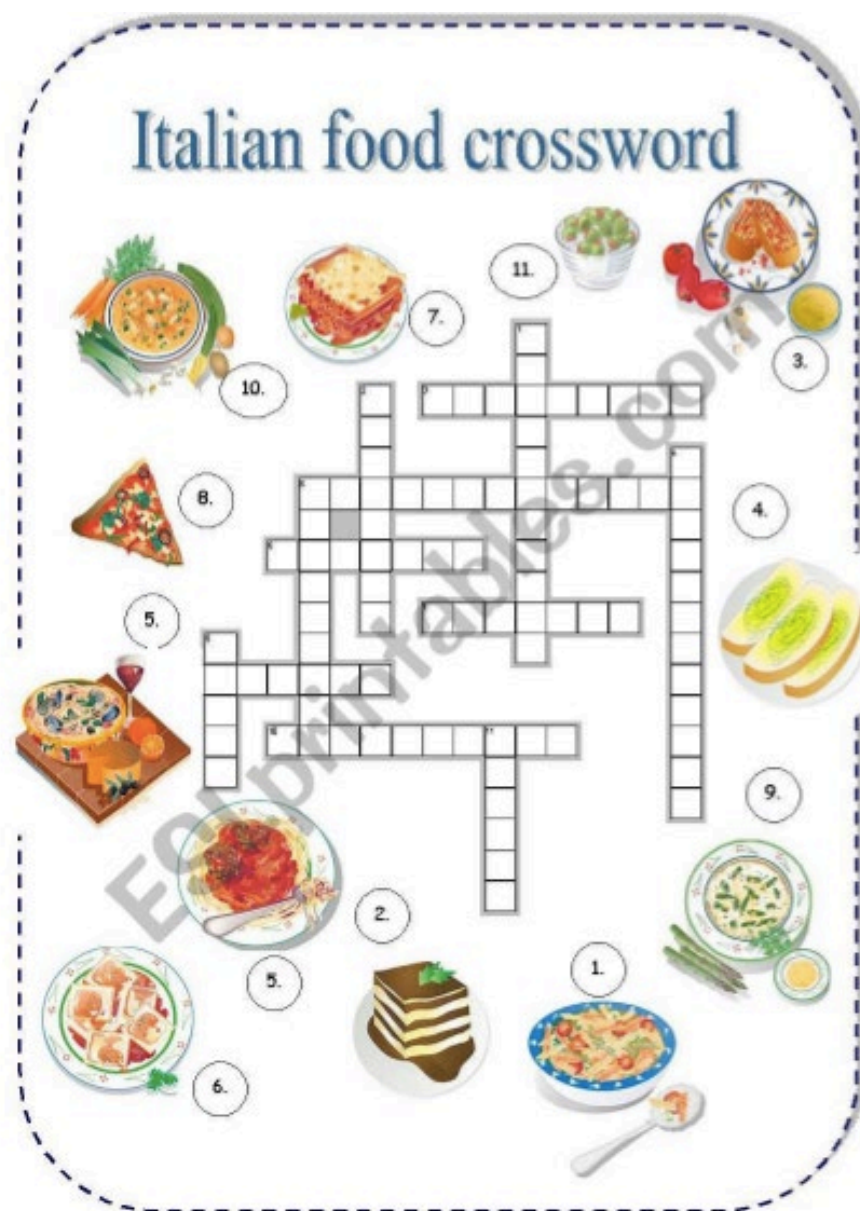
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Officers/Members of Santa Rosa District

Officers/Members of Br. 26

*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.

Zona Divertimento



Easter Sayings in Everyday Italian

English	Italian	How it's pronounced
Happy Easter!	Buona Pasqua!	Boo-ona Pas-kwa
Palm Sunday	Domenica delle palme	Dom-en-eeca deh-lay pal-may
Easter	La Pasqua	La Pas-kwa
Good Friday (literally : Holy Friday)	Venerdì Santo	Ven-er-dee San-toe
Easter Saturday (literally : Holy Saturday)	Sabato Santo	Saba-toe San-toe
Easter Sunday	La domenica di Pasqua	La Doe-men-ee-ka dee Pa-skwa
Easter Monday (literally : Little Easter or lamb's Monday)	Pasquetta or Lunedì dell'Agnello	Pas-kway-ta or Loon-ay-dee dell anyellow
Lent	La Quaresima	La Kwar-ay-see-ma
Easter egg	Uovo di cioccolatta or Uovo di Pasqua	Oo-oh-vo dee choco-latt-a or Oo-oh-voe dee pas-kwa
Easter cake	La Colomba	La Col-om-ba
Easter bunny	Il coniglietto pasquale	Eel coneel-yeto pas-kwal-ay
Easter candle	La candela pasquale	La can-day-la pas-kwal-ay
An Easter blessing	Una benedizione di Pasqua	Oona ben-dee-tsee-ownay dee Pas-kwa
The Pope	Il Papa	Eel Papa
I'd like to wish you Happy Easter (informal / to a friend)	Vorrei augurarti Buona Pasqua	Vorray aw-goo-rartee boo-ona pas-kwa
Best wishes for Easter	Auguri di Buona Pasqua	Ow-goo-ree dee boo-ona Pas-kwa
I wish you and your family a very happy time at Easter (informal)	Mi auguro che tu e la tua famiglia abbiate trascorso una Buona Pasqua	Mee ow-goo-row kay too ay la too-a fam-ee-lya ab-ee-atay tras-cor-sow oona boo-ona Pas-kwa

<https://www.explore-italian-culture.com/easter-sayings.html>

**Bakersfield
San Luigi, Br. 33**

Branch 33 looks forward to the Lenten season with grateful hearts and in anticipation of celebrating the resurrection. We had a delicious Easter dinner at our March meeting and reported to members on our Branch hosting the Fresno District Installation for the first time! It was a wonderful event, beginning with 10:30 a.m. Mass, then the Installation and lunch. It was great to see our friends from the north who travelled to Bakersfield for this event.

One of our own, Robert Teglia, received the Legacy of Excellence Award from St. Francis Parish School, where she taught for many years. Roberta is not only a faith-filled Catholic and incredibly knowledgeable, she was also the former mayor of South San Francisco, excellent cook and gardener! Roberta's husband, Fernando, is a Trustee of Branch 33. Congratulations and God bless, Roberta.

Ciao

**Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39**

Buona Pasqua! We hope you had a blessed and happy Easter holiday. Each day of our Triduum during Lent was well attended: Prayer Service at our March meeting; Lenten Soup Night with Stations of the Cross; and Sunday Mass followed by meatless St. Joseph's Table Luncheon. We honored our deceased relatives and friends. Thank you to Millicent Piro for organizing our branch Triduum once again.

Gratitude goes out to chef Maryellen Mazzei, Loretta Symes and kitchen crew who prepared a most delicious corned beef and cabbage feast at our March branch meeting in honor of St. Patrick. Thank you to Anne-Marie Bandoni, Patti and Frank Simas for decorating, setting up and clearing our tables.

April 5 we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. masses at the Parish Hall chaired by Anne-Marie Bandoni and Loretta Symes.

Our next dinner meeting at the Italo lodge is Wednesday, April 8. Social Hour 5 p.m. Dinner of ham with roasted and sweet potatoes, wine and dessert at 6 p.m. and meeting follows. We will nominate our convention delegates and vote at our May meeting.

May 2-3 is our biannual biscotti and cookie sale. We appreciate all of our members who bake, donate ingredients, sell and buy our homemade treats.

Remember our shut in and sick members with cards, visits and prayers.

*Goditi la nostra bellissima primavera.
Enjoy our beautiful spring!*

Stephanie Lucich



**Gustine
N.S. Del Pettoruto, Br. 54**

Frank Scesa, 102, of Gustine passed away February 13th at his residence.

Mr. Scesa was born in Gustine and was a 75-year Charter Member of ICF, Branch 54. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Joseph G. Rose Post 7635, and Chaplain for the Gustine Honor Guard. He enjoyed wine making, gardening and was famous for his Italian Tripe that was prepared for the Branch's Our Lady of Pettoruto Celebration held every August.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen Dorr of Tacoma, Washington, Louise Isaacson of Newcastle, Raymond Scesa of Newberg, Oregon and Thomas Scesa of Soulsbyville; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Scesa.



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

We'll be having our annual fundraiser at Tahoe Joe's on March 29. It will be a full course dinner for only \$20. Call Rich Zanarini for tickets.

During our February meeting, we recognized the birthdays of Sherrie Attolico and Frank "The Sausage" Pimentel. And, happy March birthdays to Kathy Christensen and Alice Reyes!

It was good to see Sherrie Attolico at our meetings again after a long bout with health problems. Sherrie's a fighter and doesn't let anything hold her down for long.

With the warmer weather the weeds are growing thick and fast; wish my hair would do the same.

Did you know that Giuseppe Garibaldi was considered to be the unifier of Italy around 1860, and yet there are no cathedrals, palaces, or universities named after him? What's a guy have to do to get recognized?

Plans are progressing for the celebration of our Branch's 50th anniversary, which will take place on June 28. Be sure to reserve the date.

On February 25, we suffered the loss of long-time member, Tony Rainaldi. Tony was a hard-working, dedicated member who loved his church and the ICF. We will miss his smile, dedication and sense of humor.



ICF Branch 250, Clovis – Tony Rainaldi was born on January 2, 1931 in Magna, Utah and passed away February 25, 2020 in Fresno, CA

*How vast and wondrous are the heavens
Above the endless sea;
How beautiful the earth, how grand
The mountains majesty;
How great, how true the promise
Is that he who made it all
Still clothes the lilies of the field
And heeds the sparrows fall (Unk)*

Until next month---

Louie Lamont

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

The days can be long but the months seem to be zipping by! Once again we are in the season of Lent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. Branch 281 members enjoyed a delightful evening at our March meeting with our annual steak dinner celebrating Branch 281's 47th Anniversary.

Many thanks to all who helped make such a delicious meal for our members to enjoy. Also, a big thanks for Kathy Scatena for hosting another successful pancake breakfast. It's always great to see the fellowship not just with our members but also other parishioners at events like these.

Looking ahead to the weeks to come is our annual pasta dinner featuring Allen Watts infamous pasta sauce. Also on the calendar for the month of May is our annual Bocce tournament which brings out the competitive spirit in members and nonmembers alike!

May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope and bless you with peace, Amen

Happy Easter!

Theresa Amarante



**Fresno
Saint Anthony, Br. 308**

To joyfully observe Lent and prepare for Easter, Branch 308 members spend more time together. Again this year, while hosting weekly Friday Lenten Dinners to fellow Saint Anthony brothers and sisters, there is time to share and reflect. We are blessed seeing our tradition of meatless meals widely enjoyed – some being especially popular, such as Eggplant Parmesan draws a devoted following. Having a talented, seemingly tireless cook in Chef Bernie, whose made-from-scratch pasta sauce is unanimously considered pretty much perfect, and dedicated kitchen, set up, and serving crews, keeps the mood light, energetic, and fun.

And after the Ides of March, we look forward to preparing and selling our traditional Sausage Sandwiches after Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. We are particularly happy this one will be held in conjunction with the Spring Church Boutique, whose vendors also enjoy our sandwiches.

Several of our members also devote time and energy to Fresno's Forty Days for Life ministry, attending prayer vigils with other groups, including our Knights of Columbus.

And after Easter, some of our members will again this year be involved with the annual New Wrinkles production at Fresno City College. Their show this year, 20/20 Vision, will include "the music we have come to love... from ragtime to crooners, pop and country, and... a little rock and roll."

All this, along with our monthly meetings, upcoming Fresno District Bocce Ball Tournament May 2nd, and selling Tahoe Joes Fund Raiser tickets for that event in July, keeps us happily together.

**MONTEREY
CENTRAL COAST
DISTRICT**

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

Buona Pasqua! Here comes the season of Easter bunnies, colored eggs and, more importantly, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The date of Easter Sunday varies. If you wonder why such a disparity, Easter is based on the Jewish calendar centered on lunar cycles. Easter falls on the Sunday after the Passover full moon. This year, Easter Sunday comes even later than usual. 'Google' it to discover some old Jewish/Christian histories.

In January, Br. 21 provided a delicious Italian dinner for the homeless at the Oblates of St. Joseph. Thank you to the John Barisone family, Patty Morelli, Roseann Costabile, Rosa Radicchi, & Diana Prutcher for donating, cooking, and serving the dinner. The evening was rewarding for everyone. Also, in January, our new Board members were installed at the lovely Immaculate Heart Church in Tres Pinos, along with other Central Coast branches. Hollister Br. 26 hosted the event with hospitality and a delicious lunch.

We apologize for cancelling the Valentine's Day Dinner, interest & low reservation numbers made it was necessary.

However, we have upcoming events planned. On April 7th, our second Soup

Supper immediately follows the Branch General Meeting at 5:30.

On May 9th, our Branch is hosting the District meeting at the Capitola Senior Center. We also have a couple of interesting events planned for June, so stay tuned. An updated calendar of events will be available soon.

Tutti, we have several Branch members who are ill or have upcoming surgeries scheduled. Let's, send up strong prayers for each of them.

God Bless us one and all.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Salinas Santa Barbara, Br. 25

Branch 25 is happy to introduce our newest member, Carmelita San Juan. See photo from our March 10, 2020 meeting. At our March meeting, our Branch finalized our annual donations to Sacred Heart School and other ministries. In addition to the two \$400 ICF high school scholarships, we will again offer a \$400 Branch 25 scholarship to an 8th grade student who will be attending a Catholic High School in the Salinas area.

Several of our members have been assisting with the Lenten Fish Dinners, held jointly with Sacred Heart Parish at the Madonna Del Sasso Parish Hall in Salinas. Branch 25 has been asked to bring desserts and we have 7 volunteers who will bake goodies. Please support this important fundraiser.

Branch 25 has tabled planning our 90th Anniversary Party until later this year.

We are saddened to report the February 8, 2020 passing of Pamela J. DeRose, a Branch 25 member for 36 years. Pam was also very active in the Sons and Daughters of Italy and served several terms as their Lodge President. She was a lovely, happy and generous person, we will miss her. Branch 25 will have a mass said in her honor at Sacred Heart Parish (date TBD).

We pray for all those impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak, that they have a quick return to health if ill and/or to normalcy if quarantined. Happy Easter Wishes to all of the ICF Family.

JoAnn Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Hollister Sacred Heart, Br. 26

After members dined on a delicious meal of pork tenderloin and all the trimmings, President Harry Hill opened our monthly meeting. Orator, Joanna Mc Mahon, led all in a prayer. Grand President Andy Pappani and his wife Sid Pappani were our guests. Our three newest branch members, Sharon Bernardo, Paula and Peter Lomanto were present too.

Harry reminded us that the Bollettino has information on the many ICF charitable works. Keep these organizations in mind when making our charitable donations. Buy a Recipe Raffle Calendar for \$25 to support the Central Council.

Please attend our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 14 at Immaculate Conception Church in Tres Pinos. This is a sit down dinner with proceeds going to local student scholarships. Your \$30 dinner includes appetizers, corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, bread, butter, dessert, and wine. There will be raffle prizes. Call Harry Hill, President, for tickets at 831-637-9324. Advance tickets sales only.



Introducing the newest member of Branch 25 at our March 10 Meeting are: (Left to Right): Lorraine Mirandette, Rita Dominy (Trustee), Joanne Cristofano (Orator), new member- Carmelita San Juan, Kathy Bullene, Marilyn Portschy, and Julie Richards (President).

Joanna Mc Mahon gave a brief oration about St. Joseph. His feast day is March 19 and celebrated by Italians since the Middle Ages. Sicilians are especially thankful to St. Joseph because he has saved them from devastating droughts.

Please pray for our deceased member, John Vodanovich

Keep in your prayers our sick members, Nick and Betty Ferrero and Norma Martinetti.

Celebrating her birthday this month is Denise O'Laughlin. She is also celebrating her anniversary with husband.

Wishing all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Join us for our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 14!

Brenda Ellis

Secretary

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Easter Blessings to you and your family. Easter time is to rejoice and be thankful for the gifts of life, love and joy.

Our last Lenten dinner will be on Friday, April 3, 2020. We thank all our members and our community for supporting us during these last six weeks. We served 600-800 dinners each week during the Lenten season. We thank all our volunteers who worked so hard each week, as well as the people who donated the fantastic desserts. Funds will be used to help our church and community. In 2019, we contributed almost \$50,000 to our parish, charities and community organizations.

Congratulations to our member Mary Manuguerra for being honored by the Italian Heritage Society for serving the community for the last 38 years. Mary and committee honor St. Joseph's Day with Mass and dinner. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Isola di Marettimo. Funds are donated to Loaves and Fishes, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army and a nun in Trapani. Congratulations also to our former 1st VP Gasper Cardinale, honored by the Italian Heritage Society for his community service over the years.

Our condolences to Ninfa and the Mineo family for their loss of family patriarch Dominic Mineo. Dominic was a member of Br. 36 for 19 years. May he Rest in Peace.

May 7, 2020: Scholarship Awards dinner

June 3, 2020: Br. 36 Anniversary dinner.

*Respectfully yours,
Elaine Valentine
Financial Secretary*



Br. 36 Homemade desserts



Br. 36 Sandie, Antonia, Elaine & Jane

Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy April!

I would like to begin this entry with a prayer:

Lord,

*Thank you for the buds and the blossoms;
the grass and the warmth of the sunshine.*

Please help us to notice the beauty of the world around us:

a child's smile, a work of art, nature, a friend's embrace.

May we remember that you have created the world around us with and love,

and created us with this same love.

Guide us to share this admiration with others throughout our days.

Amen.

A special thank you from our branch to the Ausonio Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County who gave us a generous donation to our scholarship



Br. 36 Susie & Gordon Fehlman



Br. 36 Mary Manuguerra



Br. 36 Takeout - Joe & Sharon LoManto, Lucy Huffer

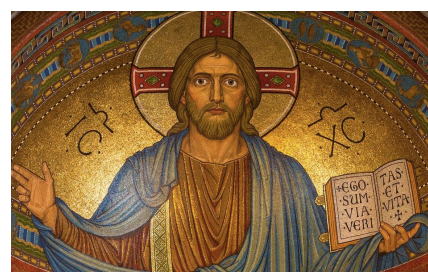
fund. This donation will be awarded to a graduating high school student this year. Thank you to the Ausonio family for your kindness and support for our scholarship program.

Happy Birthday to our April babies: beloved members Vera Doris and Gino Grier!

Thank you to all our members who volunteered to help make our annual polenta fundraiser a huge success! All of your generosity and hard work are what make our polenta fundraisers so successful.

Until next time,

Natalie Carbonel



Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

Because of concerns about the coronavirus, it was necessary to cancel our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners after two weeks. However, the first two dinners were well-attended and enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to our coordinator Ellen Pauly and the cooks, bartenders, kitchen prep workers, ticket sellers, buspersons, servers, dessert ladies, set-up and clean-up crews and all those who brought desserts and donated raffle baskets. A shout-out goes to the young people who were so helpful: Connor Rodriguez, Melissa Martinez, Aaron and Caleb Fernandez. Loretta Reaves treated the Friday morning workers with her wonderful home-baked goodies each week. Last but not least, a special thank you goes to Rob Marani who donated wine from his vineyard for the bar.

Applications for Perlino Scholarships are available from Andy Armanino. Deadline for submission is June 15. This is the final year for the scholarships as the Perlino Fund will be depleted.

Your get well prayers are requested for Ken Waldvogel who is at Pacific Coast Manor recovering from an infection in his leg and for Bryan Stow who fractured his foot and is now sporting a very fashionable boot.

Thanks to Vicky Howell and her crew of Nancy Prevedelli, Rosa Radicchi, and Dan Casagrande for preparing the corned beef and cabbage dinner for our March meeting.

Congratulations to Howard and Betty Barber who are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary in April.

Remember to get your Convention raffle tickets from Treasurer Jane Kotila. The cost is \$20, and \$10 of that stays with our branch.

Buona Pasqua

Deanna Musler, Secretary



Branch 227 fish fry dinner--Sher Doubleday and Rita Debernardo selling raffle tickets

Remember, start sending in
Bollettino submissions
for the May issue.
Deadline is April 10th.
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Br. 227 fish fry dinner pictures--Rita Debernardo and Melissa Martinez



Br. 291's successful Lenten Fish Frys would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our wonderful Branch members!

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

We want to thank all our hard working members for the fish frys—from the morning crew who did all the food prep and hall set-up, to the evening crew who cooked, served and cleaned up—for all your time and dedication to making this annual event such a huge success! We served over 500 fish dinners each week until the dinners were canceled. We're also proud of our young, school-age members who worked each week and are learned the importance of being dedicated ICF members.

Please continue to 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, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

We wish you a very Blessed Easter!

HE IS RISEN!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Good news about Branch 47 St. Joseph from President Craig Noah. Mike Rossi's membership talks at each of the Sunday masses was very fruitful combined with the "Ministry Day" held in the church quad produced some 14 potential candidates. The outcome for Branch 5 awaits a meeting by District President Bob Bausino, 1st VP

Denise Antonwicz, Branch President Janet Glaubke and the board. It was wonderful to see Denise in attendance after her recent hospital episode. I told her she should be at home and resting. But she remarked her love of the ICF could not keep her down.

Marcia Rossi took a tumble – no broken bones but painful rib injury.

Previous District Mentor Jerry Delfino said a final resolution of the Mentor Program may extend until Convention time. "Gifts of Love" committee member Joan Delfino said over \$9,000 dollars was awarded to eight of nine applicants. Elaine Osorio told of recent St. Nicholas Catholic School event. There was a discussion of a new "Impact Award." And then she & Bob were shocked to be named as the initial recipients for Seventy Years of service to the Parish & School.

Branch 408 member Sandra DeLateur gave a wonderful Heritage talk about the unique aspects of "Angels."

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

SCV District Meeting – ICF Branch 445 Church of Transfiguration – Monday, April 13

Mike Nunziata

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

At our February 24th meeting, members and guests enjoyed pizza, salad, and dessert of ice cream and homemade brownies and chocolate chip bars. First Vice-President Vincent Saso took the reins of organizing and serving this pizza treat.

Our annual Taste of Italy dinner fundraiser was held on Saturday, March 7th and again was chaired by Diana Berry and Pat Cordich. Member John Matteucci, Past Grand President Andy Pappani, and First Vice-President Vince Saso took on kitchen duties and produced a masterpiece of ravioli with red sauce and succulent shrimp. Thank you all. An important part of the dinner fundraiser was the member provided raffle gifts which our members so generously provided. A special thank you to other ICF branch members for attending, it is much appreciated.

At times we become so involved in the details and planning of these fundraising events we lose sight of the ultimate goal. Past President Gennaro Filice and Second Vice-President Roy Shackel respectively gave presentations at our February meeting on our charitable giving to "Gifts of Love for Special People" and the "Cooley's Anemia Fund." Gennaro gave information that a local resident was provided \$2500 for a motorized wheelchair and Roy is working on putting together a presentation by Laurice Levine who has Cooley's Anemia at our June meeting. The Gift of Love funds are allocated to individual applicants, non-profit agencies and educationally focused institutions for the purpose of helping individuals with disabilities. The Cooley's Anemia's charity focus is to provide medical support, education to patients/Providers/Community, and psychosocial programs.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



Branch 28: Andy Pappani getting ready to start plating the shrimp at the Taste of Italy dinner.



Branch 28: John Matteucci and Vince Saso in the kitchen preparing for the Taste of Italy dinner.



Branch 28: Roy Shackel getting ready to start calling the raffle prize winners at the Taste of Italy dinner.



Branch 28: ICF guests Denise and Marie Antonowicz at the Taste of Italy dinner.

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Happy and sad news this month. Our Polenta dinner, Mardi Gras Madness, was delicious, thanks to the Kitchen Crew, (see their photo), under the guidance of Dave Romeri. There was music, dancing and many lovely prize baskets to lucky ticket holders. Father Rick Rodoni introduced Brother Joseph Nguyen, our new Seminarian, then led us in Grace. We appreciated seeing members from other branches who came to support our dinner. Thank you to Bill Greco who handled the bar for us.

The sad part was saying goodbye to our member Domenic Norcia, who had been gravely ill. Our condolences to his wife Lydia and their family. We will miss Dom.

Please stay safe and healthy with this coronavirus situation. We wish you and your loved ones a very Blessed Easter.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

March in Santa Clara County has been very dry. We continue our prayers for rainfall in the coming days ahead.

Speaking of rain, March, and our Italian traditions, the feast of St. Joseph, or "La Festa San Giuseppe" is on March 19th. St Joseph (the spouse of Mary) was originally celebrated after Easter, but by the 10th Century it was dated as March 19th.

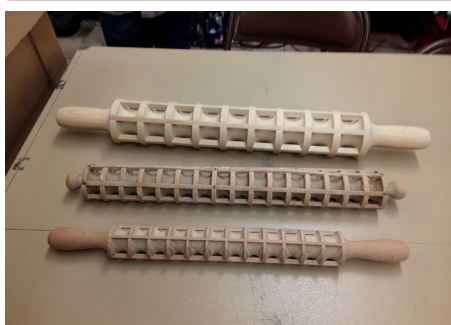
The traditional story is of the Sicilian drought, and how citizens prayed to St. Joseph for rain. As the rains began, citizens wanted to pay homage and honor. The "La Tavola di San Giuseppe" was to build a table; placing flowers, wine, food, and fruit. Some foods were considered lucky, like fava beans, that survived the drought. Breadcrumbs symbolized sawdust, St Joseph being a carpenter. If a woman sneaks a lemon off the table, she will have luck in finding a husband. This table is meatless, as the celebration occurs during Lent.

Branch President, Debbie Piro, highlighted tradition in her heritage report. Debbie gave a charming report of her own family and their tradition: Ravioli Making!!! She told how the making of the ravioli evolved from her Grandmother, Mom, and now her brothers and sisters...Each one of them believes they make "THE BEST ONES EVER". Debbie brought her own props, the actual ravioli rolling pins, of various sizes, used by Grandma and family members alike. Maybe, someday, she will teach us this family tradition.

Let us keep our sick and infirmed members in our prayers, with blessings of recover abound.

Shirley Catania

Sentinel



Branch 191 The tradition of Ravioli making—The Piro Family Ravioli rolling Pins



Br. 408, 2020 Pasta Dinner Servers receiving handwashing Training

San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

It was pizza time! For our Valentine's Day-themed February meeting, our thanks go to Alice and Mickey Sanitate, JoAnn and Jerry Opp, and Noelia Chiono and her grandson Nico Aguilar for the tasty pizza and salads, complete with appetizers and desserts. After the meal we enjoyed an informative presentation from the Registrar of Voters on the changes to the voting process that will affect us this year.

We are happy to report that, in 1984, Mike and Lorraine Nunziata were also founding members of our branch, in addition to the Delfinos. Mike and Lorraine have been married for 64 years, having met when Brooklyn-born Mike was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. Serving as second vice-president on our very first board of officers, Mike has been our president for three terms, the first being in 1987. He was instrumental in putting together our event calendar and was the instigator of our pasta dinners, for which Lorraine and the other ladies took home and cooked 300 handmade meatballs that first year. From 1985 to 2011 Lorraine wrote for the Bollettino, and in the '80 started the layette program. We thank the Nunzias and the Delfinos for their many years of loyal service to our branch.

We pray for our members who are sick and hold memories of those who have passed away close to our hearts.

Wishing a blessed Easter to all,

Judy Zahn

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

During our March 2020 meeting, we celebrated our annual St. Patrick's Day Feast with a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Al, Diana and Lynda Vallorz.

Members approved our 2020 budget, after listening to Treasurer Steve Lencioni's detailed report on our branch's finances. Although our expenses remain low due to generous donations, we have seen a drop in our income from fundraisers. Steve suggested that we be more creative in raising funds for our annual donations.

President Mike Rossi and members approved giving an early donation to St. Martin of Tours for assisting in the gym's roof repairs.

Marcie Rossi reported that we added additional members to our branch in the month of March. Great job, Marcie, on your continued success in our membership drive.

In her heritage report, Louise Vento presented a story of a Sicilian card game and vividly described features of its deck of cards.

Members attended Branch 391's Quarterly Mass held for our deceased ICF members at St. Martin of Tours in March. Following mass, members shared a delicious meal at Tony and Alba's.

Also, in late March, our branch hosted "Stations of the Cross with ICF" at St. Martin's.

Wishing you all a Joyous and Healthy Easter Celebration!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Buona Pasqua!

Our successful ICF/Resurrection School 5th grade Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for the School Science Camp Trip was held on Saturday 7 March. We had a good turnout and plenty of food and fun. Our fifth grade class Servers and Raffle Helpers were enthusiastic and very polite. A good time was had by all. A Prayerful Thanks to all our Donors and Volunteers!

We were able to hold our First ICF Blood Drive of 2020 once again on a Sunday after many, many, years. We had 23 Generous Donors. We thank them for this Gift of Life helping the Stanford Hospital to conduct their many procedures and operations.

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

Please please pray for our sick members – especially for Dori and Paul Blefari.



Br. 184, Great photo of Kitchen Crew surrounding Donna Pfaff, from left to right are: Richard Amico, Richard Buonaccorsi, Ed Russo, Donna Pfaff, Dave Romeri, Larry Vollman, Donovan Erba, Romano Buonaccorsi, Roberto Barandaguy, and Bob Cowan. Missing from photo were Marie and Joe Yurosko.

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

So are we all huddled in our homes avoiding contact with the rest of the world yet? The coronavirus only came to light a couple of months ago and it has already spread around the world. Please take care and stay safe.

On a brighter note, one of our younger members, Grace Gallego, has been doing some very good things that make us all proud. Grace is the granddaughter of one of our founding members and Past President (current First Vice President), Giulia Gallego. Grace is a 15 year old student at Presentation High School and has started a non-profit organization called Gearing Up for the Future. Its mission is to introduce STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) into under-served communities through VEX IQ robotics integration. They have already started a successful robotics program at two local elementary schools and last summer Grace and her project partner traveled to Awaso, Ghana and started a robotics program there. You can read more about this on Grace's GoFundMe page set up to purchase supplies to start a program at a school.

As of this writing, Br #435 is still planning our Dinner Meeting on March 19th serving Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Soda Bread and a special dessert. On March 20th St. Catherine's Middle School students and Br. 435 are sponsoring St. Joseph's Table and serving a Lenten soup supper. In April we will have a presentation on Cooley's Anemia, the ICF National Charity, from Laurice Levine.

*che Dio vi benedica
Maryclaire*

**San Jose
Transfiguration, Br. 445**

Branch 445 enjoyed a selection of wines, cheese and appetizers for our February meeting meal. This theme was chosen to compliment a new twist on our monthly heritage report - a video on "The Making of Parmigiano- Reggiano Cheese" in Italy. Known as the "King of Cheeses," this product, made solely within five provinces in the Region of Emilia Romagna, is now a 2.5 billion dollar industry in Italy.

To keep with our evening theme, President Jim Falcone ordered a special door prize... a custom wooden cheese board engraved with our ICF Branch 445 info, along with cheese, crackers and wine!! What a terrific prize!!

Our Branch is taking on another fundraising event with the sale of See's Easter Candies.

Our group continues to grow as we extend a happy welcome to members: Kathy Samaripa, Ed Smith and Rosalyn Castello.
*Auguri di una felice primavera!
Submitted by,
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer
Fino al prossimo mese ;-)*



Br. 435, Grace Gallego at the school in Ghana with some of the students.



Br. 445 Jean Avram - Lucky Winner



Br. 445 Salute!!



Br. 445 Enjoying an evening of friendships



Br. 445 A night of wine and cheese with friends



STOCKTON

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

Our families are getting ready for Easter some will be here on time others will not get here until after Easter Sunday. But it is always a happy time whenever they get here.

Once we get past Easter, it will be time for our bake sale. This is our only fund raiser and our bakers go all out. As soon as the word gets out that we are having the bake sale we get calls from parishioners asking us to save biscotti, or put their name on a pie or save them some tiramisu or one of the many items they have had before. We appreciate our bakers and all their help.

In May we have our Mother's Day Potluck in honor of our Mothers and our Dads. We invite you to join us. Bring your favorite dish, Family and friends and enjoy the evening with us.

We wish you and all your families a Blessed and Joyful Easter.

Mass for our deceased members will be Sundays April 12, 2020 and May 17, 2020 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Coming up:
April 8, 2020 7:00 p.m. Meeting: J Street Hall 7 & K Streets

May 2-3, 2020 Bake Sale after the masses

May 13 6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Potluck

June 14 Bishop's Burse—Br. 413 Angeles Camp

Cecelia McGhee





Br. 82 Blood Drive; Thank you, Member Volunteers



Br. 82 Blood Drive; Chris Whiting, Lori Johnston, Pat Martinelli



Br. 82 Blood Drive; Tony Vaccarezza



Here is Stephen Ridolfi giving our monthly heritage trivia question quiz. The winners will receive free raffle tickets.

Here is a photograph from the last meeting at our Branch 390 dinner/meeting. If you like it and want to see more go to: www.icfbranch390.org and enjoy!



Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

April is Italian Heritage Night at Branch 390 here in Tracy. We will have a very traditional dinner meeting, serving pasta and meatballs and some very Italian desserts supplied by the members and their guests.

Paula Re has graciously provided Mr. Gene Bartolome as our live entertainment for the evening. What will he be playing you ask? The accordion! Those of you who know Italian, plan to sing along. No, no singing contest but we would love to hear our Italian favorites. Steve Ridolfi will be providing a slide show with many photos from our meetings and various events.

Good luck to all those who applied for scholarship awards last month. We are looking forward to awarding these to you, as this is one of the donations we are happiest to give out to you all.

Another shipment of ICF member pins are on their way to us so if you haven't received one yet, let Anita Ridolfi know so she can save you one.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Adriana Arnaudo. Adriana was a charter member of Branch 390.

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

Keeping your families in our prayers for this trying time of flu and virus season to come to an end soon.

*Ciao for now,
Betty Hollars*

Remember, start sending in *Bollettino* submissions for the May issue. **Deadline is April 10th.** Get your articles and photos in to editor@icf.org Be sure to include the branch number to ensure publication.

Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

Felice Primavera, ICF Famiglia!

Our February meeting found Laurice Levine down with pneumonia, unable to attend. Although Cooley's Anemia information was shared, we missed Laurice's personal story. Her presentation is being rescheduled for a future meeting. Praise out Lord that Laurice has fully recovered.

The Blood Drive we coordinated between St. Anne's and the Red Cross was a complete success! 31 units were collected! More than the Red Cross anticipated. Molte grazie to those donors! Grazie to Laurice for shipping items for the donor goodie bags. E un ringraziamento speciale to Tony Vaccarezza and Patty Litts for setting up the drive, and to all the members who volunteered to set up/break down, stuff goodie bags, and help at the registration table. It was quite fun getting to know the donors and telling them about ICF and Cooley's Anemia. Live to Give!

March found our meeting date back to the usual 4th Tues. of the month. Learning the Italian traditions of the St. Joseph Table to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph was very interesting. The repast was enjoyed by all.

On March 31st, members met at the Salvation Army's Hope Harbor Dining Room to decorate it for Easter. This has become a yearly project that is much appreciated by the staff and those that dine there. Thanks to those volunteers who climbed ladders, assembled arrangements, and draped fabric.

Che tu possa avere una Pasqua benedetta!
Patty Litts
Corresponding Secretary



Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

Branch 139's generous donation to our local St. Anthony's Parish was presented to the pastor, Father Chad Wahl, recently. The gift was used to pay for the replacement of church interior lighting with LED lights.

A group of ICF members was pictured with Branch President Jim Alfieri and Father Wahl. A story, with the picture, was featured on the front page of the local newspaper—great publicity for our Federation.

Ed and Patty Fichtner and Louise Hill headed preparations for the ICF Lenten Soup Supper in March at the parish cafeteria. Plans for our popular "All You Can Eat" shrimp dinner on April 18 are moving ahead with committees busy. This year's event will have live accordion music, rather than the recorded tunes. Ed Fichtner's and Lillian Pauletto's donations will cover the expense of the accordionist's appearance. What's an Italian social without an accordion player?

*Ciao,
Mariano*

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Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

The board decided to cancel our March 12 general meeting out of an abundance of caution for our members. We will resume our meetings hopefully on April 9. We are living in very uncertain times, but our one constant is our faith. Below is the prayer that Pope Francis said at a recent mass.

*O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

Angels Camp St. Patrick's, Br. 413

We are very thankful to God and our pastor, Fr. John Paul Pasala, for the wonderfully large turnout we had at our Valentine Dinner Dance! Fr. John Paul encouraged the Parish to come out and support the ICF. God took care of the rest! Over 100 tickets were sold! The crowd that came was a very fun and happy group of people. Our cooks, Mary and Tom Kingshill, worked hard to produce a delicious meal of Cornish Game Hens, rice pilaf, green beans, salad, and bread. Dessert was Mary Kingshill's famous Lemon Cake with a homemade heart cookie dipped in chocolate. It was as good as it sounds! Needless to say, the profits were very good. This will help us continue to give support to our parish and diocese.

At this ICF Valentine Dinner Dance, Fr. John Paul had an auction to raffle off his culinary talent and give the money to Bishop Cotta for the seminarians. He offered to cook a meal for 10 to 12 people and the bidding began. He is from India, and is known for cooking some delicious Indian foods. Father's raffle made \$600!

This month, we are sharing our wonderful cooks, Mary and Tom Kingshill, with the parish for St. Patrick's Day, and our branch donated \$100 to the festivity.

Fr. John Paul has been a wonderful addition to our parish and we hope to keep him for many years to come!

*Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary*



Polenta 2020 for Branch 395



Br. 395, We love the ICF!



Branch 395 Treasurer, Pat Beglau, presents our grand prize winner with his check!



Branch 395 Polenta 2020 dessert silent auction

SAN DIEGO

Santee Guardian Angels, Br. 449

We are off to a running as one of the newest Italian Catholic Federation branches in San Diego County. Our first official event took place at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church on February 7, 2020. The event sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 9590 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch 449 was to honor World War II veteran Joseph Reilly for his 78 years as a Knight of Columbus. Private First Class Joe Reilly was among those men who jumped from the skies on D-Day, June 6, 1944. A private in the 101st Airborne Division, Reilly was with the Screaming Eagles. He was a paratrooper who landed on Normandy's Utah Beach at 3:30 a.m. D-Day. Joe has been a long time member of both Council 9590 (20 years) and of Guardian Angels Santee, California.

On February 16, 2020 we sponsored our first Sunday Snacks After Mass with coffee, donuts, an assortment of frittatas and fruit. We received several compliments from parishioners about the breakfast items that were offered and we look forward participating in future Snacks After Mass events. *All the best,
Helene McGowan
Corresponding Secretary
Guardian Angels Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 449*



Br. 449, Snack after mass



Br. 449, Joe and Maria Reilly lead the meal

ORANGE

The Orange District celebrated its Officer Installation and Bishop's Banquet on February 15, 2020, at St. Norbert's Catholic Church. Officer Installation was conducted by Central Council Grand President Vince Piro. The participants were from Branch 379 St. Bonaventure in Huntington Beach, Branch 406 St. Norbert in Orange and Branch 423 St. Thomas More in Irvine. Following installation, the attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and abundant desserts while listening to comments from The Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, and Rev. Brandon Dang, Vocation Director. They spoke about Christ Cathedral — and the upcoming installation of the restored organ around May and dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of La Vang in October; the Bishop's recent trip to Rome and papal meeting; and the state of our current 29 seminarians. A total of \$2,500 was donated by the branches and national ICF to the Bishop for seminarian support.

Branch 423 St. Thomas More held its annual Mother Cabrini Mass on November 16, 2019, for the branches in the Orange District. The mass included a procession with a statue of Mother Cabrini under the baldacchino and comments about the life of Mother Cabrini during mass. ICF members attended dinner together after at Tutto Fresco.

Sincerely,
Karen Kocvara
Orange District President

Huntington Beach St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

The Huntington Beach Branch has been busy at the start of 2020.

On January 23, members of the branch cooked dinner for a group of residents as part of the Self Help Interfaith Program (SHIP). The SHIP serves homeless individuals who are capable of obtaining permanent, full-time employment within 30-60 days. The delicious meal included pulled pork with Hawaiian rolls, salads and desserts. We were happy to share faith and fellowship to encourage the residents to stay the course to self-sufficiency.

We enjoyed our traditional holiday party at Buca di Beppo on January 12, as a wonderful start to the new year with plentiful Italian food and gift exchange.

The Orange District Officer Installation and Bishop's Banquet took place on February 15. We were happy to hear an update from Bishop Vann about Christ Cathedral. The organ is almost done being repaired in Italy, and will install in May. The Shrine to Our Lady of La Vang will be dedicated in October.

Members enjoyed the delicious crab dinner hosted by San Pedro Branch 115 on March 7. The live music, dancing and company were a blast! We hope to make this an annual event for our branch.

We are looking forward to our St. Joseph's Table on March 22. Wishing everyone blessings.

Ciao,
Karen Kocvara



(left to right) Joe Digrado, President of Branch 406; Rev. Brandon Dang; Bishop Vann; Karen Kocvara, Orange District President; Vince Piro



Br. 379, St. Bonaventure Christmas Party



Br. 379, St. Bonaventure SHIP-Dinner



Br. 379, St. Bonaventure Crab Dinner

RENO

Reno St. Albert, Br. 135

At our meeting held Sunday, March 8, 2020, 19 members and guests enjoyed Corned Beef, Cabbage, potatoes and carrots and a dessert of sugar cookies frosted with green frosting and chocolate dipped strawberries prepared by Rachael & Bobby Ferrari. Delicious soda bread with raisins was made by Eugenia Hovland. Many thanks the for preparation of wonderful food.

We asked for prayers for Mary Merucci who has been diagnosed with a neurological problem.

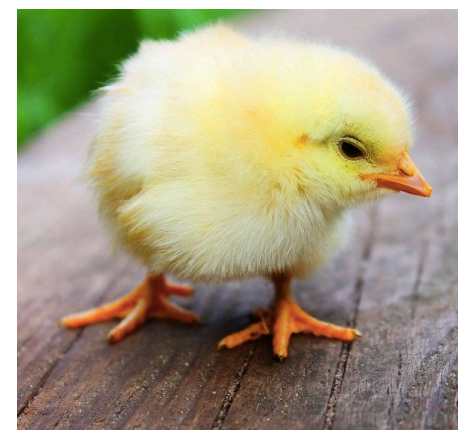
Eugenia Hovland volunteered to take the office of Secretary, since our previous Secretary, Vonnice Ramos has moved.

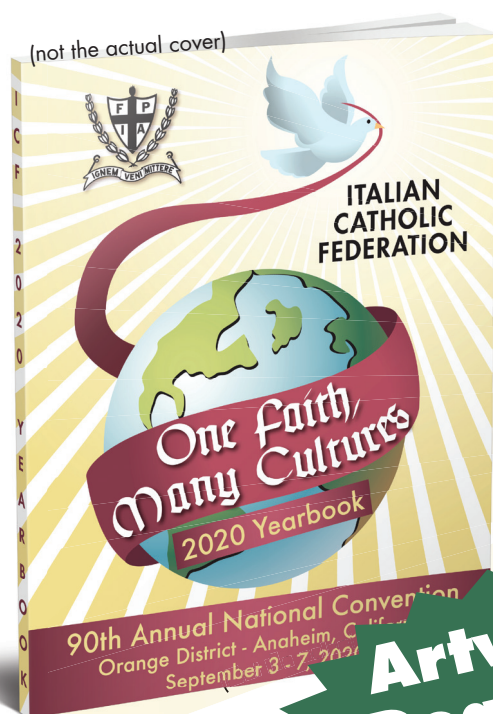
At the February meeting, members voted to give a \$400.00 first year scholarship selected by Central Council for a Reno area graduating senior to be used for college. We voted to give a \$225.00 tuition assistance scholarship, to each of the three Reno Area Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Albert the Great, Our Lady of Snows, and Little Flower). We also voted to give a \$200.00 scholarship to a graduating 8th grader from each of the Reno Area Catholic Elementary Schools planning to attend Manogue Catholic High School in the fall.

The date for the Polenta and Chicken dinner was set for November 7, 2020. The details will be discussed at a later meeting.

The next meeting will be May 8, 2020. We will not have a meeting in April since Easter is on the second Sunday.

Ciao & Buona Pasqua
Charlyne Pacini





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