

BOLLETTINO



2020 Convention Update Vince Piro, Grand President

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Central Council, I am updating you on the ICF 2020 Annual Convention. During a special session on May 16th, the Central Council voted to cancel a physical, face-to-face convention due to concerns for the health of our membership and government regulations as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to the meeting, each branch president was contacted for feedback and input.

Even though we cannot gather together in person, the Federation will continue to play a major and significant role in our lives.

With every challenge comes opportunity, especially if one keeps faith in the Lord.

Currently, the Convention Committee, with assistance from the rest of the Central Council, is developing plans for a virtual conference which will include workshops, presentations, and other activities so that we can still interact, share ideas, and enjoy each other's fellowship.

Gathering virtually may not be the same as meeting together in our suites to share a cannoli and a glass of wine, but it promises to be an exciting and informative event.

Of course, the cancellation of a physical conference does bring up some questions:

- 1. What's happening with the annual raffle? The annual raffle is still on! There will still be a drawing. This contactless fundraiser is vitally important to the finances of the Federation and local branches. Please, promote this fundraiser and sell as many tickets as possible. The financial health of the Federation depends on this major fundraiser. Remember, \$10 stays with the branch and could be a useful branch fundraiser.
- Will we have a vearbook this year? Of course. Our annual souvenir yearbook is a great way to record and celebrate the history of the Federation. We encourage you to still send pages in for the yearbook. We want to see all those happy faces of family and friends. We are currently creating plans to distribute the yearbook. The deadline has been extended to July 1.



Italian Catholic Federation Central Council members 2019-2020

- What about awards? Will we still be having awards this year? Of course. We still want to honor those who do good work. More information will be presented in the future. All deadlines remain in place.
- Will we still be able to offer by-law proposals to the Federation? The deadline for submitting by-laws has passed and there were no by-laws submitted for this year's convention.
- 5. Will we hold elections to Central Council? Yes, elections to Central Council will be held this year. All deadlines remain in place. More information will follow on

the process as the situation dictates.

And I want to let everyone know ahead of time that I look more like a movie star on the screen than I do in person, so that is something to look forward to.

Going forward, it is a hope of all that the country will overcome the threat of COVID-19 in upcoming months. However, it is our belief in God's guidance and love that will keep the Federation strong and allow us to see this as a time for new opportunity.

Ignem Veni Mittere!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Each day brings new challenges and opportunities. Please share what your branch members are doing to manage this new experience. Send acts of kindness and messages of hope to editor@icf.org or include in branch reports.

SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPT

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Italian Community Services

talian Community Services continues to assist Bay Area Italian-American seniors and their families navigate nd manage the resources needed to live healthy, ndependent and productive lives.

Since Shelter-in-Place began in San Francisco, Italian Community Services has delivered over 240 meals, over 900 care packages and made over 2000 phone wellness checks for our seniors.

If you know of any senior of Italian descent in San Francisco needing assistance, please contact: ItalianCS.org | (415) 362-6423 | info@italiancs.com



Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus by Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to what Jesus tells us.

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrow to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

We seek refuge under your protection,

O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen





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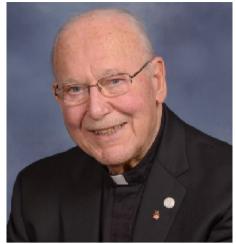
Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the **250 max** word count requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg Please keep your submission positive and informative.

June issue deadline is May 10, 2020. Thank you!

Jesus--Perfect Leader

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director



Jesus hand-picked twelve men to be His apostles. Much of the time, He just walked up to someone and simply said "Come follow Me." (Mt 9:9) And they did! They dropped what they were doing and joined Him. They just left family, friends and work. They became known as **the twelve**. Eventually Jesus gathered a large group of men and women who were called His disciples.

Why did they follow Him? They didn't know at that time who He

really was. He was, as far as they were concerned, just a member of the community or a charismatic stranger passing by. Of course, today we know that He is Our Lord and Savior, the Son of God, both human and divine at the same time. However, the apostles didn't know; so, again, why did they follow Him? They were not aware that He was God, probably until Pentecost.

Jesus had a perfect personality. He was a warm, friendly, loving and caring person. He was the **perfect leader**. He possessed the perfect traits of a strong and

effective leader. He was kind, clear, and loved those He led. Above all, He showed His followers respect. He never condemned any person. Just to be with Him was an all-fulfilling, peaceful happy experience. He made everyone feel good and special.

This is the formula for good leadership! Would that all people in leadership positions, large or small, make this a part of their leadership style.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light. (Mt 11: 28-30)

May God Bless and Guide Our World Leaders



In the roughest moments, remember: God is our Father; God does not abandon his children. -- Lope Francis

Membership Managing Change

Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson

When this issue comes out, it will have been two and a half months since our daughter 'forced' us home with stay-at-home orders. Only joking, but she was fairly stern about us staying safe and out of danger. I'm

sure most of you have been enjoying homelife for the same amount of time. It will be interesting to see what changes have occurred between the time I write this article,



May 10, and when you read it. Here's hoping for positive changes.

For most of us, time seems to have merged into just another day, without the need to check the calendar for events. It can seem like an endless time with no obligations other then paying the bills if YOU don't have automatic pay services. Although, we are not attending branch and district meetings, the ICF, like any other business is expected to continue to pay the monthly bills. And, no we are not struggling like

some businesses, but we need to continue to meet our commitments in a timely manner. This is just a long way of me saying that the branches need to continue to submit quarterly reports on time.

We understand the pandemic has been a huge disruption in our personal lives and in our branch membership. It isn't surprising that some may not want to pay their dues until the worst of this crisis is over. Some may not have the ability to pay dues currently. So, more reason for branch membership persons to reach out to these 'missing' members. Not to pressure them, but to reassure them, that you understand their concerns and welcome them back when the time is right.

Now back to the quarterly reports. Please submit these reports when they are due, regardless of the low member count. As mentioned, this is not normal times, but monthly bills continue to be 'normal.' ICF employs office staff to manage these duties. The staff is working full time, but like many businesses work can and is being done from home. The

staff monitors messages, email and phone calls. Please call any of the Central Council members, especially those in your area, if you have questions or concerns.

Finally, I pray you and your family are doing well. With God's blessings, we will come out with Renewed Faith and Spirit. Happy Father's Day to all dads everywhere.

Pat Mages, Grand Trustee; Membership Chair

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Book Review--Italian Games

Vince Piro, Grand President

With the recent Shelterat-Home Orders and the need to shelter in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have all have had to find different ways to



entertain ourselves. Whether it be a card game or board game, Italian culture has many games for the whole family. Below are listed some games, along with their descriptions, that you can play with friends and family.

Italian Card Games for All Ages: How to play Briscola, Scopa and many other Traditional Italian Card Games

by Long Bridge Publishing

Italian card games are fun and a great cultural and socializing experience. With this book you'll familiarize yourself with Italian cards and with some of the most popular games played today in Italy. This handy reference will introduce both the beginner and the advanced card player to fun, century-old games, including traditional games for large groups and simple children's games. It includes how to play: - Briscola - Scopa - Tresette - Sette e Mezzo - Bestia

- Cocincina - Faraone - Miseria - Petrangola - Scartino and some fun and simple children's games. Every game can be played using a standard deck of 52 cards, but

a standard deck of 52 cards, but if you wish to have a truly Italian experience, get a deck of regional Italian cards and have some fun!



Sicilian Card Games: An easy-tofollow guide

by Veronica Di Grigoli

Sicilian Card Games Colour Edition is a new, large-format edition of the bestselling pocket guide, with three bonus games and an expanded history section. This is the gift edition of the ONLY book of Sicilian card games in print worldwide. This book teaches you to play 15 classic card games, using photographic illustrations and clear instructions.



Sicily has its own unique deck of playing cards, and a wealth of games exclusive to the island. Some of the simpler games are highly entertaining for children, and central to festivities at Christmas, Easter and other family gatherings, whilst others are complex and challenging; most Sicilian village squares have a squadron of old men who play every day outdoors, smacking their winning cards down like a butcher with a meat cleaver. The 15 games in this edition are Buona Sera Signorina, Cavalli, Cu cu!, Camicia, Asino, Sette e Mezzo, Trentuno, Centocinque, Briscula, Tresette, Terziglio, Scopa and the three extra games Ti Vitti, Piattino and Zichinetta.

Scopa Traditional Italian Card Game

by Imagination

Italian *Scopa* is a centuries old card game involving memory and strategic skills along with a little luck



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Family Recipes--A twist on tomatoes

Deborah Rodondi Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you have all been staying safe and healthy. A special thank you to all essential business employees who have kept things going for us during



these confusing times.

Now is a great time to experiment in the kitchen. That is if the ingredients are on the store shelves. My cousin shared a great bread recipe with family and friends on Facebook and it looks delicious—but I am still waiting to find active yeast in the grocery store, so I can try it out and share with you.

This month's recipe I found in a throw away magazine I get from a company I do business with. As you all know, I am always looking for something different and delicious that I can fix for my nephew who is trying to eat carb free (keto diet).

Usually I share the original recipe with you and then note what I

changed; today you are getting my revised version after I researched various versions of this Egyptian dish. The original recipe had too many tomatoes and too much paste; not enough flavor or vegetables. You can have this at any meal, a great way to do poached eggs.

Shakshuka

4 Roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped (I cut lengthwise-easier to deseed)

1/4 cup tomato paste (add 2 more tomatoes if you don't use the paste)

1 ½ tsp. paprika

1 ½ tsp. cumin

1 ½ to 2 tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. kosher salt

½ tsp. black pepper

Splash of hot sauce to taste

I use Siracha

2 Tbls. Olive Oil

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced (I used more)

1 large yellow onion, peeled and

1 eggplant, diced or sliced and cut into 1" squares



1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced

2 bunches (about 8 leaves per bunch) Swiss chard, cut up, include the stems

4-6 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, combine the tomatoes, paste and spices-set aside.

In skillet (that can go into the oven), heat the olive oil and sauté the eggplant until golden brown. Add the garlic and onions, continue sautéing until onions are cooked (I like to get them to start carmelizing). Add the bell pepper and Swiss chard, lower the heat. Toss in the tomato/spice mixture.

Form 4-6 "nests" (indentations large enough to hold an egg) in the vegetable mix with the back of a large spoon. Then crack an egg into the "nest."

Put the skillet into the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, until the eggs are set. Serve hot.

This has just enough flavor for my palate. My nephew adds a healthy

splash of Siracha sauce to it. At the dinner table last night we were coming up with additional ways of using this vegetable dish (without the poached eggs). Wrapped in a flour tortilla shell, in an omelet, Tony even thought it would be great with ricotta cheese and stuffed into pasta shells or simply tossed over pasta (that is if you can find pasta on the grocery shelves!!!).

Be safe and call friends---it can be lonely sheltering in place.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!



Charity Reporting Form due in July

Lauren Kilcullen, Apostolate—Charity Chairperson

A continued reminder that the 2020 Apostolate – Charity Reporting Form is available for all branches online at the Members Area at icf.

The Committee urges all branches to complete the form and return it to the ICF Office by the July 7 deadline. We understand that most fundraising activities



have been put on hold, however, the Reporting Form covers charitable donations and activities from July 2019 – June 2020. Please complete the report and send in to the ICF Office.

Some branches are not sure of what type of charity donations qualify any donations to your parish, local community, Seminary Fund donations, ICF and branch scholarships, Providenza Fund donations, Cooley's Anemia donations or Gifts of Love donations qualify as charitable donations. Items that do not qualify include purchasing branch banners and supplies, costs of sending delegates to the Convention or paying branch liability insurance.

Apostolate – Charity awards will be awarded, this year, no matter what form the 2020 Convention takes whether in-person or virtually. Thank you,

Lauren Kilcullen Apostolate-Charity Committee Chairperson

Sponsoring A Blood Drive Easier Than You Think

By Patty Litts, Corresponding/Recording Secretary St. Anne's Branch 82

Has your branch ever thought of sponsoring a Blood Drive? Little did we know that when our branch discussed having one, it would be the easiest event to coordinate and the most lifesaving!

In October, our membership wanted to support Cooley's Anemia, the ICF's National Charity, by having a Blood Drive in February, the month when love is shown in special ways. Giving blood is a way of performing a selfless act of love for someone

Two members volunteered to chair the event. One chair contacted the American Red Cross and St. Anne's Church, coordinating the date, time, and facility. One thing we learned is to follow church approval procedures and building procedures.

During this time, the other chair reached out to Laurice Levine of the ICF's Live to Give Committee. Laurice agreed to attend our February branch meeting to present her personal story living with Cooley's Anemia. She sent information on how to sponsor a Blood Drive, offering to assist with each step. She mailed us brochures and items to

make thank you goodie bags for the blood donors. Thank you, Laurice! Volunteers were recruited to create flyers and work the Blood Drive.



Information about the Drive was shared with all the branches in our Stockton District, church bulletins, the school newsletter, and the newspaper. Flyers were passed out throughout the community.

Finally, the day of the Blood Drive arrived. The American Red Cross set up the hall with their equipment. Branch members set up/broke down, prepared goodie bags, worked the registration table, and chatted with donors. It was quite fun talking to donors, telling them about the ICF, and educating them about Cooley's Anemia.

In our conversations with donors, we found that some were regular donors. Others had been regular donors a long time ago, and decided to start donating regularly again. Most weren't aware that the American Red Cross had a collection site every Wednesday in Lodi. Many were glad they were able to donate on a Saturday. One young couple started their 'date day' by donating...very heartwarming!

Folks donated 31 units! More than what the American Red Cross had anticipated. Our Blood Drive was a complete success! The branch has now decided to make the Blood Drive a yearly event. Live to Give!

Corresponding/Recording Secretary St. Anne's Branch 82

Cooley's Corner A Patient's Perspective By Ginny Shuntonowicz



My name is Ginny and I have Beta Thalassemia Major. I have been getting chronic blood transfusions for the last 22 years of my life at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). During this time I have had approximately 382 blood transfusions, 127 clinic appointments, a Port-a-Cath insertion and removal, and have experienced the advancement through three generations of iron chelation medications. I can say that my journey, thus far, has been relatively smooth with just a few bumps along the way.

With each obstacle, I discovered something new about myself. Having to understand my diagnosis and to explain to friends and family why I often missed school taught me to be patient when speaking to others. Having to balance my appointments, school, work, and everyday life taught me to be mature and time manage at a young age.

Each experience I had during my journey as a patient helped me to better understand my very own patients throughout nursing school and even more so now that I am a

nurse myself. I am so happy that I had the privilege to meet all of the exceptional nurses, providers, and patients throughout my time as a patient at CHLA.

I am proud to say that I have accomplished my goal of becoming a Hematology/ Oncology nurse at the very hospital where I have received care. For the last three months, I have been a part of CHLA's Versant RN Residency program. It has been a wild ride.

Now that I am more than halfway through, I can say the learning curve has been steep but everyone has been very supportive and I have already learned so much. Being on the other side, having to provide care was not what I expected. I had no idea how tough it would be to be the one providing care; to be the one that has to sit with family while they receive bad news. It has been such

an eye opening experience and I cannot wait to gain more experience as I continue to build my nursing career.





Interested in learning more about the ICF's National Charity, Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia)? Have burning questions to ask? You can still do this even during a pandemic! Set up a phone call, WHATSAPP, FACETIME or ZOOM

Conference and have a personal conversation with Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Program Consultant for

Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Contact Information:

360-860-2023 or <u>LLevine430@aol.com</u>

Learn more about Cooley's Anemia and the great work the ICF does for this cause.



For all the blood donors out there – thank you for giving the gift of life.

Who Are We?

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Denise Antonowicz, 2nd Grand Vice President & Heritage Chair

Celebrated on February 17th each and every year, Random Acts of Kindness Day is a day where everyone has the opportunity to



do something nice for a complete stranger, a family member or a coworker. This can be something simple as paying for the person behind you as you wait in line or doing some other act of kindness for your fellow man or woman.

I was thinking about my column and what our lives have evolved into. I was surprised to find out that there is a special day dedicated to **Random Acts of Kindness** on February 17th.

I look around and wonder if all those people who daily are giving of themselves helping the sick, feeding the hungry, visiting (by call or Zoom) their neighbors and loved ones, really need a special day to show their caring? I see the resilience of the human race in this pandemic. Yes, it's scary, yes, it's something to be careful about, but this life will continue. We are caring, loving individuals that reach out to others. We don't need a special day to say it

or do it, we just know as people we will always be there for each other.

We see that being a giving part of society we gain so much more. Our lives are enriched, our outlook is more positive, and our spirit is renewed. We give, not to be thanked by the media, but to quietly know that your random act of kindness will enrich the life of another.

So, don't wait until February 17th to show that you can do a random act of kindness, do it daily in your actions, prayers and hopes. Let everyone know what you are really made of.

I am proud to be part of a community of individuals that show continually what it means to be part of the Italian Catholic Federation. Our Districts, Branches and most importantly our members who show their true spirit. They give from their hearts and work constantly to be able to share their treasures with those who need it.

Our motto "I came to light a Fire" is truly here and now. Light that fire of faith, hope, and charity. Continue doing those random acts of kindness. Be proud and be safe.

And to those of you who give Grazie mille e la benedizione di Dio per te.

Mother Cabrini Shrine

Due to the current "Pandemic" the Chapel and Library will be closed to the Public and will reopen as soon as the current situation has passed.

DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are available for sale in English and Italian. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.

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



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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION

2020 Gifts of Love Awards

Teresa Helfand, Gifts of Love Committee Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are keeping everyone in our

thoughts and prayers during this time of challenge and uncertainty. As Members of the Italian Catholic Federation we are staying together in heart and



spirit and reaching out to each other and our neighbors in different ways to keep in touch. We also want to remember our Mothers and Fathers in a special way as we recognize the love and care they have given to our families. May our Heavenly Father keep you in His care and watch over everyone and our world.

This also brings to mind our Gifts of Love Awards. We have reviewed applications this month. 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 again 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. During this time of suffering with the Coronavirus there may be even more need, especially for our elderly and others who have suffered greatly.

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

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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Please note the following: June- No meeting

Happy Father's Day to all Branch 1 Fathers.

Stay healthy during this COVID-19 Pandemic!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

A Big Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers.

To those who will be celebrating a Birthday in June - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please send in your Raffle Ticket returns. Thank You!!!

Our prayers are with all of our members and their families and to those who have relatives in Italy during this very difficult time.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Hopefully, things will be back to normal soon.

Please remember the following dates:

June 22nd - Meeting

June 28th - Mass

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO

Burlingame Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

As we keep hearing on TV and in the newspaper we are all in this together! This is very true but special recognition is given to the doctors, nurses and all those that have taken care of those affected while we stay healthy at home. As Catholics one of the best things we can do is include them in our daily prayers. It's one thing to be up front with those who have the virus and to see all of the suffering.

At this time, we are all hoping for the numbers to come down as those affected decline. We will definitely have many changes taking place in the ICF during the rest of the year but we will follow the necessary rules regarding Church and meeting attendance.

I am so glad we are still able to attend Mass every day through streaming and it is a great daily inspiration.

Please continue to pray for all Mother's, Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Jack Sherratt and John and Jean's Watterson's daughter who is awaiting a liver transplant.

Also, former members, Art and Jackie Renteria have the virus and need our prayers. (Bob Tomasello's sister a brother-in-law)

God Bless, Roz Emery

San Francisco St. Cecilia, Br. 365

Another month without a meeting and I got to thinking about what my friend Stephanie with Branch 39 asked me recently. She said, "So what's your history with ICF?" By the way, I met her at a convention.

I had to stop and think how my connection with ICF started. I needed to go back to my youth, growing up in Burlingame. My parents both belonged to the ICF based at St Catherine's Church. I recall donuts after church, special masses, Columbus Day celebrations, but what I remember most of all were the chartered plane trips to Italy. I was five when I took my first trip on Capital Airlines; San Francisco - New York, New York to Milan. A plane jam packed with ICF members representing branches from all over the area. I went on to take many more trips. But, years passed, I went away to college, left the area, and I forgot about the ICF.

About 30 years later I'm at a Stockton Thunder hockey game and I run into Bob Zanoni and Bill Lina. We got to talking and Bob says I have to come to their next branch meeting at Church of the Presentation as his guest. I went that Thursday evening and the rest is history.

So, ICF members, what's your history? *Alla prossima*,

Mary Ann

Millbrae St. Dunstan, Br. 403

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, we were unable to have any events in the month of May.

Thanks to our chaplain Pastor Rev. Joseph Glynn, Rev. Brendan Halley and Rev. Alwyn Furtado we were able to watch St. Dunstan Mass every Sunday online via YouTube beginning at 8:00 a.m. and available throughout the day.

We sadly lost one of our dear members this month, George Habeeb, at the age of 102.

George was a dedicated member of ICF#403, as well as an outstanding person serving the Millbrae Community. Our condolences to his wife of 72 years, Helen and their family. Service will take place at a later date.

We wish all Dads and Grandfathers a HAPPY FATHER DAY.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE OUR ICF FAMILY SOON.

Rose Marie Morando Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Larkspur St. James, Br. 161

Our Scholarship recipients are Vivian Leida from San Marin High School, and Sylvia Potovsky from Sir Francis Drake High School. Congratulations to both of you.

We congratulate all the 2020 ICF scholarship recipients. Happy graduation to everyone who is graduating.

In June Fr. Raimondi will celebrate 70 years since his ordination. Congratulations and wishing him many, many more years.

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

Please everyone, stay safe and healthy, keep your distance and stay inside during these trying times, and hope to see everyone soon.

There will be no monthly meetings until further notice.

Wishing all the fathers, grandfathers, living or deceased a very Happy Father's Day.

The following poems describe what a father is all about: Enjoy

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

Walk a Little Slower Daddy

"Walk a little slower, Daddy"
Said a child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fall

Sometimes your steps are very fast, Sometimes they're hard to see. So, walk a little slower, daddy, For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, You're what I want to be; Then I will have a little child, Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

Walk With Me Nonno

Walk alongside me, Nonno

And hold my little hand

I have so many things to learn

That I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe

From dangers every day.

Show me how to do my best

At home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand

To guide them as they grow.

So, walk alongside me, Nonno.

To guide them as they grow.

So, walk alongside me, Nonno.

We have a long way to go.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Greetings one and all! Happy Summer to you! Well, what a year so far. You're all probably wondering about the 2020 Convention. Me too. I hope and pray that it will go on as planned, but we shall see. Don't forget to sell your Convention Raffle tickets. Remember that your branch gets \$10 for each book sold.

I'd like to congratulate all of our 2020 Graduates. You made it through a most difficult time. And to all of our dads out there- a very happy Fathers Day to you.

Summer time is supposed to be about barbecues, pool parties and vacations, well.... we shall see. Please stay safe and healthy and don't lose faith.

Till we all meet again.

Perry Shurko, District President

Los Angeles St. Peter's Italian Church, Br. 67

Our prayers go out to all members, families, friends, and parishioners with a big Thank You to all first responders who continue to help those suffering under the present pandemic. Also, continue to pray for the rapid resolution of this crisis.

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.

Stay safe and healthy, Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF Branch 67 C 626 372-7812; E cas1810@aol.com



Br. 67, St. Peter National Italian Shrine

South Pasedena Holy Family, Br. 108

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Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope all of you are well and staying healthy. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the members who have birthdays in the month of June, as well as in the months of April and May (since we did not have meeting the past two months).

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!

Congratulations to Belmarina Sergi from the Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Montebello who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship. Congratulations also to her dad, Franco Sergi, who is a long time member of our branch.

Also, we received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students and we will be awarding two \$400 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarships to graduating students.

At this time, we do not know whether this year we will be permitted to operate our Fireworks Stand with the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus. If we get the approval from the City of Montebello, the Fireworks Stand will be held at 228 Beverly Blvd., located east of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the Beverly Car Wash. The stand will operate from Monday, June 29th to July 4th. We will need everyone's support to make this a successful event. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer on some days, especially on July 3rd and July 4th. We will keep you posted.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay healthy. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless all of you abundantly!

Ciao. A presto! Frank Salomone

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

Branch 115 hopes you are all staying well and are in good spirits. For now, our meetings and fundraising events have been put on hold however the good works of our branch continue.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners: Francesca Boccanfuso, granddaughter of Filomena Boccanfuso, and Sofia Amalfitano, granddaughter of Rose and Isidoro Amalfitano. In addition, Sophie DiLeva, granddaughter of Ralph DiLeva, was awarded a scholarship from Branch 237. Carlo Camello, great grandson of Nunziata Onorato, was also awarded a scholarship in memory or Robert Grasselli. We are all so proud of your accomplishments and pray for your college success!

Thanks to Father Diego our chaplain who has been sending out daily meditations to our members! I so appreciate reading these words of wisdom. Thanks also to our parish for live streamlining daily and Sunday masses. It is wonderful to be able to connect with our parish family.

Please check your email for branch information. If you haven't provided the branch with your email address, please send it to ndileva211@aol.com

We are definitely looking forward to our next meeting whenever that may be. We pray for an end to this pandemic and getting back to the good works of our branch.

Congratulations to all graduates Happy Father's Day to all Fathers Anita Trujillo Treasurer





Br. 111 Scholarship Recipient

Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

A belated Happy Mother's Day to all moms and a Happy Father's Day to all dads this month. Congratulations to Mary ands Larry Rovarino's two granddaughters on receiving our scholarship awards issued last month. A well deserved gift to both of them (twins). There will be no meeting for June and July and August are, as usual, closed down. Hopefully the branch can start having our meetings in September. We will see. Everyone stay safe and healthy.

Lolly M.

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Well I can't believe it. We made it to June, the halfway point for 2020. What a crazy year so far. I hope and pray that you are all healthy. I'm also hoping that things might be getting back to normal by the time you read this. Our branch has missed out on some of our most beloved fundraisers such as St Joseph Table, Bingo and Quarter Mania. I don't know if or when we will be able to make it up but let's pray we do.

Summer time is here, it's time for Graduations and Fathers Day.

Congratulations to all Graduates of 2020 and don't forget dear old Dad, send him some love.

As far as Convention goes, please do your part by buying or selling your raffle tickets to friends and family. Keep in mind that our branch gets to keep \$10 per book sold. Ticket stubs should be returned with a check to Christine Ragusa our branch Treasurer. Last year we sold 19 books, so let's do better this year.

I will keep you all posted on whether or not the Convention will take place. Till we all meet again, stay safe and stay healthy. Say a prayer for our members, parishioners and loved ones.

Happy Summer!

Thousand Oaks St. Paschal Baylon, Br. 380

St Vincent De Paul (SVDP) partnered with other food banks to purchase items to stock the shelves. Our budgeted annual donation of \$400 has already been distributed to SVDP. There continues to be an increased need within the community for food assistance

There will be a drive thru food distribution every Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m, in the St. Paschal Baylon parking lot. If you, a neighbor, or someone you know could use some help at this time, please come by.

Will Metz won the National ICF 1st year scholarship. He will attend Pomona College in the fall.

OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT

I tried to find some positive happenings with the Branches to share with all of the District, but positive happenings are "few and far between." Branches 10 and 91 both were able to donate Scholarships. If your branch also did so, no one forwarded the information. So thank you for the donations and congratulations to the winners.

In case the convention goes forward, we need to pick delegates, according to the Bollettino, names need to be submitted by Aug. 1st. Vince Piro, Grand Pres., listed ways to elect delegates in the Bollettino. The loss of fundraisers may pose a problem for some Branches. Any ideas for virtual fundraisers???

Mike Miraglia, Pres.of Branch 343, reports that we are lacking Italian Camaraderie and dinners!

Happy Fathers Day to all. May St. Joseph continue to be an example of fatherhood and watch over all of you.

Pat Grasso,

District Sec.

Alameda Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, Br. 10

We received a substantial contribution from Conrad and Kathy Branson of Saint Joseph Parish of Alameda to help to compensate for the loss of income resulting for the cancellation of our last three Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

Father Robert Chinnapan, pastor, and Father Anthony Madanu, parochial vicar, or our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great of Alameda, are live streaming Sunday Mass starting at 10:30 a.m.

We are praying the Rosary throughout May as a family of Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great every weekday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. You can join us through your computer or your smart phone.

The computer link is: https:us04web. zoom.us/j/7851761898.

Or, you can use your smart phone by installing the Zoom app and then joining our prayer by entering the meeting number, 785 8176 1898. You will then be added to the guest list. The app will appear on the screen, and you click on the app.

Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni sent Easter cards to all of our members.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

July Issue Deadline is June 10th.
Send articles and photos:
editor@icf.org

Fremont St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

In 1980, I was a member of St. Philip Neri Parish in Alameda. My wonderful foster father, David Rose, was recently introduced to Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza. The founder of the ICF and his lovely wife had just moved to Alameda. David learned of the incredible story of how Sir Luigi had formed the Italian Catholic Federation along with the help of Fr. Bandini.

Around this time, Lady Augusta asked me if I could start "taglia sono l'erba" (cutting our lawn.) I was to get \$5.00, but I didn't want to take their money, so Lady Augusta decided to cook for me instead.

Sadly, this was when Sir Luigi became ill. I spent time chatting with him at his bedside. He told me stories of his successes and of his one regret (not spending enough time with his family, since he traveled so much early on.)

Sir Luigi always had a grin and an aura of pride as he recounted the number of Popes he met and the many Bishops he befriended. He was so very proud of the ICF!



I became an ICF member in 1981, just before Sir Luigi passed away. I was blessed to be able to spend a few more years visiting with Lady Augusta, as well as getting to know their wonderful family.

Thank you Sir Luigi for strengthening my faith, my love of heritage, and for bringing me into the fantastic organization that we call the ICF!

Dio ti benedica,

James Francis McGee

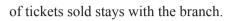
Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

We hope all the mothers in ICF enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day. It may have been remote, due to present circumstances, but none the less with heartfelt love for all the special mothers.

We are happy to announce the winners of our two scholarships: Giorgia Bates and Paul Priess. Giorgia is a senior at Granada High School. She is the daughter of Allen & Dana Bates and the granddaughter of branch members Carl & Judy Bates. Paul is a senior at Foothill High School. He is the son of Sascha & Lorie Baldanzi Priess. We hope to meet these fine young people and congratulate them in person. We are anxious to hear about their future plans.





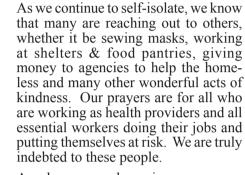


Our next District meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Round Table Pizza Restaurant in Martinez. If we are not yet permitted to meet, we will have a phone conference meeting instead. In that case, Patty will send us the call-in phone number and code.

We will soon have an update from the Oakland A's regarding this year's Italian night. The event is scheduled for August 1. We will know in June if the event will be canceled. You will all be informed as soon as the information is available.

Let us continue to be thankful for the many blessings in our lives. There are so many who have suffered because of the loss of their livelihood or worse, the loss of loved ones. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters and share what we have with them as Jesus has asked us to do!

Diana Letizia Mackinson



Our President, Judy Wellbeloved won

\$30 last month on the ICF calendar

drawing. This is the 3rd time in the past

years that she has won. Can you give

us your secret Judy??

As always, we keep in prayers our members and their families who are ill and all the people who have died due to the pandemic. May God give us strength during this most difficult time. Please stay well.

Until Next Time, Ciao Judy Bates

Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

It has been a very long time since we were able to gather together for dinner and a meeting. Pres. Mike says that we need Italian Camaraderie and dinners and I think that we all agree.

In the meantime, please remember Bea Van Wetter, in your prayers, she passed away May 5th. She enjoyed our dinners and activities, a proud member of

Enjoy this prayer written by Laura Kelly Fanucci. It says a lot.

May God Bless and St. Joseph protect all the Fathers out there, who are trying so hard to take care of their families.

Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

We hope that everyone is staying healthy. We look forward to when we can meet together in person once again.

Just a reminder that our apostolic reports are due to Roger Van Maren by June 30. Also, please continue to promote the sale of convention raffle tickets. It is a great fundraiser for our branches since \$10 of every \$20 book

This is a prayer from the Sonoma Boys Ranch, written by Laura Kelly Fanucci.

When this is over, may we never again take for granted:
A handshake with a stranger; full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors; a crowded theater

Friday night out; the taste of communion

A routine checkup; the school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend; the stadium roaring

Each deep breathe; a boring
Tuesday; life itself.

When this ends may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be,

we were called to be, we hope to be.

and may we stay that way better for each other because of the worst.

Amen

Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

We offer condolences to member Karen Glen whose son, Adam, died suddenly. May his soul rest in God's embrace and the peace of Christ be with Karen and her family.

Did we ever anticipate being quarantined through Lent and Easter? At this writing, we have sheltered-in-place right through Pentecost. In the month of May which honors our Blessed Mother, St. Catherine Parish prayed the Block Rosary daily hosted by different parishioners, live-streamed on Facebook. On display at the altar was a different image/statue of Mary depicting her as one of the many titles she is known such as Our Lady of Fatima, of Guadalupe, of Sorrows, Immaculate Heart of Mary, etc. On Mother's Day, the statue of the pregnant Mary was on the pedestal. It was a gift to me from my mother 25 years ago when I was expecting my first child. It was loaned to the Church to celebrate the ultimate Mother of us all.

As we marked the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, we remembered the apostles were celebrating the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot when the Holy Spirit descended on them and they began speaking in foreign languages. This is known as the beginning of the Christian church and the start of its mission to the world. Look at how far we've come! Though moving into ordinary time on the church calendar, our lives are anything but ordinary during this pandemic.

Let's continue to protect each other with prayer and personal protective equipment. Be well, be smart, be safe.

Ciao for now, Mary Cook

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

Whether you've been a member for 5 months or 50 years, for many of us, the ICF has been a big part of our lives. For some of our longest-standing members, things have changed quite a bit since their first ICF meeting...

When Pauline Cardoza joined in 1966, a Coke cost just 5 cents. The last Stude-baker rolled off the assembly line, and "The Sound of Music" was the number-one movie. Astroturf was the invention of the year.

Gloria Re joined in 1967, when a gallon of gas cost 33 cents and Aretha Franklin's 'Respect' was the year's most popular song. The minimum wage was just \$1.44, and everyone was watching the "Andy Griffith Show" while eating their TV dinners.

Franca Ponti became a member in 1969, the same year Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon. I wonder if Franca was one of the 500,000 people who attended Woodstock that year?

Rita DeThomasi joined in 1971, when a five-pound bag of sugar (C&H of course) cost 69 cents, and platform shoes for women (and men?) were all the rage. Far Out!

1972 and 1973 brought us four more great members; Wanda Abondanza, Pat Botta, Colin Cabral, and Carl Heller. In those days, you could buy a Ford Mustang for \$2,800, complete with an 8-track tape player.

A lot has changed since then, but not the friendships we continue to share!

(Please keep another long-time member, Jim Dooley, in your prayers, as he is a bit under the weather right now.)

Blessings,

~Helen

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

It has been a long time since we have been able to meet. I hope everyone is staying safe and well. We will set a date for our next branch meeting once the shelter in place order has been lifted. You will receive an invitation in the mail with the date and time. In the meanwhile, we should stay in touch by calling each other and or emailing one another. We should pray for all those who have suffered with Covid-19 and for all that have lost jobs. We should also pray for all who are still working, that they remain healthy.

Please note that Convention raffle tickets will be mailed in June. Each book costs \$20. Our branch keeps half of the proceeds so this is an easy fundraiser. Please sell as many tickets as you can.

Many of you enjoy going to the annual Italian Night held by the Oakland A's baseball team. Our district buys a block of seats together. Roselynne has been in contact with the A's sales department. I will report next month on the status of this event.

We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members who were born in the month of June. We also wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of the dads and granddads.

That is all for now, As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.

Your President,

Patty

Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Buon Giorno,

I hope everyone and their families are doing well during this difficult time.

Please send special healing thoughts for Sandy Debrichy. She had a terrible fall and is recuperating with black and blue knees and eye.

Please also pray for M.J. Murray's daughter, Suzanne, who underwent an extensive facial surgery on April 10th.

She is now home recuperating with the help of her family and especially her mom who has been attending to her needs and care. She lives in Texas. We hope each day finds her feeling better.

Mary Howard celebrated a special milestone birthday on May 20th. We wish her a happy birthday and to stay well.

We will hopefully be having a meeting in June if they lift the quarantine. It would be nice to get together to be with old and new friends of Branch 214.

I hope all the mothers had a nice day as well as can be expected on May 10th and were honored by their families.

This is a trying time with having to wear masks when out and social distancing.

This is a good time to organize closets, drawers, garages, etc. With the warm weather, we have time to work in our gardens planting vegetables, plants, etc.

It is a good time to bake and try out new recipes.

Please pray for the sick and those who have lost loved ones during this terrible virus.

Special thanks to all the health care workers and first responders who are helping and caring for the sick.

Stay healthy and safe and hopefully we will return to some normalcy soon.

Ciao, Norene DeLuca Corresponding Secretary

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

Happy June! Hope all the Moms in Br. 442 and in the other branches celebrated a lovely Mother's Day. I guess many of us enjoyed our tortellini a brodo virtually on that day. At any rate, we hope everyone continues to be healthy and in good spirits.

Since the mandate of the quarantine, our branch meetings will most likely continue to be via Zoom for now. Watch for your email reminder as to the date and details.

Convention, we hope, will be here before we know. If you still have raffle tickets to sell, please do so and return the ticket stubs and money to Diana. Besides being our branch President, she is taking on that task and is encouraging all members to participate.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners! Dominic Cote, graduating from De La Salle High School, will be attending Chapman University, and Gianna Lazzarini, graduating from Las Lomas High School, will attend college pending her decision. We wish both of you the best in your studies!

E allora, finisco questo scritto con un sentimento del mio Nonno Pieri -Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi, Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

SACRAMENTO BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

Our previously scheduled polenta dinners continue to be postponed with the stay-in order in place and the closure of the Church. The July 12th dinner also remains on hold at this writing.

The branch has awarded our 8th grade scholarships in advance of graduation as those plans are pending due to Covid-19. We want to congratulate the following winners from the Class of 2020. The Leda Pasquini \$500 Scholarship was awarded to JOSETTE COUREY. The Shirley Pasquini Bennett \$500 Scholarship was awarded to OLIVIA EBERT. The ICF Branch \$500 Scholarship was awarded to MADIGAN MC CARTHY. All three graduates are active members of the Branch and will be attending St. Francis High School. We look forward to following their new experiences as freshmen. CONGRATU-LATIONS!!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to our Branch Treasurer, Lisa Bandaccari, and her father, Octavio Luchini, for the sudden passing of his wife and Lisa's mother, Elsa Luchini. Octavio is a longtime member of the branch and along with Elsa attended all our branch events over many years. She will be deeply missed.

Buon Compleanno to Ellie Ielati and Lisa Bandaccari who have June birthdays.

Hoping that all members are staying safe and well.

Ciao, Janine

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General Contractors Construction Management Design/Build Services Due to moving to a virtual setting for the Annual Convention, some of the guidelines for Central Council Candidates have changed. However, members are welcome to run for a position on Central Council. **The deadline for Candidate Applications remains August 1, 2020.**

CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE MEMORANDUM

TO: 2020 ICF Central Council Candidates

FROM: Roselynne Jarrett, Convention Director

RE: Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2020 Convention

Application Process

- 1. Applications are available from the ICF Office.
- 2. Candidates' completed applications must be received by the ICF Office by **August 1**st in order to be eligible to run for Central Council. This deadline is firm.
- 3. A candidate is no longer required to be a convention delegate.

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

- 1. If you wish to place a full-page ad in the convention souvenir book; the ad contract, your photo and a message must be sent to the ICF Office by **June 1**st.
- Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and editor@icf.org. Submissions should include a photo and an entry that does not exceed 300 words.

Campaign Rules

- 1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
- 2. Campaign flyers and campaign favors may only be given out on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." Food related favors are permitted so long as the item does not compete with the hotel's food & beverage guidelines. For example, candy would be acceptable by the hotel, but not wine or other beverages as these items would take away revenue from the hotel bar.
- 3. **There will be no candidate hospitality rooms**. This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a hospitality room at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia available in the hospitality room.
- 4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
- 5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the ICF Facebook page.
- 6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items during registration hours.
- 7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
- 8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and shall not exceed 2 minutes.

Other Information

- 1. Candidates for Central Council will be announced in descending order in even years and ascending order in odd years.
- 2. 10 candidates will be elected to the Central Council.
- 3. Candidates should wear proper business attire at all business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.
- 4. For additional information, or for clarification, please contact the ICF Convention Director.

Thank you for your interest in being a Central Council Member!



A father doesn't tell you that he loves you. He shows you.

—Dimitri the Stoneheart



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! 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: June 1, 2020

Mail information and checks payable to:

Italian Catholic Federation 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110 Oakland, CA 94621





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

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







Welcome to Our New Members!

Report date: April 13, 2020

Branch 227

Branch 343

Theresa Hull-Nye

Report date: May 9, 2020

Sheila L Martinez

Branch 001

Branch 408

Pietro Bonanno

Cindy Rognlien

Margaret Di Netto

Branch 032

Branch 432

Josie Reyna

Aneas (Andy) James Marilyn R Johnson

Branch 036

Jeff Rognlien

Branch 433 Bryan E Freeman

Emily Freeman

Branch 274 Patricia Schippers

Giada Freeman Max Freeman

Lucas Freeman Nerissa Freeman

Branch 332

Matea Ynzunza

IN MEMORY OF:

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.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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*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.

Gifts of Love Donations

Report date: May 10, 2020

Bob and Elaine Osorio

In honor of the wedding anniversary of Craig and Lynn Noah Bob and Elaine Osorio

In memory of John Rossi

Eva Stern

In memory of Bruna Quilici

Eva Stern

In memory of John Rossi Lorraine and Mike Nunziata

In memory of John Rossi

Joan and Jerry Delfino In memory of John Rossi

Teresa and Cory Helfand In memory of John Rossi

Elise Marsalli

In memory of John Rossi Officers/Members of Br. 291

In memory of Herbert John Salazar

Officers/Members of Br. 291 In memory of Gloria Dean

Live to Give Blood Donations

Report date: May 10, 2020

Patricia Bortolotto



A Prayer for Peace of Mind

Fortify me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will.

- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Scholarship Donations

Scholarship Donations: 1st Year

In memory of Sal Lipari

Scholarship Donations: 2nd to 4th Year

Carolyn and John Cardinalli Mr. and Mrs. Gene Della Maggiore

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Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In memory of John Rossi

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In memory of John Rossi

Antoinette Seely

In memory of Carl J. Rossi

Shayne and Andrea Bowen In memory of Carl J. Rossi

Sue McMillin

In memory of Carl Rossi

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In memory of Lucy Castagna

Mary Lipari

In memory of John Rossi Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Pricolo In memory of Mary Mencarini

Cooley's Anemia Donations

Theresa Dianda and Family In memory of John Rossi Charles P. Gullo, Jr.

In memory of John Rossi Chris and Joe Padilla

In honor of Gerry DeRienzo

ICF Spouses' Association In memory of John Rossi Laurice, Matt and Ben Levine In memory of John Rossi Paul and Jo Soligian

In memory of Mary Mencarini

Book Review--**Italian Games**

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It's easy to learn, a challenge to master and just plain fun for the whole family Ideal for any skill level from absolute novice to expert, so anyone can enjoy the game Rules include two other card games to be played with Scopa cards (Scopa d'Assi and Briscola) Family fun for everyone.

Vintage Tombola Italian Game by Brybelly

Tombola is the traditional Italian game of chance loved by generations and cherished by families during the holidays. The origin dates as far back as four centuries ago in Naples, when gambling was popular among the citizens but was frowned upon by the church. Thus, a new way to play the lottery at home in secret was invented! And this game (think Bingo with more chances to win, more rounds, and more hilarity!)

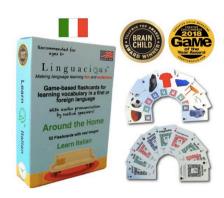
Tombola, while traditionally played during holidays and festivals, is a classic party game that can be played during any occasion (or lack thereof). Add these tiles to any Tombola game, replace missing pieces from our Tombola set, or make your own home game! It's the perfect large group game for family game nights, weddings, banquets, Christmas, and other holidays. These tiles can be used for games of bingo and have an underside without any numbers or paint. They can even be added to scrapbooking, jewelry making, and home décor crafts. Have your own game ideas? Add these pieces as DIY board game essentials.



Linguacious: The Home Italian Flashcard Game

by Linguacious

These award-winning, trademarked, made-in-the-USA Linguacious flashcards were created by Ph.D. linguists and parents of bilingual children to bring families and language learners together for a fun vocabulary learning experience. The design of each of the cards follows scientific principles of language acquisition, such as input/output and practice of both passive and active word knowl-



Real images are used in all cards, to enhance the connection between the real worlds and the flashcards. All four language skills can be practiced with these cards: speaking, listening, writing, and reading and the flashcards can be used with children as little as two, as long as there is supervision of an older child or adult. Children aged 3 and older may use the cards on their own, although some of the games are more suitable for kids 5 and older.

Languages and topics are constantly expanding. All Linguacious cards are manufactured and designed in the USA. This specific item is great both for kids whose first/native language is Italian or for those kids who are learning Italian as a second or foreign language.

Please note this is a vocabulary flashcard deck, the same size as a standard deck of playing cards. To listen to the pronunciation of each word, you must scan the QR code with your smartphone or you can play each audio file from our website as well. Descriptions of our suggested games accompany our product and the games suggested do not include (or require) any physical parts. If Italian for kids is what you are looking for, our Italian flashcards are the perfect vocabulary resource!

May Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WIN
5/1	Miranda Spallino		Paradise, CA	\$30
5/2	Paula Re	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
5/3	Nick Rago	352	Alamo, CA	\$30
5/4	Joanne Miller	218	Temple City, CA	\$30
5/5	Martin Murphy		Merced, CA	\$30
5/6	Nick & Sarah Gilardi		Los Banos, CA	\$30
5/7	Larry Dunnigan	10	Oakland, CA	\$30
5/8	Rita Saso	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/9	Mario McGhee		Modesto, CA	\$30
5/10	Norma Harris	342	Applegate, CA	\$50
5/11	Gerardo Aguero		Downey, CA	\$30
5/12	Emily Behrmann	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
5/13	Steven Rodas		Sun Valley, CA	\$30
5/14	Maria Keller	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
5/15	Msgr. Sal Pilato	115	Gardena, CA	\$30
5/16	Nick & Lora Grisafe		Yucaipa, CA	\$30
5/17	Mike & Donna Raffanti	433	Oro Valley, AZ	\$30
5/18	Vinnie Picciola		Joliet, IL	\$30
5/19	Renee Lee Mintun	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
5/20	Teri Di Loreto	214	Concord, CA	\$30
5/21	Barbara Borra		San Carlos, CA	\$50
5/22	Debra & Claude Rayta		Maple Grove, MN	\$30
5/23	Maria Kyle	261	San Diego, CA	\$30
5/24	Louise Chiarelli	27	Madera, CA	\$30
5/25	David Prudenciado		Daly City, CA	\$100
5/26	Joana Brown	447	Hawthorne, CA	\$30
5/27	Branch 161		Larkspur, CA	\$30
5/28	Colette King		North Highlands, CA	\$30
5/29	John & Carolyn Cardinalli	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
5/30	Sue McMillin	391	Campbell, CA	\$30
5/31	Patricia Harris	374	Pasadena, CA	\$30

Bishops' Days

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

Nov. 8th Los Angeles

Archdiocese

ICF General Fund Donation

Jane and Phil Argento In memory of Rosalie Stagnitto



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a quiding light whose love shows us the way. -Unknown

In Loving Memory

Deceased Members

Report Date: April 13, 2020 Branch 005 Louis Biagini Bruna Quilici Branch 047 Romilda Garibaldi Branch 050 Branch 198 Carmella Hanson Caroline Vitellini Branch 198 Victor Pasquini Branch 343 Branch 351 Theresa Genevro

Report Date: May 9, 2020 Branch 027 Rose V Meister Ernest Bizzozero Branch 036 Joann Branson Branch 036 Angela Cardinalli Branch 036 Pauline Rogers Branch 051 Eileen Viera Branch 111 Lela Focareta Branch 169 Patricia L Minolli Branch 332 John Rossi Branch 391 Continued from Page 9

Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

Hello,

Here is our next submission:

Due to ongoing stay at home orders, all events scheduled for June have been cancelled. We continue to pray that all members and their loved ones continue to stay safe and healthy. We miss you all and hope to see you soon.

Convention raffle tickets are available! Please contact President MaryAnn Mikles at (916)759-8466. She will be able to discuss payment and mail them out to you. Each book of tickets is \$20 and our branch gets to keep \$10. This is a great fundraiser for our branch and the federation. We hope you will be able to support us.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen



Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

As our shelter in place orders continue, we look forward to the day when we can gather for our monthly branch meetings and enjoy the company of our dear ICF family and friends. In the meantime, our president, Joe Aguilar, has been checking in with us, providing us with branch and parish updates. On that note, we're happy to announce our newest first year scholarship recipient, Aurelia Trevino, from Woodcreek High School. Congratulations Aurelia!

Vera Beine has been busy sharing her time and talents by sewing face masks for ICF members and healthcare personnel. The masks are not only practical, but they're really cute, too! Great job, Vera! Susan Ches personally delivered several of the face masks, along with a few homemade cookies as an added treat. Thanks so much, Susan!

For now, we continue watching Masses via live stream. It's wonderful seeing Fr. George and Fr. Ramos every Sunday, even if it is through our computer screens.

Our prayers go out to several of our members who are suffering from health issues at this time. We also remember two longtime ICF members, William Merz and Mary Mencarini, who recently passed away. May their souls rest in peace.

We ask the Lord to watch over us and keep us all healthy and safe!

Anne Finr

Recording Secretary



Santa Rosa District Council

Always a pleasure to ensure our members that we will (God-willing) meet June 28th with Br. 198 hosting at St. Eugene's. I am certainly looking forward to seeing us all there, board members and many guests, after being incarcerated for so many months...

By now we have all received our latest Bolletino, whether on-line or through the Post. There on the front page is Carmen Kilcullen's article about her experience with the exposure to the Pandemic. I am certainly looking to seeing her and her family. Such a lovely couple and they add and support us continually.

In the event we have to cancel then, we will hear from President Ken Marshall. In the meantime, let us support each other and keep in touch.

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording Secretary

Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

As I write this, in early May, we are slowly starting to emerge from our shelter in place. However, all events at the Parish and the ICF are still on hold until further notice. Personally, I'm hoping to return to work, soon, as the more time I spend at home, the more projects Mom and Dad find for me to do!

Everyone has received their ICF Raffle Tickets in the mail. This is a great "contactless fundraiser" for the branch. Last year, we sold 61 books and made \$610 for the branch, which we use to help fund our charitable donations. I'd like to increase our sales, this year!

We hope everyone is staying safe at home during this crisis.

Remember, Fr. Sean posts Sunday Mass on the parish website each weekend. Please continue to support local restaurants with take-out orders.

To all the Fathers – Happy Father's Day!

Lauren Kilcullen



Branch 75

Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Sheltering in Place or SIP takes The Stewart Family to new heights in terms of grit and determination. Here, there is joy, humor and new bad jokes celebrating Mysty's birthday. Going from left to right is, Mysty, who finds her work space at home as a Communications/ Media Specialist encroached upon! Samantha, Cal Poly Sophomore, is back in her old bedroom rather than her campus apartment, job, and sorority life. Now, working the drive thru at Wicked Slush is almost thrilling after her week of distant learning! Kyle is scratching his uncut head of hair wondering what happened to his Junior year in high school playing varsity baseball!? Dad, K.C., takes it all in stride. Windows and door sales at Goldenstate are good and having his family all under one roof again works for him! Family dog Maya is confused about this under one woof thing because she can't decide whose feet she's supposed to lay under.

June is the gateway to summer.
-Jean Hersey

Our branch is coping well. In good health, several members are donning masks and providing food and clothing for people in the community. They continue to listen to The Holy Spirit and do the work they are called to do all year long. Spiritually, many of us listen to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire, watch The Catholic Channel, pray The Rosary, read the Bible and keep ourselves catechized!

We're going to circle the wagons (cars) and celebrate Father David Galeani's May birthday. He's such a kind friendly presence in our parish saying Mass and ministering to those who need him. There will be love and presents all around him on that day! Can't wait!

Giving all branches a socially distant hug! Stay safe and well! Love from our branch to yours!

Patsy Buchignani



Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Where or when?

Even though we are still under quarantine, I can still write un bel articolo! Unfortunately, Sonoma 103 did not meet in May, on our 2nd Tuesday but we still keep in touch. At this point, I have failed to find out if we are truly having a Fundraiser at St. Leo's on May 23rd. Pazienza!! Have not heard from Ken Marshall our president yet, although he was pleased with my interpretation of the minutes recorded on March 15th, the day of our Santa Rosa District Council Meeting. In the meantime, let us explore our musical roots...especially the lovely ladies from Calabria. I love music and recently arrived in Sicily thru YouTube. I guess one region "begets" another? "Begets" is a word that has haunted me from high school and found mainly in the Old Testament. OK, Lucy and Louise from Petaluma #127 explore vour musical roots! and at some point there is available the lyrics in dialect. YouTube will expound and waiting for the day when we can socialize, even with your walkers and cane!! My house is open!!

Right now I am trying to keep in touch with members and some of you who may want to continue or simply discontinue with Sonoma #103. Please let me know a.s.a.p. I would love to interview many of you who have some type of travel experience to share, especially Ruselle Johnson who recently traveled to Australia before the pandemic. So expect to hear from me, Mary Vigna, Nita and Ruselle. After all, we are all neighbors.

Intanto, le donne of Calabria (Cosenza) ci vediamo presto per ballare la Tatantella e voi vedrete che sono molto capace!! Davvero!! A proposito, Louise Vicino ed Io sono parentati.

Above all, I have received a beautiful missive from Brother Paul, our District Chaplain. He is praying for us and our precarious situation—always to support and encourage.

Until next month, let us all stay healthy and occupied!!

Quest'incubo deve finire.

Regards,

Marilyn Sylvestri

Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

We have been having such beautiful weather here in God's Country. To sit in my garden and look at the beautiful blue sky, green trees, my roses blooming, such a beautiful sight. This is a time you can really appreciate Mother Nature and the gifts God gives us. It is a time to reflect on the precious people in our lives and those that we had in our life.

Since we are not having any meetings, there is not much that I can report to you. We had many events planned but until this coronavirus is over with we must stay in our homes and keep our distance from everyone. I'm sure everyone is disappointed in not even being able to see family members except from a distance.

I hope that you all had a beautiful Mothers Day and I wish the Dads a Happy Fathers Day. After all, if they weren't around, we wouldn't have a Mothers Day.

President Lucy has asked me to remind everyone to be send in their donation to Margaret Cordrey for the bakeless bake sale. Please be as generous as you can since this is probably one of the only fundraisers we have due to the virus. Everything has been cancelled until the time when we can get together again.

Our condolences to John and Mary Ann Ciabbattari, on their loss of John's father and brother.

Get well wishes for Margaret Cordrey and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating.

Pray that this virus will soon be gone, and we can get together again. Pray for our service people, the homeless, victims of crimes, our country and the world. Stay safe my friends and God bless all of you.

Ciao.

Louise Vicino

Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With no firm date to resume Mass and activities at St. Eugene's, the best we can hope for is a meeting in July. Rosemarie will call you with details if we are able to meet.

President Bob Acquistapace thanks the members for the clothing, diapers, and \$170 for our donation to the Life Pregnancy Services. The need is great, and you really helped.

Both the dinner for the July Golf Tournament, which we were to host, and the ICF Convention in September are doubtful, but at the time of this article no decision has been made.

Pray that all our members are well and can avoid the Covid-19 virus. Also, pray for all our fathers who are living and deceased. May St. Joseph watch over them.

Ciao,

Gail Bongi-Azevedo

FRESNO

Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

Although we have been "sheltering in place" for what seems like a very long time now, thoughts of gathering together again are never far. In the meantime, tickets for the annual convention raffle will be mailed out and we hope all will support this fundraiser, as we will not be able to hold other events as planned.

Our creative president, Rosemary Janis, conducted an officers' meeting remotely with Zoom on May 7th. Near term plans were revised and the branch's necessary functions were attended to, via technology.

A Perpetual Mass has been requested from the Oblates of St. Joseph in Loomis for all members of Branch 27 and the intentions of all ICF branches throughout the country. In these turbulent and uncertain times, the one constant is God's loving care for us. May we find healing and comfort in this prayer of St. Francis de Sales. "...The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our members John O'Meara and Rose Meister, who passed away recently. May they both Rest In Peace.

Blessings to all until we can meet again, Mary Keitz

Merced St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Our sad news is the recent passing of member Edward Willmon, Mabel's son and Clarence's brother. In the past he was helpful in the kitchen with monthly dinners, BBQing at our June and July picnics, polenta dinners and more. Our prayers extend to his family.

Dearest members, our common saga continues. Few could have envisioned the reality we are living in right now. As we continue to Shelter-In-Place and be mindful of our interactions with others, it is interesting to note the changes to which we are adapting in our daily lives. By adhering to the directives set upon individuals worldwide, we hope to stem this infectious disease and resume a semblance to our lives before March, even if it will be "the new normal."

Our prayers continue to bless all medical staff, First Responders, those who are on the "front lines" providing food, essentials, and public services, those who retained their jobs and those who lost them.

We anticipate our church and ICF events will restart as soon as possible. To notify you quickly of ICF events returning, we appreciate your providing Mary Camper with your email address.

We wish fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, cousins, and brothers who helped raise and guide us during our life journeys, Buona festa del papà!

Happy Birthday to all members with a June birthday.

Keep safe and mindful of circumstances for yourself and loved ones. Remember: God will either protect you from hardship or give you the strength to go through it.

Amore e affetto, Stephanie Lucich

Sanger Sant' Antonio, Br. 70

Greetings from Branch 70 in Sanger!

Our last meeting was on February 9, 2020. Plans for an upcoming dinner and bake sale were finalized and our members did work at the St.Mary's St. Patrick's Day fundraiser in March. Our many thanks go out to Bob Merlo, Ralph Wymenga and David Sulenta along with all who worked in the kitchen making the delicious spaghetti dinner. This was the first year we offered a drive thru where ticket holders could pick up their dinner and dessert to take home without ever leaving their cars. It was very well received. Our bake sale also did well for us that day and we thank President Kay, her mom Josie Lopez, Elaine Lencioni and all the members who donated their time and baking skills.

Like everyone else, we have all been sheltering at home and our members have remained healthy. We wish good health to everyone.

God Bless all. Orsolina Casella

It is a wise father that knows his own child. -William Shakespeare



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Clovis Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Greetings from Clovis, the "Gateway to the Sierras"

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we haven't much to report. Because of the virus situation, the planning for our Branch's 50th anniversary has been placed on hold.

Belated April birthday greetings to Jennifer Campopiano, Stefania Charley, Mary Beth Mueller, Jeanette Shriver, and Mary Zanarini. May celebrants are Jeanette Couch and Linda Stockwell.

Did you know? The "Native American" who appeared in many TV public service announcements asking people to prevent pollution, was an Italian American, Espera Oscar DeCorti. Our Patron Saint, Saint Francis Cabrini, was destined to be a saint. She died in 1917 and was canonized in 1946. She immigrated to this country in 1889 and helped Italian immigrants in building schools and hospitals. God gave to Mother Cabrini to give to us and we will always be better for it.

Questions to ponder: Do geese get goosebumps? Why does Superman wear his underwear over his pants? What do you call a male mid-wife?

"Lord remind me to take time to study the map before racing down the road, to look for signposts, and wait for your direction as I travel on the way"

Ciao,

Giacomo Gallomorto

MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST

Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Hello, dear friends. My goodness, it's June and by now we have been in isolation for almost three months. During this time, we've lived history in the making. Perhaps we should remind our children and grandchildren to take notes of their experiences so they can tell their children and grandchildren years from now.

There is no word as to when we will resume our Branch meetings but we can catch up a bit with our Bolletino articles. The No Bake Sale is over and we would like to thank all who donated to this annual fundraiser. Rest assured that those donations will go to designated charities and at some point, a break down will be posted.

More good news, we have chosen two high school students for 1st year Collegiate Scholarships. Emelia Locatelli of Santa Cruz High School is recipient of the John Orlando Memorial Scholarship. And Gianna Smith of Aptos High School is a recipient of a scholarship from our own Branch 21. Congratulations! We wish both these scholarly young ladies well.

And we would like to send Happy Birthday wishes to Sylvia Deck, whose son, Jerome, made a donation to our Branch in honor of his mother. Because of the Corona Virus he was not able to celebrate with her.

In closing, Maya Angelou once wrote: "No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow." God bless.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

Monterey Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Happy Father's Day to all our great Dads!

Blessed is the Father who shares his Heart. Gives us his Faith. Gives us his time, and Loves his Family - Proverbs.

Hope everyone is doing well during this Shelter in Place. It sure has been a challenge for all of us. We're missing being all together for our events.

We are happy to announce Branch 36 will be awarding seven local high school students with \$1,000 scholarships this year. The honors go to these deserving graduates:

Jaycie Campbell - Notre Dame

Juliana Cardinale - Carmel High

Amanda Cusenza - Monterey High

Joseph Grammatico - Monterey High

Dezi Green - Pacific Grove High

Adam Hidas - Stevenson

Luke Rosenblum - York

Also, we will be recognizing two 8th grade students from San Carlos School with \$500 Achievement Awards. Their names are:

Izzabella Trego-Cardenas

Jaden Solis

Congratulations to Nicholas Slater, Palma High School for receiving a \$400 Scholarship from Italian Catholic Federation Central Council.

Very Special Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Helen Miller (born 3-25-20.) May God bless you with many more years. (21-year member)

We are saddened to announce we recently lost three of our dear members: Joann Branson (3-year member), Ernest Bizzozero (12-year member) and Angela Cardinalli (6-year member). We give condolences to all their families and may God comfort them during this difficult time.

Welcome Summer, here's to beautiful waves and awesome days. Elaine Valentine Financial Secretary

Castroville Santa Caterina de Siena, Br. 51

Happy June!

I would like to begin this entry with a huge congratulations to the graduating classes of 2020!

Member, Gregory Stefani, who graduated from San Jose State! After graduation, Gregory will be going into the credential program at San Jose State to teach physical education. Congratulations Gregory! And member, Daniel Carbonel, my little brother, graduated from Palma High School and will be attending college at Sonoma State University! Daniel will be majoring in business administration. Congratulations to Daniel!

Happy Birthday to our June babies: members Nancy Ausonio, Father Pedro Espinoza, and Carrie Halbrook!

Beloved member Pauline Rogers passed away in late April and will be missed greatly. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

I would like to say a big, "Hello," and give a big hug to all our members right now! I miss you all so much and cannot wait until I can see you all again!

Until next time,

Natalie Carbonel

Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

Our July 11th barbecue is still on, providing that the shelter-in-place order has been lifted by then. Stay tuned.

It pays to buy ICF calendars. Congratulations to Ellen Pauly and Heidi Ambiel, who were both recent winners from our branch.

Congratulations to the following ICF \$400 Scholarship winners:

First Year Scholarship - Claire Cagnacci of St. Francis High School

Otto Ambiel Memorial - Jakob Linn of Scotts Valley High School

Frank Locatelli Memorial - Kyley Linn of Scotts Valley High School



Br. 36--Happy Birthday to Helen Miller!

The annual convention is still being discussed by the Executive and Central Council members. A decision will be announced soon. No matter what, the raffle will be held. So please send your checks for raffle tickets to Treasurer Jane Kotila. The cost is \$20, and \$10 of that stays with our branch. Because of the loss of revenue from the Fish Frys, your contribution will mean more than ever this year.

Many thanks to our parish priest, Father Wayne Dawson, for his daily on-line video reflections. They are called Coffee with Father Wayne and can be found on the St. Joseph's website.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in June. We wish we could all be together to sing to you.

Happy Father's Day to all dads, grand-dads and great granddads.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Paso Robles Saint Rose of Lima, Br. 354

Unfortunately, that nasty Corona virus is still floating around and keeping us from business as usual. Although we have been unable to meet, we do have a few items to report.

First, the good news:

Our branch had two winners of the ICF first year scholarship program, and we would like to congratulate Mark and Debbie Ciampi's twin daughters Mikaila and Amiah and wish them wish them all the best as they get ready to graduate from Mission College Preparatory High School in San Luis Obispo, and move on to college.

Hope Ellsworth, Benjamin Gingerich, and Anthony Uribe, three members graduating from Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School, will be moving on to Mission College Preparatory High School next year. Congratulations!

Branch 354 takes great pride in promoting and supporting Catholic education.

It has been necessary to cancel our April and May monthly meetings. We have also cancelled our May 16th Scholarship fundraiser—Our Almost Famous Pasta Dinner. We are keeping fingers crossed that the Mid State Fair goes on as planned in July (or maybe rescheduled for August) as we park cars to raise money for our Registration Assistance Program.

Yvonne Maddalena



SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Who would have thought that we would be "Shelter in Place" for over 30 days and more? Last year we were preparing for celebrating the ICF's 95 year. But things may be easing with some areas starting to open. We need to get this Chinese virus under control.

For May, Fr. George (District Chaplain) has started a daily rosary in addition to the weekly mass and spiritual reflections —available on "Santa Teresa Church — YouTube." Father also asks us to pray Santa Teresa's Prayer — "Let nothing disturb you, - Let nothing frighten you - All things are passing away - God never changes — Patience obtains all things — Whoever has God lacks nothing — God alone suffices."

I wonder – we can go to Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. and yet going to church for mass is not allowed. Does that make sense?

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

From a Bunker at Home Mike Nunziata

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

In the most troubling of times this is the most soothing of salves.

The Twenty-Third Psalm A psalm of David:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul.

He guides me in straight paths for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil

For Thou art with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil,

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

In the accompanying Branch 28 pictures we nostalgically look-back at our "old" normal of closeness, hugging, embracing, and hand-holding as we look to our path in the "new" normal. *Be well, be safe,*

Peace and God Bless, Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

It's been a month since the last Bolletino deadline, and not too much has changed. We are still living in a state of not knowing what the next day will bring. We wear masks, make very limited trips to buy food, garden, cook, walk, read, then the next day begins anew!

I did get the message that the Scholarship Committee awarded a \$400 first year scholarship to Abigail Monti, graduating from Los Gatos High School. Congratulations Abigail! The current pandemic has created a sad ending to the Seniors final year. We hope and pray that your new school year will be successful in every way.

With June approaching, we send Blessings to ALL Dads and Grads. To all members, stay safe and stay strong, and as we read in the Gospel of John,

"Let not your hearts be troubled." Lucy Amico

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

We are now in the month of May/June and the COVID 19 virus continues. Feeling a bit anxious? Sheltering-in-Place got you down? What can we do to make us feel better both physically and mentally?

The best medicine for the treatment of this condition? Go Outside!

(Pre-Covid 19) Br. 28-Past President Roger

Santos and wife Kathy (on right) with daughter

(Pre-Covid 19) Br. 28-President Joe Fortino

literally taking Jacob Cordich under his wing

to explain the fine points of making polenta as

Matt Dutra demonstrates.

and son-in-law Leanne and Leon Haygood.

We have many ways and places to walk, obtain our exercise, get sunshine, Vitamin D, and maintain social distancing. Try any local park within your community for a brisk walk of fresh air.

What else can bring us outside? Begin planting your spring flowers and summer garden. Planting a garden can have such benefits. You will find yourself with less stress, lower blood pressure, and it is good for bone health. An improvement in your mood can make you happier, and it may make you sleep better as well.

As you begin to think about a garden, ask yourself what kind of garden do you desire? Are you looking for color for your yard, like snapdragons, pansies, and petunias? Do you wish to have a vegetable garden that you can reap the rewards all summer long with tomatoes, zucchini, and bright yellow corn? There is nothing that can match the taste of a fresh vine-ripe tomato and cucumber in a summer salad. The rewards of a garden are never ending.

What ever you choose, preparation is the key to success. The soil must be evaluated to see if it needs amending. The fun is in the planting, watching, and waiting in anticipation of that first bloom, or the first picking of peas right from the vine.

Enjoy what you do. Outside gardening can be some "Doctor Ordered Medicine" to cure the Shelter-In-Place Blues.

Shirley Catania Sentinel



Branch 191--Artichokes waiting to harvest



Branch 191--Spring favas



Branch 191--Frank Rando doing the rototiller shuffle



(Pre-Covid 19) Br. 28-Parishioner Jaime Rosso expressing sentiments for those in attendance at Father Robert Brocato's celebratory Mass that he is loved and will be missed and Godspeed.



(Pre-Covid 19) Br. 28-Diana Berry, Recording Secretary alongside David Cox, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Family Center after awarding a check that was made possible by Branch 28 charitable fundraisers.



Branch 191--A healthy Garden



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San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Saint Teresa of Avila consoles us not to be disturbed or frightened, because all things change except God. During these disturbing, frightening times, her words remind us to depend only on Him.

We thank our telephone committee for bringing us cheer as we shelter at home. Hearing the voice of a concerned branch member brings joy to us. Well done, dear friends.

Thank you also to Ed Wendler, who reminded us in a spiritual reflection that sometimes in life, with a kind word or action, we may unknowingly help another person get through a rough patch. Similarly, others may have helped us. Working through all of us, God subtly repairs our boats and keeps all of us afloat.

In our branch we have another loyal, active couple, Phil and Joyce Robba. Phil, a native of San Jose, says it was love at first sight at a wedding when he saw Joyce, a Polish charmer originally from Chicago. On their first date, Phil tried to impress her by taking her to a drive-in theater in his pick-up with his dog. It worked! They were married two years later in 1964, just after Joyce had graduated from O'Connor Nursing School. The Robbas have been in ICF at least 25 years, Phil serving as president and Joyce as trustee, second vice-president, and now first vice-president. Very active in our parish, the couple has helped or co-chaired many fund-raisers. Thank you, good and faithful servants!

Please, Lord, take care of us, Judy Zahn

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our members were unable to meet in May due to the Corona virus concerns and the cancellation of all ICF general meetings.

The three first-year scholarship winners were announced recently and awards went to the following recipients:

Emily Lawrence, Mitty High School, in memory of Sal Lipari

Marisa Lipari, Wilcox High School, in memory of Sal Lipari

Alec Alegre, East Union High School, Manteca, donated by Branch 391

The June 14 ICF Sunday mass may appear online if we are still in Shelter-in-Place. We encourage members to attend online service, if in-person mass is not available. Find log-on instructions at www.stmartin.org.

Upcoming events: Branch #391 General Meeting— June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

(tentative); Quarterly Communion—June 14, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at St Martin of Tours (tentative). Our popular "Wine Down with ICF" has been postponed until later this year.

We continue to keep those affected by the Corona virus in our prayers.

Wishing a Happy Father's Day to our dear Dads!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

Branch 408 received the good news that its First Year Scholarship was awarded to a young woman student who lives in Cupertino and attends Monte Vista High School. The Br. 408 recipient is Ellianna Damozonio.

Once we can again gather as a group – we hope to invite Ellianna and her family to one of our meetings to share cake and to award her our certificate.

Church of the Resurrection offers Livestream viewing of the Daily Celebration of the Eucharist during the week @ 8:15 a.m.

The Parish continues to celebrate First Communion Services on a Family by Family basis thru the month of May to keep the number of Mass attendees below 10.

We ask the Blessed Virgin in her special month of May to watch over all of her children in these special times.



Br. 445--Pres. Jim Falcone



Br. 445--Sack Lunch "Fixins"

Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

I hope all our mothers had a nice Mother's Day. Although we were not able to celebrate in many of the traditional ways like Sunday brunch or large family gatherings, there are many ways to keep in touch and that is what is important. Motherhood has taken on some new responsibilities in this pandemic. They not only have to keep everyone fed and in clean clothes but do it while everyone is underfoot and perhaps still "work" from home and take on the role of teacher.

My daily routine hasn't changed too much but I am fortunate that I live in a rural community with a lot of open land so it's easy for me to get out and walk, greet the other walkers from a safe distance, work in the garden and enjoy watching the many cats on our property. I do miss our monthly dinners and going to church. I miss the fellowship and camaraderie of being at Mass and celebrating together. I have learned to appreciate those things more than ever.

Congratulations to our First Year Scholarship winner, Megan Carpene.

Please keep all those essential workers in your prayers. Many of them are putting their lives on the line everyday keeping us safe, providing us with food, tending to our ills and keeping things running.

Take care and stay safe. Maryclaire Sampognaro



Br. 445--Gina and Larry Farro



Br. 445--Phil and Joan Lang



Br. 445--Jan Stumhoffer

San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Another month has passed and we all continue to "shelter in place" due to Covid-19. In our community neighbors continue to go to their front yards at 4:00 to clap, bang pots/pans and hold signs to show appreciation and support for our healthcare workers as well as all essential workers during this unprecedented time in our lives. Honked horns, thumbs-up and hand waves are received from drivers and passengers of passing cars. Bike riders of all ages ring their bike bells, while walkers and joggers clap. The feeling of community gratefulness for all those helping us through this Coronavirus is truly evident.

Branch 445 joined Transfiguration Parish CMO and Holy Spirit Church in a shared ministry to help the homeless in our community. Branch President Jim Falcone delivered to the doorsteps of some of our members a large container filled with ingredients to assemble sack lunches. He later returned so the lunch bags could be brought to the homeless at the Casa de Clara Mobile Showers and to Amigos de Guadalupe Safe Park.

Within a two-week period 270 lunches were delivered to the homeless through this joint ministry.

Hoping the month of May brought happiness to all and that Mothers everywhere knew how much they are loved and appreciated.

Stay safe and in good health. Fino al prossimo mese ;-) Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer



Br. 445--Kathy and Andy LaScola from our "Sandwich Ministry"

STOCKTON

Lodi St. Anne's, Br. 82

Happy June, ICF Family!

Hopefully by now, the month of our Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our St. Anne's Church is open, at least, for private prayer. Last month, our pastor Fr. Brandon wanted to do this, but the County relayed that it needed to wait until Phase 3 of the Governor's plan to reopen the state.

What Fr. Brandon did implement, which is very innovative, is Drive Thru Confession! It was welcomed by so many, as evidenced by the line of vehicles in the church parking lot. More spiritual offerings were added through virtual format: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, daily mass from the Chapel, and recitation of the rosary from the Sister's Convent Chapel. Thank you to our St. Anne's Ministry Team for providing the parishioners with ways to feed our spiritual hunger during the shelter at home and social distancing directives.

Loving God, We come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the Coronavirus. In your mercy, heal those who are sick, and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. During this time, may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. We ask this in your name. Amen

Guidato dalle mani di Dio,

Patty Litts

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Remember, start sending in Bollettino submissions for the July issue.

Deadline is June 10th.

Get your articles and photos in to editor@icf.org

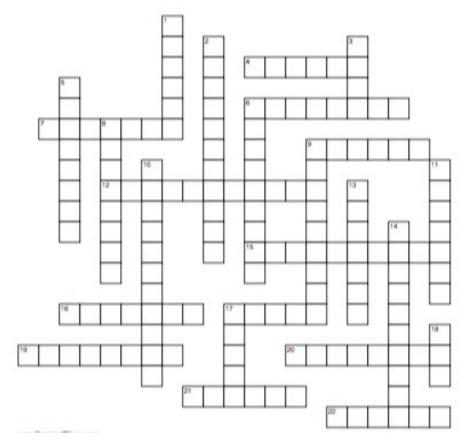
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Zona Divertimento

II Tavdo Italiano

Additional Idiomatic Expressions



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o be successful o preach
o preach
o ĥurry up
o pay a compliment
o have the intention
o jog
o fill up with gas
) to impress
o take a cruise
o be in a hurry
) to go dutch

	DOWN
1 – (aver	di) to feel like doing
2 – (fare quattro) to chat
3 – (fare) to hurt, to ache
5 – (aver	di) to be ashamed (of)
6 – (fare il) to go camping
8 – (fare un) to make a speech
9 – (fare) to progress
10 – (avere l') to have the impression
11 – (fare) to go shopping
13 – (fare) to get gas
14 – (fare la	di) to make the acquain-
tance	
17 – (fare	di) to be part of
18 – (aver) to have an ache

How to Play Scopa

Scopa is a fun and addicting traditional Italian card game. The goal is to be the first to score 11 points by playing tricks.

When it is your turn, select the cards you want to play. When possible, choose one card in your hand, then choose one or more cards on the table whose values add up to your card's value. This is called **playing a trick** and the cards then become your **captured cards**. If it is possible to play your card on a *single* table card, you may not play that same card on *multiple* table cards.

If you can't play a trick, you must place one of your cards in the empty slot on the table. This is called **trailing.** When players run out of cards, they are each dealt three more. When the deck is empty, the round is over and points are totaled. Points are awarded as follows:

- One point for capturing the most cards.
- One point for capturing the most cards of the "coins" suit (or diamonds when playing with the international deck).
- One point for capturing the seven of coins (or diamonds), called *Sette Bello*.
- One point for the **Primiera**. See below for how this is computed.

If there is a tie in any category, no points are given.

COMPUTING THE PRIMIERA

The **Primiera** is figured using special point values for the cards, as show in the table below. Only the highest scoring card in each suit counts, and you need at least one card in each suit. Whoever's Primiera score is the highest gets a point (this is usually whoever has the most sevens, but sixes and aces can also help).

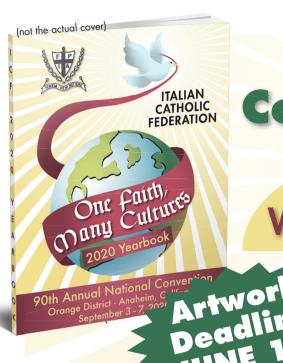
Card Ace Three Four Five Two Six Seven Fante (8) Knight (9) King (10) 10 Value 16 12 13 14 15 18 21 10 10

THE CARDS

Scopa typically uses an Italian deck of cards. In the Italian deck, there are four suits: Coins, Batons, Swords and Cups.

There are ten cards in each suit: the numbers one through seven; the Fante, or Knave, who wears a floppy hat and is worth eight; the Knight, who rides a horse and is worth nine; and the King, who wears a crown and is worth ten.

Yearbook submission deadline extended to July I for ads, memorial names, sponsor lists and celebration ads.



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COLOR!

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