



BOLLETTINO



Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

2020 Convention Update

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Central Council, I am updating you on the ICF 2020 Annual Convention and other matters.

I write this as I watch "Everybody Loves Raymond" re-runs, which remind me of all the love and laughter we often find in our families despite the many challenges that we face.

It is the same with the ICF family; we share love and laughter although we may face challenges in today's world. In short, we have each other.

Now for a few updates . . .

Currently, the Convention Committee along with input 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.

This promises to be an inspiring and historic event in the Federation. I



know Rose Jarrett, the Convention Director, the Convention Committee, and other members of the Central Council are excited about planning and holding it. More details will follow via email, the ICF website, and the *Bollettino*.

At the June Central Council meeting, it was decided to suspend this year's elections to the Central Council and to extend the term of current Central Council members one year. It was with the best of intentions that the Central Council had hoped to hold elections this year despite cancelling the convention. However, after reviewing the challenges and problems with holding an election without a convention, the Central Council decided it was best to cancel this year's election. The Central Council will still elect its officers for a new term.

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, push 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.

We are still publishing an annual yearbook. The annual year/souvenir book 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. If you are reading this a few days after the first, you can contact the office to see if you can still submit.

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Mgrs. Milani Celebrates 70 Years of Ministry & Service



Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani continues to serve ICF and exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. In 2018 he received the ICF Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award. He recently celebrated his 95th birthday on June 6. Less than two weeks later, June 16, 2020 marked the 70th anniversary of his ordination. Even still, Msgr. Milani serves as the ICF Diocesan Chaplain for the Diocese of San Jose.

Msgr. Milani was born in San Rafael, California, lived in Kentfield, and attended grade school in San Anselmo. He attended St. Joseph College Seminary, Los Altos, and

St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. He was associate pastor at five Bay Area parishes before serving as pastor of St. Catherine Church in Morgan Hill. As the first chancellor of the Diocese of San José (1981-1985), he was instrumental in guiding the formative years of the Diocese and he was asked to be the ICF Diocesan Chaplain and asked that the ICF District in the Santa Clara Valley's name be changed to the Santa Clara Valley District.

Monsignor Milani helped recruit the current Santa Clara Valley District Chaplain, Father George Aranha. Monsignor continues to support the Italian Catholic Federation.

2020 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Program

The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Applications have been sent out to the eligible students who previously won a 1st Year Scholarship and the letter requesting donations has been sent out to the Branches and Districts.

The donation for a 2nd Year Scholarship is \$500.00, a 3rd Year Scholarship is \$600.00 and a 4th Year Scholarship is \$1,000.00.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is August 1, 2020.

Please discuss participating in the program with your branches by making a donation of a full scholarship,

if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well.

We also have the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship to encourage and support majors in Italian Studies. The program offers two scholarships: (1) a \$600.00 Scholarship to a 3rd year university student and (2) a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to a 4th year university student.

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

Please be sure to cancel your convention hotel reservations to avoid fees. Cancellations are due at least two days prior to your reservation arrival.

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aging of incoming email.

All image and article submissions
need to be sent in an electronic
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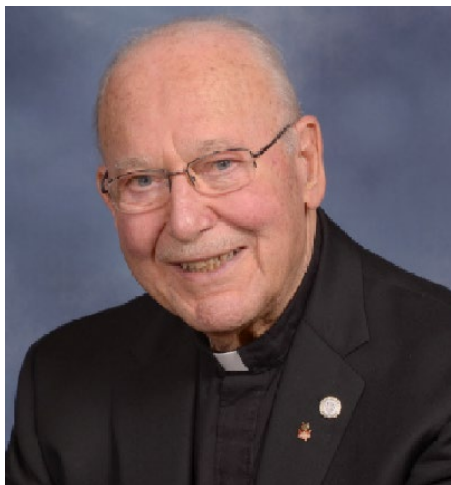
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Please keep your submission
positive and informative.

**August/September issue
deadline is July 25, 2020.**

Thank you!

Do not let your hearts be troubled

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director



We are at war with an invisible enemy! We are surrounded and can't defend ourselves. People are dying by the thousands. This war exists all over the world. The enemy is the **COVID-19**. It is very contagious and spreads like wild fire. As yet, there is no known medicine to cure this horrible disease and no vaccine either. Scientists the world over are feverishly working to find a cure for this. So far nothing!

The only protection we have at this time is to **separate ourselves from people and to stay home**. If we have to go out for a necessary reason, we must **wear a mask**. This is frightening and we don't know what to do. The pandemic even affects

all aspects of people's lives, work, school, sports, worship, stores and all places of businesses whether large or small. Everyone is affected in some way or other.

What do we do? Will this ever end? Is God punishing the people in the world? What have we done to deserve this?

First of all, God is not causing the pandemic. It is against the nature of God to be vindictive. God is Love! God cares very much.

Jesus said, **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.** In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (Jn. 14:1-4)

Jesus loves us and wants us to be happy and in peace. He wants to be involved in our lives. He reaches out to us. "Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. **And whatever you ask in my**



name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it. (Jn. 14:12-14)

So, let us ask.

*Dear Lord,
Please help us find a cure for the virus that plagues the people on earth. Heal us from our sins and save us from this dreadful scourge. Unworthy though we be, help us grow in love of you and our fellow human beings. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior.*

Amen!

Membership Managing Change

Pat Mages, Membership Chairperson

The Membership Committee had our first Zoom meeting and I think it was a success. For some of us it was a new and positive learning experience. We felt like we were around a table discussing and sharing ideas and concerns. Not that we want to completely end physical in person meetings, but it was good to have this option during times like this. It was great to talk and see everyone. Although, before the next meeting, I really need to get a haircut.



The main topic of the meeting, besides the usual retention of members, was to assist our current members to continue to feel connected to their branches and ICF family. We are a social organization and through this socialization we enrich our faith and serve those in need. We thrive on human contact. Although, we are still practicing social distancing, avoiding crowds and staying home, we need to find ways to feel con-

nected and less isolated.

The following are ideas we have received for the branches. Not everyone has all the modern technology but even if some of your members can participate it will lead to new ways to include more of your members

Zoom, GoToMeeting, Webinar; you may want to use for your officers' meetings first. Several districts and Central Council Committees are using this method. Several fun ideas are: Virtual Happy Hour. Hey, no need for a designated driver; a 'Mask'querade, everyone shows off their special mask of the day. The ideas are endless. Besides the fun ideas, the online meetings can feature guest speakers and topics such as: Thalassemia; a Q & A with the Grand President; be part of your district meeting. Most of these online apps include the ability to participate by telephone.

Encourage bi-monthly updates, newsletters to your branch members through email and mail for those without email. Form a 'social calling tree' especially for members who don't have social media. Call

a member and have a cup of coffee with them. Birthday and well being calls can brighten one's day.

Besides keeping your members current, don't forget to stay connected with your parish. Keep ICF in the parish bulletins. It doesn't have to be anything big or spectacular, just something that reminds all that ICF is still active and available to help when needed. And, most importantly we are still accepting members. Don't forget to include local contact information and the ICF website.

One last idea, which is quite popular during the month of June is drive by events. One branch had a Happy Birthday drive by for a member turning 80. Decorate your cars, line up, put on your masks and drive by the honoree's home. The honoree can sit in a comfortable chair out front with their mask on and as everyone drives by, they stop briefly with birthday wishes.

Here's hoping this helps us to stay connected until we can return to the new normal.

Happy 4th of July. Stay well and safe. -Pat Mages

Book Review--Italian-American Magazines Online

Vince Piro, Grand President

Since for many of us we are sheltering at home to avoid the COVID-19 virus, we have plenty of time to read. Of course, our own fine paper provides a lot of interesting articles, but what do you do when you are done with it?

The following online and print magazines are just a few that can entertain and educate you while at home.

The descriptions come from their webpages.

The *Italian American Digest* is a quarterly newspaper. Founded in 1973 by Joseph Maselli, it is the "Italian American Voice of the South" and has a circulation of over 20,000 copies.

The *Digest* highlights contributions of Italian Americans in today's culture and includes Italian, national, local, and club news and Italian history, language, genealogy, and various articles of general interest.

A subscription to the *Italian American Digest* is \$16 and includes 4 issues of our quarterly newspaper mailed directly to your address. The spring 2020 issues is available online at <http://americanitalianculturalcenter.com/digest/>.

Italian America® magazine is the most widely read quarterly for people of Italian heritage in the United States and the official publication of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Italian America magazine is a full-color quarterly in English. It is the official publication of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America®, the nation's largest and oldest organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States.

Italian America magazine issues include:

- Feature stories on history, travel, culture/heritage, achievements and contributions, and social issues
- Fiction stories with Italian translation
- Recipes for Italian dishes and desserts
- Profiles on Italian and Italian American individuals
- Current news in Italy
- Articles on the 20 regions of Italy
- Reviews for Italian and Italian-American related books

- Issues of national importance to Italian Americans

- Updates on Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America lodges and national programs

A preview version is available online at <https://www.osia.org/italian-america-magazine/about-italian-america/>.

You can get a free web pass at <https://www.osia.org/membership/become-a-member/>

PRIMO magazine is a publication for and about Italian Americans. *PRIMO* features in-depth articles on Italian American history, heritage, neighborhoods, accomplishments and current events. In every edition *PRIMO* features articles on travel, food, wine and reports on one or more of Italy's diverse regions. *PRIMO* features comprehensive guides that consists of well research information on topics of great interest and importance to Italian Americans.

PRIMO features Italy's relationship with America and the impact that it has on the American culture. A one year subscription \$29.95. You can preview an issue at <http://www.onlineprimo.com>.

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ICF Convention

Vince Piro, Grand President

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To keep in touch with everyone and to keep everyone updated, I have decided to hold Meet the President Online Zoom meetings a few times throughout the summer. All members are welcome to these virtual get togethers where I will update attendees on Federation matters and another Central Council member will give a brief and entertaining presentation. However, **most of the time will be devoted to allowing members to share ideas and just chat with one another.**

I will send an email about these meetings to District Presidents to share with their branch presidents and members. We will also post information on our website at www.icf.org and our Federation Facebook page.

It is my belief that the Federation remains a strong and important presence in our lives and that we are up to the challenges we currently face. Raymond has his family - loud and loving - and we have each other.

The Lord has truly blessed us.

Family Recipes--Chicken Stir Fry with Miso Curry

Deborah Rodondi, Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. Here is a great recipe, full of fresh flavor, I found in a magazine recently. The picture made it a must try.

Serves 4 – for Tony (my nephew) and I – I made 1-½ recipes as this gave us both dinner and lunch. Since he has with me, we do not add carbs to our meals. We eat more of the chicken and veggies. Tony stays with me 3 to 4 days a week, as he lives 3 hours away yet works in San Francisco. He loves food, cooking and flavor, so it is fun to try out new recipes and then we critique and fine-tune it.



Chicken Stir Fry with Miso Curry

- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced (I used minced)
- 2 Tbls. soy sauce
- 2 Tbls. white miso *
- 2 tsp. curry powder (we like curry so added a little more)
- 2 tsp. finely grated peeled ginger **
- 5 Tbls. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 ¼ pounds)
- kosher salt (I used regular salt)
- ½ tsp. sugar ***
- 1 pound fresh green beans (trimmed), snap peas and or snow peas (I used all three)
- ¾ cup fresh or frozen (thawed) peas
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced (I used fried scallions, I get from my Asian market)



- 1) Mix garlic, soy sauce, miso, curry powder, ginger and one Tbls. olive oil in a small bowl; set aside.
- 2) Slice chicken breast cross-wise into ½" thick strips. Season with salt and sprinkle with sugar. Heat 1 Tbls. olive oil in large nonstick skillet (I used 5 quart 11" sauté pan) over medium high heat. Cook half of the chicken in a single layer, undisturbed, until well browned, about 3 minutes. Turn over and cook just until exterior of chicken is opaque, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a plate and repeat process with remaining chicken.
- 3) Add 1 Tbls. olive oil to same skillet, then half of green beans,

snap peas, snow peas. Cook, tossing often, until bright green and lightly charred in spots, about 2 minutes. Transfer to plate with chicken. Repeat with remaining green beans, snap peas, snow peas.

4) Reduce heat to medium. Add curry paste from step 1 to skillet and cook, stirring constantly, until paste darkens and garlic is soft, about 1 minute. Add peas and ½ cup water, mix well. Return chicken and green beans, snap peas and snow peas to skillet and cook, tossing occasionally, until sauce is reduced, about 3 minutes.

5) Transfer chicken and vegetables to platter and top with scallions.

6) Serve.



Submit Charity Reporting Form July 7th

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.org.

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 fund-raising 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.

Apostolate – Charity awards will be awarded, this year, even with the cancellation of an in-person Convention. Certificates will either be mailed to branches or given out at 2021 Installations.

Thank you,

Lauren Kilcullen

Apostolate-Charity Committee
Chairperson

Donating Blood: What to Expect and How to Prepare

Live to Give Committee

When you donate blood you will help save the life of up to three people! It is one of the easiest ways to contribute to your community and it is free. If you have never donated blood before you may be feeling a bit nervous. However, giving blood is safe and simple. This article will help you understand the process and hopefully allay any fears you may have.

You can donate at a community blood drive in your area; often churches hold blood drives, or sign up to donate at a local blood collection center in your area. It is important to eat iron rich food in the days or weeks before donating blood; this is especially important for women who tend to have lower iron counts. It is also important to have a meal before donating blood and be very well hydrated – drink plenty of water the day before, day of, and after donating. When you arrive at the blood drive or blood bank you will do the following:

Step 1 Registration

- Present your photo ID Card.
- Read information sheet about donating blood.

Step 2 Donor Health History and Mini Physical

- Provide basic demographic and health information.
- Answer questions about past and present health history (information is kept private).
- Undergo mini exam to determine if you are able to donate (temperature, blood pressure, heart rate). Give a blood sample (usually from the finger) to determine hemoglobin level.

Step 3 Drink Fluids

- Drink lots of water prior to your donation. The more hydrated you are, the faster your donation will be and the better you'll feel afterwards.

Step 4 Donation

- Sit in a comfortable donor chair.
- Once the needle is in place, it usually takes less than 10 minutes to draw a unit (about a pint) of blood. You'll squeeze a ball to keep the blood flowing while you relax and let the blood flow.

- Finish your donation, after which the needle will be removed and a bandage applied – a badge of courage!

Step 5 Visit the Canteen

- Sit, relax and have a snack and drink at the donor canteen for a few minutes (California law states you'll need to stay for at least 15 minutes).
- All Done! Enjoy your day. You're now a lifesaver!

Step 6 After Donation

- Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for a few hours. If you feel light-headed, lie down until feeling better. Have everyone cater to you for the day and do something special for yourself – you deserve it! The entire process usually takes about one hour.

Perks of donating blood...along with the fact that you save three lives:

- You'll receive free wellness screenings, including blood pressures, cholesterol and iron level every time you donate.
- You'll learn your blood type.
- You can donate in honor of someone through the ICF – get a postcard from the office or from your branch president.

Resource:

www.bloodcenters.org

For more information contact:

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Cooley's Corner

Italian Thalassemia Associations

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

As an Italian person with thalassemia, I thought it would be fascinating to see what is going on in Italy for thalassemia care and support. They are very advanced compared to the United States, both in research, community awareness, and patient support. The following are national Italian support groups for people with thalassemia. The U.S has one national support group, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, based in New York.

Note: translation (Google) will be required if you do not read Italian.

- **Associazione Ligure Talassemici Onlus (ALT)**
<http://www.althonlus.org/>

- **Associazione Per La Lotta Alla Talassemia Rino Vullo**
<http://www.altferrara.it/joomla3/>

- **Associazione per la Ricerca Piera Cutino Onlus**
<http://www.pieracutino.it/>

- **Associazione Emofilici e Talassemici**
<http://www.emoex.it/>

- **AMAMI Associazione Malati Anemia Mediterranea Italiana**
<https://tinyurl.com/y9yvx2wl>

- **Associazione Veneta per la Lotta alla Talassemia**
<https://www.avlt.it/it/>



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 LLevine430@aol.com

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?

The Declaration of Independence

Denise Antonowicz, 2nd Grand Vice President & Heritage Chair

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.



But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence; **they did that on July 2, 1776.** (This is important because I figure that I've been cheated out of a National Holiday on my birthday for years.) It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. (John Adams has always been my favorite president.)

So, what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that

was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.)

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies. By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

So, remember that you really should be celebrating the day of Independence on July 2nd with me and my good buddy the late President John Adams and his wife Abigale.

Happy 2nd of July.

Mother Cabrini Shrine

Due to the current pandemic the Chapel and Library are closed and will reopen as soon as the current situation has passed.

The Board is currently working with Representatives of the Archdiocese and local authorities to co-ordinate a re-opening of the Chapel and Library on a limited basis.

The Chapel needs your support. Please spread the word regarding the following items for sale in the Chapel Gift Shop: DVD Copies of the movie "Frances Xavier Cabrini: the People's Saint" produced by Lucia Mauro are available for sale in English and Italian.

The Gift Shop also received copies of the Mother Cabrini book entitled "GOD'S MESSENGER, THE AS- TOUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF MOTHER CABRINI" by author Nicole Gregory. Purchase a copy for your Branch and help support the Mother Cabrini Chapel. To order please call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@aol.com.



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

Thank you for your continued support!

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
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The Wonder of It All, LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

A baby's cry at birth brings tears of joy to mothers.

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Book Review-- Italian Magazines

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L'Italo-Americano is a biweekly publication serving the Italian-American community throughout the United States.

Established in 1908, *L'Italo-Americano* is the oldest Italian-American newspaper in the US with a mission to promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage by reporting in both Italian and English on subjects such as arts and culture, literature, education, history, business, sciences, sports, lifestyle to name a few. The paper publishes news articles that feature events in the Italian-American communities primarily of the west coast, helping to foster a meaningful connection with Italian culture.

L'Italo-Americano is published every other Thursday, and it reaches more than 35,000 readers biweekly. Moreover, with a growing social media network featuring more than 100,000 readers a month, it is on the cutting edge of how Italian-Americans can connect with their culture and heritage. You can visit them at <https://italoamericano.org>

Do you have titles other magazines that you would like to share? Let's share them on the ICF Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/54903301482/>.



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.

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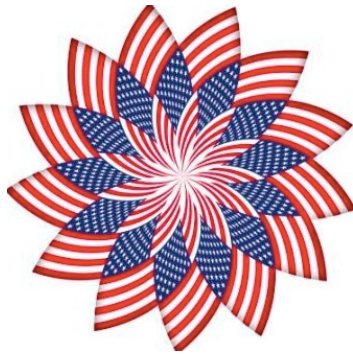
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*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide 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.

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In memory of John Rossi

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Report date: June 10, 2020

Al Canata

Mother's Day wishes for
Natalie Canata

Officers/Members of Br. 403

In memory of George Habeeb

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Lorraine and Mike Nunziata

In memory of Michelina
Vincenza Bauccio

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In memory of Agnes Piva

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In memory of Marguerite
Ferraro

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In memory of Mary Mencarini

Louise Vicino

In memory of David Botta



2020 First Year Scholarship Winners

NAME	IN MEMORY OF	BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Central Coast District		
Brooke Fledderman		Central Coast District
Riley Campbell Lopez		Central Coast District
Gianna Smith		Br. 21
Aidan Lafferty		Br. 25
Lindy Lafferty		Br. 25
Luke Brigantino		Br. 26
Nicholas James Slater		Br. 36
Joseph Gastello		Br. 51
Claire Marie Cagnacci		Br. 227
Jakob Linn	Otto Ambiel	Br. 227
Kyley Linn	Frank Locatelli	Br. 227
Amiah Ciampi		Br. 354
Mikaila Ciampi		Br. 354
Contra Costa District		
Shelby Nicole Bates	Sheila Grilli	Br. 13
Katie Gingrich	David Botta	Br. 14
Daphney Saviotti	David Botta	Br. 14
Stefano Costa		Br. 154
Giuliana Sorbi		Br. 154
Lucas Lauricella		Br. 214
Alexander Hill		Br. 352
Ryan David Tancreto		Br. 352
Paige Henson		Br. 432
Dominc Cote		Br. 442
Gianna Lazzarini		Br. 442
East Bay District		
Diego Agron		East Bay District
Antonio Roblero		Br. 91
Kyle Ryan Edison		Br. 215
Giorgia Bates		Br. 285
Paul Priess		Br. 285
Fresno District		
Katelyn Joanna Hough		Fresno District
Nina Marlene Civiello		Br. 27
Emma Mastropoalo		Br. 32
Natalina Antongiovanni		Br. 33
Jack Bustabade		Br. 39
Katherine Horal		Br. 39
Jarrett Joseph Sansoni		Br. 39
Joseph Raimondo		Br. 54
Kaiyah Lee		Br. 250
Stephen Michael Cantelmi		Br. 308
Antonia Piercey		Br. 417
Los Angeles Archdiocese District		
Marisa Rose Guerra		Br. 108
Belmarina Sergi		Br. 111
Sofia Amalfitano		Br. 115
Francesca Boccanfuso		Br. 115
Aisling Rovarino		Br. 218
Brigida Rovarino		
Sophie DiLeva	Angie Publico	Br. 237
Giovanni A. Cobos		Br. 317
Ian Gutglueck		Br. 319

2020 First Year Scholarship Winners

NAME	IN MEMORY OF	BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Isabella Ortiz		Br. 362
Isabella Rose Portantino		Br. 374
Anthony Vuoso		Br. 444
Valentina Costarelli		Scholarship Fund
Amanda Spincola		Scholarship Fund
Marin Area		
Vivian Leida		Br. 161
Sylvia Potovsky		Br. 161
Orange District		
Mariano Crivello		Br. 379
Mallory Rose Reynoso		Br. 406
Paige Myers		Br. 423
Reno Area		
Rachel Renwick		Br. 135
Siena Menesini-Baden		Scholarship Fund
Blessed Sacrament District		
Elizabeth Marie Hinton	Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli	Blessed Sacrament District
Siena Giampaoli		Br. 73
Hayley Kull		Br. 342
Francesca Kathleen Piziali		Br. 342
Aurelia Trevino		Br. 438
San Bernardino District		
Jackalyn Ballard		San Bernardino District
Brody Brown		Br. 210
San Diego District		
Luke Sperrazo		Br. 261
San Mateo District		
William E. Metz		San Mateo District
Sarah Bobich		Br. 6
Thomas Boland	Carlo Giusti Frank Joseph Clyne, Jr.	Br. 7
Jeri Baccari		Br. 173
Valentina Valentine Nassi		Br. 213
Santa Clara Valley District		
Luca Avila	Papa Joe Marsalli Antoinette Sunseri Shirley Silva Rosie Mammini	Santa Clara Valley District
Bianca Scipioni		Santa Clara Valley District
Marcela Mantilla		Br. 28
Kaylyn Scourbys		Br. 28
Abigail Monti		Br. 184
Graciana Paxton		Br. 191
Dylan Lawhead		Br. 368
Alec Alegre		Br. 391
Ellianna Damozonio		Br. 408
Megan Carpene		Br. 435
Sara Sandri		Br. 445
Santa Rosa District		
Michael McDowell		Santa Rosa District
Angelina C. Pescio-Adams	Leonora Falco Carmella Hanson Jerry Shotts	Br. 18 (Closing Donation)
Alexis Crisostomo		Br. 18 (Closing Donation)
Isabella N. Kunde		Br. 18 (Closing Donation)
Ava Domenichelli		Br. 52

2020 First Year Scholarship Winners

NAME	IN MEMORY OF	BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Sophia Therese Ramazzotti		Br. 52
Morgan Joseph Holstine		Br. 75
Ava Isola	Spence F. Burton	Br. 127
Emma Riley	Louis Vicino	Br. 127
Marissa Temple	Judy Fomasi	Br. 127
Sofia Emilia Gott		Br. 144
Sophia Bianchi	Norman and Rose Anne Sikes	Br. 198
Nicole Cia	Louis, Margaret and Christine Scinto	Br. 198
Natalya Feliciano	Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini	Br. 198
Gabriella Gathman	Richard Carrera	Br. 198
Antonio Heath	Romie and Helen Barbieri	Br. 198
Austin Maners	Peter and Juliette Barbieri	Br. 19
Stephanie Menegon	Tom Timko	Br. 198
Justin Patterson	Aldo and Mary Desideri	Br. 198
Riley West	Frank Castelli	Br. 198
Stockton District		
Madelyn Ruff		Stockton District
Samantha Lieberg		Br. 390
INDIVIDUALS		
Breanna Guzman		The Antonowicz Family - Br. 184/Br. 191
Joseph Thomas	David Botta	The Botta Family - Br. 14
Lindsey Amaro	Alice Providenza Bottino	Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432
Gianna Brocchini	Albert and Rina Brocchini	The Albert and Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
Autumn DeGrazia	Donald DeTomas	Louise DeTomas - Br. 14
Tristan Friet	John and Mary Regalia	Mr. and Mrs. James Dooley - Br. 14
Nicholas Alamo	Frank and Helen Scesa	Kathleen Scesa Dorr
Carlo Camello	Robert Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Patrick Fishburne	Anna Oliva	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Kelli Reid	Marie Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Milana DesRosier	Leo and Ila Kilcullen	Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Emily Lawrence	Sal Lipari	Family and Friends - Br. 391
Marisa Lipari	Sal Lipari	Family and Friends - Br. 391
Bobbie Cresci	Luigi and Rosa Mangini	Rose Mangini - Br. 50
Arianna Turchetti		Jorene Marotto
Emilia Locatelli	John Orlando	Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21
Bryan Rockenbach	Dan Pulone	The Pulone Family
Claire Selna	Nello and Dorothy Rossi	Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Michael Santich	Sir Robert Dianda	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Anne Marie Santich	Martin and Rose Santich	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Anna Lucido	Maria Addiego	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Isabella Cresci	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello	Jean and Bob Segale
Katherine Rose Boyce	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family
Tatum Laura Bugas	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family
Theresa LoGiudice	Louise Trevizo	The Trevizo Family - Br. 19

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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Please note: July - No meeting

A very Warm Welcome New Members:

Pietro Bonanno

Constance Musso Mertes

Laurie Sullivan

Please return ICF Raffle tickets per instructions given.

Stay safe!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Hoping everyone is well.

To those who will be celebrating a birthday in July—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Our prayers and sincere sympathy to Jane Cunningham's family. Jane passed away on May 2, 2020. She was a member of our Branch for 46 years and an officer for many years. Jane will be greatly missed by our officers, members and her many friends. A Mass will be said for Jane at St. Elizabeth Church at a later date when Father will be permitted to do so. God Bless You, Jane.

We just received word that we lost another very good and caring member—Vincent Tudoni. Our very sincere sympathy to you, Rose, and your family. More details in our next Bollettino.

Please remember to send in your Raffle Ticket returns. Thank you!

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

It will be so nice when we can get together for our meetings again.

Please remember the following dates:

July 26th - Mass

July 27th - Meeting

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President



SAN MATEO

Burlingame
Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

Glad many of our members are doing well and following restrictions until many more feel comfortable being out and about. We will be seeing masks for quite awhile yet.

We are happy to report that Mass at Our Lady of Angels was held beginning Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass was held in the school yard. Reservations must be made for the other Sunday masses.

If there was ever a time when we all need prayers for all of our different groups, it is especially now. It was very sad to watch the riots and damage done to our communities.

Thursday, June 11, 2020 there was a ZOOM Branch Meeting. All details for those who will participate were in the JUNE 2020 Branch#173 Newsletter.

Even though there will only be a virtual convention this year, we will still have a raffle. A book of tickets is \$20 of which the branch keeps \$10. Please send the stubs and checks to our President no later than July 15, 2020.

Please remember our members who need our prayers: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, John and Jean Watterson's daughter who is awaiting a liver transplant. Also, new members Fred and Malenie Yeager's grandson who has brain cancer. Art and Jackie Renteria, former members, as Art is currently on his way to recovery with COVID-19.

Last of all, we need to remember our fathers, whether still living or deceased, and be grateful they were in our lives.

God bless,

Roz Emery

Millbrae
St. Dunstan, Br. 403

We are happy to announce that St. Dunstan Church is now resuming Masses on Sunday.

The times are 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. There is no Saturday evening mass but mass will continue to be broadcast on YouTube on Sunday beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

There are certain restrictions and due to social distancing, the church can only accommodate a maximum of 100 people and everyone must wear a mask.

We hope to resume all ICF activities in August. We pray that our ICF family and friends have been safe and healthy throughout this COVID-19 virus pandemic.

MARIN

Larkspur
St. James, Br. 161

Summer is upon us, please stay home, stay safe, stay healthy, keep your distance and stay inside during these trying times, and hope to see everyone soon.

Don't forget to mail back the raffle tickets to Marlene Farber as soon as possible. Anyone not wishing to purchase the tickets, please return them in the enclosed envelope.

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

There will be no monthly meetings until further notice.

Have a safe 4th of July and a wonderful summer.

Anna Biggio

Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Happy Birthday America!! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy 4th of July.

As you all may know, our annual convention has been cancelled, but the Central Counsel is working on some version of a virtual convention. Details will come out soon. Please be sure that your Apostolic Reports have been turned in, this hasn't changed. Also, be sure to sell those raffle tickets. The raffle is still happening, and, for every book of tickets sold your branch receives \$10 back.

Holy Family, Br. 108, is going to try a virtual version of their annual Cooley's BBQ. No new news yet on the Bishop Banquet, or Cooley's Children's Christmas Party.

Let's all try to stay in touch out there. We will try to have more Zoom meetings for the District. The last one was great. Enjoy your summer, stay hydrated and keep cool.

God Bless,

Perry Shurko LA District President.

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

Our prayers go out to all members, families, friends, with a big Thank You to all first responders who continue to help those suffering under the present pandemic.

Please continue to pray for the speedy resolution of this crisis and to 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.

Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President
ICF Branch 108 C 626 372-7812
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Remember the next issue of the *Bollettino* will be a joint issue to prepare members for the upcoming Virtual Convention.

Be sure to submit your critical information by the **DEADLINE on July 25th!**

Send all your articles and photographs to editor@icf.org by the deadline to ensure inclusion in this important issue.

Make sure your message reaches the desired audience.





Chiara Sorce -ICF 111-Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship

Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope everyone is staying healthy. We will not have a July general meeting. We look forward to when we can meet together in person once again. Best Wishes for a great summer.

Due to the concern for our members' health during this coronavirus crisis, we canceled this year's Fireworks Stand event, which we operated the last few years with St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus.

We are happy to report based on our review of ICF scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating St. Benedict School students, the two winners of the \$400 ICF Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarships are Maya Bernard and Chiara Sorce. Congratulations to Maya and Chiara! St. Benedict's graduation ceremony is pending, but expected to occur during the summer and we plan to present the ICF Phillip Pace Jr. \$400 Scholarships then.

Maya Bernard plans to attend Bishop Amat High School. Chiara Sorce plans to attend Ramona Convent Secondary School. Chiara is the granddaughter of Salvatore and Giuseppina Sorce, long time branch members. Congratulations to them both for their academic achievement. We wish them happiness during their high school years. May the future hold great success.

Our August General Meeting, if permitted, will be on Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will celebrate with cake the birthdays of all the members that we have missed the past few months.

We pray for our sick members, especially for Phyllis Pace, who had surgery a couple of months ago and is still recuperating. We wish her a speedy and full recovery. Let's pray also for those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless!

Frank Salomone, President

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

Due to concerns for the health of our membership the 2020 convention has been cancelled. However, the annual fundraiser raffle is still on! Price per book of tickets is \$20. \$10 stays with the branch. It is a great fundraiser for our branch.

It was brought to my attention after I had submitted our June article that 2 additional scholarships had been awarded to grandchildren of our members. Congratulations to Anthony Vuoso, grandson of Frank Vuoso. He received the scholarship from Branch 444, and Jeri Baccari, granddaughter of Maria and Paul Baccari, received the award from Branch 173. Best of luck to all our graduates!

Mary Star of the Sea has reopened with restrictions. Attendance will be limited to 100 people. Masks need to be worn.

Sunday masses will resume with Vigil mass on Saturday 5:15 p.m. Sunday's on the hour starting at 7 a.m. Noon mass music and 2nd reading will be in Italian. Masses will be live-streamed weekdays 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. and noon.

Annual St. John Joseph of the Cross mass is scheduled for August 22 at 9 a.m. More information to follow as date gets closer.

Beloved long time member Libera Morelli passed away in May. Libera, a former officer, will be greatly missed. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to longtime branch member Angelina Gioiello and Charter member and officer Pauline Iacono. Both are 89 years young!

Happy 4th of July!

Anita Trujillo



Br.115, Happy Birthday to our Fundraising Queen Pauline Iacono

Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

There will be no meeting for July and August. At this time, it is still undecided as to whether there will be a September meeting. Please watch for Jeane's bulletin regarding any upcoming dates. Everyone keep cool, stay healthy and think positive that everything will eventually return to normal.

Lolly M.

Claremont Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

Happy Summer to all of you.

We have been isolated since March with no contact or conversation. Now that the restrictions have been relaxed we must still be careful with our contacts. We still need to self restrict. Stay home and only go out if necessary, we still don't

know what to expect with this virus. The physical part of the convention has been cancelled. They are making plans for a virtual one. More to come.

The church has opened with restrictions. They have now progressed to group meetings yet so I think that all meetings will be off until Sept or Oct.

If you have any question please call or text me.

Please keep every one in our prayers for a healthy summer.

Andrea Linn, Pres

Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Hello members of Br. 362.

I hope everyone is staying safe and keeping healthy. Happy Birthday America!! Have a safe and sane 4th of July. It's not quite the same as we're used to with BBQ's and picnics and pool parties, but hopefully it will all end soon.

Being back inside the church for mass and seeing some of our parishioners in person again felt great.

This was a tough year so far for all of us including the ICF. Our branch missed 3 fundraisers and we're not able to give out as much money as we would've liked. We managed to donate 2 - high school scholarships and 3 - St. Raymond 8th grade scholarships. Also, went to \$500 to Cooley's Anemia & \$500 to St John's Seminary. I feel real bad about our parish ministries not getting any money, but let's hope and pray we will make up for it next year.

Our branch lost a long time member, Marguerite Ferraro, who passed away. RIP.

If you haven't heard by now, the annual in person Convention has been cancelled and will be replaced with a virtual type of convention. Details will follow.

Please stay safe, healthy, and pray that normal, whatever that is, returns soon.

Have a great summer.

Perry Shurko, Branch President.



Happier days, Branch 237 St. Anthony of Padua, Gardena members serving coffee and donuts after mass'

OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

We will have our first Zoom district meeting on Monday the 15th, so I will give you a report next month. Since quite a few of us have been doing things with Zoom the past few months, I expect it will be a successful endeavor. Thanks Lisa.

In the meantime, there is still work to be done for our virtual convention. No reason that all the delegate spots should not be filled since we do not have to travel any place, thus no expenses! And since we all need fund raisers to fill our coffers, we need to sell a lot of chances to collect as many \$10.00 refunds for our branches as possible. Don't forget to buy spots on the calendars for 2021. Hopefully all of the branches have submitted pictures to Lisa for the convention yearbook. If any of you are interested, applications for Central Council are available at the ICF office and need to be returned by August 1st.

Let us all pray for the health of our members and the return to face to face meetings and activities.

Happy 4th of July to All, let it be safe and sane.

God Bless the USA!

Pat Grasso,

District Sec.

Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

As we begin another month of stay at home, we continue to find new ways to be connected and communicate with our members. As an experiment, we did our first Zoom Board Meeting in May and found it to work very well. As a follow up, we scheduled a Zoom dessert & wine night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members who participated. Each person gave a brief account of how they were spending their time at home during the self-isolation. It was interesting to hear of the many creative things people were doing. Mostly, it seemed that there was lots of paper shredding, closet & garage cleaning going on!

We will do our monthly meeting on June 18th via Zoom. Thank goodness for modern technology.

We will begin raffle tickets sales this month. Shirley Koenig has agreed to be in charge of this for our branch. All future projects and fundraisers are on hold.

We are happy to announce that member, Virginia Williams, has recently welcomed a new great grandson. Congratulations to the family. We especially welcome good news during this very difficult time.

We continue to pray for our members who are ill and having to be isolated from family. May God give us strength as we face these difficulties.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all of our great dad's!

Until Next Time, Ciao

Judy Bates

Castro Valley Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

Well folks it has been a long, long time since we have been able to meet as a group and enjoy each others company. In the meantime, we have missed our anniversary and need to plan a way to raise money and have a good time doing it. The chance books are out and hopefully we are all selling/buying extra ones this year. Remember, \$10.00 from each book is returned to the branch so we can begin to build up our finances.

It has been nice to see some of you at the Drive Up Masses these past few weeks and to be able celebrate with the First Communion groups as they receive for the first time. Blessings on the children, our future.

Let us pray for the health and well being of our members, families and friends. *Have a Happy 4th of July and God Bless us all.*

Pat Grasso,

Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Greetings to all! We have not had much contact so there is not much to report except our continued cancellations of in-person events. Our district meeting on June 25 was held by conference call. Our annual summer Italian Night at the Oakland A's baseball game is canceled as is our District Communion Breakfast. We hope to meet for fall events if all goes well. Keep working on your ticket sales for the Convention Raffle. Although the Convention is canceled, we are going to proceed with the raffle and it will be one of our branches' few fundraisers that can still take place! Each branch should send payments and stubs to the ICF office by August 15.

Hope to see you all our make-up August District meeting which will be held outdoors with social distancing. The place, date and time will be emailed to you later in the month.

In this month of celebrating the birth of our country, let us pray that we will always remember to be a people and a church that stands for justice for all.

Diana Letizia Mackinson

**August/September Issue
Deadline is July 25th.
Send articles and photos:
editor@icf.org**

Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

I hope everyone will have (or has had) a wonderful Fourth of July! If you were able to see some great fireworks this year, you can (partially) thank the Italians...

Even though the origin of fireworks dates back to China's Han dynasty, it was an Italian, Marco Polo, who brought fireworks from the Orient to Italy. During the Renaissance, the Italians began to experiment with this new invention, eventually turning fireworks into the art form we see today.

On July 4th, the year after America gained its independence, Philadelphia held its very first firework display, and just like that, fireworks became an essential part of our Independence Day celebrations. So, when your Fourth of July BBQ ends with a colorful BOOM (instead of just indigestion), thank the Italians for their role in bringing this great tradition to our country.

It's been quite a while since we've all seen each other. Donna and our Branch Officers continue to connect (distantly) to meet our essential club obligations and requirements. Since we weren't able to hold one of our major fundraising events, the sale of the Convention Tickets is more important to our branch than ever. If you haven't received your book of tickets, or would like additional books, please reach out to Donna or one of the officers. Our branch receives \$10.00 for every book sold!

Until we can get together, let's continue to reach out to each other and spread a little cheer. Our friendships and our faith remain strong!

Blessings,

~Helen

Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

Thank you for staying in contact. We have always been family. That has held us together for many years. Happy to report that our members are well. We pray that will continue since COVID 19 is not going away. The Spanish Flu of 1918 lasted three years. We do not know how long COVID 19 will last. Keep praying.

Some have asked about the Italian Night hosted by the Oakland A's. Our district voted to have our deposit returned. This was due to the fact that the event may not take place. Will look forward to this fun filled event next year.

The Convention has been canceled due to COVID 19 concerns. Rose and the committee are planning things we can see online. Many events will still take place. We will have the yearbook. Members have listed loved ones' names in the memory section.

The raffle will be held. Sell your tickets. Our branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. We have done well in the past.

We hope to have meetings held outdoors this summer keeping chairs at least six feet apart. We will have food brought in. Members will be notified with details.

Happy birthday to those born in the month of July and happy 4th of July to all.

That is it for this time. As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.

Patty

Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

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

We wish you a belated Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day! We are hoping to see you all in July once the shelter in place has been lifted and it is safe to meet.

All fundraisers have been put on hold. We are hoping that we can hold our October Polenta Dinner. Everyone loves our Polenta dinners. We will let you know as we get closer to October.

The convention has been cancelled but the raffle will go on as planned. Please contact Alicia for tickets. Carol Darling is putting together a page for the yearbook for St. Raymond. You will be able to purchase a yearbook. We will let you know more about that later. Thank you Carol for your artistic talents for the yearbook.

Please keep Toni Reeder in your prayers. Toni is recovering from surgery.

Our congratulations to the graduates of 2020.

Let us continue to be thankful for the blessings in our life. We pray that you all stay safe, and pray that we can all meet again soon.



Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Saluti a Tutti:

In these trying times, besides the COVID-19, the protests, and sheltering in place, I hope you all are being strong and safe and healthy.

We are looking forward to future events in our branches, and need to increase our membership drive. We lost many people due to health reasons, moving, etc.

We recently lost a dear member of our branch, Ed Lexon. He was married to his wife Rosie for 63 years. They both contributed many hours of volunteering for our branch and St. Agnes. He was surrounded by his dear family members when he lost his courageous battle to ALS. He will be deeply missed by all. We pray for the family.

MJ Murray said her daughter is doing better following an extensive surgery. MJ is able to spend many weeks helping her with her recuperation. She is in our prayers for continued healing.

Hopefully we will soon be able to attend our churches and social gatherings.

We all miss our dear friends in our branch and can't wait to get together soon.

God bless you all. Stay safe and healthy.

Buona Fortuna and sempre avanti.

Norene DeLuca Correspondence Secretary

Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

E ci risiamo dopo un mese. Hope all the dads had a fun and relaxing Father's Day. Our branch meetings will continue to be on Zoom until we are otherwise notified. Better to be safe, vero? Since this may be the summer of "staycations," we will have meetings in July and August. Watch your email for your Evite. Hope you can participate.

We still have raffle tickets available for purchase. Remember, for each book you sell, half of the profit stays with our branch.

We have more interesting Heritage reports coming to us courtesy of Linda Barber. Always good to learn more about our ancestry and cultural traditions. Thank you for doing the research, Linda.

Lastly, I hope that this time of quarantine has given you some moments of solace, extra time with your family and the opportunity to hone your jigsaw puzzle and game skills.

Wishing you a Happy Fourth of July!!

Saluti,

Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

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Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, all branch events through September are cancelled. We are very sad that we have to make this decision, but we want to keep all our members healthy and safe. We are hoping to be able to meet again in October.

In May we notified our scholarship winners by mail. We were sad we couldn't honor them in person, but happy to be able to honor their success. Our eighth grade scholarship winner for this year is Keegan McManus. Our high school recipients are Hayley Kull and Francesca Piziali. Both Keegan and Francesca are branch members who have helped out at branch events and we are delighted that they are receiving scholarships.

We were also disappointed that due to COVID-19 concerns, we will not be able to serve dinner to the homeless at the Gathering Inn in Auburn in July. This is something we really enjoy doing. We were able to donate \$200 to their program and hope we can serve again in the future.

In the months before the shelter in place order, we were able to welcome several new members to our branch. We are delighted to welcome John and Julie DeNardi, Linda Wuelfing, Jeannine Swanson, Marc Piziali, Geri Wuelfing and Geonni DeNardi to Branch 342!

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all members and their loved ones during this time of pandemic. We really miss gathering together as a group and hope we will be able to resume activities soon.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen

Roseville St. Clare of Assisi, Br. 438

As we slowly begin gathering together again, we hope everyone remains healthy and safe. St. Clare Church will be offering in-person Masses starting Saturday, June 13th. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and parishioners are asked to make reservations in advance, since attendance will be limited to 100. Live streaming of Masses will continue, as well.

President, Joe Aguilar, continues to update us on Branch and Parish announcements.

Congratulations to our seminarian, Ryan Patrick Mahar, on his ordination into the priesthood on June 6th. We wish him all the best!

In Branch news, Claire Salsman is doing a wonderful job in her first term as financial secretary.

Membership, as of mid-May, is 105. Treasurer, Rick Steir, has been busy preparing the various treasury reports and recently deposited \$2,600.00 from Placer County for our help with the Primary Elections in early March. Orator, Susan Ches, has not only been keeping us united in prayer, but she has also been sending our birthday and anniversary cards to our members.

Vera Beine, with the help of her brother and sister, Joe Aguilar and Virginia Becker, has been making masks for our community since the beginning of the pandemic. Together, they recently donated 250 masks to St. Clare Church. Way to go, ICF warriors!

We hope all Dads enjoyed a happy and blessed Father's Day.

As 4th of July approaches, we pray for a peaceful and united Nation. God bless the USA!

Anne Finn

Recording Secretary

Santa Rosa District Council

We are now in the month of June and are approaching our next District Council Meeting in Santa Rosa at St. Eugene's campus on June 28th. At this point I cannot guarantee the church location, but may even take place in a private residence. Please take the time to attend. Guidelines will be followed so there is no threat of contamination.

I am awaiting further notice from our Council President Ken Marshall. In the meantime, save the date! and hope to see many members this time. It would be truly a pleasure as the Board depends on your support.

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording-Secretary



Healdsburg St. Francis de Sales, Br. 52

Good News! Fr. Sean has announced that in-person Mass has resumed at St. John's. Capacity is limited to 100 people inside the church at each Mass. Everyone is required to social distance and wear a face mask. Fr. Sean will continue to record Mass on YouTube, also.

We had our first branch meeting via Zoom, last night. It was great to see other faces besides Mom and Dad!

Events at church continue to be on-hold.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 18. We're hoping to have an in-person meeting at the School Patio, so we can properly socially distance. Please read the monthly eblast for more details.

Everyone has received their ICF Raffle Tickets in the mail. This is a great "contactless fundraiser" for the branch, especially since we don't know when we can resume in-person fundraisers. So far, 47 books have been sold. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please do so by August 1.

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

Happy Fourth of July!

Lauren Kilcullen



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Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

Although our branch is awakening from COVID-19 and it's shelter in place restrictions to a social distancing policy, we have not yet opened our doors and await instructions from our parish priest as to how and when that will happen. Soon I hope.

As you can see in the picture, St. Francis has a visitor. This craven (crow/raven?) was injured and spent a week or so at the fountain and has only recently achieved "lift off"! One day a brother craven was working side by side with him demonstrating the flying process. At first he could only limp around my flower beds but each day he grew stronger. Whenever I was outside, his flock would set up the harshest hue and cry I've ever heard protecting him from me! I squawked back, "As if I'd ever hurt him you bird brains!!"

Now, all I have is a pile of worms left in my fountain from his kin bringing him meals and a bit of doo doo here and there.

He reminded me of another wounded bird. Although COVID-19 has left us alone, the awkwardness of shopping masked at Costco has left Margaret Brown, our branch treasurer, with a serious knee injury from a fall. It will take months of staying off of it and then physical therapy to get her in flight again. Her loving husband, family and extended family will do all they/we can to help her soar again, but not before she's sore for quite awhile (pun intended.) so sorry this happened, Margaret.

We had A lovely e-mail from President Claudia Cuneo expressing her love and concern for the Branch. We are alive and well in spirit if not in fact. We've lost momentum, but, just as my craven made a full recovery, so shall we!

Peace and blessings to all!

Patsy Buchignani



Branch 75, Visitor to St. Francis

Petaluma St. Vincent's, Br. 127

Greetings from Petaluma!

I hope that this finds all of you doing fine during this pandemic. Let us pray that we have a vaccine soon and can put an end to this virus. I still intend to practice keeping a mask on, keeping a distance from my family and friends and staying safe. I hope that you are all staying safe.

Not much to report as we have not had any meetings or events, sad to say. I miss all of you and our get togethers.

Reminders: For those of you who have not sent in your Bakeless Bake donations, please try to do so as we are relying on the donations since we aren't having any fundraisers. Please send Margaret Cordrey your check.

Anything we can raise we will help our donations for the scholarships and others we contribute to.

Also, send President Lucy Spingola your raffle ticket stubs and monies for the Convention drawing. Even though the convention is virtual this year, they are still trying to raise monies from the raffle. We make \$10 for our Branch when you buy a book. So please help and send your money and stubs in as soon as you can.

Get well wishes to Margaret Cordrey and Sam Orlando and any others that are ill. Thinking of you Roseanne and Frank Cresci and Bruno Fomasi. Hope you are all doing well.

Bless all of you and stay safe my friends. Celebrate the Fourth of July and the freedoms we are blessed with.

Pray for our service people, the homeless, victims of crimes, our Country and the world. Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,

Louise Vicino

**August/September Issue
Deadline
is July 25th.
Send articles and photos:
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Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The future of meetings and assembly in our area still appears uncertain. President Bob Acquistapace says he will do all he can to keep our members informed but wants everyone to know that the Bollettino articles are written three weeks before you read them, and much can change. He wants you to know Rosemarie Alden-Ridley will call you when we are able to meet again. Bob says "stay safe" and pray for all our members.

The ICF convention has been cancelled, but there will still be a convention raffle. Books of tickets are on sale for \$20.00. Our branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. If you want a book, send a check for \$20.00 (payable to ICF #198) to Bob Acquistapace, 2229 Cheyenne Drive; Santa Rosa, CA 95405 along with 12 address labels. Bob will put the labels on the book stubs and send them to the ICF office. This will help our branch finances and you could win thousands! *Happy Independence Day to all.*

Ciao,

Gail Bongi-Azevedo

FRESNO

Madera Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

As of early June, we are eagerly awaiting the resumption of parish activities following the end of "shelter in place" restrictions. As many of us have become all too familiar with wearing facemasks, "social distancing," "senior shopping hours," and attending online masses and rosaries, we are anxious for a different kind of activity!

In the meantime, we are happy to announce that Branch 27 has awarded scholarships to two 2020 Madera graduates of San Joaquin Memorial High School, Nina Civiello and Reilly Hendrix. Both have excelled in academics and extra-curricular activities during their high school years. Nina is the daughter of Patrick and Gina Civiello, and Reilly is the grandson of Kathy Parrish. We wish each of these fine students every success in their continued education and future.

Please continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic and for all who have been affected. Through it all, we still have so many blessings to be thankful for.

Ciao,

Mary Keitz



Raffle items at the Branch #145 Eureka (St. Ambrose) spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship on Columbus day.

Los Banos Santa Lucia, Br. 31

Hello again from Branch 31. I would simply like to wish you all the very best in these difficult times and hope you find comfort in your faith. Please continue to pray for all who need help. God Bless!

Ciao,
Giona Boffa

Merced St. Cecilia, Branch, Br. 39

First, Happy Birthday to all members with a July birthday! Next, we hope you enjoyed celebrating the birth of our beautiful country on the Fourth of July.

We are thrilled to welcome our four new members: Diane Rogina Layhee (sponsored by Maryellen Mazzei), Chris Crain and Nancy Shertz (both sponsored by Carol Salmeri), and Bobby Quartaroli. Hopefully we can have a meeting soon and properly initiate them.

Our first-year scholarships are awarded to Jack Bustabade (son of Amy and Bob, grandson of Michelle and Mario Buttici), Katherine Horal (granddaughter of Sally Latorraca and niece of Nancy Silva) and Jarrett Sansoni (grandson of Ezio and Ellie). Congratulations also to high school graduates and members Bode Chait, Kristi Chanterie and Michael Pellicano. Our best is extended as you all enter an exciting new chapter of your lives. Relish your unique graduation story select only to The Class of 2020.

As places are opening incrementally, watch for notifications of our churches and ICF events resuming. To members who gave Mary Camper your email address, thank you. Having members' email addresses will help us efficiently and quickly notify you to branch news.

Continue to keep the health and well being of our members in your prayers, especially Mary Petroni who is currently recuperating at Anberry from a fall. Also devote prayers to those who are on the front lines fighting the ravages of this virus and scientists who race forward to develop vaccines and treatments to slow the pandemic and lessen the disease's damage.

Amore e affetto,
Stephanie Lucich

Bakersfield Out Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 281

Hello to all our ICF Friends! This social distancing has NOT come easy to a group that LOVES to gather for fun, fellowship and delicious meals. We are all adjusting to the new normal in different ways. On a positive note, one can't help but notice that it has in many ways given families some precious time that a few short months ago had to be

scheduled. Despite all the negative media especially in recent weeks there is always evidence of kindness and selfless acts all around us. The ICF has a long history of its members reaching out to those in need and these times are no different. Though we still are unable to gather in large groups, we can continue to reach out to our neighbors, friends, and others that are struggling.

God bless & stay safe and healthy.
Theresa Amarante Branch 281

MONTEREY

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Santa Cruz Nostra Signora del Soccorso, Br. 21

Hello, dear friends. We hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. Thankfully, our life is slowly and gingerly returning to 'normal' with lots of new guidelines that will keep us safe. Despite things 'opening up,' our ICF Convention will not be done en masse but instead will be done virtually. It will be different, but there will still be a conference, which will include workshops, presentations, and the ability to interact with one another. There will also be the Convention Raffle so if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets or need to turn in ticket stubs, please call Mickey Aluffi or go to ICF21@gmail.com.

We recently learned that Fr. Paul McDonnell is leaving the Shrine of St. Joseph Oblates to continue his good works in Pennsylvania. Fr. Paul has been at St. Joseph's for twelve years and a great supporter of the ICF. He will be very much missed and we wish him a Buon Viaggio.

As yet, we don't have a date for our next General Meeting or our next event. This lack of togetherness can make one feel quite isolated so if you need to reconnect please feel free to call Roseann Costabile or Rosa Radicchi. They will perk you up and possibly have more updated information about Branch 21. *Ciao per ora, Tutti. Let us continue to have faith and know that God will provide.*

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Salinas Sacred Heart, Br. 25

We hope everyone continues to be well as we have three months of quarantine in California. There are proposed protocols for our church to hold Masses and other small events, keeping in mind that there will be strict rules on social distancing, masks, and only one person singing for the Mass.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the COVID-19, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Large groups of are still prohibited, we are still on hold for monthly in person meetings, and this year will be our first virtual convention, a real change from the vibrant events at the fun venues, though it will likely be just a good for learning and sharing.

Our Branch will be losing our Recording Secretary, JoAnn Sullivan, who is moving to Colorado next month. JoAnn's husband Tom has some significant health issues and they need to be near specialized healthcare facilities. They are moving closer to their daughter, who is an RN, and is expecting their second grandchild. JoAnn said she is going to miss our wonderful ICF members she has come to know. We wish her all the best in Colorado. Please let me know if any of you would like to take on the Secretary role for Branch 25.

Please follow the CDC guidelines and wear your masks and wash or sanitize your hands frequently. We hope you have a nice 4th of July with close family and friends in safe settings.

God Bless the ICF and God Bless America.
Julie Richards, President

Capitola St. Joseph's, Br. 227

On July 1 we had a change of officers. Franklyn Lopes became President and Ellen Pauly is serving as First Vice-President. Many thanks to Ellen for her good work as President the first six months of this year.

Our July 11th barbecue has been cancelled because the shelter-in-place has not been lifted. The deposit we gave for DeLaveaga Park will now apply to reserving the park for next year's barbecue on July 17, 2021.

We are sorry to report that Ken Waldvogel passed away on June 15. Ken was a past president of Branch 227. He was the go-to guy for anything that the church or the branch needed and a wealth of knowledge. We will miss his great sense of humor, his loyalty to all of us, and his friendship.

Even though the in-person Convention has been cancelled, the raffle is still being held. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, send a check to Treasurer Jane Kotila. The cost is \$20, and \$10 of that stays with our branch.

Since we didn't have all six Fish Frys this year, our revenue is down. Your contribution is more important than ever.

Two of our members have participated in random acts of kindness during the pandemic. Ken Olson plays "Amazing Grace" on his trumpet each Friday night from his balcony for all his neighbors. He reports a good response and many calls for an encore. John Adams participated in the virtual choir singing "Holy Holy Holy" on the St. Joseph's Parish website.

Happy Birthday to all our members who are celebrating birthdays in July.
Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

It has been a very quiet three months for Branch 291. We had to cancel our April, May and June meetings, and our July meeting is still TBD as I write this. Due to the challenges of keeping our church hall sanitized, we're not certain when our parish will start allowing groups to use the facilities. But we pray we can meet again soon!

Our Registration Assistance Program recently dispersed funds to cover a large portion of the registration costs for our qualifying ICF students who will be attending local Catholic elementary, junior high and high schools this fall. Nearly 40 children from Br. 291 benefited from this important and successful program.

Please continue to pray for these members of Br. 291 who may be experiencing illness, pain or heartache at this time: Theresa Aston, Anita Caracci, Dianne Clees, Wally Cox, Terry Garrity, Stevie Hall, Bruce Hensley, Paul Karp, Nick Sausa, Jim & Throck Scudder, June Steves, Fr. Alphonse Van Guilder, Laura Vopatek, Jens & Sonia Wagner, and Doris Wais.

We pray everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Another month of lockdown and maybe there is an end in sight. Recently read an article – “Short-Term and Long-Term Effects of COVID-19 on the Church in America” by Josh Laxton. I was encouraged by his outlook in that in the so called “return to a new normal” will change the church. He does not subscribe to that theory. He says that at some point our Sunday morning routines will be back to normal. He goes on to say – “while some of the short-term procedures may be adopted long term, he believes there will be time where all of the heightened safety measures will no longer be needed and churches can return to their normal ministry and mission activities.” Amen, I say to that.

Our beloved ICF will flourish again. I will report how SCV District President Bob Bausino will ask each branch to sell their allotment of Convention Opportunity books and to make reservations for the convention, etcetera, etcetera.

Let's continue to say 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”.

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

Mike Nunziata

Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

Branch 28 like so many others has begun to take our first tentative steps toward normalcy or what will be our “new” normal. Important topics at our June Board meeting was scholarship grantees and Convention raffle tickets. Three \$1000 scholarships were made possible by Br. 28 member Teri Fortino. Recipients were Joshua Kim, from TJ Owens Academy-Gilroy; Kaylyn Scourbys, from Christopher High-Gilroy; and Olivia Bozzo, from Gilroy High School. Thank you, Teri, for your generous support of these ICF scholarships.

The importance of the Convention raffle fundraiser was emphasized since all charitable fundraising has been stopped during the pandemic. Like so many of our sister branches, the unknowns of when and how dinner meetings, fund raisers, Branch picnics and special events will be conducted leaves planning murky at best.

The knowns are that the Convention raffle will proceed and that half of the proceeds sold by Br. 28 will stay with the Branch and half will go to the national Italian Catholic Federation. This fundraiser is even more critical and important because of the hiatus of fundraisers that benefit Saint Mary Parish,



Br. 28: 2019 Branch 28 Convention delegates and members gather for a photo. We look forward to gathering for a photo again.



Br. 28: Trustee Louie Cordich, President Joe Fortino and 1st VP Vince Saso posing before the bountiful bake goods at last year's bake sale fund raiser. We all look forward to bake sale fundraisers and Louie's renowned prune cake in the future.

Cooley's Anemia, St. Joseph's Family Center, scholarship recipients, and the Gift's of Love, among others. Please Br. 28 members be as generous as your circumstances allow in participating in the raffle ticket sales. You should have received your booklets by mid-June. More information is included with the booklets.

Accompanying are images from the past that we so look forward to seeing in the future.

Peace and God Bless,

Kim M. Filice



Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

Good Morning America! I'm sending you Birthday Greetings. I'll be flying our flag on July 4th! After all we have been going through as a country, we must not forget all the good our country has done. Sure we have differences of opinion, but here we are free to state our beliefs, never doubt that!

Our little Chicken Lady found a way to break out of her home. When Denise Antonowicz got a call that a certain gentleman, Rudy Stiavetti, was turning 100 years old, she got Mom Marie in her chicken outfit and drove to the Belterose Rest home. Marie danced and the gentleman was thrilled! Thanks for sharing your love for the fellow man! Great Americans!

You can't keep a good man and woman down. Annually, Don and Rose Arnau host a Baby Layette Shower. This year it's a drive-by Layette Shower on July 18, between noon and 3 p.m. The plan is for you to RSVP by July 11. Then drive to their home, leave your gift on the porch, and pick up a bagged lunch! They need to know if you are coming so there is enough lunches. With all their health situations of late, they are still involved in helping others. Great Americans!

As for the ICF Convention this year, the committee is developing a plan for a virtual events including the awards, presentations, and workshops. The Raffle is still on. By now you have received your raffle books. PLEASE send in your check and stubs for the raffle, as this is the only fundraiser we have right now. We keep \$10 and \$10 goes to the ICF. Grazie.

So now, let us keep gardening, checking in on each other, and Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us and give us the courage to face each new day. We will get through this together.

Be safe, stay healthy,

Lucy Amico



Br. 28: 2019's Christmas dinner meeting. We look forward to seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus giving gifts to the little ones.

San Jose St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

In June, we found ourselves still sheltering in place due to the coronavirus. We have been asked to distance ourselves, change our ways, and alter our lifestyles. We have been inconvenienced, confined, and given up accustomed activities.

I took conducted a mini survey of our members asking: SINCE WE HAVE BEEN SHELTERING IN PLACE, WHAT DO YOU MISS THE MOST? Branch members were kind and honest to share some of their thoughts and feelings.

The common theme of most responses was the absence of human contact. Responses such as "Hugging," "Family Dinners not 6ft Apart," and "Missing my family and friends" was the common denominator of most respondents. Many members expressed dismay of "Not seeing the Grandkids." One member stated that sheltering in place is so very "Isolating."

Another member expressed lack of freedom by his statement of "Not being able to do what we want to do--when we want to do it." Traveling" was also mentioned as something absent from our lives as well. Sheltering in place was humorously referred to as "House arrest—is not wonderful."

The religious aspects of sheltering also received attention by some members. "I miss my St. Christopher Mass and the Community," stated one long time member. Also, "Receiving the Eucharist" was first and foremost for one of our St. Francis Cabrini members.

The expressions of our members regarding their feelings of sheltering in place was very insightful. The very large illustration was told by "I miss my ICF family" and "I miss ICF friends and ICF evenings." We are a family. An ICF family.

May we all stay safe to return to our ICF family.

Shirley Catania



Br. 191, St Francis Cabrini Church ... We miss you

San Jose Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

On June 5 President Mary Ridi reluctantly emailed our branch members to say that our June meeting had been cancelled along with the 2020 ICF Convention in Anaheim. Mary mentioned that we are not yet ready to gather on our parish grounds, either inside a building or outside. She also notified us that we will be receiving our tickets for the Convention raffle and that the tickets, stubs, and money are due to Barbara Ruffner by August 1. The entire booklet costs twenty dollars, with ten of that going to the ICF office and the other ten remaining with our branch.

We are continuing to quarantine ourselves at home for the most part, watching weekend Mass at our parish church with Father George on YouTube. Father also reads and sings to us on Wednesdays, and we sing along with him at home. We call and email each other, but a phone call cannot take the place of in-person greetings. I don't feel a hug through our Zoom face times, though they help. Are these feelings of isolation causing us to withdraw into ourselves with repercussions for our interpersonal relations in the future? What about our communication skills? Our vocabularies? Our mental health?

We pray for each other and hold our members in our hearts. Lord, remove this COVID scourge from our midst.

With love and concern for each of you until we meet again,

Judy Zahn

San Jose St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Our members were unable to meet in June due to the COVID-19 Virus concerns and the cancellation of all ICF general meetings.

The June ICF Sunday mass appeared on-line as we were still in Shelter-in-Place. Members attended the on-line service. For future masses, visit www.stmartin.org for log on instructions.

Our annual July family picnic has been cancelled, since St. Martin's is not open as of this time. Central Council's Golf Tournament has also been cancelled.

In June's *Bollettino*, Central Council announced that the 2020 "physical, face-to-face convention" was cancelled due to health concerns and government regulations. The ICF is currently developing plans for a virtual conference, which will include workshops and presentations.

Convention raffle tickets are still being sold—return your tickets to Tina Rossi as soon as possible. This is a major fundraiser for the Federation.

Upcoming events: Branch 391 General Meeting—August 4, 2020 at 6:30 (tentative); Reminder: Our popular "Wine Down with ICF" has been postponed until later this year.

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

We look forward to visiting with you soon!

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Resurrection, Br. 408

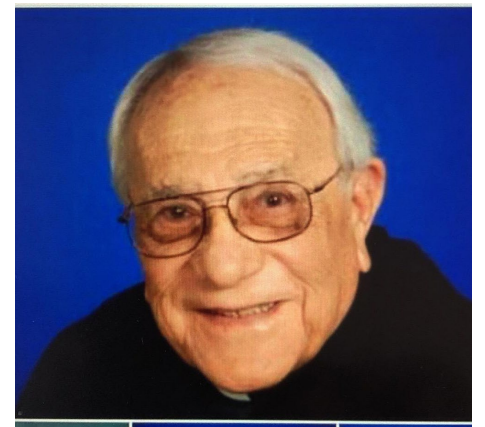
Congratulations to our Diocesan Chaplain to ICF Msgr Milani who celebrates in June both his 95th Birthday and a milestone of 70 years of service as a priest. We are grateful to the Lord for his Service, and his time and talents in service to the ICF. He is also nominally a godfather to our ICF district, as he is the person who suggested the name for the Santa Clara Valley District (SCVD).

Church of the Resurrection continues to offer Livestream viewing of the Daily Celebration of the Eucharist during the week @ 815 a.m. and of Sunday Services @ 10 a.m.

We expect to have Parish Outdoor Masses with up to 25 Registered Parishioners starting in the Last Weeks of June 2020 for potentially the 830 and 1130 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please check the Parish Website and/or Parish Bulletin for Updates.

We have negotiated Arrangements for our June ICF/Parish Blood Drive on Sunday June 28th from 8-1 p.m.. Our Parish will host the Stanford Blood Mobile in the Farana Center Parking Lot. If you are healthy -please consider donating this Gift of Life. Free COVID19 testing will be part of the Screening Donation Blood Draw. Donors will also receive a \$10 Pete's Coffee Gift Card

Please pray for our sick members including Paul and Dori Blefari and for Margaret DiNetto and her husband who remain in Lockdown in India awaiting to return home to the Parish.



Branch 408 celebrates Msgr. Milani



Br. 191, Yummy summer Cherries at Andy's Morgan Hill

Please be sure to cancel your convention hotel reservations to avoid fees. Cancellations are due at least two days prior to your reservation arrival.

*If you judge
people, you
have no time to
love them.
-Mother Teresa*

Morgan Hill Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Br. 435

Here we are in June and another month of staying in place. I know we are all weary of keeping our distance and covering our faces, and hoping this will end soon but it looks like this will go on for some time. The Diocese of San Jose announced that churches can resume public worship outdoors but per county guidelines, can only be in groups of no more than 25. I don't think I have ever attended a Sunday Mass with only 25 in the congregation.

In addition to the pandemic we are all dealing with a lot of civil unrest due to the very cruel actions of a few individuals. Please keep praying for an end to all the hate that is being fomented and lead by example to show love to our fellow man.

Two of my grandsons graduated this month, one from high school and one from eighth grade. Both schools did what they could to make it a special day. They were each able to go up and get their diplomas individually. The high school then had a car parade around the school with horns honking and lots of balloons. The middle school had a balloon arch and took several pictures of each graduate under the arch with their diploma.

Please keep all of our members in your prayers during this time, especially anyone who is sick or infirm. Please say a special get well prayer for Helga Brooks who fell last month and broke her wrist.

Take care and stay safe,

Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

Thank you to the Santa Clara County clergy and our ICF Chaplain Rev. Chris Bennett and staff of St. Christopher's Parish. They have supported us spiritually over these past months of COVID-19 by bringing the Celebration of Mass and other spiritual services into our homes via the Internet. With the easing of quarantine guidelines, we look forward to the possibility of outdoor mass in the future per SCC guidelines!

Congratulations to Sara Sandri recipient of our Br. 445 first year scholarship award of \$400! Sara is a member of Transfiguration Parish and graduated from Archbishop Mitty H.S. She will attend UCLA's Pre-Med Program and hopes to become a pediatrician! As a first generation Italian American, she is fluent in speaking Italian! We wish you all the best in your studies. Ti auguriamo tutto il meglio nei tuoi studi!

As we go forward into the summer may we all stay safe and well.

May all of us and our country Support Equality, Justice and Change.

Spotlight on Emily Corral, Br. 445 and Br. 191

Emily Corral has been an ICF member for 33 years! Currently she is a member of Br. 445 and Br. 191. Her Italian roots stem from the region of Puglia. She too is a first generation Italian American and is a native of San Jose. She attended: St. Patrick's Elem. School, Notre Dame High School and San Jose State College where she majored in Business Administration. Following her graduation, she worked on campus at SJS for 6 years in the Teachers' Placement Department. After she married in 1960, she and her husband lived in the East Bay for 7 years due to his work. They had 3 children and eventually moved back to San Jose. Their children attended St. Frances Cabrini. She and her husband became members of ICF Br. 191 in the 1980s. She also worked 35 years in the Human Resources Dept. of the San Jose Unified School District.

After she became a widow in 1994, she involved herself more with officer's positions for Br. 191. She has held the following positions for Br. 191: Orator, Recording Secretary, 1st VP, and President. Each of these positions she held for 3 years!! Currently she is their 2nd VP.

She has been a long standing member of Transfiguration Parish. It was a no brainer then that she would become a member of Transfiguration ICF Br. 445 when it was created in 2016. In 2017 she became Orator for Br. 445. She continues to hold this position. Over the years she became a cancer survivor and has some vision limitations. She chose to run for the office of Orator because she says she has the prayers memorized and doesn't have to read them!! She has presented twice for our Branch Heritage report by memorizing her topic!

Currently, she heads the Br. 445 Scholarship Committee and for several years has been the Scholarship Chair for our Santa Clara Valley District ICF.

ICF is somewhat of a family affair for Emily as her son married the daughter of Br. 191 long standing members Janice and Jim Jones!!

Emily loves fellowship and being a part of our ICF communities. Although these months of quarantine have been difficult for her, she stays positive. She's a natural for conversation, enjoys telephone calls and outdoor social distancing visits from friends.



Br. 445 Chaplain Rev. Chris Bennett --Mass & Messages During Covid-19



Br. 445 Scholarship Recipient Sara Sandri



Br. 445 Our Sandwich Ministry

God Bless America and hoping all fathers enjoy a Happy Fathers' Day!
Submitted by,
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer

STOCKTON

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

The new normal takes a little getting used to. I have been participating in Mass via computer and will continue to do so. Under Stockton Diocese Bishop Myron Cotta's direction, Deacon Jose will resume public Mass Sunday June 14, 2020 but it will be limited to 100 people. The Elderly, which I am one of, have been asked to remain at home and continue Mass via computer.

The drive thru Blessing were much needed as you could see by the amazing number of cars participating some with their families others by themselves. Drive thru parking lot confessions were also available. We find other ways of participating we know that Christ waits for us in the Sacrament, whether we participate in person or online.

We have lost some of our fund raising events, such as our bake sales, but do have the convention raffle tickets that we need to sell. We get to keep ten dollars for every book we sold. I will be mailing the books of tickets to our members and asking them to sell as many as they can and am including an envelope for them to return the stubs and money to me.

Take care of yourselves and your families. I miss seeing you and keep all of you in my prayers.

Happy 4th of July.

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi

St. Anne's, Br. 82

Buongiorno, ICF Famiglia!

Praise the Lord! We are finally celebrating mass in the church with each other! And, what a Sunday to start – the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. After receiving communion only spiritually for the past 3 months we are, at last, able to participate in the joy of the Eucharist. With 6 ft. distancing still in effect, we could not have celebrated this Feast of Corpus Christi as they usually do in Spello, Italy with a procession through the charming, flower-lined streets to the main church. But we were able to mingle at a distance, chatting with each other in our beautiful St. Anne's Plaza.

Hopefully soon we'll be able to resume our branch meetings. Meanwhile, let us pray for peace amongst all our brothers and sisters:

God of Heaven and Earth, fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, and our social and civil institutions. Remind us Lord that you said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God." In your name we pray. Amen.

Passa una bella estate (Enjoy your summer)!

Patty Litts

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

August/September Issue Deadline is July 25th.
Send articles and photos: editor@icf.org

Manteca Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio, Br. 139

As our churches begin partial re-openings, all ICF members are looking forward to the end of this months-long "shelter in place."

Branch 139 is no different. We are continuing our behind-the-scenes planning for fund-raisers, scholarship awards, parish support and social functions.

That being said, Branch President Jim Alfieri states, "Our members are just waiting to once again meet and enjoy some of Chef Tony Queirolo's buon banchetti Italiano."

Ciao,
Mariano

Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

Summer is here and we are hopefully in recovery mode.

Congratulations to the Tracy graduates who did well in finishing college, high school, grade school, and even kindergarten. We don't want to forget the little ones, even though some are way too young to understand what it took to get through March, April, May and June.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners! The first is Samantha Lieberg, who graduated from Tracy High School and will be attending Santa Barbara City College, majoring in communications. The second is Breanna Guzman, who is also a Tracy High graduate and will be attending San Francisco State University, majoring in biology and planning to continue her education to become a doctor.

Alec Alegre is also a Central Council scholarship winner, and he is the grandson of Steve and Anita Ridolfi (current branch president).

In the news from Italy, the pressure on hospitals continue to ease with fewer people hospitalized and fewer people in intensive care. We continue to pray for our relatives and friends there, especially in the Lombardy region, which bore the brunt of Italy's epidemic.

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

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

Stay healthy, happy and safe,
Betty Hollars
Branch 390



Unstoppable by the pandemic, ICF Branch 423 in Irvine met over Zoom on May 15, 2020.

Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

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

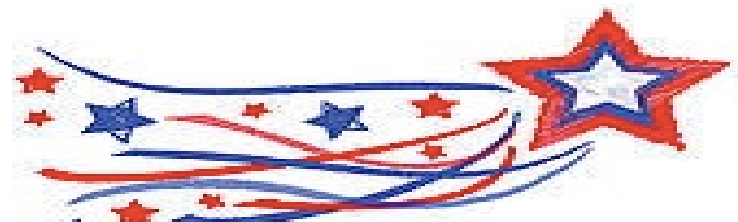
York, New York to Milan. A plane jam packed with Italian speaking ICF members representing branches and Italian regions from all over the area.

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 ran into Bob Zanoni and Bill Lina. We got to talking and Bob said I have to come to their next Branch meeting at Church of the Presentation as his guest. I went that second Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., and the rest is history.

So, ICF members, what's your history?

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*



ORANGE

Irvine St. Thomas More, Br. 423

The coronavirus pandemic may be keeping us from gathering for meetings at our church, but it didn't stop us from meeting online, thanks to Zoom. Our first-ever virtual meeting was held May 15. Thanks to everyone who Zoomed in.

Every June we traditionally have our ice cream social, and the pandemic wasn't going to stop us. It hasn't happened yet, as of this writing, but is planned for later in June. The plan is to dive into our sundaes, complete with nuts and sprinkles, together over Zoom

Congratulations to our ICF scholarship winner, Paige Myers from Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

Buon' estate a tutti! Happy summer to all!

Marcida Dodson



Breanna Guzman & Samantha Lieberg
Central Council and Branch 390 Scholarship Winners
Parents: Stefania Guzman & Christina Lieberg—Branch 390
Grandmother: Lucy Orsi—Branch 390



Alec Alegre
Central Council Scholarship Winner
Grandparents: Stephen & Anita Ridolfi—Branch 390





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

Remember the next issue of the *Bollettino* will be a joint issue to prepare members for the upcoming Virtual Convention.

Be sure to submit your critical information by the **DEADLINE on July 25th!**
Send all your articles and photographs to editor@icf.org by the deadline to ensure inclusion in this important issue.

June Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Brad & Cathi Farber		Moraga, CA	\$30
6/2	Lillian Dal Porto	39	Merced, CA	\$30
6/3	Janet Rossi	343	Washington, DC	\$30
6/4	Branch 48		Modesto, CA	\$30
6/5	Oberron Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
6/6	Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann		Garden Grove, CA	\$30
6/7	Thomas & Virginia Malaspina		Redwood City, CA	\$30
6/8	Sylvia Reali	332	Novato, CA	\$30
6/9	Theresa Saracho	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
6/10	John Gualco	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
6/11	Marcie Soper	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/12	Marianne Bordogna	352	Danville, CA	\$30
6/13	Dick Caglia		Fresno, CA	\$30
6/14	Gwen Gorman		Salinas, CA	\$50
6/15	Paula Watt		Stockton, CA	\$50
6/16	Gina Fitzpatrick		Paso Robles, CA	\$30
6/17	David Taddei	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
6/18	Fr. Tito Cartagenas, Jr.		San Jose, CA	\$30
6/19	Joseph J. Gianquinto	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/20	Mary C. Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/21	Patrick Sweetland	161	Larkspur, CA	\$50
6/22	Elena David	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
6/23	Maryclaire Sampognaro	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
6/24	Juliana M. Midwin	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/25	Amanda Novak-Murano	362	Downey, CA	\$30
6/26	Barbara O'Rourke	342	Newcastle, CA	\$30
6/27	Lillian Bayer		Danville, CA	\$30
6/28	Josephine Grant	103	Sonoma, CA	\$30
6/29	Kathleen Kozacek		Los Altos Hills, CA	\$30
6/30	Ann Consul	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30

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GOLDEN



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The annual convention raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes.

The golden ticket books are \$20 each. Your branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$2 each.

Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. For each additional book sold exceeding last year's total, your branch receives an entry to a special \$250 raffle. Stubs and a branch check are due to the office by August 15 for this special raffle.

