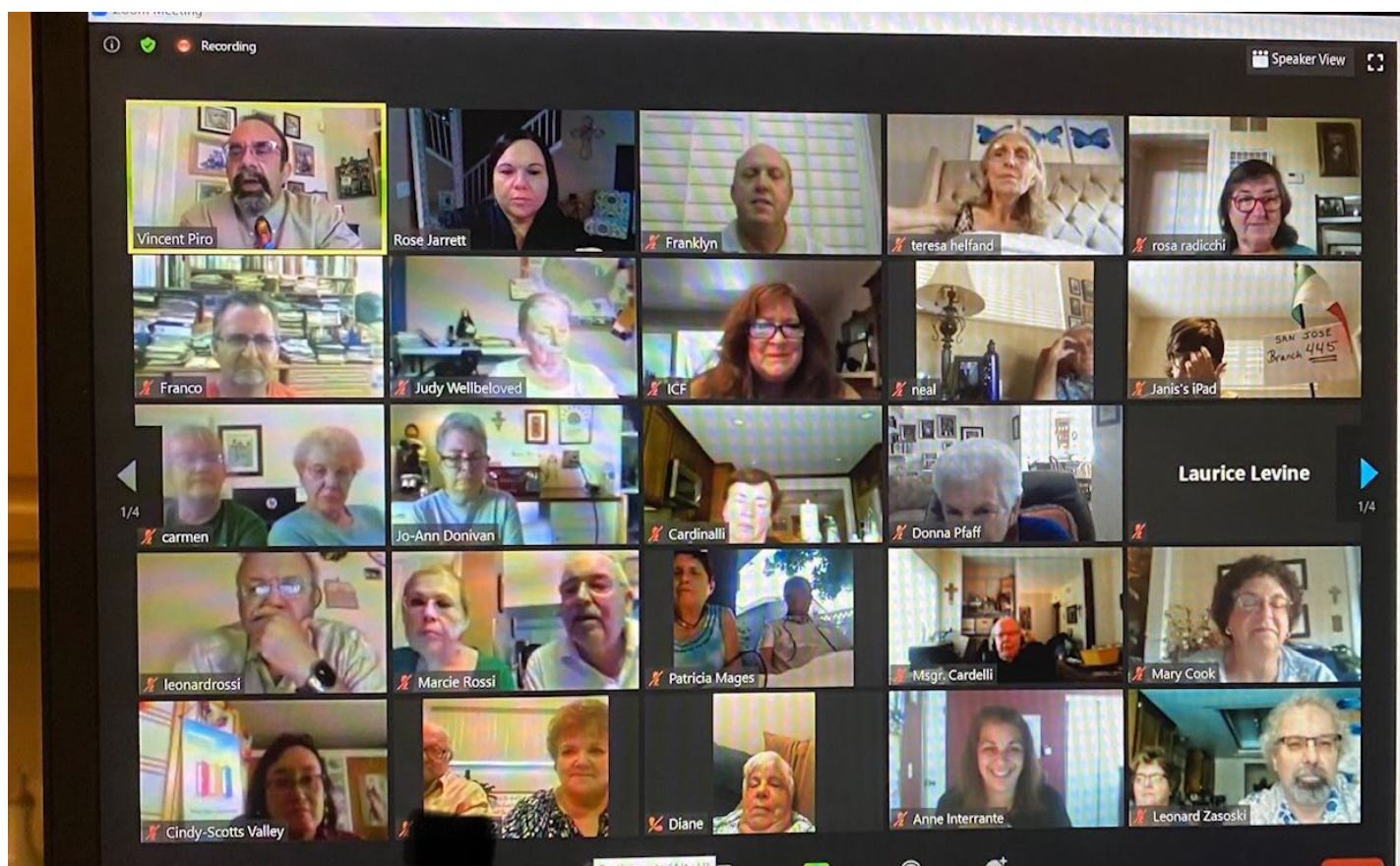




# BOLLETTINO



## ICF Convention Unites Members' Voices & Prayers *ICF Virtual Convention General Session Welcomes All*



## Grand President's Acceptance Speech 2020

Vince Piro

It is an honor to have been selected to serve another term as Grand President. Many great leaders have preceded me in this position, so it is with all humility that I accept this office.

Before I go to much further, I want to acknowledge the good work and dedication Rose Jarrett and the Convention Committee put into making this year's virtual convention (really a conference) such a success. There were meaningful workshops, award presentations, a virtual blood drive, and a very special memorial mass celebrated by Reverend Christopher Bennett of St. Christopher's Parish, San Jose, CA. We even held two live sessions, an Open Forum and a Happy Hour, that were well attended and full of camaraderie and fellowship.



I would also like to thank the members of the Central Council for all they have done to support the ICF during a very challenging year. They have proven that their love of the Federation comes first and foremost in their lives. They have served on committees, worked on special projects, and served branches and districts. Thank you to each and everyone who has served on the Central Council this year.

I would also like to thank my wife, Robyn, my sisters, Debbie and Terrie, as well as mother, Millicent, for all their support this year.

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## 2020 Convention Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Prize in the Convention Raffle.

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Virginia DePasquale, Br. 32, Fresno, CA  
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Roger and Kathy Santos, Br. 28, Gilroy, CA  
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Elaine Davis, Br. 191, San Jose, CA  
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Jean Dowling, Br. 332, Novato, CA  
**6th Prize, \$500 + \$100 Seller's Prize**  
Shirley Buchignani, Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA  
**7th Prize, \$500**  
Bob O'Donnell, Br. 50, San Francisco, CA  
**\$100 Seller's Prize**  
Rose Mangini, Br. 50, San Francisco, CA

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Branch 442, Pleasant Hill, CA -- \$250

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**November issue  
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**Thank you!**

## ICF CONVENTION, VIRTUAL AND VIRTUOUS

Monsignor Daniel Cardelli, ICF Spiritual Director



Because of the Coronavirus, our 2020 ICF Convention was an entirely different experience, but a good one. Technology made it possible to conduct the convention completely on line. This was a wonderful experience. One could access different events any time during the convention. For example, Father Chris Bennett's beautiful Mass was always available as a link. The Workshops were also available in the same way.

There were several advantages by conducting the convention virtually. We didn't have to travel long distances and avoided the security at airports. No packing, no baggage, no standing in lines, no crowded elevators, no getting up early. Yet we still had a convention. This could not happen without computers or the internet. There were, however, some disadvantages too. We missed seeing people from other parts of our country and catching up on events and family. We missed the gatherings of members during sessions, workshops, Mass, dinners, meetings and socials. We missed the handshakes, the hugs, the camaraderie and just plain fun of a convention experience.

The one thing that stood out throughout the whole virtual convention experience was the constant reference to Jesus, whether it was in prayer, discussions or presentations. It was kind of a feeling that Jesus was a participant in the convention. The Catholic in the Italian Catholic

Federation was evident and spiritually comfortable. We were all united in a virtual and virtuous encounter. Thanks to all who had a role in the organizing and preparation of this successful convention.



*I came to light a fire.*

## Convention Central Council meeting and election of 2020-2021 Officers.



**Member Workshops Are Available On ICF Website**



Grand President Vince Piro and First Lady Robyn Piro welcome members to the first ever virtual convention.



*I feel that the ICF is as vital and important an organization today as it was 95 years ago.*  
-Vince Piro



Workshops Are Available On Our Website

**Workshop:**

**SUCCESSFUL BRANCHES**

**Progress During a Pandemic**

**Presented by: Rose Jarrett**  
Central Council Life Member

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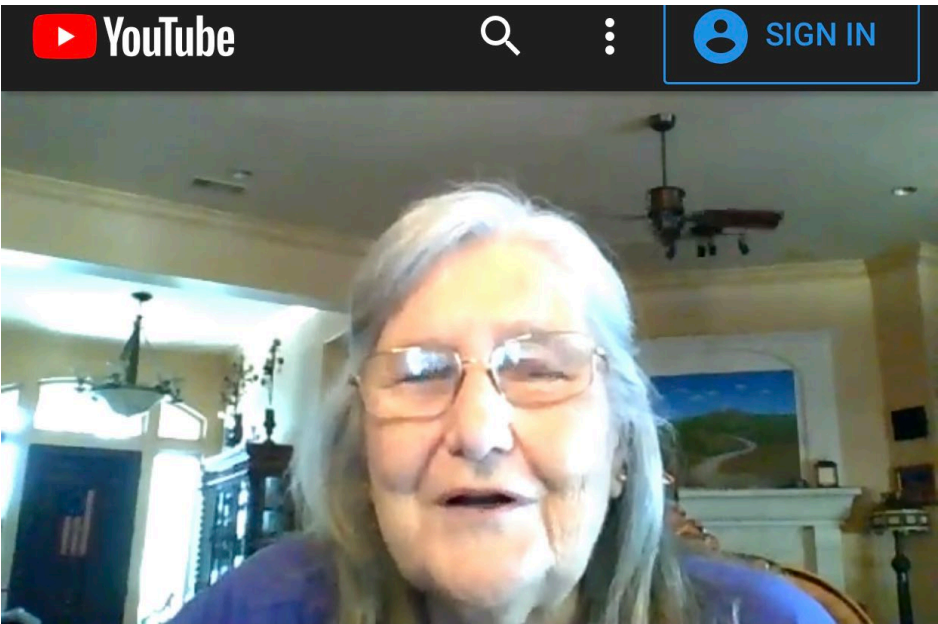
- JOHN WOODEN

## 2020 Award Winners

The three awards were presented virtually. The presentations are posted on the ICF website and on YouTube.



Pope St. John XXIII Awarded to Wells of Life & Nick Jordan



Grand President's Awarded to Mabel Willmon



Family of Year Awarded to the Cook Family



# Members enjoy Happy Hour together in ICF Convention 2020



# MASKuerade Ball at ICF Virtual Convention







Father Christopher Bennett celebrating virtually... a socially distanced memorial mass on the patio.



Names of ICF members and friends being remembered at the memorial mass.



Rose Jarrett and Anne Interrante wearing their ICF shirts to the virtual convention.



Small group of masked ICF members at dinner following the memorial mass.



# Grand President

Vince Piro

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Robyn, in particular, travelled with me to Bishops' Days and District Installations, where we enjoyed visiting with our fellow ICF members and their families.

I want to reiterate something I said in last year's acceptance speech. I feel that the ICF is as vital and important an organization today as it was 96 years ago. And really our original vocation hasn't changed that much. It says on our crest: "I came to light a fire." It is our mission, our purpose for being. Today, we are still called to light a fire. We are called to light the fire of faith in our parishes and communities. And I believe this needs to remain the focus of our organization.

Of course, with the current pandemic, our organization—as well as many others—have faced many challenges. However, I believe that the Federation is poised to come out of this pandemic strong and ready to grow and change to meet the challenges of contemporary society.

Here is an update of a few initiatives that the Federation is focusing on.

## Regarding membership . . .

1. The Membership Committee is currently working on a promotional video that can be used to advertise the ICF to prospective members. This professionally produced video will allow our organization to promote itself in a variety of new ways, including on social media.
2. The Membership Committee is also working on creating a Promotional Packet, complete with bulletin announcements and press releases aimed at helping branches promote the ICF at the local level.
3. As soon as pandemic restrictions lift, the Expansion Committee - under the leadership of Mike Rossi—will continue its work of expanding the Federation to new parishes.
4. The National Branch will continue to grow. This will be a branch that will have a largely virtual presence but that will have its base at St. Peter's Church in Los Angeles. St. Peter's was founded in 1904 to care for the spiritual and social needs of new Italian immigrants who came to America, so it seems a fitting home for our new national branch. The current members of Branch 67 are excited to extend their hospitality to new members, uniting members

## Regarding leadership . . .

1. A new Mentor Program has been created and Deborah Redondi, the First Grand Vice-President, has begun its implementation. She is asking that District Presidents work with her to appoint District Mentors by October 15th. After that, branch mentors will be appointed and training will start. In addition, Central Council members will be appointed to each District to work closely with the District Mentors and Presidents.
2. The Task Force Committee—led by Steve Fuentes—will begin to review branch and Central Council By-Laws and Statutes. Steve is committed to getting feedback and engaging in conversation from members at all levels of the organization.
3. The Central Council will work on revising the Federation's Strategic Plan so that it reflects the current state of the ICF and its goals. The

Strategic Plan should be adopted sometime next year and will guide the Federation for years to come.

These initiatives as well as others will help the Federation come out of the pandemic ready to grow and expand, ready to "light a fire" in our parishes and communities.

It is my belief that the world needs the ICF now more than ever. In a world divided by politics, social strife, and pandemics, the Federation can offer its belief in unity through fellowship and family. We are "One Faith, Many Cultures" and have much to offer our communities that are struggling to find love and kindness in a world filled with tragedies and challenges. The ICF is the fire of hope and love for our world.

I will conclude with once again saying that I am honored to have been selected as Grand President and look forward to working with each of you this year.

# The Wonder of It All, LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

Fetus is baby. Baby is human.  
Human becomes president.

## Family Recipes--Ported Pears *(contributed by Sheila Lievore Eward with Br. 10 in Alameda)*

Deborah Rodondi, Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. Our virtual convention was interesting and well received. Shows us what we can do in the future share convention highlights with all the members of ICF. October and harvest time are upon us. This recipe shared by Sheila Lievore Eward from Branch 10 in Alameda (East Bay District) is a perfect fall dessert and would be great for the upcoming holidays.



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### PORTED PEARS

Use Bosc pears, DO NOT use Bartlett or Danjou pears.

Wash pears, cut in half lengthways and core.

Take glass baking dish and melt 2 Tbls. butter in it.

Sprinkle with ½ - 1 tsp. cinnamon. Place cut side down in glass baking dish.

Pour port wine to cover pears plus ½ more. Cover loosely with foil and bake 45 to 60 minutes in 400 degree oven.

I underline the word loosely---I don't know if I had the foil too tight or the powers that be were communicating with me; but ¾'s of the way through the cooking process I heard a noise. When I looked towards the oven the door was popped open. So I figured it was mom commenting on the amount of port used or dad giving me a thumbs up!



Good to know they are still sharing moments with me.

Let cool slightly and serve with whipped cream, crème fraiche or ice cream.

Sheila usually makes 10 pears at a time (20 halves). To try this out I used 3 pears in a 8x8 baking dish. Six halves did not comfortably fit so I cut one up and filled in the spaces. I poured the port (just under ½ a bottle) until it just covered the pears. I served with fat free cool whip garnished with mint and it was perfect. The left overs were just as good the next couple of days.

Very good, pour a generous helping of port over pear when serving.

My nephew Tony and I enjoyed this treat after dinner.

Can be made ahead and reheated. Great for holiday dinners. Trader Joe's has a reasonable priced port wine.

Several members have shared recipes with me---you have not been forgotten; I look forward to sharing them with you in the near future. If it is as good as it looks it will be in a future *Bollettino*. Be safe and call friends---it can be lonely sheltering in place.

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

**Buon Appetito!**





## 2020 APOSTOLATE/CHARITY COMMITTEE – CONVENTION REPORT

Lauren Kilcullen, Apostolate—Charity Chairperson

**Total Number of Branches – 113**

**Total Reports Submitted – 68**

**Of the 68 Branches Submitting an Annual Report:**

- 56 Branches submitted an Apostolate Charity report in 2019
- 49 Branches have an Apostolate Chairperson
- 33 Branches give an Apostolate Report at each meeting
- 24 Branches have an active Chaplain
- 0 Branches attend Mass together Monthly
- 17 Branches attend Mass together Quarterly
- 6 Branches attend Mass together Semi-Annually
- 14 Branches attend Mass together Annually
- 40 Branches recite the rosary or pray for special intentions at each meeting
- 52 Branches offer Masses for deceased members
- 52 Branches donate to the Providenza Fund



**Participation in Branch or District Sponsored Events:**

Retreats--3 Branches

Pilgrimages--11 Branches

Day/Night of Recollection--18 Branches

Bishop's Days--49 Branches

**Participation in Parish Life:**

- 152 Mass Greeters      139 Lectors      287 Eucharistic Ministers
- 124 Ushers      72 Choir Members      44 CCD Teachers

The Districts and Areas listed below had 100% participation  
in the Apostolate/Charity program:  
**East Bay - Contra Costa – Marin – Reno**

**Branches with highest monetary donations for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:**

### 1-45 Members

- 1 – Br. 237 Gardena
- 2 – Br. 179 Glendora
- 3 – Br. 354 Paso Robles
- 4 – 317 Diamond Bar



### 46 - 70 - Members

- 1 – Br 343 Castro Valley
- 2 – Br. 432 Brentwood
- 3 – Br. 32 Fresno
- 4 – Br. 184 Los Gatos
- 4 – Br. 198 Santa Rosa

### 1 - 129 Members

- 1 – Br. 209 Sebastopol
- 2 – Br. 111 Montebello
- 3 – Br. 435 Morgan Hill
- 4 – Br. 352 Danville

### 130 or More Members

- 1 – Br. 52 Healdsburg
- 2 – Br. 36 Monterey
- 3 – Br. 291 Arroyo Grande
- 4 – Br. 14 Crockett

*Thank you to our Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons  
and members for your hard work and dedication!*

## Book Review--Collection of Italian American Essays

Vince Piro

*Towards a More Balanced View of  
Italian Americans*

Anthony Maulucci  
Lorenzo Press, 2004.

Anthony Maulucci's *Towards a More Balanced View of Italian Americans* is a collection of essays the author wrote for online journals and Dante Society newsletters in Boston and Seattle. The essays cover a range of topics from stereotypes of Italian-Americans in the media to Italian American men and women in World War II. Some essays are more personal in nature and others read more like editorials, each engaging in their own way.



the most rudimentary understanding and appreciation of their European heritage." He believes that these actors should learn Italian and study Italian culture. He questions, "Why don't they speak openly of their love of their heritage? Why don't their films reflect the true experience of their [Italian-American] compatriots?"

Other essays speculate on Italian-American culture, discussing Italian-American morals and values. In "The Persistence of Paganism in Italian American Culture," Maulucci explores what he believes are the remnants of pagan culture in Italian-American culture and how it is often intertwined with a deep and profound connection to Catholicism. For example, Maulucci believes that our love of festivals comes from our pagan roots. He states that "Under the auspices of the Catholic church, participants pay their respects to their patron saints, whose graven images are paraded along the main thoroughfares, petitioning them for help with a specific problem or requesting a general blessing." He also believes that Italian-American's sense of fatalism and superstition have their beginnings in a pagan past. Whether one agrees with Maulucci or not, he gives one food for thought, delivering his ideas in a passionate and deliberate tone.

The best essays in this short collection are more personal in nature. His most detailed and engaging writing occurs when he discusses his family's experiences after World War II when many Italian American families blended into society as a means of survival and success. He describes a typical family picnic in great detail: "We had the usual hot dogs and hamburgers but they shared the grill with fat sausages sizzling and spitting loudly like a miniature fireworks display. We also unloaded pots of pasta . . ." His parents also had the entire family pick dandelions along the highways and roads. These activities illustrate the pull and push between their ancestral heritage and the family's assimilation into more mainstream American culture.

In "Beyond Recognition: Lovers, Thugs, Buffoons, and Gangsters -- Italian Americans and the Entertainment Industry," Maulucci rails against the stereotypes of Italian Americans in the media and, in part, blames the Italian American actors, singers, and entertainers who "have made major concessions to the mob mentality that dominates the movie and music industries . . ." He also chastises the entertainers who gave up their ethnic identity to become more attractive to mainstream America as part of a "cultural sterilization."

He writes, "From the roles they play and projects they create it's impossible to deduce whether they have even

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Branch 52	Officers/Members of Br. 28
Branch 103	In memory of Reverend
Branch 108	Monsignor Joseph Milani
Branch 111	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Branch 161	In honor of the 90th birthday of
Branch 215	Nancy Di Napoli
Branch 220	Officers/Members of Br. 14
Branch 281	In memory of David Botta
Branch 308	Susan Mencarini and Jay Newsome
Branch 342	In memory of Darryl Strickland
Branch 362	Officers/Members of Br. 308
Branch 380	In memory of Mary Mosier
Branch 390	Officers/Members of Br. 91
Branch 395	In honor of Robert and Theresa
Branch 442	Dianda
Branch 449	Vic and Pat Arnaudo
LA Archdiocese District BBQ	In memory of Joe Allen
Danny and Amy Centurioni	Italian Catholic Federation
Peter and Joyce Tesoro	In honor of Mabel Willmon
Charles P. Gullo, Jr.	- 2020 Grand President's Award
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	Monsignor Joseph Milani

## Mother Cabrini Shrine

Mother Cabrini Chapel is the ongoing tribute to Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini by ICF LAADC Members who volunteer their time operating and maintaining Her Personal Chapel through scheduled Open Houses for ICF Members and the Public. *This is the Chapel where Mother Cabrini prayed to Our Lady Help of Christians on the hills overlooking the former Villa Cabrini Academy in Los Angeles for inspiration and guidance.*

Several visitors to the Chapel and Library have come from as far away as Florida and New York to visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine in California. One visitor from Florida was grateful to ICF for saving the Chapel from demolition back in 1973 and would have liked to join ICF. Visitors from other states have expressed similar sentiments but did not have an ICF Branch near them. Now ICF National Branch 67 in Los Angeles is available online to include all new members who would like to join ICF from anywhere ICF is not presently located. (See ICF National Branch 67 Article in this Bollettino edition).

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

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



This year, the Cabrini Chapel and Library Open Houses are scheduled by appointment only and will allow limited visits as allowed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please add the Chapel to your Branch's list of places to visit in 2020 and bring your family and friends to learn more about one of the ICF's Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church's first American Saint.

**SAVE THE DATE:** This year's ANNUAL MOTHER CABRINI PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON will be held in Mother Cabrini's honor on Sunday, December 6, 2020, VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. (Flyer with more information will be included in November Bollettino).

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](http://www.icf.org). Thank you for your continued support! Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee  
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## Time to Save Lives!

## 9th Annual ICF Convention (Virtual) Blood Drive

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- Review Eligibility Requirements to see if you can donate blood: <https://tinyurl.com/yaj5g2sh>
- Join the American Red Cross "Sleeves Up" Virtual Blood Drive Campaign and pledge to donate blood: <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/live-to-give-blood-drive/>
- Make an appointment to donate blood at the American Red Cross near you; a local Blood Bank; or find a blood drive in your area anytime from Monday, August 3 – Friday, September 4th  
American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)  
Vitalant: <https://www.vitalant.org/Home.aspx> or 877-25-VITAL (258-4825)
- All blood donors will receive a \$5 Starbucks Gift Card in the mail and be entered into a raffle drawing which will be held at noon on September 4th. Winners will be notified and a prize will be sent to you.
- If you would like to donate blood in honor or in memory of someone, we will send you an ICF Donor Card that you can fill out and return to the ICF office. The person you are honoring will be notified

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Halie Doan			East Bay District
Elaine Giovannetti			Br. 32 - Fresno
Carson Parks			Br. 33 - Bakersfield
Siena Graziani Mazza			Br. 45 - Sacramento
Melissa Sheridan			Br. 19 - Colma
Christina Peterson			Br. 28 - Gilroy
Whittaker Miller			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Josephine Corral			Br. 368 - San Jose
Jewel Blanchard			Br. 52 - Healdsburg
Colten Ronshausen			Br. 127 - Petaluma
Amy Bjornstrom	Br. 198 - Santa Rosa		
Emily Stenzler	Br. 395 - Stockton		
Bailey Cristofano	David Botta	The Cabral Family - Br. 14, Crockett	
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Olivia Lickona		Scholarship Fund	
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Julia Piziali		Scholarship Fund	
Eddie Ramirez		Scholarship Fund	
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Joseph Garbarino			Br. 332 - Novato
Joseph Courey			Br. 45 - Sacramento
Breanna Thomas			Br. 184 - Los Gatos
John Lawrence			Br. 391 - San Jose
Clare Ravizza			Br. 391 - San Jose
Anna Bonfiglio			Stockton District
William Jacob Fry			Br. 395 - Stockton
Michael Alloggiamento			The Antonowicz Family - Br. 184, Los Gatos/Br. 191 - San Jose
Julianna Filice			Ambrogio and Teresa Solari
Emily Cunial	Carl J. Rossi	Jorene Moratto	
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## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

Please note the following:

Our Branch is sad to report the passing of Joe Allen recently. Joe joined The Branch in 1982. He was a dedicated member and loved the ICF.

Thank you to all members who bought ICF Convention Raffle tickets.

October - No Meeting

A Convention update from our Branch President: Vic Arnaudo

A couple of weeks ago before they left to attend the University of Nevada -Reno my Granddaughter, Isabella and her Boyfriend, Gabe provided IPAD training to Patricia and me. This was my first attempt with an IPAD. On Saturday morning (September 5th) with the printed Virtual Convention Agenda in hand and IPAD turned on we were to view several of the Workshops, Award Presentations and Memorial Mass. My daughter, Diana helped us sign into Zoom to view the Open Forum with the Central Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

Thank you Central Council for the virtual Convention. You did a Great Job with the presentation!

Hopefully next year we can all attend the Convention in person.

*Stay Healthy!*

*Ciao!*

*Toni Morsello*

**San Francisco**  
**St. Elizabeth, Br. 258**

The Officers and Members of Br. 258 send best wishes on a very successful virtual Convention.

Fr. Suan - Br. 258 wishes you the best in your new appointment as Pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Pacifica. We want to thank you very much for all of your help during the past years as Pastor and Chaplain. Fr. Suan, you will be greatly missed by all of your friends from Br. 258. God bless you in your new assignment. Stop in to see us.

Fr. Charles Puthata - a Big Welcome to St. Elizabeth Parish. When we start meeting again, please drop in to meet us at our ICF Br. 258 meetings on the 4th Monday of every month at 1:30 P.M.

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

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We hope and pray that we can start our meetings again. We miss all of you. Please stay well.

*Ciao, Eva Perata, President*



Br. 1 members attending convention

### SAN MATEO

**South San Francisco**  
**Sacro Cuore, Br. 7**

It has been too long since we last spoke South City. Due to COVID-19, we currently have no meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year as our priority is to keep our members and the community safe and healthy. Let's all pray for an end to this pandemic.

With great sadness we say farewell and thank you for all you have done for the ICF and South City over the years to former Branch President Jim Eli, who recently moved back East to be closer to his family and to former Branch President, Kelly Teglia, husband and former District President, Marc Teglia, and daughter, Madeline Teglia, who have moved to Bakersfield, California to be closer to their family.

Please keep in your prayers all our sick members including Robbie Huerta and Barbara Cavalieri. Get well soon.

Also keep in your prayers the family of long time member and former Trustee Roy Bava; and the Armas family on the passing of our good member Irma Armas.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

FHR

**Redwood City**  
**Star Of The Sea, Br. 130**

Ciao, Hope everyone is safe and well.

I Miss seeing everyone, but hopefully we can have a meeting soon. St. Pius is celebrating Mass outdoors and streaming the mass also. So we do have the opportunity to attend if we choose.

We are still able to support our charities St Vincent de Paul and A Very Special Toy Box. Congratulations to our children of St. Pius who were finally able to have First Communion and Confirmation. This has been a hard time for everyone.

Say a special prayer for our member who live in a senior facility, who are in lockdown and can't even have meals with the other residents.

Please pray for the victims of all the terrible fires in our state and also those who are working so hard to put them out.

Please try to keep in touch with our other members. Let them know we are here and we care.

*Stay safe and God Bless each and everyone of you.*

*Jean*

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

Our branch has not been able to meet except via Zoom but we keep in touch via emails and phone calls.

We have been fortunate that our pastor, Father Michael, has kept our members up to date with the various ever changing regulations. Some of which are: Confessions in our cars, outside Mass each morning at 8 a.m. and two Sunday outside Masses. These enable many of us to feel like WE ALL ARE ESSENTIAL WHEN IT COMES TO OUR RELIGION and appreciate all of the efforts that our church has done to keep us connected and to combat the virus.

We do have some good news for one of our past members, Art Renteria, who is finally home after 3 months in the hospital. Also, John & Jean Watterson's daughter has had her liver transplant and all went very well. Their Granddaughter donated to her Mom's transplant and she is back at school teaching this week.

As we know prayers are something we can all do and are needed to keep in our mind and hearts for our following members: Mary Bodisco, Elena Malta, Lorraine Rollandi, Jack Sherratt and Fred & Melanie Yeager's grandson who has brain cancer.

*Stay in touch with others and keep healthy the best way we know how!*

*God bless,*

*Roz Emery*

**Millbrae**  
**St. Dunstan, Br. 403**

We pray that our members are all healthy and safe, but weary of this virus and still not able to meet in person.

During this pandemic, our church has been broadcasting mass via YouTube every Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. The last few weeks we have also celebrated Mass out doors in the parking lot at 10 a.m. and noon. We remain in our car and tune into our radio for the mass prayers, then remain in our car for distribution of the Eucharist. This has been very well accepted by parishioners and attendance has increased.

Since we have been unable to hold any fundraisers, we have distributed the ICF raffle tickets and our members have participated in the sales.

Hopefully, a vaccine will be developed soon and we will be able to gather with our ICF Family.

### MARIN

**Larkspur**  
**St. James, Br. 161**

Who could have imagined that by the end of summer we are still facing so many challenges? But our faith and willingness to persevere, we will all get through this. We hope everyone continues to be well as we keep up with the quarantine. It is now more important than ever to keep our distance, cover our faces, wash our hands and hope that it will end soon. So, in the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

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.

*Anna Biggio*

*Recording Secretary*

### LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fall is in the air. Cooler nights and sweater weather - I hope! We made it to October! On behalf of the entire LA District I would like to congratulate Rose Jarrett and her entire Convention Committee on a job well done. That was one Convention for the record books.

Let's all hope and pray that next year's convention in the Santa Clara District will be back to normal.

If anyone in the District is interested in a District Officer position, let us know, it's election time!

Stay tuned regarding Bishop Banquet. We might be having a virtual version. I'll keep you all posted on that.

Thank you to all of the branches who turned in an Apostolic report this year. Even though we didn't have 100% participation, we improved on last year. 2019 we had only 5 branches turn one in, this year we had 11. Next year let's hit the 100% mark.

Also, congratulations to our newly installed Grand Officers!

Let's hope for a safe and sane Halloween, watch out for ghouls and goblins! Happy Columbus Day !

*Till next month. Be safe!*



CONGRATULATIONS to David Philpott who received the OZANDAM Service Award



## Los Angeles St. Peter, Br. 67 National Branch 67

Our prayers go out to all Members, families, friends, and parishioners with a big Thank You to all first responders who continue to help those suffering under the present "Pandemic". Also continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of this crisis.

National Membership is open to all who may be interested in joining ICF but not in an area where ICF is presently located. If you are moving out of state or know of someone interested in joining ICF, please have them go online to [ICFNational-Branch67.org](http://ICFNational-Branch67.org) and sign up. We are a virtual branch and would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online. Today Covid-19 has presented a challenge and opportunity to understand what is important in each of our lives. ICF may be just the place for you as we are culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

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

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

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

## South Pasadena Holy Family, Br. 108

Our branch held its first Virtual Zoom Officer and General Meetings recently. Until the present crisis changes, we will continue meeting virtually to discuss and encourage participation and donations to help our various charities as we have done over the years. If you need help joining us online, please contact your local parish for suggestions and ask your children and grandchildren to help you get online for these virtual meeting We would like to have you participate.

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  
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St. Peter Italian Catholic Church

## Montebello St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope all of you are doing well and staying healthy. Since we still are not able to meet in person, our October General Meeting will be a Zoom meeting and is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Look for our October Branch 111 Newsletter and/or email which will have all the details about joining us at our Zoom Meeting. At this meeting we will also have Nominations/Elections for the 2021 branch officers.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following members who have birthdays this month: Julianna Gutierrez, Crocetta Salomone, Lina Canzonieri, Massimo Sorce, and Jeannine Vieni. Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, at the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church, 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, the mass will be offered for ICF 111 members, living and deceased. In the event the church is open to parishioners by that time, please plan to attend this mass and wear your ICF polo shirts. It will be great to attend mass all together and pray for all our deceased and living branch members.

Please continue to stay safe and well. We wish all our ICF members and their families continued good health and happiness and we look forward to seeing all of you once we have the green light to gather again in person, hopefully soon. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A presto.

*God Bless!*

*Frank Salomone*



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

We hope everyone continues to be well as we keep up with the quarantine.

Meetings continue to be on hold. To keep members informed we will periodically mail out letters with latest information regarding branch news and Covid-19.

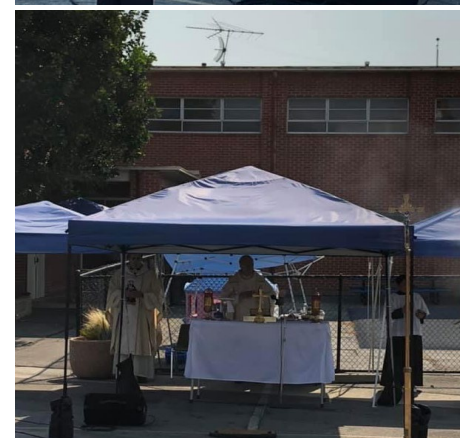
Thank you to all who purchased convention raffle tickets. The 36 books that were sold profited our branch \$360.00 which is a great fundraiser in these times. Maybe one of our members will be a lucky winner!

Even though our August St. John Joseph of the Cross dinner dance was cancelled our branch was still able to celebrate our patron saint. Father Harrigan, Father Raymond and our chaplain Father Diego celebrated outdoor mass in our church parking lot. It was a special mass, well organized by our branch president Neal Dileva. It was well attended by our members. It was so nice to see everyone if even from a distance in our cars!

Just as a reminder the noon outdoor Sunday mass is celebrated by Father Diego our branch chaplain. The music and one reading is in Italian. Father is encouraging all members to attend.

*Please keep our sick members in your prayers.*

*Anita Trujillo Treasurer*



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross at Mary Star of the Sea Church on August 22, 2020 outdoor in the church's parking lot due to COVID-19.

This feast honoring the saint has been going on since 1905 with mass and procession. St John Joseph of the Cross was born in Ischia, Italy where many of our members originate.





## Glendora St. Dorothy, Br. 179

Like everyone else in this country, Branch 179 has been practicing the stay-at-home orders since April. Our Board meetings have turned virtual, and our General meetings are non-existent. But, still we have continued our ministry in support of St. Dorothy Parish and School.

When our pastor published a virtual request for \$25,000 to upgrade the church with the necessary COVID-related items, our branch was quick to respond with a \$3,000 donation. Well over \$25,000 was received, and parishioners are so grateful that our masses have been live-streamed ever since.

Our clothing drive continues receiving donations from our parish, a neighboring parish, and a homeless facility. The drop-off facility has recently reopened from a COVID-related closure, so I hope to report a large contribution to our fund next month as we have a delivery scheduled for September 18.

Branch 179 also donated \$250, and a branch member matched it, making a total donation of \$500 to St. John's Seminary. Recently, one of our parishioners announced his attendance at St. John's, so the \$500 was donated in his name.

And lastly, we will be donating \$3,000 in scholarships to St. Dorothy School for the upcoming school year. These are retention scholarships the same as we did last year in the hopes of keeping these young people at our school.

As always, God's blessings, and please everyone stay safe during these trying times.

*Patricia Auriemmo*

*Recording/Corresponding Secretary*

## Arcadia Holy Angels, Br 218

Backing up a bit, one of our members, Josephine (Josie) Sacheli, reached a milestone birthday – 100 years young! A drive by to celebrate her special day was held in front of her home with Ft. Kevin from Holy Angels Church attending. Josie should be an inspiration to all of us as she still works part time, and is still very active. Congratulations Josie!

The board is meeting soon to discuss various fundraisers that would be possible under the current circumstances. Watch for Jeane's newsletter regarding any upcoming events. Hopefully things will return to normal soon.

*Stay cool! Lolly M.*

## Downey St. Raymond, Br. 362

Happy October everyone. I hope you all had a chance to visit the ICF website and check out the videos and award winners from this year's convention. A job well done to Rose Jarrett and her team for putting together a virtual convention.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person next year in the Santa Clara District for Convention 2021.

Just an FYI, we might be having a virtual Bishop Banquet so keep an eye and ear out for details to come.

A very Happy Columbus Day to all of our Italian members. And look out for witches and goblins, Halloween is upon us. Will there be Trick or Treaters? I hope so.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser for our branch that doesn't require us to gather together - something virtual or contactless, drop me a line.

To all of the fire fighters who have been braving the front lines in this year's fires - we salute you.

Have a wonderful month and let's pray that we can all see each other soon.

## OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT

Well we had our first Virtual Convention and I must say that it was well organized and a success. It was nice to see so many familiar faces from the district at the business session. For those of you who were unable to attend there is still time to view the Memorial Mass and the workshops.

Some of the highlights from the business session were; the Mentor Program being reestablished including a training program for all mentors. This was drafted 6/14/20. The district mentor should be chosen by 10/15/20, then the branch mentors.



Br. 218, 100th Birthday Driveby honoring Josie Sacheli



Branch elections should still happen in October, information will be sent out to all branch Presidents prior to this time.

Membership dues are not refundable per the Central Council; any refunds would be a branch decision. However, remember that bills still have to be paid and business continues as usual.

The Central Council is still working on a National Branch.

Even though we have not been able to have fund raisers due to the virus, we were still able to make wonderful donations to our charities. To the LA Children's Hospital for Cooley's anemia research a check was presented for \$75,000.00 and for Gifts of Love, one for \$15,000.00. We have made the most from what we have and are thankful for all donations that helped make this possible.

*God Bless all and keep us healthy.*

*Pat Grasso,  
District Sec.*

## Livermore St. Philomena, Br. 285

This month, teachers and children started school under very different circumstances and people continued to struggle with impact of Covid-19. Keep these people in our prayers. Be grateful for those working hard to combat this virus.

## In Memoriam Phyllis Jean Boccoleri

Phyllis Jean Boccoleri, 90 years of age, passed on Monday, August 10th, 2020 at Rosewood Gardens by Watermark, Livermore CA of natural causes.

Phyllis was born June 8, 1930, in Chicago Heights, Illinois to the late Tony and Anna Capriotti. She was the youngest of three children, preceded by her two brothers Art and Rudy Capriotti. She attended Galileo High School in San Francisco. She cherished her late nieces Cori and Leah Capriotti.

Phyllis married the late Attilio "Til" Enrico Boccoleri (2/25/1918 – 8/1/2008) on May 17th, 1952 in San Francisco and Gary Steven Boccoleri was born from this union on June 3, 1956.

Phyllis devoted her life to her family. She worked at the Emporium in the sales department, which was fitting for her love of fashion, but found the most satisfaction in being a loving homemaker and mother.

She enjoyed traveling, sun bathing, swimming (especially in her cousin Linda Braun's pool), enjoying cocktails with friends, dancing, spending holidays with family, taking trips to Clear Lake, and was proud of her home.

A memorable moment in her life was the marriage of her son to Kim Boccoleri in 1982.

Phyllis and Til resided in Daily City, CA until 1997 when they moved to Livermore, CA to be closer to their son and his family. She created a home there, loved her neighbors, spoiled her granddaughters, and was a proud member of the Italian Catholic federation.

She is preceded by her cherished son Gary, daughter-in-law Kim, and her granddaughters Gina and Daniela.

She'll be remembered for making friends with everyone she met, always speaking her mind, never leaving the house without lipstick, being a devoted Noni, and loving her small and extended family to the fullest.

Our family thanks everyone who added meaning and joy to Phyllis' life as well as anyone who helped the family in her later years.

### Service Information

Friends and family are encouraged to visit her online memorial site to celebrate her life, sign the "guestbook", and contribute memories. Please feel free to share the link with any of her friends and family. The online memorial site can be viewed anytime at:

[www.weremember.com/phyllis-boccoleri/6g0h/memories](http://www.weremember.com/phyllis-boccoleri/6g0h/memories)

Some of our members stay connected with branch members by wearing masks & observing social distancing. It can be a very lonely time for members who live alone and we thank the members who check on them. Bless them.

We are happy to announce the recent marriage of Peter Navarini, son of branch members Nancy & Moreno. Glad to have a joyous event to brighten our days.

Our scholarship winners started college. Giorgia Bates is at the University of San Diego and Paul Priess is at Los Positas.

Our monthly Zoom meetings are working well and we are thankful to stay connected. We are anxious to meet in person again, enjoy delicious pot luck dinners, have fundraising events and feel we are a fully functioning organization. I'm sure this sentiment is throughout ICF.

We are thankful to contribute to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love and the Seminarian Fund. Our branch was disappointed that we were not able to host Bishop's Day due to the pandemic.

We were saddened at that news that our long-time member, Phyllis Boccoleri, has passed away. A donation has been made to the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Seminary Fund in her memory.

We pray for all who have been ill, affected by the fires and all other prayer requests.

*Until Next Time, Ciao--Judy Bates*





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

It has been a very long time since we have seen one another but there were a few faces from our Branch on the screen at the Virtual Convention Labor Day weekend. There is still time to view the Memorial Mass with Fr. Chris Bennett and the Workshops on the ICF.org log in. For those of you who missed it this was a well-organized convention, not as much fun as being there but worth the time.

The Mentor program has been reorganized and a District Mentor will be chosen by Oct. 15th. Our own Karen Rossi was thanked by Br. 285 for always being there at all their meetings.

Branch elections should still take place in Oct. Information will be sent to the Branch Presidents from the Central Council regarding ways to conduct elections

Thank you to all who worked on selling raffle books and made donations to various charities, this enabled us to donate to our various charities.

For those of you who do not know it, Fr. Tom has returned from his cancer treatment and has resumed his regular duties. Prayers do help us through tough times.

*Stay well. Pray for the Fire victims.  
Pat Grasso,  
Branch Sec.*

**December Issue  
Deadline  
is November 10th.  
Send articles and photos:  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)**

## CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Hello to all from the Contra Costa District! The Virtual Convention was a success and many of our members attended the online events.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Convention Raffle. We are proud that two of our branches won \$250 each for selling more tickets than last year despite the limitations of the pandemic. These were our Danville and Pleasant Hill branches. Congratulations for the good work!

Unfortunately, we had to again cancel our planned in-person/outdoor August/September district meeting due to the excessive smokiness in the air from the devastating fires all over California. We will have a phone conference meeting soon to make up for this. Patty will contact us about the date. Please pray for an ending to these fires and for all those affected by them.

The Bishops Day event is cancelled this year due to Covid-19, but each branch is asked to send in their donations for our diocesan seminarians as well as their spiritual bouquets for Bishop Barber's intentions. All of our branches and the District Council sent donations for the seminarians. We also sent offerings of Masses, Rosaries and novenas for the Bishop.

Our next district meeting will be held in November. All branches will be notified of meeting details. At this meeting, we will hold elections for our 2021 district officers. Please consider running for a district office. If you want to run but cannot attend the meeting, email our district president and secretary of your intentions at the following email addresses before November: [jandp1976@aol.com](mailto:jandp1976@aol.com) and [robertajh@astound.net](mailto:robertajh@astound.net).

*Diana Letizia Mackinson, Branch 442,  
Christ the King, Pleasant Hill*

## Martinez San Martino, Br. 13

These words of Dickens, *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair*; could certainly describe our tale currently.

There have been many wonderful things in this year that has been riddled with sickness and uncertainty; and together we can choose to celebrate the good over bad.

On September 9, yes, there was ash that blanketed everything around us in northern California, but we witnessed an orange sky like never before with the dimming of sunlight similar to the Alaska climate.

On September 5, we experienced a virtual convention with pre-recorded workshops that permitted us to "attend" them all, Zoom gatherings that created crazy fun, and presentations that allowed even those not usually in attendance: members and families of recipients to witness the magic. Information was still gathered, blood was still donated, and friendships still rekindled albeit all by text, email, and Facebook.

Remember, *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.* -John 3:17.

Let us keep positive attitudes; and, as you prepare your ballot, don't worry about voting for a specific party; vote your conscience. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?"

*Ciao for now.*

*Mary Cook*



Branch 13 Martinez: The virtual presentation prevented the customary pictures of the recipients holding the awarded plaque. Take a look at the Family of the Year plaque given to the Cook family: Tom, Mary, Rosemary, Paul.

## Crockett San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!

It's hard to believe it's already October. This month, we're trading in the ice-cold lemonade, shorts, and bathing suits for hot cider, sweaters, and costumes. Halloween was a magical time when we were kids; deciding on the perfect costume, running around the neighborhood after dark, and reveling in the anticipation of what was going to be deposited into your Trick-or-Treat bag was almost to wonderful to bear. But if you grew up like most Catholic kids, all this childhood indulgence was quickly tempered the next morning when we were dragged to All Saints Day Mass with a serious candy hangover.

October is also when we traditionally hold our Polenta Dinner. Since we didn't have use of the Church hall, we mixed it up with another Drive-by Dinner. This time, Johnny

V and his crew served up some delicious BBQ. All dinners included BBQ chicken, Italian sausage, corn, macaroni salad, and a homemade treat. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success!

Speaking of successes, I'm sure that all who attended the Virtual Convention would agree that Rose Jarrett did a great job. Thank you Rose!

Get well wishes go out to Flora Orsi. We hope you'll be feeling better soon!

And finally, we've recently celebrated some milestone birthdays. Our very own Father Leo celebrated his 39th (?) birthday, and a couple of local girls, Lena (Ferrini) McCrossen and Alice (Mahoney) Marshall turned 104 and 102 respectively. Well done!

Wishing you all a fun-filled (meaning candy filled) Halloween!

*Blessings,*

*Helen*



Thank you ladies for putting together cookie bags for our Drive Thru BBQ for Branch 14, Crockett.



## Pittsburg San Domenico, Br. 72

Dear Members,

I hope all of you are well. I'm glad you are calling one another to stay in contact.

If you have a computer or know a relative or friend that does, be sure to go to the ICF web site and check the link that will give you access to the virtual convention workshops. You can also watch this years award winners presentations. And the memorial Mass can be viewed as well. The virtual convention was enjoyed by many zia Zoom. We were given information on the financial status of the ICF. We were updated on the mentor program. This was followed by an open forum in which we could ask questions. Later that evening, there was a happy hour and the ICF drawing took place. The in person convention next year will be held in Santa Clara.

There will not be an indoor celebration for Bishops Day this year. However, as voted, the branches and district sent donations for the seminarians as well as offerings of Masses, Rosaries and Novenas for the Bishop.

I will be mailing a newsletter with details for our next conference call meeting. At that meeting we will hold an election of officers for 2021. I look forward to hearing your voices at our phone meeting.

That is it for this time.

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti,*

*Patty*

## Richmond St. Raymond, Br. 154

Life in the time of Covid-19 has definitely been a learning experience for us. Zoom board meetings are becoming common.

We continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of all our ICF members.

Normally in October we hold our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year we are teaming up with the Galileo Club of Richmond to host a drive by Polenta Dinner.

We are exciting to be a part of this new adventure. The Galileo club has been successful in hosting several drive up dinners. Many of the members of ICF are members of the Galileo club.

More details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar for November 13th.

*Stay safe!*

## Concord Todos Santos, Br. 214

Buon Giorno Amici,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and safe during these trying times of quarantine and social distancing.

We all miss our monthly meetings getting to enjoy good food, great friends, and planning our social fundraisers. Hopefully we can return to some normalcy.

We also miss our Sunday mass services. At least we can enjoy it on the television, but not the same.

**We were so proud of our ICF members, Allison and Ed McGuirks granddaughter Andy who raised \$230,000 to save the Oakland Zoo. She made 900 bracelets for people who donated to her cause. She was featured on the Kelly Clarkson show. She is only 6 years old!. What a great thing for her to do at such a young age.**

We were sorry that our annual Branch 214 barbecue was canceled. We always enjoyed going to Roberta's house for a fun filled day. She always did a great job with good food, and fun raffle prizes.

We will have a board meeting soon in Roberta's backyard with social distancing so we can discuss future fundraisers.

Please stay well and our prayers go out to the sick, homeless, and the many people out of work and struggling with their finances.

*God bless you all,*

*Norene DeLuca*

*Correspondence Secretary*

## Pleasant Hill Christ the King, Br. 442

L'autunno e' qui! Where has this beloved year 2020 gone? We will be celebrating holidays soon, but I'm sure in a much different manner.

Our branch continues to hold its monthly meetings via Zoom and always looking for fun ideas to incorporate as a social activity. As you may imagine, our annual fall fundraising events will either be postponed or take on a "new look". More information to come.

Bishop's Day will be a virtual event this year. Our September Mass and Brunch had to be rescheduled because of the weather and smoky air. Fear not, Diana is looking for other possibilities.

Congratulations to us for selling as many raffle books as we did for the convention! We received an acknowledgement for all our efforts. Not only that, but the Christ the King Church branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society was very appreciative of all the gift cards that we donated to their organization. In these days and times, they are working five days a week, trying to meet the needs of those who need some assistance. God bless all the Branch 442 members for their generosity!

Finally, please remember to pray for those who are suffering in our community, in our state and in the world.

*Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,*

*Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*

## SACRAMENTO BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Sacramento St. Mary, Br. 45

As we continue to be unable to hold events at the Church Hall, I have labeled 2020 as our "Sabbatical Year," a time to rest, reconnect, organize, but unfortunately no travel anywhere. I had hoped that our November

dinner could go forward, but that event has been canceled due to the continued closures. We did receive some news of changes to our Church clergy. Starting the end of September, our Pastor will be Rev. Davy (CMI Pastor from a New York Parish) and Fr. George (CMI Priest) as Parochial Vicar. We welcome them to our Parish though from a distance.

Some good news from the branch is the award of two scholarships for our college student members. Congratulations to Joseph Courey for a 3rd Year \$600 Scholarship (USC - LA) and Sienna Mazza for a 2nd Year \$500 Scholarship (UC Berkeley). We wish you continued success especially under these unusual circumstances and look forward to catching up with you when our events resume in 2021. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Buon Compleanno to members Gail Davis, Kim Ebert, Daniel Mazza, Pina Noto, Faye Petrocchi, JulieAnn Southern, and Phela Vesci, who have October birthdays.

*Hoping that all members are staying safe and well.*

*Ciao, Janine*

## Auburn St. Joseph, Br. 342

It has been another quiet month for our branch. We try our best to keep in touch through phone calls and emails, but have been unable to meet in person and we really miss each other. Several of us attended the virtual convention events and it was so nice to see so many familiar faces through Zoom. Hoping and praying we can get together soon.

During this time, we were able to sell all of our convention raffle tickets and made \$500 for our branch. Calendars for 2021 will be arriving soon and we are hoping to make more money for our branch to give to the community. We try to support groups within our two parishes and in the Auburn community. I will share details soon.

We continue to pray that you and your loved ones remain healthy.

*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*



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

Warm greetings to all our ICF friends and family! We hope you are all staying healthy and happy as we enter this beautiful season of Autumn.

Even though we can't meet in person yet, Br. 438 has been creative in finding ways to stay in touch. Several zoom meetings have been organized, including the Sunday Coffee Social and "Thirsty Thursdays" when we grab our favorite drink and share in great conversation. There is also the Tuesday morning Rosary, led by Rita Schillin.

On September 12th, we invited our Church family to meet in the St Clare parking lot to "Walk with Mary" and pray the Rosary. Prayer is such a powerful force for good during these turbulent times.

The Gathering Inn, once again, asked if we could help provide meals for the homeless. The Morrill family answered the call and prepared and delivered the entire dinner. What wonderful generosity!

Thank you to the Aguilar family for purchasing a beautiful new banner for our Branch and to our local Flour Dust Pizza Company for their \$150.00 donation. We also received an anonymous donation of \$500.00 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Joe Aguilar was pleased to present a check to George Beutner, on our behalf. Joe also had the honor of delivering the scholarship certificate to our first year recipient, Aurelia Trevino.

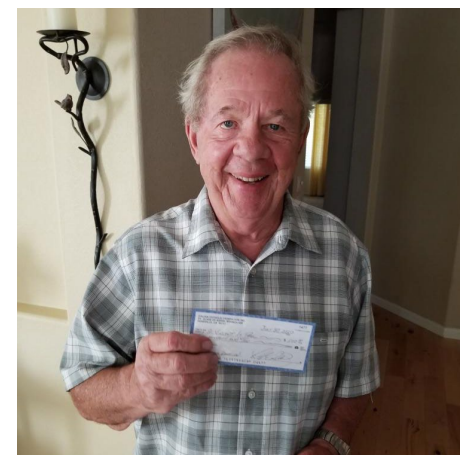
That's it for now!

*We continue to ask for all the Lord's blessings.*

*Ciao!*

*Anne Finn*

*Recording Secretary*



Br. 438 George Buetner, St. Vincent de Paul



Br. 438, Aurelia Trevino



## Santa Rosa District Council

Greetings...still hoping to meet before the end of the year. If I could find our schedule I should confirm it. As you all know our Raffle Tickets will not be available this year and thanks to Lauren for keeping us all informed of the situation. Certainly these forest fires would not keep us from meeting and enjoying each other's company but the Covid still looms over us. Above all, I am hoping that there are no members further up North who have suffered property losses.

If there is any change in our current status we have a great Corresponding Secretary who keeps us all informed.

I will repeat what I have written last month that we all may be together soon!!

*In the meantime, stay safe and follow protocol.*

*Marilyn Sylvestri*

*Recording-Secretary*

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

### Upcoming Events:

November 14: Drive Through Polenta Dinner. Our traditional polenta dinner will become a take-out dinner! Mark your calendars. More details, next month. We are excited to have this event.

Congratulations to Shirley Buchignani, who won \$600 in the ICF Raffle!

If you would like to be an officer for 2021, please contact President Teri. We are a large, active branch that can only continue with good leadership. We are in need of a Treasurer. Rick and Mel will train the new person. We are also in need of a reservations person for our dinners. We thank Mary Madden who has been taking the reservations for many years. She did a great job!

Continue to pray for an end to the virus and that we get safely through the wild fire season.

*Happy Halloween!*

*Lauren Kilcullen*



## Cloverdale L'Annunciata, Br. 75

These are interesting times!

This is a typical scenario in my neighborhood. People stop to chat with people they've never talked to before. The dogs take it all in stride or rather pause their stride and try to feign interest while their owners converse. I don't even own a dog but become part of the pack. The big St. Bernaise Mountain dog is Wally! Stella, hiding from the camera, is next. The Corgie named Zach listens attentively while little "alpha" chihuahua, Bebe, says "Let's get this show on the road!"

A typical walk has masked, socially distanced, pooper scooped people being expected to stop at every bush, hydrant and rock as critters mark them with their individual aroma. The dogs adore their owners and have absolute faith that they will love

them and provide them with everything they need. The economy is in a scary place right now and this reminds me to place my trust in God with that same absolute faith!

The Branch feels dormant right now but as long as our members use the time to grow in faith, take care of their families and watch out for their neighbors, when we return, "watch out!" We'll be stronger than ever!

*Branch 75 sends love, virtual hugs, and prayers to your Branch.*

*Patsy Buchignani*



## Sonoma St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Greetings: Notable days this month: Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah and the Autumnal Equinox (first day of fall).

For the first time in many months, I am at a loss for words. No use to reiterate about lack of meetings, dinners or activities because we can still socialize in smaller circles. Think of all the friendships gained and matured thru the ICF. We would be truly alone if not for our local chapters. My planned get-together with Lucy and Louise collapsed because I suffered yet another bout of bronchitis. I am finally on the mend and will be contacting them both and also Jo Grant, if she is nice to me.

Now it is September and time to change our tune. Since we all have computers access to Google and YouTube is at our fingertips. I stick with the well-known Italian artists such as Celentano and Mina. They have recorded a great album together and many of Mina's older recordings have been remastered. Just type in their names or any other Italian great. Super entertainment for us all and coming from our roots. For more sophisticated selections, Enrico Caruso recordings are available--an amazing talent!!

In the meantime: while we are stressing over fires and pollution, stay indoors and plan ahead for next year's fundraisers and dinners. Perhaps by Xmas we may be transitioning...?

I realize that as this year closes (not yet) our Sonoma Branch has diminished but to the remaining officers and members I welcome your support. Let's keep Ken Marshall in the driver's seat!

*Regards, Marilyn Sylvestri*

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

Greetings from Petaluma!

Got up this a.m. and couldn't believe the orange colored hue we had in the garden, and the darkness in my house. Had to turn on my lights. Still terrible outside as I write this article.

Still no meetings, no dinners, no socializing and keeping our masks on. We are still in this pandemic and I'm sure many of you, as I am, are not seeing an end to this. Pray that we get a vaccine that is safe to take soon. In the meantime, keep the faith and keep yourselves safe. Don't forget to phone that person whom you think is lonely.

I want to thank all of you who have called to see how I am. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring.

Margaret Cordrey, we so appreciate your being in charge of the bake sale and she sends all of you a message: "Thank you all who made a donation to the Bakeless Bake Sale. We received over \$900 in donations. This is our only fund raiser this year, so thank you for your generosity and support. If you missed sending in your donation, you still can do so. Send to: Margaret Cordrey, 3 Pidgeon Ct. Petaluma 94952.

Our condolences to the family of Jennie Rossotti, a member of the Branch who passed away recently. My beautiful sister, Nancy Davi, who was 106 yrs. of age passed away yesterday.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Also Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month.

Pray for our service people, the homeless, victims of crimes, our country and the world. Bring us leaders who will bring peace and unity to our country.

*Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return. I know have. God bless you all my dear friends.*

*Ciao,*

*Louise Vicino*

## Santa Rosa St. Eugene, Br. 198

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The end of the Covid-19 pandemic is certainly not clear. When we can meet again and share a meal is not known.

On Thursday, September 3rd the 8:00 a.m. Mass was offered for the living and deceased members of our Branch. In attendance at the Cathedral were Juanita Russell, Bill and Linda Pisenti, and President Bob Acquistapace.

At our October meeting we would normally elect our officers for 2021. Since this is not possible, President Bob is asking for your ideas on how we should select next year's officers. Call him with your ideas at 545-7376. In his newsletter, which he will send out the middle of October, he will present the plan for selection.

Please pray for the souls of our two recently departed brothers – Frank Costaglio and Jim Rivara. May they rest in peace!

*Ciao,*

*Gail Bongie-Azevedo*





## FRESNO

### Madera

#### Santissimo Crocifisso, Br. 27

Summer is coming to an end soon, and we are looking forward to cooler days and nights in the San Joaquin Valley. A run of triple digit days during August and early September has us longing for 60, 70 or even 80 degree daytime temperatures!

The Madera branch continues to hold board meetings and recently, a general meeting via Zoom. We are planning a raffle as a fundraiser. The raffle will be for three themed gift baskets. Tickets will be sold at request and mailed, and the drawing will be held in November. Please watch for more information coming soon.

Thanks to our clever committee of Kerin Cavallero, Rosemary Janis and Carol Espinola for dreaming this up!

Speaking of fundraisers, also thanks to all members who purchased tickets for the convention raffle. We sold 99% of our tickets. While we have “adapted” to conducting some of our club activities without having our usual gatherings, we look forward to the day when we will be able to resume our customary meetings.

Please continue to pray for peace in our great country and for all ill members and their families. *May God bless our citizens with wisdom, civility and grace in the days to come.*

Ciao,

Mary Keitz

### Merced

#### St. Cecilia, Br. 39

Sadly, we announce the passing of member, Rich Gipson, Sharon Spinardi's husband. For several years he was our Scholarship Chairman and at dinner meetings often sat next to Carol Salmeri greeting guests. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The pandemic continues to offer opportunities to try something for the first time. I “attended” our first ICF virtual convention Saturday, September 5. The General Session followed a touching Mass by Fr. Bennett at St. Christopher Church, San Jose. Our own Vince Piro, as Grand President, competently led a focused discourse during the afternoon meeting, with many members representing various branches and states participating. We are SO proud of you, Vince!

Last month in my *Bollettino* article I wrote my condensed history with the ICF. I want to add my uncle, Mario Cugia, was the *Bollettino* co-editor for 25 years. First with Joe Casalnuovo, then with Rinaldo Carmazzi. Back then, branch articles sent in handwritten were typed up by my aunt, Carolyn Cugia. Very labor intensive! But done willingly. He was also the editor of Little City News in the North Beach (Italian) section of San Francisco from about 1943 to 1968.

I continue to encourage members to share with one another their ICF history. How fun to discover someone's family in your branch came from the same area of Italy or other countries that yours did. We have much in common.

A belated Buon Compleanno to members with September birthdays and Happy Birthday to our October birthday folks!

*Continua a mantenerti al sicuro, e in salute. Continue to keep safe and healthy.*

Stephanie Lucich

### Clovis

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Br. 250

Our editorial staff hopes you all have been able to stay well in the face of the Coronavirus and all of the huge wildfires in this area. As this is written, thick smoke and ashes are descending upon parts of our community. Keep those prayers coming!

Happy birthday greetings to Mariateresa Charley and Geraldine Goodwin. Glad to hear Shirley Mitchell's back therapy is going well. And, Vince Jura continues his convalescence so be sure to include him in your prayers as well.

The Parish Festival, although changed to a virtual affair, is conducting a virtual auction and selling raffle tickets. Call Carmen Chapman at 260-0236 for more information. The auction and drawing will be held October 5.

*Hold fast your dreams and live your life with hope that every day, will bring with every dream come true, another dream your way (unk)*

Take care and be good to one another.

Ciao,

Constantine Klutz

### Bakersfield

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

It is hard to believe that has been 6 months since Branch 281 has met its person! The fellowship, laughs and sumptuous meals we share in person have been sorely missed by all our members. Nonetheless we are looking forward to our first ever ICF Virtual convention where we can at least share some laughs & fellowship. Allen Watts our president stated that he misses our meetings & friends and is rather disappointed that he won't be dressing up a genie from Aladdin after all!

On a sadder note, two of our members lost loved ones over past couple months.

Jan Roberts said goodbye to her husband John and Daniel Escalante to his dad the past couple months. Our thoughts and prayers are with both their families as they remember the good times they shared with their loved ones.

*May you all stay safe and positive as we continue to experience these uncertain times.*

Theresa Amarante



### Fresno

#### Saint Anthony, Br. 308

What a joy it is to have the blessings of our shared faith, which we continue to celebrate together as ICF members, albeit virtually since middle March. Our faith sustains and comforts us in ever new ways, as we meet and overcome personal and social challenges we each face regarding the current Corona pandemic. While each of us will understandably find we are impacted in a unique set of ways - as unique as God made each of us - we still have in common the unfailing comfort of our faith and His Love.

Together we can continue to celebrate successes, such as recent graduate Stephen Cantelmi accepting an ICF scholarship, and its timing so that his proud grandmother, our Branch President Antoinette Pecora could personally congratulate him (see photo).

And as ever our branch members continue to stay in contact by phone, text, email, social media, and Zoom, to share and listen and convey expressions of support. Some of our members have lost loved ones, are healing from an injury, or battling cancer, for whom our prayers remain constant. Yet most of us also have a newfound gift of solitude, to reflect on and maybe reassess our lives. Or more time to spend with loved ones and others - perhaps friends we have invited into our home who are currently displaced by the fires raging in the Sierras. But whatever we face during this unique year of 2020 - what remains ever present is our faith, ever strengthened by our ICF Family.

## MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

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

Hello, again. We hope that you all continue to do well despite Covid-19 and also the recent fires. These are unusual times but we will make it through; and we will have many a story to tell about the year 2020!

One quick announcement is to remind you that our new Branch President, John Barisone, took ownership of the position on September 1st. We thank the previous two presidents, Gary Castiglioni and Rebecca Hernandez, for their good works in steering us through an uncommon year.

It's also been a dry year for events; however, in honor of our 90+ years old members, there was a virtual birthday celebration. Rosa Radicchi put together a collage photo of all the honorees (which is included in this month's *Bollettino* on p.21). Each celebrant was given a collage photo and a Guardian Angel prayer card. In addition, the newest members to this elite group received a photo of themselves including a brief biography and a free pass to a future ICF function of their choosing. You all may have seen the 'parade' of honorees via e-mail, with several being shown every few days. Though we couldn't have the usual luncheon, Rosa did a great job of throwing this party while 'socially distancing'.



Br. 308 Stephen Cantelmi accepting an ICF scholarship from his proud grandmother - Branch President Antoinette Pecora

God's blessings upon us all. Be safe and perhaps phone or text a fellow Branch member who may be ill, lonely, or simply needing to hear a familiar voice.

Patty Morelli

Secretary Branch 21

### Salinas

#### Sacred Heart, Br. 25

We hope everyone continues to be well after 6 months of quarantine in California. This has been a difficult time for all of us as we continue under strict rules on social distancing, masks, very limited social and church settings. Large groups of are still prohibited, we are still on hold for monthly in person meetings. As you read this, our virtual convention will have been conducted and we will have an idea of how ICF will proceed until Covid-19 is under control and a vaccine is available.

We will be holding our annual elections by mail or email this year. Lorraine Mirandette will again be calling our current Board to see if they wish to continue in their position, and we open the nominations to any member who wishes to run for the open Secretary position. If you are interested, please call Lorraine at 831-422-5682. Thank you, Lorraine!

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines and wear your masks and wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

*God Bless the ICF and God Bless America.*

Julie Richards, President

### Monterey

#### Santa Rosalia, Br. 36

Autumn blessings from Branch 36 to all of our members and their families! We are all so thankful, incredibly grateful, and unbelievably blessed for you to be in our ICF family.

We are happy to report that our members are back safe in their homes, after many needed to be evacuated due to the River and Carmel fires. That sure was a scary time for all of us. We give thanks for the heroic firefighters and their teams that worked so hard to save many homes. We thank God for answering our prayers.

We miss seeing our members at dinners and other functions. We continue to pray that everyone is staying safe and well. Cannot wait until we can continue our events. The Board recently had our first Zoom meeting - it was nice to see everyone's smiling faces.





# “ICF Stars” 90+ Years Birthday Celebration!



Santa Cruz Br. No. 21 ~ August 30, 2020



Joe Aliberti



Flora Anecito



Lydia Clarke



Nancy DiNapoli



Lina Gemignani



Johnnie Ghio



Gloria Giovannoni



Peggy Mansfield



Milton 'Fr. Mike' Marini



Tom Meuldijk



Martha Oneto



Alverda Orlando



Helen Pera



Lillian Pinheiro



Josephine Pista



Paul & Norma Quilici



Angelo & Pauline Raffaelli



Allen Reames



Isabel Shaffer



Jack Stagnaro



Virginia Stagnaro

We are so sorry that we had to cancel our 85 and over Birthday Dinner party this year. We thank Antonia Ihnot for sending out a beautiful birthday card to 106 members that are 85 and over, with best birthday wishes and our thoughts and prayers. We are hoping that next year we can have a grand celebration.

Hoping some of you were able to participate in the virtual convention this year. Also, election of officers usually takes place in October. If you're interested in joining our board, please let us know.

“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it is about learning how to dance in the rain.” Vivian Greene.

*Cordaili Suluti,*  
*Elaine Valentine*  
*Financial Secretary*  
*Branch 36*



## Branch 36 Celebrates 85+ Birthdays



Anna Ardizzone



Pansy Belleci



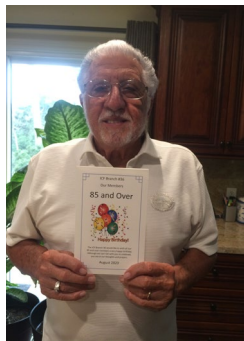
Jackie Cerchi



Patricia Clark



Tom DiMaggio



Joe LoMonto



Frank and Francesca  
Nuovo



Ann Troia



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

Many thanks to Carl Schaarschmidt who donated \$100 to a scholarship fund in memory of Ken Waldvogel. Carl writes that he (like all of us) is waiting for the Covid shelter in place to end so he can get out and about again. However, he says that on the bright side he is saving on gasoline.

Buying calendars sure paid off for Kay Waldvogel and Dolores McCartney who were winners for July and August. Congratulations to Kay and Dolores. The calendars for 2021 will soon be arriving. Contact Treasurer Jane Kotila if you haven't bought yours yet. For those of you who already paid for your calendars, stay tuned for information on how they will get to you.

Our President, Franklyn Lopes, reports that the virtual Convention had a good turnout, about 100 people. Congratulations to Franklyn on his re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Get well wishes and prayers go to Don Robinson, who fell and broke his hip and then suffered a heart attack while in the hospital. He is now recovering at home.

By the time you read this we may be back inside church for mass. St. Joseph's has been offering Mass in the lower parking lot of the church--a very different experience.

Happy Birthday to all our members celebrating birthdays in September and October. Wish we could all be together and sing to you.

Don't know who originally said this, but I like it.

*The fastest way to get back on your feet is to get down on your knees.*

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## Arroyo Grande St. Patrick, Br. 291

We hope this finds you safe, healthy and practicing common sense activities that protect you and your loved ones.

Br. 291's President, Pete Gallagher, and his wife, Abby, recently hosted a Board Meeting on their spacious patio, which allowed our Branch Officers to practice safe social distancing. The Board Members reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 Budget and Donations, which are quite a bit lower than previous years due to fewer fundraising events being held because of COVID-19. Finalized budgets were sent to all Members for review in a recent Branch Newsletter. We also made the decision to unfortunately cancel our annual Christmas Luncheon.

Future Board Meetings and General Meetings are indefinitely postponed due to the closure of our Parish Hall. We pray all the restrictions are lifted soon and it's safe to meet with our ICF family once again! Because we cannot meet in October, when we usually hold Branch elections, all board members were asked if they were willing to serve again as Branch Officers in 2021, and all agreed to continue their terms into next year.

On a positive note, our membership has remained fairly stable and we had a new family join—Jon and Jennifer Fleming and their children Dylan, Rylee and MacKinley. They are a St. Patrick School family and we welcome them to Br. 291!

Our Branch recently lost a longtime member and lovely lady, Helen Summerfield. Helen was our Scholarship Chairperson for many years and we greatly appreciate all she did for the youth in our community who received ICF Scholarships. Please pray for the repose of Helen's soul and also keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Enjoy the arrival of fall and continue to pray for the COVID-19 restrictions to be lifted so we can all once again join together and enjoy each other's friendship and company!

*Keely Sanchez*

*Recording Secretary*

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

The ICF Saint Rose of Lima, Branch 354 Scholarship Committee, awarded branch scholarships to four Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School 8th Grade students; two at \$400 each, and two at \$350 each. Three of the scholarship award winners will be attending Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School in San Luis Obispo, and one will be attending Saint John Paul II Catholic High School in Arizona. The scholarship winners were Lily Laquinto, Praise Namuleme, and two of our ICF club members Anthony Uribe, and Benjamin Gingerich. They all completed an application, had great letters of recommendation, and wrote an essay on their family origin and their plans for the future.

The Saint Rose of Lima Branch of the ICF has been a big supporter of Catholic education, and even though the pandemic has cancelled all of our fundraising events so far for this year, we have still been able to show our continued support by funding scholarships both at the branch level and at the Central Council level.

In addition to funding scholarships for needy students, we are providing Saint Rose Catholic School with the money needed to purchase fifteen new Chromebooks (computers). This will help ensure that the high educational standards set by Saint Rose School, the Diocese of Monterey, and our State Government will continue to be met.

Congratulations to Lily, Praise, Anthony, and Benjamin. ICF is proud of your commitment to Catholic education.

*David Zanini, President*

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY

### Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

The definition of the "new normal" within our daily lives seems to morph from one challenge to another with the current pandemic and recent forest fires. With our thoughts and prayers to all, we hope that everyone is doing well amongst these challenges.

As of this *Bollettino* submission, we have sent out two letters to Branch 28 membership. With these letters, we hope to keep membership updated on ICF events and information. The 90th Annual National Convention was held as a virtual event on September 5, 2020. Thank you to Grand President Vince Piro and Central Council for facilitating this virtual convention.

Bishop's Day will be hosted by Branch 28 on October 18, 2020 at St. Mary Church in Gilroy. We are disappointed that all the activities we planned for this day cannot occur, we are blessed that Bishop Oscar Cantu will officiate at this Mass on behalf of the Italian Catholic Federation.

The August membership card drawing for a \$75 gift card to Westside Grill restaurant in Gilroy went to lucky winner and member Terry Wolfe. Thank you to ICF Branch 28 member Janice DeCosta for participating in this al fresco drawing from her front porch and pulling the membership winner.

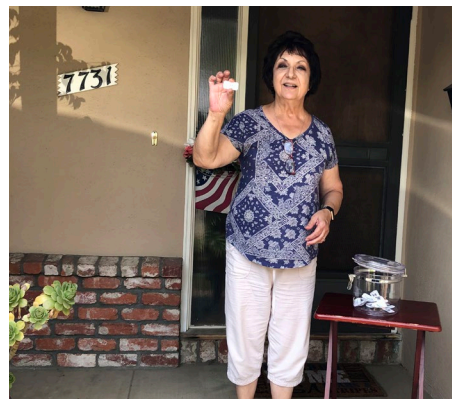
If you or somebody you know needs food assistance in the Santa Clara Valley, San Jose or Gilroy area Food Pantry assistance information is available at Second Harvest of Silicon Valley at 1-800-984-3663 or [foodconnection@shfb.org](mailto:foodconnection@shfb.org).

*Peace and God Bless,*

*Kim M. Filice*



Branch 28: Janice DeCosta getting ready to draw the winning ticket.



Branch 28: Janice DeCosta drawing the winning membership ticket.



Branch 28: Janice DeCosta showing the lucky ticket with Terry Wolfe as the winner.

## Los Gatos St. Mary, Br. 184

The ICF Bollettino was a colorful, informative edition for the August-September issue. At a time when we are ordered to shelter in place, it's so uplifting to read about what our organization is doing, from bringing clean water to Africa to showing the faces of 2020 Scholarship winners, and even including a lovely article about Donna Pfaff, our Branch Treasurer. What a service history Donna has! Brava!

By the time you read this, the "Virtual" Convention, One Faith, Many Cultures, will be over. I read online that \$75,000 was given to Thalassemia at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital and \$15,000 to Gifts of Love! Congratulations to all the officers in their renewed positions, including our own Denise Antonowicz who will be Grand 2nd Vice President for the 2020-2021 year.

Although we have not been able to participate in club functions in person, we thank Denise Antonowicz, and all who helped her, in our Branch Special Raffle. A big thanks for the generosity of her family in donating the prizes. They made a profit of \$1700 for our branch!

Virus, shelter in place, fires, weather, all attacks on our humanity. We must stay strong and do pray for our members who are facing major health issues. We will get through these trying times, with God's help. I so look forward to seeing you all in person.

*Stay safe, Lucy Amico*



*Autumn is a second  
spring  
when every leaf is a  
flower:  
-Albert Camus*



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

The 2020 Virtual Convention of the ICF is now in the memory of our circuit boards. Let us congratulate The Central Council, Planning Committee, our district, our members, and all who participated in this historic event. A HUGE project, WELL Done!

Father Chris Bennett began the convention with our traditional Memorial Mass. It was so wonderful to view our various members celebrating in this mass, and to remember the deceased members, family, and friends of the ICF.

The other offerings in this convention consisted of various workshops. One workshop provided thought providing, creative, ideas in how to keep branches communicating, staying connected, and helping with branch fundraisers. The Spiritual Workshop was presented by Father Chris Bennett. "Jesus is Back...Wearing a Face Mask", was the theme of his presentation. Our Charity, Cooley's Anemia was introduced by Dr. Thomas Coates. New drugs, bone marrow transplants, and gene therapy has helped increase survival rates. Dr. Coates thanked the ICF for their continued dedication and support to make all of this possible for his patients.

The Closing of the convention consisted of a "Cocktail" Party, and our Raffle. Our own Elaine Davis (Aldine Grisenti's Sister) was the winner of 4th prize of \$1,000! Congratulations Elaine!

Our Basket Committee (Aldine Grisenti and Esther Ramonda) will be preparing to raffle our baskets form our canceled polenta dinner. Tickets will be \$20 for 25 tickets. There will be a flyer for further details and dates regarding this important raffle. This is a much needed fundraiser. Also monetary donation would be greatly appreciated for our much needed treasury. Please be kind and generous, as you all have demonstrated in the past.

May we pray for our deceased member Frank Cannino.

*Ci Vediamo  
Shirley Catania  
Sentinel*

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

So life goes on. We wear our masks, social distance, stay home, and miss one another. Several of us attend weekday Mass in Mary's garden at the church, and many more remain in our cars in the parking lot for Sunday Mass at 8:00 or 9:30.

The entrance to our church does not face Calero Avenue; rather, the entrance is in the back of the building. Mary's garden is opposite the church entrance. Several of our branch members, along with other parishioners, tend the garden, watering, planting, cleaning, and weeding, keeping it beautiful for Mass, other sacramental celebrations, and personal prayer. Thank you, all of you.

Our beloved Monsignor Joseph Milani passed away on July 18, having celebrated his 95th birthday on June 8 and his 70th year as a priest on June 16. Chaplain of our district many years, Monsignor was awarded



Br. 191 Jim Jones winner of silent auction cactus garden

the ICF Saint Teresa of Culcutta Award in 2018 for his service exemplifying the spirit of Mother Teresa. The branch is considering purchasing two bricks for the parish patio, one brick dedicated to the memory of two priests very special to us, Father Milani and Father Bill Pegnam.

Lorraine Nunziata says the layette program is up and running, so those who are knitting, sewing, crocheting, or quilting can continue to do so. Lorraine will let us know when and where we can drop off our baby items.

We pray that all members of our ICF family stay safe and healthy.

*May God bless us all,  
Judy Zahn*

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

President Mike Rossi and Vice President Marcie Rossi continue to do a great job in keeping us informed of fundraisers and 2020 ICF Convention online workshops via email announcements. As always, thank you, Mike and Marcie!

If you were unable to listen to the convention over the Labor Day weekend, visit the ICF website for a complete listing of videos at <https://www.icf.org/about/convention/>. Be sure to view two informative videos from Laurice Levine and Dr. Coates on Cooley's Anemia, which ICF continues to support.

In August, Branch 391's drive-thru fundraiser was a great success, courtesy of Tony and Alba's Al and Diana Vallorz. There were 160 packaged meals purchased, and our Branch collected over \$3,200. A big thank you to Al and Diana for sponsoring this event and to Lynda Vallorz, Linda Ochinerio, and Mike and Marcie Rossi for their assistance in greeting members and distributing dinners. Members brought home a delicious dinner of pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, bread, and a brownie dessert.

ICF 3rd and 4th year scholarship winners were John Lawrence, Claire Ravizza, Owen O'Brien, Talia Rossi, and Gabriella Busco. These awards were generously funded by Branch 391 and donations in memory of Carl Rossi and David Botta.

Remember to visit St. Martin's website at [www.stmartin.org](http://www.stmartin.org) for detailed information



Br. 191, Cactus Queen Julie Midwin

regarding video streaming of the liturgy and reserving a spot to attend mass.

Since we will not be meeting until further notice, please continue to pray for those who are ill and who are affected by the wild fires.

*Janis Patellaro*

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

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. As I am writing this we are still in a very strange place with gray/brown skies and an eerie atmosphere. I'm sure you all saw the news of the very orange skies in San Francisco and here in Morgan Hill we have a very depressing feeling with all the gloomy skies. However, this did provide some added relief from the oppressive heat over the holiday weekend, so not everything is negative.

On Friday, September 11th we will remember the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the failed attempt that ended in a field in Pennsylvania. We should never forget all those who died or were affected by this horrific event. Please pray for all those souls and pray that the world can become a better place for all.

I hope that many of you were able to link up with our virtual ICF convention and that you had a positive experience. In some ways it did give many of us an opportunity to see what the convention is like and another plus is that you can go back and review what you might have missed the first time. Maybe we should have this available every year.

Giulia Gallego and George Guglielmo attended the memorial Mass for Msgr. Joseph Milani. George remembered how Msgr. Milani would come to his vineyard at harvest time and bless the grapes to ensure a successful harvest. I'm sure there are many fond memories for everyone to share.

*Che Dio vi benedica  
Maryclaire Sampognaro*



## San Jose Transfiguration, Br. 445

"Sempre Avanti" Branch 445's Sandwich Ministry for the homeless continues steady and strong! Thank you to all members who continue to support this program.

Many thanks to this year's ICF Convention Committee for a job well done! This virtual presentation in the time of Covid-19 actually was an opportunity for some ICF members to attend for the first time.

Jean Cosentino, a charter member of Branch 445 and current Recording Secretary is always willing to help with ICF events. She especially enjoys hospitality, decoration and food committees. She even has a storage shed full of decorations for our Branch event use!

As long time members of Transfiguration Parish, she and her husband Phil have been involved with many Apostolate, Outreach programs and Parish fund raising events.

Jean, Phil and their daughters operate their family orchard. Their J&P Cosentino Family Farm and Fruit Stand located at 4977 Carter Ave. San Jose operates on the "honor system" for purchases with a locked money drop box or Venmo for the tech savvy. It is truly a neighborhood and community jewel. Many ICF members and others enjoy shopping here. The Cosentino's generously donated all their August fruit stand proceeds to support Santa Cruz fire victims. Thank you Jean and Phil for your contributions to ICF, Transfiguration Parish and the community at large.

*Submitted by*

*Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*



Br. 445 Jean & Phil Cosentino





Br. 445 - J&amp;P Family Fruit Stand

## STOCKTON

### Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Doing a Virtual Convention was quite an experience since the computer and I don't get along. When I ask my son for help I always hear "MOM!!! you hit the wrong key you are not supposed to be on that screen!!! He lives in Chicago and I did not have to call him once I went thru the whole convention by myself.

I went thru the list of events starting with the memorial mass, which I enjoyed. Father Bennett always does a beautiful mass. Then I went thru the workshops and the General Session I was able to see and hear what was going on. I have been going back thru the list of events to see if I missed anything.

I listened to the speakers, the awards presentations and listened in on Happy Hour. I was listening to the raffle drawing when my computer blocked something and turned off. By the time I turned it back on I missed the first three names on the drawing.

Thanks to all who worked to put together this Virtual Convention I think you did a great job especially since a person like myself who is not very good with the computer was able to follow thru on everything.

Father Ramon who was our pastor and is a very staunch supporter of the ICF was installed in July 2020 as an Auxiliary Bishop of the San Diego Diocese.

*Stay safe! You are in our prayers.*

*Cecelia McGhee*

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

Greetings, ICF Family!

The fall season has finally arrived with cooler weather, hopefully, less Covid-19 cases, positive changes for social justice, and campaign flyers in our mailboxes coming to an end soon!

In August our officers gathered on the Zoom platform for a long overdue meeting. We formed committees for the budget/calendar,

internal rules, and youth fund disbursement criteria. Ways to connect with our membership through this continued pandemic were discussed. Fundraising ideas, not requiring a social gathering, flowed over the cyber waves: take out dinner ticket sales for DeVinci's Restaurant, online gift sales through Boon Supply, homemade biscotti sale online, and Bello Bambino/Hermosa Bebe online baby picture raffle. We await approval from St. Anne's Ministry Team before moving forward.

The ICF National Convention was virtual over Labor Day weekend with the theme, *Sempre Avanti...Always Moving Forward*. Although different from the excitement of seeing ICF delegates and members face to face, it was still informative, spiritually moving, and fun-filled, ending with a virtual happy hour. If you weren't able to attend the sessions...figurati (no worries)! They were either prerecorded or recorded live and are available to view on the icf.org website. Many thanks to the Convention Committee!

The month of October is dedicated to Mary, Our Mother. Honor Our Mother of Peace with increased recitation of the rosary.

*Continuare a stare al sicuro.*

*Patty Litts, Recording/Corresponding Secretary*

### Tracy St. Bernard, Br. 390

We recently received a letter from Central Council that our own Jackson Lieberg, who is the grandson of our branch past President Lucy Orsi, has been awarded a Fourth Year Scholarship of \$1,000.00. They also thanked us for faithfully donating to the second, third and fourth year scholarship program, making this possible. Way to go Jackson! We are all truly proud of you for your dedication to your college studies.

Branch 390 donated \$1,000.00 to the annual St. Bernard's Parish Fall Festival. We received a nice thank you note from our Parish Administrator Jenifer Overby, who states, "Our Festival will look very different this year with all the restrictions... We are looking forward to having the take-out meals and hope this will be a big success." In planning this event, scheduled for the weekend of September 18 and 19th, our parish took the same plan adopted by res

taurants and offer the drive-through takeout food prepared by our cooks and will hope to generate a good turnout.

The board of directors also voted to donate \$250 to Cooley's Anemia and another \$250 to Gifts of Love as part of our convention contributions.

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

We continue to keep your families in our prayers. Stay healthy, happy and safe.

*Rimanere in buona salute.*

*Betty Hollars*

### Stockton Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

Branch 395 just wanted to thank Central Council for doing everything they could to make sure we had a 2020 convention. We hope members realize how much was involved behind the scenes to make it happen. In many ways it was the best convention yet; every member had the opportunity to attend. Grazie mille!

Our branch also has a big birthday this month. Bob Zanoni, one of our original members turns 90! We will share a bit about him next month.

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. -- Robert Brault

*Alla prossima,*

*Mary Ann*

## SAN BERNARDINO

### Upland St. Anthony, Br. 446

Our branch is celebrating the anniversary of our first year with our new name: St. Anthony Branch 446 Upland. Instead of paying for a new embroidered banner, we voted to salvage the banner by adding additional embroidery. We are grateful to two of our members who took on the project. Kenneth Coppi was able to get the name embroidered on the satin stripe and Trustee Joe DiCamillo built the portable wood stand. We are praying to be able to show it off at any upcoming fund raisers and social events.

*Stay healthy and safe!*

*Betty Cavanaugh*



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- encourages apostolic and charitable works, and
- celebrates our Italian heritage and all the heritages of our communities.



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- supporting seminarians and their educations,
- providing grants to individuals with special needs to assist them towards greater independence,
- awarding educational scholarships to Catholic children,
- building our faith through fellowship and religious events,
- supporting local and national charities, and
- recognizing humanitarian work in the community with national awards.

The ICF encompasses a spirit and vitality that has allowed it to grow to thousands of men, women and children of all ages across the United States. Our charitable works within and beyond parish boundaries assist, elevate, enrich and invigorate the lives of countless numbers of people.

We are a non-profit, family-oriented organization founded in San Francisco in 1924, to unite the newest Italian immigrants to the United States. We continue to unite in faith, community and pride in our diverse heritages.





### Celebrating Our Heritages

You may be wondering if you need to have Italian heritage to join the ICF. You do not! While the ICF proudly celebrates its Italian origins, the ideals of the ICF are shared by many. Today, we welcome and encourage Catholics of all heritages to become members, strengthening the organization through our diversity.

### Join Our Family

When you become a member of our organization, you are joining a national family of other Catholics who enjoy sharing in faith, heritage, charitable works, fun and fellowship.

Our members typically meet on a monthly basis and may share a meal together, enjoy an interesting program, plan events and build lasting friendships with other members they meet.

We invite you to contact your local ICF branch or the National Branch to become a member!

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