Clinical Trials: The Basics

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Clinical trials are studies on human subjects designed to answer questions about medical research and interventions including treatments such as new drugs, devices, or procedures. Clinical trials are also conducted to obtain information about known interventions that require further study or to learn how to prevent the development or recurrence of a disease.

Investigators, usually led by doctors, design a research plan, called a protocol, with the goal of generating data on safety (does not cause harm) and efficacy (does it work?). In order to run a clinical trial, the investigator must obtain approval by the appropriate health authority such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States as well as the hospital ethics committee called the institutional review board (IRB). Clinical trials can cost millions of dollars and are therefore sponsored by a government organization such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or a pharmaceutical/biotechnology company. They also vary in size; they can involve a single research center or multiple centers, in one country or in multiple countries. Only 10 percent of all drugs started in human clinical trials become approved drugs.

There are four phases in a drug clinical trial. According to the FDA, the phases are described as follows:

**Early Phase 1**—a pre-trial information gathering or exploratory phase to assess whether or not a drug affects the body. Early Phase 1 focuses on safety and looks at any adverse effects caused by a new drug or treatment. This phase usually involves a small number of healthy volunteers.

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Important Notice
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All image and article submissions need to be sent in an electronic format. Those submissions not sent in an electronic format or those articles sent in the mail will not be used.

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

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as: Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

May issue deadline is April 10, 2021.

Deadlines fall on the tenth of the month except for the combined August/September issue.

Thank you!

Laurice Levine
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Phase 2—focuses on the effectiveness of a drug in people with particular conditions. The participants on the study medication or therapy will usually be compared to participants who are given a placebo, which is an inactive substance. Safety continues to be evaluated during this phase.

Phase 3—involves more participants from various populations and continues to study safety and effectiveness of the therapy when given in different dosages and sometimes in combination with other medications.

Phase 4—occurs after the FDA has approved the drug to go to market and continues to assess safety, efficacy, and optimal use.

Eligibility factors include age, medical conditions, and stage of disease. Inclusion criteria allow someone to participate in a clinical study, while exclusion criteria disqualify someone from participating in a trial.

There have been countless studies involving thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) that have improved patients’ longevity and quality of life. Studies on chelation therapy to remove excess iron from blood transfusion; combination chelation therapy; studies on secondary effects from thalassemia such as osteoporosis and bone density; nutrition studies; bone marrow transplant; studies on medication that stimulates red blood cell production; and currently there are studies on gene therapy which is a one-time potentially curative treatment. Before government grants were more common, the Italian Catholic Federation was instrumental in supporting medical research for thalassemia.

To learn more about current research in thalassemia: https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=thalassemia&term=&entry=&state=&city=&dist=

RESOURCES:
Book Review

Vince Piro
Grand President

Contributed by Lisa Harrison at New South Books

Let's Eat Snails! is a delightful new book designed to engage children in learning about the unique character of Italian cuisine and the importance of building cultural bridges through an encounter with a peculiar tiny creature — a snail. I'm in touch to ask if you can feature the book in a newsletter. I'm attaching the cover image.

Let's Eat Snails! celebrates Italian-American culture by introducing kids to its familial and culinary traditions. When Margie visits the Barcelona family home, she isn’t ready for what the Sicilian family is bringing to the table: snails! Margie embarks on an adventure in harvesting, purifying, and cooking snails to find that they are, in fact, delicious! Savor this heartwarming tale from author Barbara Barcellona-Smith's childhood, delightfully illustrated by Karen Lewis. Let's Eat Snails! recognizes our differences and shows that what sets us apart also brings us together.

An Alabama resident now, author Barbara Barcellona-Smith grew up on the central coast of California with her Sicilian father, Giuseppe Barcellona, and Puerto Rican/Lebanese mother, Emily. Barbara’s ethnic household was quite unique in providing her with a lifetime supply of entertaining and valuable stories she is excited to share with young readers today. In addition to writing, Barbara is an award-winning television commercial production coordinator. Let's Eat Snails! is her first book. It has developed high praise from beloved authors like Junot Diaz, Dan Yaccarino, and others.

Let's Eat Snails! is available from Ingram Publisher Services (IPS) at 866-400-5351 or email at ips@ingramcontent.com, or order via ipage. ingrambook.com.
For more information: www.newsouthbooks.com/snails.

Mother Cabrini Shrine
Carmelo Sabatella, LA Archdiocese District

ICF will be working with Saint Francis Xavier Church in 2021 for a Novena to Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from November 1, 2021 and ending on Her Feast Day November 13, 2021 with a Mass and Pilgrimage.

In 2021 please include the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank to your pilgrimage of Mother Cabrini Shrines in New York, Chicago, Colorado and New Orleans. 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.

In 2021, the Cabrini Chapel and Library Open Houses will be scheduled by appointment only and allow limited visits as allowed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Learn more about one of the ICF’s Patroness Saints and the Catholic Church’s first American Saint.

For more information regarding the above or to make a donation to help the Chapel, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org. Online Gift shop open and includes Mother Cabrini book markers, Mugs, Candles and Mass Cards available for purchase via donation(s).

Thank you for your continued support!
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee cas1810@aol.com
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Membership Reflections
Perry Shurko
Membership Chair

Hello fellow ICF members and welcome to the beautiful month of March. I don’t know where you’re at, but here in the LA area it feels like Spring is in the air.

I want to give you the final membership numbers for the year ending 2020. We started 2020 with 7,892 members and finished the year with 7,565 members. We were actually able to gain 28 new members, 83 members passed away, and we had 281 cancellations. In perspective, this is about average for the last few years.

Now, we gotta get moving forward. But you ask, how is that possible? We can’t meet, or have events or have membership drives.

Well, my answer to that is we gotta try. Start at your branches by putting in an article in your parish bulletin regarding the ICF. Let your parishioners know that we are still here and haven’t gone away. Maybe as a district, put an article in your diocesan newspaper or magazine if you have one. In the LA area we have one called the Angelus.

The membership committee is working on a possible relationship with a Catholic radio channel calling itself Relevant Radio and who knows where that might lead us to. Use your favorite social media outlet like Facebook and Instagram or Twitter.

We have to start moving forward. We can’t just sit back and watch the world go by. Even in this pandemic world that we live in today, I’m sure there is a lot of creativity out there in the ICF. We can’t use the pandemic as a crutch. We must stay positive! I want to encourage everyone to watch and share the promo video the ICF has that’s available to be seen on our website. This might help encourage you all to get moving forward. There’s also those dues. Let’s make sure everyone gets their dues in because the ICF is still functioning and operating folks.

I will finish up by wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph’s Days and also a Blessed Easter. Take care and continue to pray for our country and the rest of the world.

Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.

Grand President Piro

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Meetings, publishing newsletters, phone trees, and a variety of other activities that bring us together as members of the ICF. I encourage you to review the Bollentinos from last year for more ideas on how to keep your members engaged during these difficult times. If you need help, feel free to contact me or any other Central Council member; we are willing to assist you, your districts, and your branches.

When the time is right, I urge you to seek new members, who will be starved for an organization like ours - full of camaraderie and fellowship.

And to help with that, the Federation has a promotional video that introduces potential members to the ICF. You can find it on our webpage at ICF.org. In coming months, you will hear more from the Membership Committee on ways that you can use this video and other strategies for increasing your membership as we come out of the pandemic.

It is my belief that the world can never have enough love, hospitality, or charity. It can never have enough “ICF.” Robyn and I pray for your health and safety, and wish you all the best.

Vince
RESULTS FOR PRIZES AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Top Selling Branches in each of 3 categories receive Five (5) 2021 Calendars. Branches placing 2nd and 3rd in each of 3 categories receive One (1) 2021 Calendar.

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

Category 1: 1 – 99 Members
1st Place: Branch 281, Bakersfield – Sold 90 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 33, Bakersfield – Sold 74 calendars
3rd Place: Branch 144, Arcata – Sold 45 calendars

Category 2: 100 – 199 Members
1st Place: Branch 39, Merced – Sold 40 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 36, Monterey – Sold 5 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 52, Healdsburg – Sold 5 calendars
*There is not another Branch in this category to come in 3rd place. These are the only 3 Branches with 200+ Members.

Category 3: 200+ Members
1st Place: Branch 39, Merced – Sold 40 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 36, Monterey – Sold 5 calendars
2nd Place: Branch 52, Healdsburg – Sold 5 calendars

Individuals
1st Place: B.G. Zasoski – Br. 281 – Bakersfield – Sold 90 calendars
2nd Place: Michael Cerri – Br. 33 – Bakersfield – Sold 70 calendars
3rd Place: Sheila Doan – Br. 10 – Alameda – Sold 44 calendars

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GET WELL WISHES:

Pat and Louie Cordich          | Bob Basuino                                    |
Aldine Grisenti                | Bob Basuino                                    |

*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members’ donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed.

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ICF is Going Green!

If you prefer to read the Bollettino at the magnification of your choice in full color on your computer or portable electronic device, and like the idea of saving a tree while helping us save printing costs, visit this link to sign up: [http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb](http://eepurl.com/bLaMFb)
Spicy Chinese Barbeque Ribs

1 cup hoisin sauce
1/3 cup white wine
½ cup soy sauce
1 cup white sugar
½ cup tomato paste
¼ cup chopped garlic
2 Tbls. hot pepper sauce (like Tabasco)
2 pounds baby back ribs, cut into single rib pieces

Mix all ingredients, except ribs in medium bowl and set aside.
Heat oven to 350 degrees
Line roasting pan with foil (easier clean up). Place ribs in pan and bake uncovered for 45 minutes.
Pour off excess liquid. Pour sauce over ribs, toss to coat.

Return pan to oven, stirring often until ribs are tender and sauce has thickened about 35-45 minutes.
I rather dip each rib in the sauce and then dip a second time 15 minutes into the second cooking process. Draining off excess liquid helps to give the ribs a nice caramelized coat.
Be safe and call friends----it can be lonely sheltering in place.
Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

The Spiritual Works of Mercy
Apostolate-Charity Committee
Lauren Kilcullen, Committee Chairperson

Last month, we discussed the corporal works of mercy. These works are tangible things that we can do as part of our apostolate. In this issue, I will discuss the spiritual works of mercy. They are as follows:

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offences
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

These works of mercy differ in that they are works of compassion by which we help others with their spiritual and emotional needs. These spiritual works require more humility, much discipline and the ability to help others prudently.

With the season of Lent upon us, attention to these works of mercy seems most appropriate.

Further information, advice and suggestions on the above may be obtained from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website.

Carmen Kilcullen-Apostolate-Charity Committee Member

Blood or “Whole Blood.” This is the most common type of donation, during which approximately a pint of ‘whole blood’ is given. The blood is separated into transfusable components – red cells, plasma, platelets and/or cryoprecipitated AHF. This type of blood donation usually takes about an hour, though the actual donation takes about 8-10 minutes.

Three patients can benefit from one whole blood donation?

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

Future issues will highlight platelet and plasma donations.
You are eligible to donate whole blood every 56 days. Contact your local blood bank or 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Source: http://www.redcross-blood.org/donating-blood/types-donations#whole_blood

For More Information:
Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
360-860-2023
2021 1st Year Scholarship Program

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program that was sent to high schools in November, has now been made available to the Districts and Branches and has been posted on our ICF website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage as well as in the documents in the Officers’ Portal.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is March 15, 2021. Please discuss participating in the program by making a donation of a full scholarship of $400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year $400.00 Scholarship or they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:
A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the “Italian Catholic Federation” - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

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

Lisa Crudo, Chairperson
**Branch Reports**

**SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT**

**San Francisco**

Maria S.S. Immacolata, Br. 1

Dear Members:

Still no activity due to COVID-19.

Sadly, reporting the passing of member Maria Checuti - A member of Branch 1 since 1983. Condolences to her Family.

Financial Secretary, Vic Arnaudo, sincerely thanks the many Members who have promptly sent in their dues for 2021.

Stay healthy

Ciao!

Tony Morsello

**San Francisco**

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all of our members.

For those celebrating a birthday in March—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Good Luck to our members who bought our calendars.

We were very disappointed that our Christmas message did not come out properly in the December issue of the Bollettino as it was submitted correctly and on time. It was published again in the January issue and thank you for the beautiful angel which was added to our message.

Let us hope and pray that we will be able to start our meetings soon.

We miss all of you and love you.

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President

**SAN MATEO**

Colma

San Vincenzo de Paoli, Br. 19

It is with great sadness that I write this article on the day of the passing of our long-time member, our sunshine lady and the writer of our branch article in the Bollettino - Noreene Thurman. She will also be missed in the Holy Angels community, as her CCD teaching and assistance spanned 50 years. Please keep her family and those close to her in your prayers.

**Burlingame**

Our Lady of Angels, Br. 173

February will help us to think of Valentine’s and those we care about. The best news is we can be inside to attend Mass with the usual restrictions which we are grateful for. While there is still not much going on with all of the branches, we can look forward to sharing events with all of you soon.

Ciao!

deborah

**LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE**

Hello LA District members and welcome to March. Last month, actually it was the end of January, we held a quarterly district Zoom meeting where we discussed the following topics:

- We had correspondence from Sr Joan Hogan thanking the ICF for awarding the Pope St John XXIII humanitarian award to Nick Jordan from Wells of Life. She said you have no idea the positive ripple effect it has given to them.

- We discussed the importance of collecting our dues and what those dues cover.

- We also had correspondence from our Archbishop Jose Gomez, thanking the LA district for its donation of $5,000 to St John’s Seminary. We also want to keep Al Restivo in our prayers as he continues to recover from his surgery. Get plenty of rest Al.

- Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 10 a.m.

Good luck to all of the branches who are going to have a St Joseph Table this year. It’s definitely not going to be the same as previous years, but we need to honor our patron saint since this year, 2021, is the year of St Joseph, and I can’t forget the other guy - Happy St Patrick’s Day!

Have a great month and stay safe and healthy.

Perry Shurko, LA District President

**Los Angeles**

St. Peter, Br. 67

If you know someone who may be interested in joining the Italian Catholic Federation National Branch 67, please have them go online to ICFNationalBranch67.org and sign up.

We are a virtual branch and reach out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Coved-19 is a challenge and an opportunity to understand what is important in each of our lives. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi 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 National Branch 67

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March 2021

South Pasadena
Holy Family, Br. 108

On February 13, 2021 our branch held its General Meeting on Zoom followed by online Bingo. Congratulations to our Zoom Bingo winners and to Members Aggie, Elizabeth, Patrick, JD, John, Joe, Ariana, Michele, Jackie, Tom, Phil and Margie who celebrated their January, February and March Birthdays and Gina and Gerard’s lst Wedding Anniversary and Theresa and Tad’s 47th Wedding Anniversary.

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Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President
ICF Branch 108
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Montebello
St. Benedict, Br. 111

Ciao a tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all doing well and are staying healthy. The health crisis is getting better, but we are still not able to hold our St. Joseph’s Table in the month of March as we have done the past years. We pray that the crisis will end soon and so that we can possibly have it later in the year. We will keep you posted.

After a few months of Zoom meetings, now that things are better, we plan to get together for our March General Meeting and Luncheon at Taylor Ranch Park, located at the corner of Lincoln Ave. & Montebello Blvd., in Montebello,

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

Lent is in full swing, spring is around the corner and there seems to be light at the end of tunnel. Please keep doing your part to keep this virus at bay and get us get back to normal.

Thank you to all who attended mass to honor our patron St John Joseph of the Cross on March 5th. It was nice to see so many members attend.

For those of you who purchased the ICF calendar there is a delicious cranberry walnut scone recipe posted on the October page by Sandra DeLateur from branch 408. My family enjoyed them. I think your family will too!

Our branch sends our love and prayers to Rita Cigliano on the recent loss of her brother Gaetano. May he rest in peace.

We also want to wish longtime member Mary Lauro on celebrating her 90th birthday! We wish her a day filled with love and sunshine.

Last but not least we want to wish our branch President Neal Dileva and wife Anna on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless you both with many more anniversaries!

Deadline for ICF scholarships is March 15. Applications for graduating seniors can be found at ICF.org. Our branch donates 2 first-year scholarships.

Membership renewal is underway. I hope our ICF members will continue to support our branch. Dues are $39.00 and can be mailed to Nancy Donato 1718 Miracosta St San Pedro 90732

Stay safe
Anita Gioiello Trujillo

Br. 108 General Meeting in February
Br. 111 March Birthdays:Estera, Tanina & Della
Br. 111, St. Joseph’s Table
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Br. 111, St. Joseph’s Table
Br. 111 General Meeting in February
Arcadia
Holy Angels, Br. 218

At this time there is no new information regarding when we can proceed with our regular meetings. A board meeting has not taken place and no new plans have been made yet. Everyone, stay safe and we will advise all the members of any changes.

Lolly M.

Downey
St. Raymond, Br. 362

Hello Branch members! Welcome to the month of March, and it feels like spring is in the air. I can’t believe it’s been a whole year now that has passed by since we all met together in person. Last year at this time toilet paper was nowhere to be found and everything started to shut down, including our churches. We were getting ready to hold our annual St. Joseph Table when we were told it wasn’t going to happen. Well, it’s a year later, and I’ve spoken to our parish manager Laura and got the ok to have a small St. Joseph altar. Depending on the weather, it will either be outside by the picture of Our Lady or right in front of the church doors. It will only consist of a small statue of St. Joseph, some flowers, grape vines, decorative wheat and bread basket, fava beans and a donation basket. The St. Joseph Table at St Raymond BR 362 will only have the table up on Sunday March 21. There will not be any food sold, no bake sale or food giveaways, just the altar. Please take a moment to stop by that weekend and view it. This may be our only chance to be able to have a fundraiser, I’m crossing my fingers that it won’t be.

I’d like to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick’s Day, Happy St. Joseph’s Day and Easter Blessings to you all.

Perry Shurko, Branch President.

Oakland
East Bay District Council

Congratulations to all the District officers installed via ZOOM by CC Pres. Vince Piro at our last meeting. It is so nice that the officers are spread out over all the branches. Officers installed were; Pres. Lisa Crudo; 1st vice Pres. Melody Klever; 2nd vice Pres. Judith Wellbeloved; Rec. Sec. Patricia Grasso; Fin. Sec. David Madej; Orator, Jeanette Zugnoni; Trustees, Ralph Marinelli, Maria Raphael and David Wellbeloved, Dist. Mentor, Karen Rossi. Thanks to James McGee for the below photos.

Claremont
Our Lady of the Assumption, Br. 319

As I write this article I hope that you are all well and staying safest home. March has 3 events to look forward to. We are in the season of Lent looking forward to Easter on April 4th. On March 17 is the wearing of the Green, St Patrick’s Day. Remember we are all Irish on Mar. 17th.

Most importantly is the feast of St Joseph on March 19th. It is traditional to have a table to honor him and a Spaghetti dinner. Since this is the year of St Joseph, we will be having just a table at OLA

This will not as before, we are only having a table with his statue and a donation box. We will be asking for non-perishable food and/or cash donations.

We will be well into Lent by the time you read this. Once again, we will be struggling with staying healthy during the continued Covid-19 crises and hopefully be able to receive the vaccine.

In the meantime, a Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all.

Pat Grasso,
District Sec.
March 2021

Alameda
N.S. Delle Grazie, Br. 10

Thanks to James McGee for accepting the presidency of Branch 10. James also served as president at the age of 20 in 1984, two years after he had graduated from Alameda High School. James introduced himself to our membership in a letter recognizing the other past presidents of Branch 10 and the excellent chefs who have helped Branch 10 to thrive since 1926. James was formally elected as president at our meeting of February 4.

Thirteen members attended the February 4 meeting. We discussed our hope that we will be able to hold an event in May marking our 95th anniversary as a branch. Our future plans include a summer barbecue and our annual ravioli dinner, which we have tentatively scheduled for October 16.

Our membership holds strong at approximately 112, including 11 families. We lost one longtime member, Marie Mahaffey. Marie died on December 21 and had belonged to the ICF for 54 years.

We have sold our entire allotment, 40, plus three, of 2021 ICF calendars. Thanks, Sheila Doan!

We look forward to sharing more Branch 10 news with you in the April Bollettino.

John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

Happy March! I hope this month finds you all healthy and happy as we look forward to the wonderful celebration of Easter!

St. Patrick’s Day (March 17th) and St. Joseph’s Day (March 19th) are fast approaching! Blessings to you and your family on these special feast days.

Thank you to those of you who participated in our “Lazy Dog” restaurant fundraiser. The food was great, and we made a good amount of money considering this was our first time working with this super Newark establishment. Special thanks to Nadine Matteri for her work setting this up.

We are so happy to have heard that Dave Madej will be returning to serve as our branch deputy! Thank you, Dave!!

During this special season of Lent, remember to take some extra time each day for prayer and reflection.

We have been meeting each month on Zoom and are happy with our progress via this amazing technology. We are looking forward to a return to “normal life” and having some get-togethers, such as our traditional “Bingo Luncheon” at some point later in the year.

As usual, President Fran LaTorre is working hard for us and always being fabulous! Also, thank you to all our branch officers for their commitment and work during this challenging time.

Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President

Livermore
St. Filomena, Br. 285

Here it is, a year since the pandemic began. Like many of you, we are waiting patiently for vaccine appointments. While Zoom meetings are a great way to connect, we’re all anxious for our potlucks and in-person social gatherings to begin again. Everyone is looking forward to finally attending mass in our churches.

We continue to discuss possibilities for a fundraiser to support our scholarships and donations. Meanwhile, our next meeting is going to be a virtual BINGO game that Dale and Carlotta Schauer have created. Who knows? This might be a great idea for a future fundraiser!

Happy Birthday to: Charles Bernardi, Philomena Buonsante, Carlotta Schauer, Irma Giannotti, Judy Wellbeloved, and Anna Yosham.

Pauline Kirk, our “Sunshine Lady”, shares this link for a beautiful New Year’s boost. The prayer is lovely and the rendition of Auld Lang Sang is amazing. And don’t miss the gorgeous scenery! The link is https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/RjAxo8d7j?rel=0&controls=0&showinfo=0

We send you blessings and prayers for a meaningful Lent and a joyous Easter.

Patty Brick, 1st VP

Castro Valley
Our Lady of Grace, Br. 343

For a first time out on Zoom, we had a fair turnout and are hoping for more at our next meeting. And congratulations to the officers installed at the District Zoom meeting. Our officers for 2021 are: Pres. Mike Miraglia; 1st vice Pres. Leonard Rossi; 2nd vice Pres, Margaret Speranza; Rec. Sec. Patricia Grasso; Fin. Sec. Al Prolietti; Treas. Lisa Crudol; Orator, Maria Ruggeri; Sent. Dorothy Cassani; Trustees, Dorothy Giannonna, Melinda Klever and David Taddei. Thanks for hanging in there another year. And a big thank you to CC Pres. Vince Piro for doing the honors.

Since we will now be having Mass indoors we can only pray that the doors will soon open to some other indoor activities. In the meanwhile, as we enter this Lenten season we will continue to pray that we all remain healthy and can receive our vaccine soon.

A Happy St. Paddy’s Day!
Pat Grasso, Br. Sec

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

We had our District Installation of Officers on a Saturday afternoon, February 6 at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. We met in-person, safely and outdoors. Many thanks to the parish and their pastor Father Paulson for sharing their lovely outdoor venue with us on that pleasant spring-like afternoon.

Members were able to stay and participate in the regular Saturday evening parish mass at 4 p.m. after the end of the installation. Our representative from the Central Council, Roselyne Jarrett spoke briefly to the gathered parishioners at mass about the ICF. It was very enjoyable seeing each other and praying together after such a long time apart!

Our next district meeting is planned on Zoom on Feb 24 at 7 pm. We will report on this meeting in the next Bollettino. Blessings to all for a prayerful Lent and joy-filled celebration of Easter!

Diana Mackinson, CC District First Vice President

Martinez
San Martino, Br. 13

“National Unplugging Day” is March 5th and helps us be less dependent on technology, the opportunity to unwind and be alive in the presence of God during Lent without being glued to our phones.

It is during “Women’s History Month” that we observe “International Women’s Day” on the 8th. March 14th, we put our clocks ahead to gain that hour of sunshine; and, on March 19th we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Many Br. 13 members are finalizing their preparations to consecrate themselves to St. Joseph on his feast day having studied together for 33 days prior.

These are just a few in the first half of March! So, read a book to a child; think before you speak; ponder a woman who has made a difference in your life, thank your mother, pray the hail Mary, start each day with the Lord’s prayer, and work during this challenging time.

“March is Menstrual Cycle Awareness Month!” is a great reminder to respect women’s lives and we’ve seen it in government. March 4th (the only date that is also a Friday) is “National Grammar Day” that encourages us to pay more attention to our verbal and written words. There are common grammatical mistakes in our language that we continue to make. Let this day be the excuse to brush up on our grammar.

Deadline for April Issue is March 10th.
Send articles and photos: editor@icf.org
Crockett
San Carlo, Br. 14

Ciao Amici!
The month of March is full of shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, and hidden pots ‘o gold. It’s also a month where we remember a Saint and reflect on our faith. As we celebrate a different culture and heritage, it feels both comforting and familiar since the Irish faith, values, and traditions are very similar to those of the Italian people. (Who knew?)

During these unpredictable times, we are truly fortunate. We have family, great ICF friends, and branch officers like no other! Since we haven’t been able to meet in person, our current officers have graciously agreed to serve another term. We thank them for their generosity of time and service.

Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is right around the corner (Saturday, March 13th) and everyone is looking forward to a delicious meal. Pickup is from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Crockett Boy Scout Hall on 991 Loring Avenue. All dinners include succulent corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, roll, butter, and a special sweet treat. Of course, none of this would be possible without the excellent leadership of Jim and Kathleen Thomas, and the hard-working crew. Contact Donna no later than March 9th to reserve tickets ($20 each). You can reach her at (510) 367-5669.

And finally, a big thank you to everyone who purchased a 2021 calendar (which includes a daily raffle). We hope you get lucky this year! “May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.” (Old Irish Toast)

Blessings,
~Helen

Pittsburg
San Dominico, Br. 72

Dear Members,
Happy almost spring.

Here we are in the month of March. The month that we celebrate St. Joseph. I think back to our gatherings. Starting with Mass. Moving onto our raffle and Italian cookie giveaway. There is a powerful novena to St. Joseph called the Holy Cloak novena. It is a 30-day novena. And takes about 20 minutes to say. Many favors are granted, and miracles come from it.

The 2021 Installation of officers was held on February 6. We would like to thank branch 442 Christ the King for hosting. The chairperson was Diana Mackinson. We would also like to thank Roselynn Jarrett for being the mistress of ceremonies. She also represented the Grand President. He was unable to attend due to a family matter. The event was held outdoors. The weather was perfect. We wore a mask and spread our chairs six feet apart. We did not use scarves. That way no one would have to handle them. The nice weather made the day even more enjoyable. We missed those of you that could not attend.

Scholarship applications are due to the ICF office by March 15. Students may go to ICF.org for information.

I am happy to report that almost all have paid their 2021 dues. Our financial secretary is waiting on just a few more memberships to be renewed. As we continue our Lenten journey, we fast, we pray and we try and do more for others.

That is all for this time, as we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti,
Your President and friend,
Patty

Richmond
St. Raymond, Br. 154

Hopefully, by now some of you have had your first vaccination and possibly your second. We look forward to the road of recovery when we can all meet again face to face.

Good News! Raffle tickets have arrived. Please keep a look out for the announcement either by mail or by Facebook.

We have received news that our Father Al Mengon has been diagnosed with Covid-19. Please keep him in your prayers. He is currently residing at St Peter and St. Paul Parish in San Francisco. As soon as we know more about his condition we will update our Facebook page.

Stay safe!

Saluti Cari Amici.
I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and you continue to follow the health rules to stay safe. I hope you were able to schedule a vaccine appointment. These are trying times, but hopefully we will be able to hold our meetings with safe distancing.

We didn’t attend the district Installation of Officers because we kept our previous officers, and some were reluctant to go around other people.

I am glad you all renewed your dues and soon we will be able to hold meetings and plan for fundraisers.

Mary Howard celebrated a “big” birthday with her relatives. Congratulations, Mary.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. I hope you are taking advantage of Mass being held on TV on Sunday mornings.

We have to pray and keep the faith that this will be over soon, and we can assume some normalcy.

We all miss getting together and pray you all stay safe and healthy.

Bless you All
Norene DeLuca
Correspondence Secretary

Pleasant Hill
Christ the King, Br. 442

Happy March, paesani! If you weren’t able to attend the February branch meeting on the 6th, we talked about ideas for fundraising. If you have any thoughts on fundraising events and/or would like to help, please contact Diana Mackinson or Julie Cote. They would love to hear from you!

We also discussed how to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. It’s going to be different than our usual celebration because of the pandemic. Plans for Mass honoring St. Joseph are “in the works”. Be looking for details in your upcoming branch email.

Mr. Vincent Piro, the ICF Grand President, presided at the Contra Costa District Installation on Saturday, February 6, at Christ the King Church. Members from our neighboring branches were present for the event, too. Officers were sworn in under Covid-19 conditions under the parish tent.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Ci vediamo quando siamo più ‘vecchi,
Teri Martinucci Hurbut

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Auburn
St. Joseph, Br. 342

The board members of Branch 342 would like to give a big thank you to those members who have renewed their memberships for 2020.

We know that times are tough for many and we have not had many activities this past year, so we really appreciate your continuing support of our branch. We are hopeful that things will improve later in 2021 and we may be able to get together for an event.

Please continue to pray with us that this pandemic will end soon. We wish you and your love one’s good health and hope to be able to see you soon.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen
Many thanks to all who contributed time and information so that I could mail out our 2021 Packets in a timely manner. My only concern is that our Officer’s list should be typed on the proper form. I, myself, do not have a typewriter or word processor but will think of a solution by the end of the year. Any suggestions? My cursive is excellent, but the proper forms should be utilized and typed.

In the meantime, I am hoping with the availability of the vaccine for all we may be gathering sooner than later but then, I am always so optimistic.

By the time this article goes to press we will be in the middle of March and looking forward to Easter the following month of April. I hope that we all enjoy some freedom of expression with our families.

Regards to all in our District
Marilyn Sylvestri, Recording Secretary

Healdsburg
San Francisco Di Sales, Br. 52

Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, March 9: Monthly Meeting. 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Sunday, March 7: ICF Monthly Mass, 8:00 a.m.

If you haven’t renewed your membership for 2021, please send in your dues to Bill Jones, soon! So far, response from our members has been good.

The officers are confirming the date for our springtime Drive-thru-Dinner. Read the email blast for more information.

Mass is moving inside! Please look at the parish website for the latest information. Wear a mask and remain socially distanced.

Continue to pray for an end to the virus.
Happy St. Patrick’s Day.
Lauren Kilcullen

SANTA ROSA
District Council

Br. 75, The puppy in the picture is Danny (Cuneo) who attends many of our parish’s classes and brings smiles to all.

Cloverdale
L’Annunciata, Br. 75

Ken and Branch President, Claudia Cuneo, are teaming with Parish Secretary, Daisy Rueda, to pull off our annual Chicken Spaghetti dinner as a drive thru event! All proceeds go to St. Peter’s Parish.

Tickets sold rapidly!!! Friend of the ICF, Ellen Wingenbach, single-handedly, sold over a hundred tickets!

Although we will miss our sit-down dinner/raffle which brings our community together in a grand fashion in conjunction with Cloverdale’s Citrus Fair, the spirit of the event is intact. Chicken is ordered, barbecue crew is lined up, sauce will simmer and salad will be tossed. A twenty-dollar bill gives each person a half chicken with spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and ice cream.

Safeley masked and socially distanced, smiles and good humor will abound from people happy just to get a glimpse of one another! The real shot in the arm is not the Covid-19 vaccine; It’s the shot of adrenaline we’re receiving from finally being of service again, feeling the Holy Spirit moving among us to bring this event together.

Sending love to all, Branch 75, virtually, hugs you!
Patsy Buchignani

Santa Rosa
St. Sebastian, Br. 103

Believe it or not I was just about to write about Lent and Presidents day. I can’t seem to distinguish one month from another. Patience! Looking forward to Daylight Savings on the 14th of March. This month we honor St. Patrick who had a very interesting life. Born in Roman Briton, kidnapped at 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped and returned about 432 A.D. to convert the Irish to Christianity. More next month....

Well, we finally have our 2021 Packets those of us in Northern District. Being a “green horn” it took me longer to assemble than anticipated but all received the packages. Hopefully we can meet soon, rather sooner than later with our Branch activities list commenced.

We can all be thankful that the Covid-19 Vaccine will soon be available to all of us soon and this is an indication that we may, and myself in particular be able to enjoy Easter. As of right now, our parish church, St. Francis, has opened its doors on Sunday.

Since we are on the subject, hope that all of us have paid our 2021 dues! It’s not too late. Please send your dues to Bill Scinto.

To all of us I say Ci vediamo presto e Vi saluto! The time will come soon when we can “pop the tops” of Champagne.
Ciao a tutti, Marilyn Sylvestri

Fresno
Madera

Greetings to all members!

It seems that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel! The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered, new cases are declining, and the United States Supreme Court has ruled that California’s ban on indoor religious services is unconstitutional. We look forward to the days ahead, and further word on when the resumption of our usual activities will be allowed.

In the meantime, at this writing our Branch is planning our annual orange sale fundraiser on February 20th. Thanks to Jim and Kerin Cavallero for donating these delicious oranges, and to all members whose assistance will be needed to clean and pack and sell the oranges.

It is once again time to accept applications for ICF Scholarship awards. Students who are either Roman Catholic and a child, grandchild or guardian of an ICF member, or Roman Catholic students of Italian descent who live in the diocese, are encouraged to apply. Please refer students to the ICF.org website for applications and further criteria.

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Please pray for our member Gloria Massetti, who passed away in January, and for all our members who are ill.

Let us begin the preparations for a reflective Lenten season.

Wishing a Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all!

Mary Keitz

Merced
St. Cecilia, Br. 39

It is with much sadness we share the passing of our long-time member, Pietro “Pete” Bandoni on January 25. He was a faithful member for 52 years! Our prayers extend to his wife, Vicki and his family. May he rest in peace.

To continue our faith, heritage, fraternal and social club that gives out annual scholarships and charitable donations to many worthy local and ICF national charities, we appreciate your prompt membership renewal. Fill out the renewal sheet mailed in January by our Financial Secretary, Sandy Del Real. List the number of members under your name (adult and family including grandchildren), then add up the amount owed (including hospitalization if applicable). Mail your check to 4755 S. Fresno Road, Le Grand 95333. Please include your email address so we can contact you quickly when branch events resume. Contact Sandy if you need help 209-389-0321.

We are keeping our fingers crossed we will be able to resume our meetings and social events soon. We miss seeing you! Have a Happy St. Patrick’s Day. Remember to wear green.

State tutti bene e state al sicuro. You all keep well and stay safe.

Stephanie Lucich

Clovis
Our Lady of Perpetual, Br. 250

A belated Happy Valentine’s Day to you all!

March birthday greetings to Kathy Christensen and Alice Reyes!

Several members are recovering from illness or surgeries. Mary Zanarini is recuperating from back surgery and that is really good news. Also, Financial Secretary Cindy Newton is on the road to recovery after a lengthy illness due to that darn Covid-19 virus. Leanne Lavagnino was surprised when notified she had the virus even though she was feeling fine. After a 14-day quarantine, she and Angelo are back in circulation.

Did you realize that going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car?

Talk about rain! Doug Duke reports that one and a quarter inches of rain were recorded at his residence during a recent storm.

Trivia item for the month: Ice cream cones were invented in Italy, and so were eyeglasses. What a great combination! Now we can see what we’re eating! Another trivia item: the most common Italian surname is Russo. Why aren’t there any Russos in our Branch?

Remember, you’re never too old to learn something stupid.

All members are encouraged to contact Angelo Lavagnino with news items for the Bollettino. He will then assign the items to our staff of award-winning journalists.

Our thought for the month: “It matters not if the world has heard or approves or understands. The only applause we’re meant to seek is that of nail-scarred hands.”

Ciao, and God Bless.

Enrico Caruso

Vincent Joseph Jura

June 20, 1924 – December 29, 2020

Vincent, a long-time Clovis resident and member of Branch 250 and Our Lady of Perpetual help Parish, passed away December 29, 2020. Vincent was born June 20, 1924 to Mike and Rose Jura, naturalized immigrants from Maschito, Potenza, Italy. In 1944 he married Thelma Viola Brown and together they raised their five children; Darlene, Carolyn, Vince, Kent and Nanette. Vince was preceded in death by Thelma in 2009, 2 months before their 65th anniversary, and Nanette in 1980.

Vincent was a farmer his entire life. He and Thelma were members of the ICF since 1974 and were deeply involved in and supportive of the ICF and OLPH Parish. In addition to his five children, Vince is survived by brothers, Joe and Michael, eight Grandchildren and 10 Great-grandchildren. He loved to travel and play poker and had a great sense of humor.

Vincent had been ill for some time and had contracted the Covid-19 virus shortly before his passing. His wit, energy and devotion to his Catholic faith and to the ICF will be missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Buon pomeriggio! We hope that ‘tutto va bene con tutti’! Wow! Spring time is fast approaching, and Easter is just around the corner. As you know, during this season we have our annual No Bake Sale. This is the second year we’ve held this event under Covid-19 limitations (who would have thought?). By now you all should have gotten the information via snail mail. Any questions, please call Roseann Costabile. And, as always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Applications should be available at your student’s school; if not, go to www.ICF.org and, using the scholarship link, download an application.

In closing, it’s time to celebrate our Branch’s March birthdays. Happy birthday to: JoAnn Basile, Ronald Bellangero, Donna Comelli, Jerry Deck, Nancy DiNapoli, Cori Gabbert, Rebecca Hernandez, Peggy Mansfield, Tom Meuldijk, Virginia Orlando, Warren “Aldo” Penniman, Josephine Pista, and Nancy Prevedelli.

Jean Paul Richter once said, “Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time.” Each ‘feather’ gives us another year to worship and give thanks to Our Lord.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Central Coast District
Santa Cruz
N.S. Del Soccorso, Br. 21

Our Branch 21 continues to hold General Meetings via Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30.

Each meeting, several more members are joining us; if interested, simply click on the access link included in the e-mail sent out before each meeting.

A timely reminder: those that are interested in applying for ICF scholarships for college bound relatives, the deadline is March 15th.
March 2021

**Lenten Takeout Dinners**

- Elks Lodge (150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey), every Friday during Lent from 4:30-6:30 pm: Mar 5 - 12 - 19 - 26 & Apr 2. Dinners will be ordered/prepaid on our website MontereyICF.org, or buy tickets at Check-In tent until we close or sell out. $17 per dinner includes salad, pasta, catch of the day, garlic bread and dessert. $20 for home delivery dinners (online prepaid only). Wine is $10 per bottle, $60 per case of 12. For more information, contact Elaine Valentine at 831-394-8224. Please don’t forget to donate/deliver desserts between 9 a.m. to Noon on Fridays (thank you)!

Scholarship information and applications for 2021 senior graduates are available on our website (MontereyICF.org). Contact Antonia Ruccello (831-594-1895) for more information and details. Supporting our 50/50 Scholarship Raffle helps fund this year’s awards.

**Community News**

- Oxnard on Memorial Scholarship, which is High School staff on the Richard Rob Howell are working with the Soquel website. Mary Montonye and Vicky formation can be found on the branch and the ICF First Year Scholarship. In 2021 Applications are being accepted for Joseph’s. Look for more details from the right time to donate the funds to St. Joseph’s, Br. 227. Regrettably, the Board decided that this was branch treasury for the hall refurbish

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Convention Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. It is not too late to pay your dues. The dues are $43.20 per member and should be sent to ICF, c/o Stewart’s Floral, 1658 Soquel Drive, Suite A, Santa Cruz, CA 95065.

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Deanna Musler, Secretary

**Capitola**

St. Joseph’s, Br. 227

What a joy it was to return to mass indoors in February, especially with the beginning of the Easter season.

The Board met in January and February via Zoom. They decided to have a general meeting on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. You will be receiving an e-mail from President Bob Montonye with details on how to participate.

Because of the current refurbishing of the church hall and the logistics of gathering during the pandemic, the Board voted to cancel Fish Fry this year.

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Deanna Musler, Secretary
The winning membership ticket drawn by Gennaro Filice for a $75.00 gift certificate to Sandy’s Café in Gilroy was won by member Janice DeCosta. Gennaro has been married to his wife Kathy for 47 years and has been a lifelong Gilroyan and St. Mary parishioner and is very dedicated and active in Church activities. Gennaro’s passion and devotion to divinity is evidenced in his many years of volunterism to St. Joseph’s Family Center and his works for St. Mary Parish and as St. Mary Church choir leader. He is past president of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation and remains very invested and involved in Branch 28 endeavors. Gennaro grew up on a prune orchard with a fruit stand on Hwy. 101 in southern Gilroy, CA when that highway connecting northern and southern California ran through Gilroy itself and the County known as the “Prune Capital of the World”. Gennaro attained his Catholic education while attending St. Mary School in Gilroy taught by the Sisters of the Presentation and Palma High School in Salinas CA taught by the Christian Brothers. Gennaro takes pride in his apricot jam, Pomegranate jelly and specialty brewed beer and is an aficionado of fly fishing which is an annual event in Yosemite with his brothers Jim, Mark, and cousin Eddie Filice. Thank you Gennaro for your commitment and dedication to Branch 28.

Janice DeCosta is one of those super reliable members that in the “good ole days” of membership dinners was always there for decoration and set up. We miss the dinners but really miss Janice and members like her.

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos
St. Mary, Br. 184

With Ash Wednesday soon approaching, February 17, it was such good news to hear that our Church is allowing us to enter, albeit in 25% capacity. Thank you, Supreme Court! Rather than giving something up for Lent, I am going to give some Thing to some One. It can be a card, a phone call, a masked six-foot visit, a little something homemade, a word of encouragement to somebody who is burdened.

The Annual ICF Convention Raffle Tickets are in the mail. We need all members to buy these tickets and re-member, half of the cost comes back to our Branch. We need everyone to help out this year.

Prez Denise Antonowicz informs me that our Branch is having a ZOOM meeting in April. She will send your Email an invitation, all you have to do is click on it, and you’re in!

San Jose
St. Frances Cabrini, Br. 191

Our Holy Season is upon us with the beginning of Quaresima (Lent). Traditions of Lent this year have been altered due to our Covid-19 pandemic. Do some creativity in your own home/family to keep the traditions alive. Schedule soup nights with your family members, attend Live Stream Masses for Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross. Try a family Friday night Fish Fry. Keep our faith, hope, and love alive in these traditions.

Speaking of such, Denise would love to hear from any member who has suggestions for virtual fundraisers. Would you give it some thought and send your suggestions to her at d56@comcast.net ?

On the back page of February’s Bulletin, there is an ad for the 2022 calendar. They ask for stories of how your families came to America. They always come up with such interesting ideas for the calendar. Anyone can contribute their story.

Well, until next time, I pray that you all stay safe, keep healthy, until we meet again.

Ciao, Lucy Amico

March 22 will be $20. Make checks PAYABLE to ICF BRANCH 191 , and sent to our chairperson, Jo Bertaccini. Call Jo for any questions @ (408) 266-7364. We will be delivering plants on March 28. A Beautiful addition to your Easter Table.

Upcoming on the calendar, St. Patrick’s Day, along with St. Joseph’s Day, and by the end of March we will enter Holy Week. Our Traditions continue with faith, hope, and love.

Auguri di Buona Pasqua
Shirley Catania
Sentinel

Our Zoom Board Meeting in February brought forth some terrific fundraising projects. Our Branch will be having a Lunch/Dinner fundraiser with the help of Blue Rock BBQ. On March 3rd, Blue Rock will be offering their delicious menu ALL Day! (Lunch or Dinner). How does a pulled pork BBQ Sandwich, with a side Salad and Baked Potato sound? So very many Choices! (Even Dessert!). Make sure you MENTION ICF BRANCH 191 with your order, to help our branch get credit. PLEASE a quick lunch or a BBQ dinner will be a real treat! (and a night off of cooking!)

Another Fundraiser...Will Be the Sale of traditional Easter Lilies. The plants, which are to be PRE-ORDERED by
March 2021

San Jose
Santa Teresa de Avila, Br. 368

Spring is right around the corner, folks! May we corral the coronavirus, and may God shower you with His blessings. Some rain would be nice, too.

Father George Aranha, our parish priest, has been regaling us with his wonderful voice, singing to us every Wednesday via YouTube. He is such a treasure. On January 27th he sang 8 Italian folk and classical songs, including Bella ciao, O Sole Mio, and ‘Arrivederci Roma. He spreads so much joy and comfort just with his voice. In appreciation of his talent and goodness, Jackie Morton made a quilt for him to use in the cold mornings as he prays.

Additional treasures are Ed and Jane Wendler, who search for inspiring stories and essays to help lighten our spiritual loads during this pandemic. They choose stories such as the one recommended by Bill Greco on the Berlin Candy Bomber. Gail “Hal” Halvorsen, was an American bomber pilot who dropped candy and gum to German children during the Berlin airlift of 1948 and ’49. Thank you so much for making our days a little brighter, Ed and Jane!

We continue to pray for all our ill members and our beloved dead. We mourn with the family of Maureen and Mike Curulla, who lost their marvelous daughter-in-law Tanya Curulla to cancer in January.

Have a beautiful Lent,
Judy Zahn

San Jose
St. Martin of Tours, Br. 391

Hope you all had a Happy and Healthy Valentine’s Day in February and are now ready for our holy Lenten season which came too quickly.

In February, President Mike Rossi sent out information to members regarding online access to making appointments for the Covid-19 Vaccine provided by Santa Clara County. Contact the county for eligibility, dates and locations by searching “Santa Clara County Covid-19 vaccination information” for current website links. Mike and Marcia graciously offered to assist those members who do not have access to a computer.

Reminder: Don’t forget to renew your 2021 membership dues to Tina Rossi. We appreciate your support. We look forward to sharing prayers and a good meal in the coming months. We continue to pray that you all stay safe and healthy.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale
Resurrection, Br. 408

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
Happy St. Joseph’s Day!
ICF Branch 408 hosts its first blood drive of 2021 on Saturday 6 March from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Church of the Resurrection Parking Lot in front of the Farana Center under COVID-19-19 rules. We look forward to another good turnout of Donors as we collect this precious Gift of Life to benefit our Community.

We held our first monthly meeting of 2021 in January - once again via Zoom -which Sandra Hosted and Coordinated for us – Thank you Sandra!

We look forward to distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in our Community – a number of our members have received their 2nd Dose of Vaccine already.

The US Supreme Court has allowed Churches in California to host Indoor Services with Santa Clara County restricting occupancy to less 20% of capacity.

We wish you a prayerful Lenten Journey on our way to Easter Sunday 4 April 2021.

Please Pray for our sick Members: Dave L’Haara, Steve Richey, Patricia Look, Paul and Dori Biefari.

Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!!

Steve Richey
ICF 2nd Vice President

Morgan Hill
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Br. 435

We’ve all heard that saying, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” I’m beginning to feel that all the changes we’ve experienced over the past year are staying the same. I wouldn’t think of going out without a mask, I keep my distance from people and even though I have always been diligent about keeping counters and tables clean, I find myself taking extra steps that have become the norm. Even with the vaccines rolling out now, we need to keep up our guard and continue to stay the same.

Have you been listening to and watching Fr. George Aranha’s singing You Tube videos? Music is always something that brings people together and what better way for ICF members to be together than singing Italian songs with our District Chaplain. Thank you, Fr. George. Keep them coming.

Once again, thanks to all who have renewed their membership and paid their dues for 2021. Your dues help the ICF continue to support the many charities and scholarships we’ve adopted. As we enter this season of Lent let us remember why we are members of the ICF - to be a part of a community that shares heritage and faith. Even if your heritage is not Italian, it is Catholic and we all have that faith in common.

Take care, stay safe and keep the faith.
Maryclaire Sampognaro

San Jose
Transfiguration, Br. 445

March brings memories of our past “in person” St. Joseph’s Day celebrations. Fun times were spent decorating the hall, creating an altar to St. Joseph and making table centerpieces. Everyone brought pot luck items: main dishes, salads, side dishes, soups or desserts. Father Tito began the evenings by leading us in prayer followed by a blessing. Members enjoyed conversation and friendship while they dined.

As many of our members are now receiving their Covid-19 vaccinations, we are hopeful that shared times together will become a reality again. Although we will still be masked and socially distanced (our new normal) it will be truly great to get together!

Branch members with March birthdays are: Pam Rohrkemper, Emily Corral, Susan Echevarria and Jackie Cosentino. Buon Complanno a tutti voi!!

Continued thanks to Br. 445 members who volunteer their time in support of our Homeless/Sandwich Ministry.

Stay safe and well.
Submitted by:
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer
2nd Vice President

San Jose
Resurrection, Br. 445

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Br. 445 Madelyn Scocco

Br. 445 Emily Corral / Diane Devine holding Covid-19 vaccination stickers

Br. 445 St. Joseph Feast Day Table Decor

Br. 445 St. Joseph’s Table Dinner

Br. 445 Fr. Tito leading us in prayer

Br. 445 St. Joseph’s Altar
STOCKTON

Modesto
St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

The Ways and Means is asking you to share the stories of how your family came to America for the “Daily Raffle” calendars. They would like to like to have pictures you can share.

February always seems like a slow month. Then March comes with the scholarships, followed by the reports that are due in June and July. I have to start reminding the person that is doing report so that we get them in on time. It turns in to a busy time.

We have been given permission to attend mass in the church following all the restrictions. We have parking lot masses, Live streaming and they broadcast our masses over a radio station. It is a way we can at least attend mass but it will be great to be in the church again.

Will miss having our St. Joseph’s Table Again this year. That is always a time that is enjoyed by everyone. The food is always so great at the potluck. We visit with friends we haven’t seen in a while. The raffle is always a lot of fun. You never know what you win until you open the gift. We will celebrate with our prayers for this time but as soon as possible we will be celebrating our St. Joseph Table together again.

Cecelia McGhee

Lodi
St. Anne’s, Br. 82

Baci primaverili!

We’re baaaananaa!! After a year, our meetings finally resume! Zoom is not even close to a face to face encounter, but it’s a start!

January 26th, members met virtually to enjoy catching up on what transpired since our last gathering. After taking care of business, we played Name 5, racing the timer to name Italian desserts, pastas, wines, famous landmarks.

It may seem easy, but once that timer starts, your mind blanks. Stephanie Kaehler won a giftcard for naming 5 Italian cities in less than 30 seconds.

Although after Valentine’s Day, our February meeting brought to Zoom a tasty program learning how to pair wine and chocolate.

The upcoming March 22nd meeting focus is our Blessed St. Joseph, patron Saint of the Universal Church, whose feast day is March 19th. Being that Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph, our program will highlight “the man who played an incomparable role in the history of salvation” (Pope Francis, Patris corde).

We are midway through our Italian Meal to Go fundraiser. $12.00 purchases a ticket for a De Vinci’s feast of chicken, pasta, salad, and focaccia. The 2 members who sell the most tickets will receive a giftcard prize! As we haven’t been able to hold our winter polenta or summer boose dinners, please support this fundraiser so we can carry out our ICF mission of service.

May this Lenten Season lead you to a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Patty Litts, President

Tracy
St. Bernard, Br. 390

Our ICF take out dinner for the month of February 2021, with a menu of chicken cacciatore, polenta, caesar salad, bread roll and cookie, for the unbelievably low price of $15.00 was an offer that many of our members could not refuse. It was held on Thursday, February 25 at St. Bernard’s Church and we had a record-breaking turnout… many members have stated this menu would be great every month!

A GREAT BIG thank you for those of you who have already sent in their dues for 2021 by return mail. We rely on your continued support to keep things going smoothly in our organization. As Annette wrote in the renewal notices, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ’s journey into the desert for 40 days of fasting and prayer. This season of Lent will be one of healing and recovery for so many of our ICF family.

“How have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.”

-St. Francis de Sales

Alla prossima,
Mary Ann

Stockton
Presentation of the BVM, Br. 395

We recently lost a dedicated charter member, Alba Klemic. Alba was President of Branch 9 many years ago. After she married in 1955 at Presentation Church, she eventually became President of our Branch. Alba was also an active member of our Parish. Her sister, Mayrina Vacarrezza and niece Janet Bolinini, are still members of our Branch.

Due to health issues, Alba moved to Minneapolis five years ago to live closer to her daughter, but her dedication and contributions to Branch 395 will never be forgotten.

As you read through this Bolletino, we will already be well into Lent. Lent again looks a little different this year, but the focus is the same, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days of fasting and prayer. This season of Lent will be one of healing and recovery for so many of our ICF family.

May God bless your St. Patrick’s Day festivities with His peace and joy in your hearts.

It is with great joy that we received the news of the Supreme Court’s decision last month! This is a good step in the right direction. We must keep praying and doing little sacrifices in our lives. These please God, and He in turn answers these prayers. Sometimes we don’t get what we want (I would have like the Supreme Court to rule that all churches be open with no restrictions), but God knows our needs better than we do. So, let us keep faith in Him, and know that He will bring us through these difficult times.

Branch 314 is still hanger in there. We don’t have any plans for this month due to restrictions, but we are keeping in contact with each other and praying.

We ask God to protect our ICF families and friends with health and a strong faith. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for all of you.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary

ORANGE
Huntington Beach
St. Bonaventure, Br. 379

We ask for prayers for a long time member: Peter B. Shores died on December 23, 2020. He and his wife Mercedes enjoyed socializing with branch members. Peter especially enjoyed attending mass and then enjoying donuts in the hall while sitting and collecting the donations. Please keep him and his wife Mercedes in your prayers.

The Huntington Beach branch continues to hold monthly meetings on Zoom. Members are attending mass either in person or via livestream, and are also attending the monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Members are sharing input on how to schedule an appointment for vaccinations. We look forward to when we can all get together in person again.

Ciao,
Karen Kovvara

St. Patrick, Br. 413

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Branch 379 Peter Shores and friends
ICF TRI-FOLD BROCHURE

This informative brochure (updated in 2020) can be a great part of your ICF Visitor Packet and is available from the ICF office in Oakland, CA. Contact (888) ICF-1924 to order copies for your branch.

(Outside)

(Inside)

Puting Faith Into Action

ICF members actively participate in:  
- providing financial and emotional assistance to priests and parish ministries,  
- providing grants to individuals with special needs,  
- awarding educational scholarships to Catholic students,  
- promoting our faith through fellowship and religious events,  
- supporting local and national charities, and  
- recognizing their outstanding work at our annual meeting.

The ICF encompasses a spirit and vitality that has influenced the growth of many local and regional organizations across the United States. Our members include the Rotation and other small-bureaucracy clear, honest, ethical, and compassionate.

We are a non-profit, family-oriented organization founded in San Francisco in 1924. To write the annual report programs in the United States. We continue to write in faith, community, and partnerships in our diverse heritage.

Celebrating Our Heritages

You may be wondering if you need to have Italian heritage to join the ICF. You don’t need to be Italian to be a part of the ICF proudly celebrates its Italian heritage, making it a shared part of its history and culture. Today, we welcome and encourage Catholics of all heritages to become members, strengthening this organization through our diversity.

Join Our Family

When you become a member of our organization, you’re joining a national family of Catholic women enjoying sharing in faith, heritage, charitable works, and fellowship.

Our members typically meet on a monthly basis and may have social events, including an interesting program, placements, and building relationships within the membership network.

We invite you to contact your local ICF branch or the National Office to become a member.

For the latest news, events, and updates, please contact the national office using the information provided on the back of this brochure.
The Ways and Means Committee presents the 2022 “Daily Raffle” theme:

“Coming To America”

We need your participation. So how can you help?

Share the story of your FAMILY’S JOURNEY to AMERICA!

- Share RECIPES that your family brought to America with them.
- Share PICTURES that hold fond memories of your Family’s Heritage.
- Sell! Sell! Sell! The “Daily Raffle” is a great fundraiser for the entire Italian Catholic Federation, since a portion of every sale goes directly to your Branch!

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

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

PRICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Example:

$30 – 5 names/events @ $20 + $10 or $40 – 8 names/events @ $20 + $20

Deadline for names and payment is: June 1, 2021

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation Twenty First Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT
DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021
SAVE THE DATE (TENTATIVE)
• JOIN US IN THE •
WINE • COUNTRY •
FOR OUR 21ST YEAR EVENT!

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. START MAKING YOUR PLANS TO SHARE IN THIS NEW GOLF VENTURE AND MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE 21ST ANNIVERSARY EVENT!!!

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

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

If you know of any senior of Italian descent in San Francisco needing assistance, please contact: ItalianCS.org | (415) 362-5423 | info@italiancs.com

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IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2020 is the following:
Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2020 is the following:
Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than $50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

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

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

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2021. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

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Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2020. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,
Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand Treasurer
Italian Catholic Federation Convention Award Categories

Review the five award opportunities and complete the application. There is one shared application available for all categories. The deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is May 1. Previous year’s nominations are eligible for resubmission.

Pope Saint John XXIII Award

The highest award bestowed by the I.C.F. is presented at the Saturday Night Convention Banquet. The recipient may be of any religious denomination and shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors 2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man 3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities. A $1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient’s charity of choice.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award at the Saturday night banquet. A $1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient’s charity of choice.

Grand President’s Award

This award will be presented during the Sunday General Session to an outstanding lay member of the Federation. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A $500 donation will be made to the award recipient’s I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

Family of the Year Award

The I.C.F. Family of the Year is recognized during the Saturday General Session. This award honors an I.C.F. Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A $500 donation will be made to the family’s I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

Young Adult Leadership Award

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and possesses the enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision to become a leader who will guide the Federation in the decades ahead. The recipient will receive this award during the Saturday General Session. A $500 donation will be made to the award recipient’s I.C.F. charitable program of choice.
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20_____
Award:
_____ Pope Saint John XXIII
_____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
_____ Grand President’s
_____ Family of the Year
_____ Young Adult Leadership

Nominee:
Name: __________________________________
Address: __________________________________
City: ______________________ State: _______
Zip: ___________ Phone: (____) ____________
E-mail: __________________________________

Branch #/City: ___________________________
Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:
___________________________________
Contact Person:
___________________________________
Phone: (____) ________________________
E-mail: _____________________________

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.
Please include with this application:
- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.

Statement of Endorsement:

Qualifications Summary:
Please summarize the major accomplishments of the nominee. If known, include offices and chairmanships held (within the I.C.F., parish and community) along with information on any significant contributions. You may attach additional sheets of text.
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
2021 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!
Show us your celebrations. Let us celebrate your joys and successes with you.

Successful Entry Tips
• Create a NEW entry this year
• Tell us what you’ve been up to
• Use COLOR in your entry
• Submit Celebration entries for your members and their achievements

Artwork Deadline
JUNE 1ST!

Celebration Pages
Births • Weddings • Graduations

Full color 1/16th page celebration entry for only $25. Includes a photo and details.
Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!

Congratulations Lauren Leary, Br 281, on your 8th Grade Graduation!
We love you,
The Leary Family

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:
• Collected & kept for years •
• Referenced by members •
• A visual history of your year •

You Need COLOR!
The full-page entry for Branch 442 looks great in the 2020 book! (See page 45.)
So much more impactful than black and white would have been.
Please consider color for impact.

Everyone spends money locally!
Sell commercial ads to the folks you spend your money with and get a 20% commission check.