



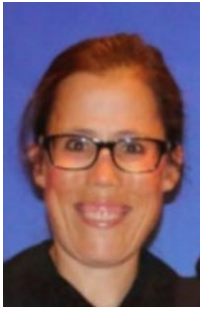
BOLLETTINO



Is it SAFE to Donate BLOOD during COVID?

Laurice Levine, Live to Give Committee

The short answer – if it were not safe to donate blood during COVID, I and countless blood recipients would be dead or seriously ill...and sadly hundreds of them are. In many countries (most of them developing) where blood supplies are already inadequate, where lock down rules vary, or police approval is needed to leave the home, blood is depleted and as a result many thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) patients have succumbed to the disease—due to oxygen starvation. When



you do not get the blood transfusions you need to live, you die from severe anemia and organ failure. I have seen weekly obituaries circulating through the global thalassemia community of patients who have passed either due to COVID-19 itself or lack of blood.

It is devastating and survivors' guilt is ever present.

By mid-March 2020, the American Red Cross (ARC), reported that the nation was short approximately 400,000 units of blood due to quarantine measures resulting in thousands of blood drives being cancelled at churches, school and businesses.

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

Size Doesn't Matter: A Call to Our Branches

How do you know summer is approaching? Some know that summer is on the way because the days are getting longer and warmer. Some know because of the birds chipping in their yards. Others know because they see flowers blooming as they take walks around the neighborhood. I know it's summer because of a Chihuahua.



You see as summer approaches our little Chihuahua, Miles, likes to spend more time in the backyard. I find him basking in the sun as he naps on the back steps to our house. I hear him barking at birds, squirrels, and the wind. And the other day, I found him chasing a raccoon across the yard. Yes! Miles, an older 9 pound dog, was in hot pursuit of a very scared 20 pound raccoon. Of course, I grabbed the little guy before the raccoon turned on him, but it got me thinking. Miles—despite his size and age—is fearless and courageous. He should know better than to take on an animal twice his size, but his heart inspires him to protect his yard and his family. And as I thought about this pint sized canine more, I realized he is an inspiration for the ICF.

We should always be fearless and courageous. We should always be willing to do the work of the Federation—no matter the size or age of our branch or district. We know that our hearts are filled with the grace of God, and it is this grace, this love of Christ, within us that inspires us to serve our parishes, our communities, and our charities.

As summer approaches, I want you to think about ways that you can further serve God and the Federation. Can you hold a membership drive to attract more members? Can you hold a fundraiser to earn money for a charity? Can you work with your pastor to assist with a parish ministry? Can you work with a community organization to serve those in need? And, to be honest, I don't want to hear that your branch is too small or your members are too old. Certainly, some branches have challenges because of their size or age, but we must have heart. Remember Miles as he chased a raccoon. Draw inspiration from a Chihuahua.

Also, I want to encourage each branch to send a delegate to our 2021 ICF Annual Convention. It is a great way to meet old friends, share your ideas, and contribute to the Federation.

Vince



Hike the Appalachian Trail

ICF Hiker's Progress Report



Ryan at the 1/4 way mark around mile 550 in Virginia.

Just as spring quickly progresses in the Appalachian Mountains, our ICF hiker is making good progress as well. Over the past month, Ryan has increased his daily miles to around 25, with a high of 30 so far! He has left North Carolina and Tennessee for Virginia, the longest state on the trail.

Some recent highlights for Ryan include completing Great Smoky Mountains National Park, visiting with wild ponies in Virginia's Grayson Highlands, and reaching the 1/4 way mark. As of this writing, he is almost 700 miles into his hike. The weather has turned quite wet, and he has endured several thunderstorms and high winds.

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Convention Update

What: Italian Catholic Federation Annual Convention

Where: Santa Clara Marriott located at 2700 Mission College Drive, Santa Clara, CA

When: September 3 to 5

Who: Branch delegates, non-delegates & guests

How: For updates visit Facebook; keyword: Italian Catholic Federation. Check www.icf.org for information. See pages 10-13 and 23-24 of the *Bollettino* for details.

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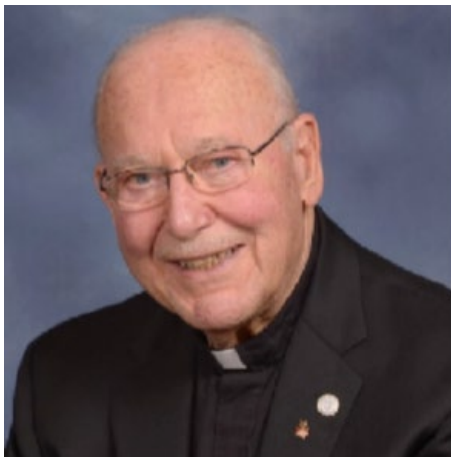
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deadline is June 10, 2021.

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month except for the combined
August/September issue

Thank you!

DAD



Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
ICF Spiritual Director

Eddie and his dad had a special relationship. Dad made sure that he had that unique one-on-one bonding with each of his children. For Eddie, it was raising canaries together. They started with ten pairs. Each pair would breed about four birds twice a year. At the end of a year, there would be about eighty canaries; and in four or five years, there were about four hundred! This took a lot of time and care. Eddie really put his heart and soul into this shared hobby with his dad. He read up on the science of raising canaries and eventually entered some special canaries in annual shows and won some first and second class ribbons. This was a great experience with Dad! It taught Eddie perseverance and a good work ethic. He learned from his dad that "a promise is a debt."

Dad was a carpenter. He built the house all the kids were born and bred in. He taught his children how to work, how to fix things, and how to build. During the Great Depression, Eddie and his siblings were involved in many projects, building a variety of things that the family could sell. It all went to supplement the family income to support the family of seven.

Dad also taught his children devotion to duty. For example, Sunday was a day that began with Mass. Never was there a thought of not going to Mass. It was a part of family life, and the whole family dressed up for Mass in their best "Sunday clothes."

Dad was also an usher in his parish, part of that sense of duty he passed on to his sons. One Sunday, Bing Crosby and his wife, Kathryn, came to Mass. The church was packed full. Eddie's dad didn't know who Bing Crosby was, but he did his job. He found a seat for Bing and another seat for Kathryn in another place in church. Well noted by parishioners, no reaction from the Crosbys. Eddie has a million stories about his dad in his memory and in his heart.

Eddie was proud of his dad. Dad was the wall around his "kingdom," the moat around his castle. He lived for his family. Although he didn't receive much education, he stressed the importance of it in the lives of his children. During the Great Depression, Eddie's dad lost his construction job. He had to support his family, so he got a job selling vacuum cleaners. He was so good at it that he



would come home with prizes for selling the most vacuum cleaners that week. Eddie said his dad could sell overcoats in the heat of the desert.

A Father protects, cares for, encourages, teaches, guides, brags about, prays for, sacrifices for his family because he loves them dearly....and they love him.

**God bless all fathers!
Happy Father's Day
to all fathers and those
who serve in the role of
fathers!**

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Apostolate-Charity Report

Apostolate-Charity Committee

Carmen Kilcullen, Committee Member

This is the time of the year that the Apostolate-Charity Report is due from the branches. Your chairperson, Lauren Kilcullen, has asked that you send in the report to the CC Office in due time.

I would like to expand a bit on this report. Many ask why do we need to do this report. Why are we patting ourselves on the back for what we are supposed to be doing anyway?

Actually, the report gives us the opportunity to check what work we have done. In compiling the report, and, then, reviewing it, a branch can deter-



mine its future course as far as charitable and spiritual works are concerned. You might wish to add a charity, add donations to an existing charity, or chart a different course for your charitable and spiritual works.

As the ICF becomes more of a charitable organization, this has been found to attract new members. I realize that this past year has been difficult to have events to earn money for charity, but I am sure that each branch has some funds to donate. Even the smallest amount can help someone.

Let's hope that the coming year will get us all back on track and resume our wonderful work, both spiritual and corporal. We thank the branches for the wonderful work that they continue to do in these difficult times. Keep up the good work!!!

Carmen Kilcullen-committee member

Gifts of Love Program

Teresa Helfand, Committee Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this time of challenge and uncertainty. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we are staying together in heart and spirit and reaching out to each other and our neighbors in different ways to keep in touch. We also want to remember our Mothers and Fathers in a special way as we recognize the love and care they have given to our families. May our Heavenly Father keep you in His care and watch over everyone and our world. This also brings to mind our Gifts of Love Awards. We have reviewed applications this month. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.



At this time, we would like to again request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives. During this time of suffering with the Coronavirus there may be even more need, especially for our elderly and others who have suffered greatly.

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

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

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

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Book Review--Italian History

Vince Piro, Grand President

I have reviewed Ross King's books about Italian history before. His excellent *Brunelleschi's Dome* tells the story of Filippo Brunelleschi and the construction of Florence's cathedral. As King expertly tells the story, in attempting to solve the challenge of constructing the cathedral's dome, Brunelleschi changed the field of architecture.

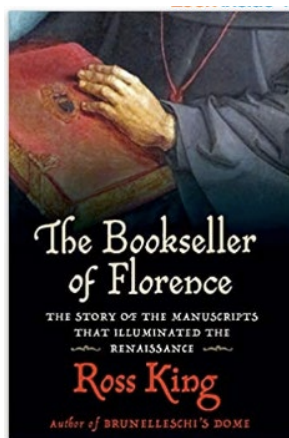
Ross also wrote about *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*, an engrossing account of "the four extraordinary years the artist spent laboring over the twelve thousand square feet of the vast ceiling, while war and the power politics and personal rivalries that abounded in Rome swirled around him."

King's latest book *The Bookseller of Florence: The Story of the Manuscripts That Illuminated the Renaissance* is as captivating and interesting as his previous books.

The publisher's summary of the book reads: "*The Renaissance in Florence* conjures images of beautiful frescoes and elegant buildings—the dazzling handiwork of the city's skilled artists and architects. But equally important

for the centuries to follow were geniuses of a different sort: Florence's manuscript hunters, scribes, scholars, and booksellers, who blew the dust off a thousand years of history and, through the discovery and diffusion of ancient knowledge, imagined a new and enlightened world.

At the heart of this activity, which best-selling author Ross King relates in his exhilarating new book, was a remarkable man: Vespasiano da Bisticci.



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Membership Reflections

Perry Shurko, Membership Chairperson

Hello everyone!

Summertime greetings to you all. This month I would like to introduce a National Event Calendar which was proposed by Anne Interrante from Branch 380 - St Paschal in Thousand Oaks. This new calendar is a great way for you to promote your branch within your parish.



One thing to keep in mind is that this calendar is a suggestion and you can feel free to expand upon it. Notice that it involves working with your parishes ministries such as RCIA, Confirmation and First Communion. The purpose of this is to help spread the word about the ICF in your parishes.

What a great opportunity to evangelize and work on gaining new membership.

In other news, we're opening up more and more. In fact, my branch is going to start meeting in person, again, in our parish hall. I couldn't be happier! Hopefully your branch is in the same situation.

It's June, and I'd like to wish all of the dads out there a very Happy Father's Day and Congratulations to anyone who will be graduating this year.

Let's remember to continue to stay safe and healthy and enjoy the summer weather.

Sincerely,

Perry Shurko, Membership Chairman

ICF NATIONAL EVENT CALENDAR

January – Member Appreciation

- Complimentary dinner, New Year's gift

February – Gifts of Love

- Valentine's Cards sent to members for donation to Gifts of Love, pass around a basket at meeting, bake sale, raffle Valentine's gift basket after all the Masses

March – Celebrating our Heritage

- St. Joseph's Table, members share heritage stories, heritage guest speaker, international food fest, cultural music fest

April – Apostolic & Charitable Works

- Plan several charitable events for members to participate, members can do projects on their own, collaborate with other ministries

May – Promoting our Faith

- Provide hospitality for RCIA meeting, snacks for Confirmation or First Communion rehearsal, handout prayer cards for the parish, sponsor a religious movie or concert

June – Scholarship/Student Appreciation

- Honor ICF students progressing to the next grade with a free dinner or gift card, sponsor pizza party for the parish school graduating class, provide scholarships

July, August – Summer Break

September – Support our Seminarians

- Write appreciation letters to seminarians, arrange special dessert to be sent to seminary, host a fundraiser to make a donation to Seminararian's Bursary, invite seminarians to be guest speaker

October – Honoring Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary

- Rosary event for parish, pray the rosary at meeting with member intentions, procession, provide flowers for school procession, provide materials for kids to make rosaries

November – Giving Thanks

- Offer free pizzelle or biscotti to parishioners after Mass to thank them for their support of ICF, sponsor an appreciation luncheon for the parish staff, invite extended family members to a meeting with a special dinner as a thanksgiving for all families

December – Cooley's Anemia

- Schedule fundraiser for annual donation, collect gift cards for CHLA Cooley's Anemia Christmas Party, provide volunteers for Christmas party, write Christmas cards to be delivered to Cooley's Anemia patients

Family Recipes

Deborah Rodondi

Grand 1st Vice President

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. We are coming into summertime and that means a lot of great vegetables and fruit. In Placerville, California during the summer across the street from my nephew and niece, Tony and Rebecca, there is an orchard that raises King George free stone peaches. Free stone means the meat of the fruit comes away from the pit. They are huge, have amazing flavor and a great orange-red color. When the season opens, pie crusts in the refrigerator section of the local stores in the Placerville area are usually empty! I told Rebecca that she needs to come down to my area, buy up the pie crust and set up a stand across the street from the orchard. Sounds like a possible business venture. Each year Tony brings me a case of these peaches, so I started researching possible pie recipes and found this one, which is amazing in flavor! The spices give a depth to this recipe that makes it amazing.



6 Tbls. cornstarch

1 lemon, juice and zest

¼ tsp. ginger might give an interesting zing

To easily peel skin off peaches: drop several peaches at a time into boiling water for about 1 minute. Take out and peel with ease.

2 crust pie. The top can be solid, but I like to lattice the top crust. The fruit is so full of juice that the lattice top crust allows for the pie to breath and the juices to solidify.

Bake for 1 hour in a 350 degree oven.

I will make the filling and place into Ziploc bags to freeze for future pies.

I have always made my pies with tapioca rather than cornstarch, but found cornstarch worked great in this recipe.

Be safe and call friends—it can be lonely sheltering in place. Hard to believe we have been sheltering in place for over 1 year. The good news is that things are starting to open up—hopefully soon we will be able to resume in person meetings and gatherings.

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!

Old Fashion Peach Pie

8 large peaches, King George

½ cup brown sugar

¼ cup regular sugar

1 tsp. cinnamon

¼ tsp. clove

¼ tsp. nutmeg



Scholarship Donations

Received as of May 10, 2021:

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS 1ST YEAR

Richard Pfaff

In memory of Bette Di Girolamo

Richard and Donna Pfaff

In memory of Cecile Weisner

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS 2nd - 4th Year

Deborah Rodondi

In memory of Lernito Prudenciado

Book Review--Italian History

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Born in 1422, he became what a friend called “the king of the world’s booksellers.” At a time when all books were made by hand, over four decades Vespasiano produced and sold many hundreds of volumes from his bookshop, which also became a gathering spot for debate and discussion. Besides repositories of ancient wisdom by the likes of Plato, Aristotle, and Quintilian, his books were works of art in their own right, copied by talented scribes and illuminated by the finest miniaturists. His clients included a roll-call of popes, kings, and princes across Europe who wished to burnish their reputations by founding magnificent libraries.

Vespasiano reached the summit of his powers as Europe’s most prolific merchant of knowledge when a new invention appeared: the printed book. By 1480, the king of the world’s booksellers was swept away by this epic technological disruption, whereby cheaply produced books reached readers who never could have afforded one of Vespasiano’s elegant manuscripts.

A thrilling chronicle of intellectual ferment set against the dramatic political and religious turmoil of the era, Ross King’s brilliant *The Bookseller of Florence* is also an ode to books and bookmaking that charts the world-changing shift from script to print through the life of an extraordinary man long lost to history—one of the true titans of the Renaissance.”

As always, Ross is a master of storytelling and history. His strength lies not only in his ability to tell a fascinating story of what some might consider “dry history” but his ability to describe often complex subjects in a way that we can all understand and appreciate. In this book, he is capable of explaining the little know and intricate bookmaking process while relating the importance of creating manuscripts during the Renaissance. After all, the story of Vespasiano is story of how power, knowledge, and words all intersect. It is the story of humanity.

“Children are a poor man’s riches.” –English proverb

Donate Blood

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While these social distancing measures are proving to be lifesaving, there are other challenges that resulted—one major one being the fragile blood supply. Blood has a shelf life of 42 days before expiration. This means the blood supply ALWAYS needs to be replenished and you cannot stockpile blood and save it for a rainy day, which California never seems to have! This presents a real obstacle and could be a life and death issue for anyone who needs blood—be it through an emergency or routinely.

Fortunately, in the US and other countries with an infrastructure to do so, blood banks quickly sprang into action to develop COVID safety protocols to protect donors, recipients, and staff so that people could continue to get out and donate. Per the ARC, “there are no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion,” which is a relief. But will we be so lucky during the next pandemic?

The aforementioned safety protocols on the ARC website are as follows (many have always existed and some are enhanced).

- Staff health checks prior to the blood drive.
- Wearing gloves and changing them often.
- Wiping down donor-touched areas after every collection.

- Using sterile collection sets for every donation.
- Preparing the arm for donation with aseptic scrub.
- Conducting donor mini-physicals to ensure donors are healthy and well on day of donation.
- Enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before entering and throughout the donation appointment.
- Temperature checks before presenting donors enter the blood drive or donation center.
- Following social distancing practices between donors including donor beds, as well as waiting and refreshment areas.
- Blankets typically used by platelet, Power Red and AB Elite donors at are laundered after each use. In case supplies are limited, donors are encouraged to bring their own blankets.
- CDC guidelines for mask mandates for both staff and donors.

Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/s86nas3p>

For further reading, donation eligibility, and/or make an appointment at the American Red Cross:

<https://tinyurl.com/s86nas3p>

or contact your local blood bank.

***Please keep giving the
gift of blood....
lives depend on you!***

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella, LA Archdiocese District

Chapel Update:

Life Scout John P. Bromhead completed his Eagle Scout Project at Mother Cabrini Shrine. John and his fellow scouts replaced flowers in the planters, removed graffiti from the yard walls, painted the railings and cut back the shrubbery all under the watchful eye of Sister Regina Palamara, Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

ICF recently met with Father Sebastian, Pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Church and are working on this year's daily Novena to Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini with Saint Francis Xavier Church from November 1, 2021 and ending on Her Feast Day November 13, 2021 with a Mass and Pilgrimage. A luncheon will be included depending on the status of the Covid 19 Pandemic at that time.

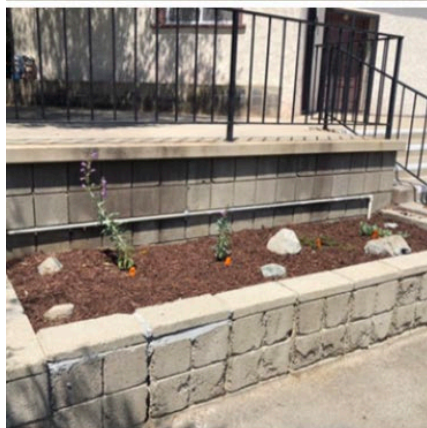
For more information or to make a donation to help the Chapel continue with the annual

Pilgrimage event in Burbank to help maintain the Shrine facility, 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!
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In memory of Joseph Accurso

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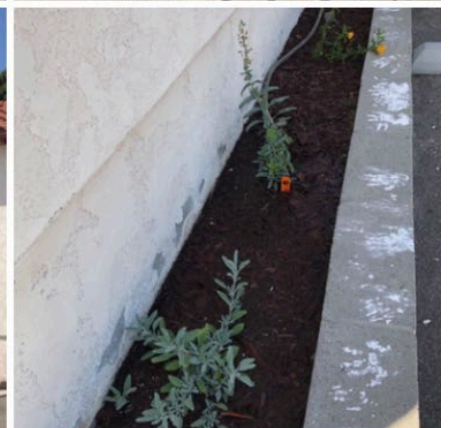
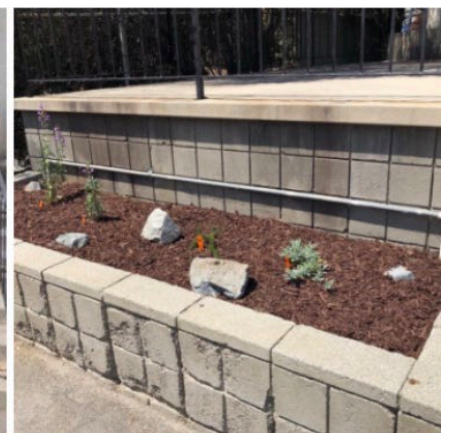
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In memory of Frances Foglia-Teglia
Adolfo and Carlo Del Carlo
In memory of Steven Martinelli

In Loving Memory (Report as of May 8, 2021)

Bianca Caserza	Branch 019	Caterina Bertolotti	Branch 048
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Welcome to New Members (Report as of May 9, 2021)

Marietta Bain	Branch 036	Aidan J Byrne	Branch 379
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Janis Parker	Branch 036	Leo P Byrne	Branch 379
Jim Parker	Branch 036	Liam D Byrne	Branch 379
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Kelly A Savukinas	Branch 036	Patricia Di Grazia	Branch 438
Robert S Savukinas	Branch 036	Roland Di Grazia	Branch 438
Rosemary Savukinas	Branch 036	Myrna Rizza	Branch 438
Stella Savukinas	Branch 036	Jeffery E Scudder	Branch 438
Karen A Kocvara	Branch 067	Zachary A Centurioni	Branch 446
Anthony Penna	Branch 229	Zoe M Centurioni	Branch 446
Josephine Penna	Branch 229	Crescent B Wells	Branch 447



Life Tribute
FRANCES ANGELA FOGLIA-TEGLIA
May 7, 1931 – April 27, 2021

Born May 7, 1931 in Buffalo, New York and passed on to be with the Lord on April 27, 2021 in Neversink, New York. Frances was predeceased by her first husband William (Bill) Foglia and her second husband Albert (Al) Mario Teglia. She is survived by her sister Toni Johnson; her sister-in-law Phyllis Fasanello (Michael); her son Michael A. Foglia (Crystal); her daughter CherylAnn Woehl (Walter Zeitschel); her grandchildren Michael Foglia (Tammy), Jennifer Foglia-Jones (Matt), Stephanie Carey (Michael); her great-grandchildren Davis, Cooper, Weston and Maddox Foglia, Kingsley and Landry Jones, and Hailey, Avery and Millie Carey; her beloved cats Pia and Dolce; and all of her “adopted family” and friends. Frances moved from Buffalo to Sacramento, CA in 1967 where she spent most her adult life.

Fran was very active in the Catholic church and the Italian Catholic Federation. She joined the ICF in 1973. She was

a long-time, active member of Br. 278, Our Lady of the Assumption, Carmichael. She proudly served on the Central Council for 6 years as a representative of the Blessed Sacrament District and a past Grand Trustee before becoming a Member Emeritus, which was a status she currently held.

She was also an active and current member of Branch 19 in Colma for about the last 10 years. Additionally, she was a member of Branch 236 in North Highlands. Most recently she was a member of Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi, Roseville until she relocated to New York



to be with her family.

While in California, Fran and Bill opened the Sausage Kitchen, which was known for its incredible homemade sausages. She worked at and retired from Wells Fargo Bank where she was part of the team that installed the first ATM machines. Not one to remain idle, in her 60’s Frances began working for the State of California Franchise Tax Board.

In later years she became committed to the various causes her husband Albert supported, especially his Jobs for Youth Program. Frances loved to cook and entertain and especially loved the holidays.

In Neversink, NY, her home since 2016, she was known for her incredible Halloween and Christmas displays. She also looked forward to helping at the Grahamsville Little World’s Fair every year where her beautiful smile and friendly manner always made new friends. Frances had a love for all animals, especially her cherished cats Pia and Dolce which she and Al raised from the age of 4 days old.

Frances was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, CA. The family wants to thank the Hospice of Sullivan County (West Team) for all their support, the Neversink Emergency Medical Team for always being there when she needed them, and the Woodbourne Colonial Memorial Funeral Home for making sure she is laid to rest just as she wanted to be. Rest in peace Frances. We love you.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to your LOCAL SPCA or Animal Shelter be made in her memory.

May Calendar Winners

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
5/1	Gina Fitzpatrick		Paso Robles, CA	\$30
5/2	Juliet Harmon		Clovis, CA	\$30
5/3	Nicola Tenerelli	418	Buffalo Grove, IL	\$30
5/4	Faith Hill	213	Oakdale, CA	\$30
5/5	Emily Grandon		Medford, MA	\$30
5/6	Patricia Taormino	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/7	Dorene Campanile	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
5/8	Matthew Simon		Citrus Heights, CA	\$30
5/9	Nick Rago	352	Alamo, CA	\$50
5/10	Bob Hollister		Rohnert Park, CA	\$30
5/11	Marilyn Lombardi	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/12	Kevin & Laura Kobliska		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/13	Rose Aaron		Salinas, CA	\$50
5/14	Monnette Mordinoia		Salida, CA	\$30
5/15	Winifred Ghiglione		Alameda, CA	\$30
5/16	Bettye Sollecito	36	Monterey, CA	\$30
5/17	Lei G. Vanek	215	Fremont, CA	\$30
5/18	Irma Zanini	354	Paso Robles, CA	\$30
5/19	Jennifer Souza Riback		San Diego, CA	\$30
5/20	Angela Long		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
5/21	Vera Beine	438	North Highlands, CA	\$30
5/22	Gerry Buxie	91	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/23	Deanna Federico	447	Manhattan Beach, CA	\$30
5/24	Francesca Taylor	67	Venice, CA	\$30
5/25	Denise Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
5/26	Cari Beveridge	27	Madera, CA	\$30
5/27	Dorothy Semke	403	Millbrae, CA	\$30
5/28	Irene Vallini	362	Downey, CA	\$30
5/29	Anne Gooch	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
5/30	Patty Litts	82	Lodi, CA	\$30
5/31	Katrina Healy	28	San Jose, CA	\$100

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Hiker Progress

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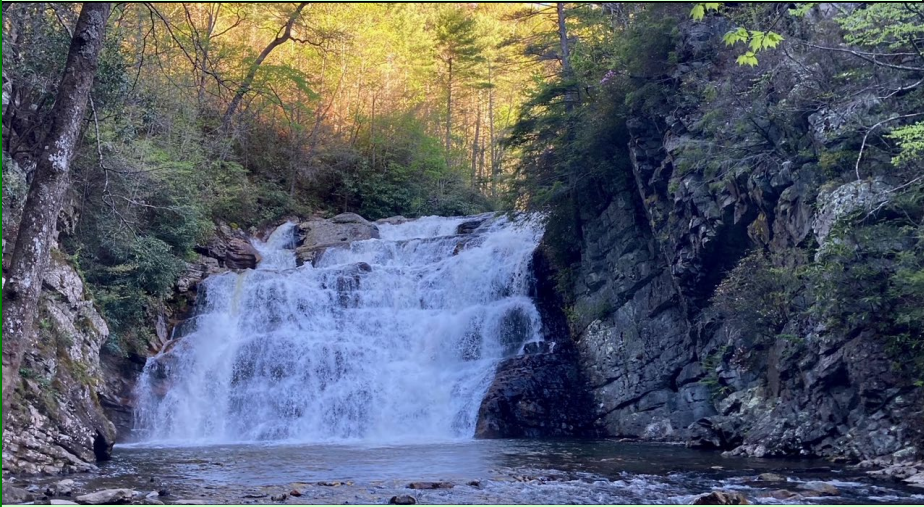
Grayson Highlands State Park, southern Virginia

Fortunately when the conditions are that bad, Ryan can sleep in trail shelters, 3-sided structures with a wood platform floor.

Not completely enclosed, but at least it’s a roof to keep hikers mostly dry.

Up next will be Shenandoah National Park, Virginia and Harper’s Ferry National Historical Site, West Virginia.

Thanks to all for keeping Ryan in your prayers!



Laurel Falls, northeastern Tennessee

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Still no activity due to COVID-19.

Happy Father's Day to all Branch 1 Fathers.

Stay healthy!

Ciao!
Toni Morsello

San Francisco

Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

Happy Father's Day to all of our great fathers. We hope you have a nice day.

To our members celebrating a Birthday in June - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

The Convention Raffle Tickets have been sent to all of our members. Please return your tickets stubs and check as soon as possible. Thank You!!

Our prayers are with you Florence Mangion for a speedy recovery. Florence was in an auto accident and suffered a broken wrist, broken ankle and ribs. We hope to see you soon.

Please stay well and happy. We need and love all of you.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President



Br. 403. Looking back at Branch 403 good times: On June 2, 2019 at Saint Dunstan Parish Center in Millbrae, ICF Branch 403 President Paul Larson (left) and happy guests, friends and members enjoy themselves at our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner."

SAN MATEO

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Hope all Mothers and those who take their place enjoyed their special day May 9, 2021.

We are starting off with our first in person meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 and there are some restrictions. We are only allowed 20 in attendance. Reservations are required on a first come, first served basis as we will enjoy KFC for our dinner/meeting.

On April 8th a Zoom meeting was held and some of the subjects covered were:

1. Convention: Names of all members will be listed in this year's book.
2. Branch members wishing to attend the Saturday night banquet will need to pay the cost of the dinner.
3. Convention raffle tickets are due by June 15 as the branch keeps \$5.00 from each book sold.
4. Convention will be held in person at the Santa Clara Marriott. Anyone interested in attending more details will follow as soon as received.
5. We have the opportunity to send in the name(s) of any deceased family members to be included in the Convention Memorial Mass. All names,

first and last, along with a check for \$5.00 per name should be sent to our President. All names will be listed in the Convention Book.

Sad to report the death of two members of our Branch: Joe Malta and Steve Martinelli. Both families need our prayers along with the sick members: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter (Patricia), Anita Cecena who is recovering from back surgery, Elena Malta and Lorraine Rollandi.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti!! We hope that all ICF members had a joyous Mother's Day! With Father's Day and the first day of summer quickly approaching (6/20 & 6/21 respectively), we will soon be able to engage in more activities comfortably outdoors and have them go on until later in the evening. Although we missed-out on our customary Cinco de Mayo dinner meeting and will also be unable to put-on our very popular spaghetti & meatball fundraiser dinner, we have managed to sell-out our convention raffle tickets.

We anticipate resuming some of our activities later this summer. The Millbrae Lions Club usually assists us with some of our fundraisers and they may

be back to doing so soon. Our continued thanks to them!!

Social distanced & masked indoor as well as parking lot masses have been the order here and are very well-received.

On a final note, I find it very inspiring that many branches have found ways to raise funds and to keep their members active and involved, from cookie baking to sauce making: well-done!

"Guardando sempre avanti"--we are always looking forward,

Adonna Amoroso
Corresponding Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

There's a Rogers and Hammerstein song titled "June is busting out all over" from the musical Carousel, and indeed it is. Summertime is now upon us, and the state of California is opening up more and more while some restrictions are being loosened. This is great news indeed. Hopefully after many months of lockdowns and staying home, we can finally start meeting in person again.

Let's start planning events and fundraisers, and spread the word in your parishes that the ICF is alive and well and ready to help out again.

In other news, let's all do our part by sending in your Apostolic reports. It's available on the ICF website, just fill it in and send it back. It's that easy. I want 100% participation this year.

We also need to start planning our Bishop and Seminarian Day event. It'll be here before we know it and we don't want to be running around crazy at the last minute, so if you'd like to be part of that committee just give me a buzz.

Well, I hope you enjoy your summer, and I'd like to wish all of our district dads a very Happy Father's Day, and to anyone who may be graduating this year - Congratulations!

Sincerely, Perry Shurko, LA District President.



LA District Zoom meeting from April 16th.

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

On Sunday, May 2, members joined our May General Meeting via Zoom. Members approved a \$100 increase of two Frank Bratta HF High School Scholarships to \$300 each and added additional \$200 elementary school scholarships for each of two students at Lady of Guadalupe Elementary School in Los Angeles.

After ICF business, the following members celebrated their May Birthdays: Diana Plescia, Brian Doerning, Patricia Richards, Marisa Plescia and Diane Collison followed by the anniversaries of Karla Haynes & Dr. Francisco Rivera 17 years and Cristina Younger & Art 50 years.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed several games of virtual Bingo. Congratulations to the following winners of Sunday's Zoom Bingo Games: Gerry Brascia, Tad Shaw, Aggie Centurioni-Daws and Carmelo Sabatella.

ICF will continue providing virtual events until the present crisis changes, and we will continue meeting virtually to discuss and encourage participation and donations to help our various charities as we have done over the years.

Want to join? Call or email us at the number(s) below.

Our prayers go out to all members, families and 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 for a speedy recovery; and to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President
ICF Branch 108
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Br. 115, Happy 90th birthday branch 115 charter member Pauline Iacono

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

Our June General Meeting will be a Zoom meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Look for our June Branch 111 Newsletter with all the details about joining us at our Zoom Meeting.

We would like to congratulate all the members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of June: Elsa Wadzinski, Francisco Garcia, Gary Brougher, Anasofia Veneziano, Judd Wadzinski, Luciano Scordia, Edward Pizzorno, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Matthew Ewan Cameron from the South High School in Torrance who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship.

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

At this time we do not know whether this year we will be permitted to operate our Fireworks Stand with the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus. We will keep you posted.

We look forward to seeing all of you once we have the green light to gather again in person, socializing, having out great meetings and potlucks. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*Ciao! A presto.
Frank Salomone*

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

By now we have all received the agenda and convention raffle tickets. Please support this branch fundraiser. Cost of book of tickets is \$20.00, \$10.00 will remain with branch. Please return the ticket stubs and your check made out to ICF as soon as possible to Pauline Iacono 1072 W 8th St., San Pedro 90731

Our scholarship winners have been announced! Congratulations to Mia Bella DiCostanzo daughter of member Sal DiCostanzo and Liliana Ruggiero graduating from Mary Star of the Sea High School. We are all so proud of your accomplishments and pray for your college success! Congratulations to all the 2021 ICF scholarship winners!



Br. 111, March birthdays



Br. 111, May & June birthdays



Br. 179, Cathy Napoli socially distanced from Maria & David Teresa



Br. 179, Paisanos Bob Carbone & Bruce Brancato at the truck

Welcome new member Vincent DiMeglio who is the son of member Lucy DiMeglio. We hope to see you soon when meetings start up again!

Happy 100th birthday to past member Jean Mazzella. We thank you for your many years of dedication to our branch.

Happy 90th birthday to our charter member Pauline Iacono. I personally want to say thank you for all you have taught me. I hope your 90th birthday is as special as you are. Our branch is so lucky to have you!

I am hoping soon we will have good news of branch meetings and casino bus trips!

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads. May God bless you all!

*Anita Gioiello Trujillo
Treasurer*



Br. 111, April birthdays



Br. 111, June ICF Mass



Br. 179, Members Vince Daigneault, Kathy



Br. 179, The Truck

Glendora

Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Monday, April 26, Branch 179 held our first General Meeting since pre-Covid. Our prayers were answered and God held the rain off so we were able to gather safely outside. What a delight to see so many of our ICF Family, masked, vaccinated, and enjoying each other's company! We combined our April Pizza Party General Meeting with the truck loading, which was necessary for today's delivery of clothing. We loaded 8,220 pounds of clothing, for a total gross collected of \$2,566 going towards our continuing ministry to St. Dorothy Church and School!

*God's blessings,
Patricia
Recording/Corresponding Secretary
ICF Branch 179*

Arcadia Holy Angels, Br. 218

We had a wonderful response to our clothing drive, from the parishioners and our members. Thank you to Scott and Teri Carrano and Jenny Hauge for collecting all the donations from the homes and all the rest of the crew. As of this writing the sandwich sale has not occurred. However, I am going to thank Scott and Teri and especially Gianni Carrano for making the sauce and Lorena and Ping for helping to put the sandwiches together. I am sure this will be a success. All the profit will go towards Holy Angels 8th grade Scholarship Fund.

Our membership committee will be polling the members as to where we should have the first meeting after the pandemic has let up enough, possibly in June or July and we should be able to start having our regular meetings by September in the church hall (hopefully). We will have two openings on the board to fill later on this year. Also, we are discussing resuming our Christmas Boutique.

The branch lost one of our most dedicated, hardworking and much loved members recently – Larry Rovarino. We will all miss him working in the kitchen and everything else he did for the branch, always with a huge smile and a thunderous laugh. Our deepest condolences to Mary and the family. Hope to see everyone soon—and Happy Father's Day to all the dads.

Lolly M.

Claremont Br. 319, Our Lady of the Assumption

Hello to all the members of Branch 319. Summer will soon be upon us and hopefully we'll be able to get together and see each other. This has been a tough year but now that the restrictions have been lifted a little, we will start scheduling meeting and social events.

OLA will be starting to schedule its meeting and events in July for the next year. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

The ICF convention is going on in person in Sept. In the Santa Clara area this year, it will also be virtual for those who can't make it.

Also please continue to pray for all the sick members.

Andrea Linn, Pres.

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy June and happy summertime. Well guess what? We are going to be able to meet again, in person, in the St. Thomas Room, on Tuesday June 22, at 7 p.m. How exciting is that !

We want to continue to pray for Steve and Charlene for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations go out to Alexander Odintsov of Warren High who received our High School Scholarship.

I would also like to wish Fr. John all the best on his retirement and I would like to welcome, on behalf of branch 362, Fr. Sam Ward, all the best of luck, as our parishes newest pastor. The Italian Catholic Federation looks forward to working with you, and we hope to see you at our branch meetings.

Let's all have a great, safe and healthy summer, and to all of our dads out there, Happy Father's Day.

Sincerely, Perry Shurko, Branch President.

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Happy Spring from Branch 380! Our board has been continuing to meet and we have an exciting event planned. On June 26th we will have an ICF Family Reunion with our members. We can't wait to see everyone!

A fundraiser is also in the works to support Many Mansions. God bless and stay safe.

OAKLAND EAST BAY District Council

With things relaxing a bit, we are waiting for the Bishop to give us permission to return to indoor meetings. In the meantime it was good to learn that the Convention will be held, just with fewer people and activities. Since there will be a yearbook, Pres. Lisa has asked that pictures be sent to her ASAP and that reports be finished by June.

In the meantime the branches are working on fundraisers, Branches #215 and #343 with restaurant sharing; Branch #91 is raffling off an ICF cross, created by Pres. JoAnn Donovan, during the month of May.

*A Happy Father's Day to all Fathers near and far.
Pat Grasso,
Dist. Sec.*

Alameda Br. 10, N.S. Delle Grazie

We have welcomed two new members, Father Joseph Pathiyil, mf, pastor of our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, and Father Joel Jores, mf, parochial vicar. Father Joseph was installed as pastor by Father Mario Rizzo, parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Basilica of Alameda Sunday Mass on May 16.

Thanks to James McGee, our president, for recruiting four additional new members. All were closely connected to our late president Dave Rose. James is still

trying to recruit friends from the Alameda High School Class of 1982.

We celebrated our 95th anniversary as a branch at Sunday Mass on May 23. James spoke at the Mass, and we distributed biscotti afterwards. We hope to continue our celebration with our annual barbecue on July 14 and our annual ravioli dinner on October 16.

We are about to award Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships to four graduating eighth-graders

of Alameda's two Catholic elementary schools, Saint Philip Neri and Saint Joseph Elementary. The scholarships are

each in the amount \$500 and are presented to eighth-graders who will enter a Catholic high school in August. The winners are selected by the faculty of each school.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*

Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy June!

I hope your month of June is off to a good start and everyone is staying healthy and happy!

Our branch is continuing to meet monthly on Zoom, which is not as good as in person, but we are enjoying staying connected as much as possible.

We were blessed and excited to have a visit last month from our good friend Vilma Romo! Keep in touch!!

A big thank you to all of you who were able to order lunch or dinner this past 18th of May at the fabulous Fremont Strizzi's restaurant! We were able to earn 20% of all sales which will go towards our many charities. Mile grazie!

We are looking forward to some of our members attending the annual convention in September (in Santa Clara this fall!) Much gratitude to the ICF Convention Committee for all its work!

Please join us for our Branch 215 Bingo Party on Saturday, October 9th. We will be sending out more information in the coming months. This event may be on Zoom, but if we are fortunate, it will be in the Corpus Christi parish center. As many of you have discovered, Zoom is very easy to use and this event will be a lot of fun! (Any questions, call me at 510-676-7337)

*Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President*

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

This has been an exceptional year!

We have been blessed with excellent leadership from our President, Judy

Wellbeloved and all our tireless officers!! Zoom has been a challenge and a grace as we stepped up to the challenge and have been graced with staying connected and enjoying fun and games!

In April, Virginia Williams led us in Italian Heritage Trivia! It was fun and very interesting.

At the May 21 Meeting we will play "Tombola," (Italian Bingo) led by Carlotta & Dale Schauer and Anna Yocham! More Fun!

Join us Friday, June 18th @ 7pm!

Zoom ??? call Judy Wellbeloved for help. (925)462 2487.

Br. 285 was able to award 2 First Year Scholarships.

Penny Murphy of Amador Valley H.S. (Pleasanton) and Wilson Schuwegler of Granada H.S. (Livermore) received a scholarship due to our generous members donations initiated by Elaine Meier! Kudos to all!

Look forward to receiving ICF Convention raffle tickets being sent by Shirley Koenig our Sunshine Lady.

She continues to brighten our members' days. Contact her, shirlmkoe@comcast.net with any suggestions.

Carolyn Cardinalli is working on a restaurant fundraiser for our branch. To be announced.

Wishes for a Happy Father's Day, and joyful communion, confirmation, graduation and wedding celebrations in this beautiful month of June!

*Wishing good health to all,
Arrivederci,
Philomena Colonna Buonsante*

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We are quite excited to have our first live meeting in more than a year. We are meeting at Parsons Park to say the Rosary and have a short, outdoor meeting. So nice to see faces again instead of on Zoom.

We are busy advertising our fundraiser with a favorite Italian restaurant and hope to see many old friends there. It's been a long time since we have been able to eat together.

It is with much sadness that I must report that that we lost a long time member, Byron Griffith. We talked after Mass two days before his death and he was looking forward to the Rosary meeting and seeing old friends. Prayers go out for his daughters.

The Convention will happen this year and there will be a yearbook, so Lisa is asking that we get in any pictures to her soon. The convention will be shorter, ending on Sunday, but is close by so hopefully more locals can attend.

*The Happiest Father's Day from Our Father in heaven.
Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec*

CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE MEMORANDUM

TO: 2021 ICF Central Council Candidates
FROM: Roselynn Jarrett, Convention Director
RE: Notification of Intention to Run for Central Council at the 2021 Convention

Application Process

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

Other Pre-convention Deadlines

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

Campaign Rules

1. Only one poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the area designated by the Convention Director. An easel will be provided.
2. Campaign flyers may be placed on a table provided on Friday evening during "Meet the Candidates." To support a socially safe environment, delegates may pickup flyers on their own. Additionally, to reduce contact, **favours will be omitted** this year.
3. **There will be no candidate hospitality rooms.** This decision was made in order to follow the quiet time and no-party policy enforced at hotels. If a district hosts a socially safe hospitality room or district meeting at any time during the convention weekend, there shall be no candidate posters, flyers or other campaign paraphernalia made available.
4. No campaigning may take place during convention sessions, activities or in the delegate registration area.
5. No campaign literature should be posted in the public areas or on the I.C.F. Facebook page.
6. Registration workers should not wear campaign items during registration hours.
7. Candidates should notify campaign helpers of these rules.
8. Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session and **shall not exceed 2 minutes**.

Other Information

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

All Central Council members are expected to participate in the following:

1. Honor the I.C.F. By-laws, Rituals and Central Council Statutes.
2. Attend all Central Council Meetings.
3. Serve and participate on all Committees of the Central Council to which you are appointed.
4. Support and promote all I.C.F. programs.
5. Inform the I.C.F. office of any serious problem pertaining to the District and/or Branch.
6. Serve as a Special Representative at events at the request of the Grand President of the Central Council.
7. Attend your Branch and District meetings, providing leadership as needed.
8. Keep "lines of communication" open between the District and Central Council.
9. Advise and assist District Officers regarding matters of I.C.F. protocol at all District functions.
10. Visit other Branches and Districts when appropriate.
11. No candidate shall receive address labels of I.C.F. members for solicitation purposes.
12. To review the Central Council Statutes, please visit www.icf.org.
Select members area > organization and by-laws > Central Council Statutes.

CENTRAL COUNCIL NOMINEE PROFILE

Describe in 300 words or less your qualifications for candidacy and the goals you hope to accomplish as a member of the Central Council.

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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2021 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

I, _____, wish to be a Candidate for Membership to the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation.

I have been nominated by _____ / _____
Branch No. City

I have reviewed the application process, campaign rules and deadlines.

I have read and understand the responsibilities of Central Council Members.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Name of Branch President (or alternate)
submitting the name of the above candidate
for nomination.

Signature

Return this form to the I.C.F. Office by mail, email or fax with a date stamp of August 1st or prior to be eligible to run for Central Council.

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TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 3 - 5, 2021

Hotel: Santa Clara Marriott 2700 Mission College Drive Santa Clara, CA 95054 (408) 988-1500
(located next to Great America Theme Park)

Reservations: Marriott.com/SJCGA or use the Bonvoy App

Under special rates, select group code, then enter ICFICFA.

Rate: \$129 plus tax single/double occupancy

Note: Rate available until August 12 or sold out. After August 12, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate. You may cancel reservation at no charge up to 48 hours prior to your arrival date.

Parking rate: Discounted for attendees at \$5 per car, per day

Mineta San Jose International Airport: 5 miles

Amtrak Diridon Station: 7 miles

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

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

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

For assistance: Contact the ICF Office at (888) ICF-1924.

Convention updates are visible first on Facebook - Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation

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

Supporting a safe environment: The hotel is open and safely holding business and social events.

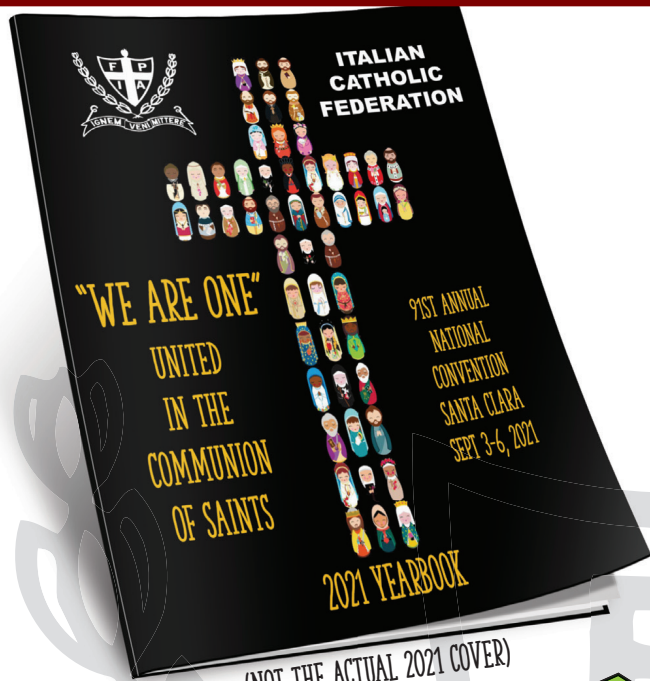
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CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to the Contra Costa District. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the warm weather! Here is our latest news:

John Lira has been appointed mentor for the Richmond branch. Thank you, John, for filling this position.

We urge our branches to mail in delegate registration forms and make hotel reservations for the annual ICF Convention to be held over Labor Day weekend in Santa Clara. Convention raffle tickets have been distributed to the branches so don't forget to sell, sell, sell!

At our district meeting in May, we discussed upcoming district activities. We are hoping that we will be able to have our annual District Mass and Breakfast this summer. We are still waiting to hear if the Oakland A's will host Italian night in August. We will let the members know about these activities as soon as possible. We shared memories and bid farewell to Rose Jarrett who is moving to New Mexico. Rose has been a major part of the leadership over the years both in our district and in the Central Council and we will miss her competence, her expertise, and her warm and cherished presence with us. Fortunately for the Federation, Rose will remain Convention Director.

President Patty Jarrett will send all District officers and representatives notification for our next meeting which will have a summer beach party theme.

Praying for everyone and hoping you all have an enjoyable summer!
Diana Mackinson, 1st Vice President,
Contra Costa District

Martinez

Br. 13, San Martino

We remember the apostles were celebrating the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot when the Holy Spirit descended upon them and they began speaking in foreign languages. This is known as the beginning of the Catholic Christian church and the start of its mission to the world: Pentecost, Another happy birthday to the Church.

We also celebrate graduates from all grades as they embark on their next adventure. We congratulate Abigail Hern, recipient of Br. 13's first year scholarship completing her studies at Alhambra High School in Martinez. And let us not forget that in this month of June, we honor our Father who art in heaven, our fathers on earth, all fathers, Godfathers, and father figures. Just like our Father who art in heaven, every father should remember one day his children will follow his example, not his advice. He is the first man in his children's life, and probably the most influential. Let us remember, then, to walk in a manner worthy of God! Happy Father's Day.

Moving into ordinary time on the church calendar, our lives are somewhat return

ing to doing ordinary things as California has the lowest cases of Covid in the nation due to the reception of vaccines and our willingness to continue to protect each other with prayers and masks. Thank you. Keep it up.

Be well, be smart, be safe. Enjoy the warm summer.
Ciao for now, Mary Cook

Crockett

Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

May and June are the months that we traditionally celebrate some very special people. Fortunately, somewhere in our family history, a spectacular young woman and a fantastic young man collided and seemed to like each other quite a bit. The result of this happy collision was us. We hope all the mothers had a nice Mother's Day, and that they were appropriately revered, pampered, spoiled, and indulged.

Get well wishes were sent to our friends Elva and Bill Valle, Lois Ramos, and Dennis Hoffmann. We wish them a very speedy recovery.

Our hearts go out to Tom Sarnicola and Vonda Lesti, as both have recently lost someone they love. Please send your support and prayers.

Convention tickets will be arriving in your mailbox this month. A book of 12 tickets can be purchased for \$20.00, and our branch keeps \$10.00 from the sale of each book. Also, continue checking your ICF calendars to see if you're one of the lucky daily winners. Ed McMahan won't show up at your house, but you may win enough money to buy convention tickets. (wait...what?)

Save the date! Make sure to clear your calendar for July 25th. We can't spill the beans yet, but we can tell you that there will be a surprise event that you definitely won't want to miss.

And finally, be sure to do something really special for your wonderful Dad, Papa, Nonno, or Zio on Father's Day. Thank them. After all, we wouldn't be who we are without them!

Blessings, Helen

Pittsburg

Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

We are moving along into the summer. We will have an in person meeting which will be held outdoors this month. We will enjoy outdoor dining with meeting to follow. Watch for your invitation and newsletter.

The East Bay District will host our annual Bishops day Mass and celebration. Once a date has been confirmed all will be notified and the spiritual offerings list will be sent.

Convention raffle tickets have been

mailed. Please send back to Helen by August 5. This is a fundraiser since we keep half the proceeds.

We extend best wishes to Roselynn. Our former President and friend. She is moving to New Mexico this month. We cannot begin to list each thing she has done. She chaired events and cooked for fundraisers. Held offices and held us together. She will remain a member from afar. She will continue to be the convention chairperson. May God Bless her and may she feel our love.

Happy Father's day to all the Dad's.

That is all for this time. As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.
Your President, Patty

Concord

Br. 214, Todos Santos

Cari Amici,

Well, things are looking up and getting better each day. More businesses and restaurants are open again. More people have been vaccinated and are able to be with family and friends once again.

On April 24, we were able to have a branch meeting at our presidents house, Roberta. There were 16 branch members who attended. It was so nice to see everyone again and be together. We discussed many new ideas for future fund raisers, and hopefully we can start to have our monthly meetings again. Our membership is lower and hopefully people will return to our meetings.

I hope you all were able to get together with your loved ones for Mothers Day. It was a beautiful day. We are blessed to see our family members and friends once again as everyone is being vaccinated.

Take care and be safe,
Ciao, Norene DeLuca

Danville

Br. 352, San Isidore

We are happy to announce and congratulate our two First Year ICF Scholarship recipients. Kyle Cristofano is a senior at California High School in San Ramon, while Kathleen Santich is a senior at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville. We look forward to meeting and honoring them, along with their families, at a future dinner meeting—as soon as the parish reopens its facilities! We are well overdue for a true Festa Italiana!

As the school year comes to an end (along with those Zoom classes) and summer break is on the horizon, remember to invite your friends & family to join our ICF Branch. Our Membership Chairperson, Suzi Reynolds, is happy to handle the application process and add them to the family!

Until we meet again—Stay Well!
Ciao, Branch 352

Brentwood

Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

As we begin the month of May, we would like to congratulate Fr. Quang Dong, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood. On May 24th, he will be celebrating his 30th Anniversary as a Priest. In addition, I would like to thank Fr. Quang for his support of the Italian Catholic Federation. Fr. Arturo Bazan, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, will be celebrating his 3rd year as a Priest on May 25th.

Congratulations to both of these wonderful priests, for their years of service at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

At our last ICF Zoom meeting on April 29th, the Scholarship Committee added one more recipient to our Scholarship Program. This was due to the generous donations from our parishioners. We want to extend a big THANK YOU to ALL our parishioners from the ICF and the Knights of Columbus!

As Contra Costa County moves into the "orange tier," businesses have started to open up and hopefully this year we will be able to have our Annual Car Show and Dinner. The Car Show has always been a big success. Other fundraisers were discussed, such as planning another Murder Mystery Dinner, a Silent Auction, and See's Candy drive. All of these have also been successful fundraisers in the past, therefore we're hopeful to see them return.

On a sad note, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ed Camera. Ed and his wife Anita, have been members of the ICF for many years. May he rest in peace!

Pleasant Hill

Br. 442, Christ the King

June is a busy month! Brides, grads and dads all celebrate during this last part of spring. We also remember the feast days of St. Peter and Paul towards the end of the month. Una bella festa!

The members of Branch 442 have been holding their meetings outdoors since November 2020, socially distant and enjoying box lunches of various cuisines, depending on the theme of the meeting. May's meeting celebrated Cinco de Mayo with delicious Mexican cuisine. We plan to continue meeting outdoors "in maschera" as we go into this summer. Watch your email for the next meeting date and its theme for another time "con una colazione nella scatola."

If you have not yet purchased your convention raffle tickets, please reach out to Patty at 925-957-6457. She will be very happy to have you sell some tickets for the branch. It's not too late!!! Remember that the branch keeps half of the proceeds from the ticket sales.

That's all I have for you this month!
Be well and Happy Father's Day
to all the dads!

Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,
Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

We were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime member Flo Moneyham. She passed away on May 6th at the age of 93. She remained very active at both the branch and district levels up until the COVID shutdown. Several of our members were able to have a small get together with Flo for her birthday in late April and I have attached a picture to this article. She was one of the first people I met when I joined our branch and I, like all of our branch members, will miss seeing her smiling face at our branch and district events.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get your tickets for our June fundraising dinner which will take place on June 26th. Just like the Christmas dinner, it will be a drive through event. For \$15, you will get a delicious dinner of lasagna, salad, a vegetable, bread and dessert. You will also get a raffle ticket which will give you a chance to win one of several raffle baskets. Please call MaryAnn Mikles at (916) 759-8466 to purchase tickets.

Ciao!

Pam Andersen



Br. 342, Flo Moneyham's birthday celebration



SANTA ROSA District Council

Greetings to all! Now is the month of May and hopefully we will be able to meet soon even though some of the restrictions may not be lifted completely. Hoping for an abbreviated Board meeting.

Happy to read that we may also be expecting a Convention for 2021. Surely the area that was chosen makes it very convenient to attend. I am looking forward to attending even if only for 2 days. After all this confinement I am ready to flee!!

My raffle tickets are purchased but I regret that I sold only 1 book besides my own.

Since I have just received my latest *Bolletino* only a few short days ago, I will take the time to read it and eagerly await news from our other Board members.

Spring is here so enjoy it!!
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording Secretary

*Happy
Father's
Day*

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, June 8: Monthly Meeting. Watch the eblast for exact time.

Sunday, June 13: ICF Monthly Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who participated and who helped at our Tri-Tip-A-Go-Go Dinner. Please see photos on this page.

By now, everyone should have received their ICF Raffle Tickets. Please purchase one book per family. The branch keeps half of the proceeds, which helps us continue our charitable giving. The deadline to return the tickets and \$20.00 to me is August 1.

Continue to pray for an end to the virus. Mass is inside at St. John's. Please wear a mask and social distance.

Happy Father's Day!
Lauren Kilcullen



Br. 52, 2nd VP Mary Lou Jones who's tireless energy is greatly appreciated!



Br. 52 Healdsburg's Tri-Tip-A-Go-Go Dinner BBQ crew with Carmen and Lauren.

Cloverdale

Br. 75, L'Annunciata

Kyle Stewart, a Windsor High School Senior, received a \$400 ICF scholarship; Kyle, a branch member who has sold raffle tickets and stepped up to serve tables when needed, will major in Broadcast Journalism and hopes to play some baseball on the side. Congratulations, Kyle, and best of luck negotiating our current educational quagmire! You'll do great!

Branch President, Claudia Cuneo and her husband Ken will represent us at the Convention in the fall. They bring a flavor of fun to everything they do and we look forward to a report and miscellaneous wild tales upon their return!

We will have a "wake up party" in June following our long slumber due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our branch picked up the tab for membership; you might call it a membership stimulus package. Thank you, Margaret Brown, for all you do to keep us financially viable!

Pray for our Branch and we'll pray for yours!

Ciao!

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma

Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Pax Vobiscum!! Notable days this month include: Mother's Day on May 9th and Memorial Day on the 31st!! Hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend and the sunshine. By the way, every month I will print a Latin phrase and I expect an interpretation from a member or a Board member also!! OK? What about last month?

Still waiting. My e-mail is: Marilyn-sylvestri@comcast.net. Put on your thinking caps!!

Sorry to inflate the confusion last month when I inadvertently left out the word "Board" when referencing the Petaluma Board Meeting! Mea Culpa, President Lucia!! Members were surprised that they were not notified. Board meeting only. Sorry you poor Petaluma Petals. Our Sonoma Board is so minimal that I refer to our Board meetings as "Meetings"! The Board is the minimum allowed. To clarify further, when Sonoma does have a "meeting" it is to prepare for a "Fundraiser" or monthly dinner for the members. We are not there yet!!, but soon I hope.

For those of us who attended our Santa Rosa District Council Meetings, I learned that the author from the beloved Strega Nona book series has passed, (2020). (I read about it in the Italian American magazine, Summer 2020 issue). These excerpts were the subject of great entertainment presented by our beloved Historian, Louise Vicino, also deceased in 2020. The author's grandparents were from Calabria as were my grandparents and cousin Louise Vicino's grandparents also. Nostalgia!!



Br. 75, Kyle Stewart, a Windsor High School Senior, received a \$400 ICF scholarship

In the meantime let us all enjoy the holiday weekend and sunshine!!

Time to spread our wings, sic passim!!
Marilyn Sylvestri
Sonoma #103

Petaluma

Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear Members,

It has been a real pleasure this last month being able to attend church. Saint Vincent's is open with

appropriate safeguards. It's a nice big church and so there is plenty of room even with half the pews blocked.

St. James is also open but as I understand it you still need reservations because of its limited size. It would

be good if everyone who can, would get their vaccination so that these limitations could be eliminated.

Margaret Cordrey sends many thanks to our members for their fantastic response in donating for the Bakeless

Bake sale. Donations are still being gratefully accepted.

Please remember Alice Rebizzo. She is recovering from a stroke and is currently residing at Petaluma Care on B Street.

With good wishes and prayers of thanks for everyone's continued good health,
Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata

Br. 144, St. Mary

Our Past President Judy Cardoza lost her brief battle with cancer on April 26. She was vibrant, energetic, and a "take-charge, get it done" person. She enjoyed every aspect of the ICF Conventions – especially making new friends and celebrating the festive occasion! She will be greatly missed.

Our Central Council scholarship was awarded to Alyssa Pedicino. She is the daughter of Jon and Lisa Pedicino. Deacon Jon serves St. Mary's Parish. Congratulations, Alyssa!!

Hopefully Alyssa will be able to attend our next meeting before she is off to college.

Be sure to return convention ticket stubs and check to Elena. The deadline will soon be here.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to members who celebrate this month.

Happy Father's Day to all the ICF fathers! It's your special day!

Let's pray that we will soon have an outdoor meeting again.

Stay safe and pray for the welfare of our members.
Rosemary

Eureka

Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Eureka Branch #145 has awarded two Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarships in 2021.

The 2021 recipients are Alyssa Pedicino of Arcata High School and Cadence Lommoni of Fortuna High. Alyssa, the top prize awardee, will be attending Pomona College. Cadence has been accepted to several colleges but is leaning towards Montana State.

Our annual Colivas Memorial Scholarship spaghetti dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday October 9th 2021. Dinner will be served in the St. Bernard Parish Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$25 for families.

We hope to have an outdoor socially distanced potluck sometime this summer to honor our two 2020 finalists and our two 2021 finalists and their families.

In the meantime the parishes of St. Bernard and Sacred Heart will be having an outdoor parish picnic at the field behind Sacred Heart Church on Sunday July 11th starting at 12:30 p.m. The Knights will be supplying hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a peaceful Memorial Day weekend. Have a happy 4th of July!

By Joe Bonino 707-445-5799

Br. 145, St. Ambrose Eureka President



Br. 144, Judi on the right, Elena and our guide Maria Laura in Termoli Italy. A wonder cooking/cultural tour that Anne and Alfred Eanni put together. It was so much fun! Can see the joy in their faces!

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

The newsletter from our President, Linda Sherman, was like a breath of fresh air looking forward. At least we have a plan to come together and enjoy each other's company, our faith, and our heritage.

It has been nice to read about our member, Ryan McCalmont, and his journey on the Appalachian Trail. He has hiked over 500 miles through Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and is now in Virginia.

Ryan's sister, Jacqueline, is also a member of our Branch and was married to Joshua Brown on April 3rd in Orange County. The couple is at home in Fairfield, and we wish them well.

Bob Acquistapace thanks everyone for the clothing and the cash donations for the Life Pregnancy Services in Sebastopol. He and Kathy will deliver them to the office to aid the young mothers.

Hope every mother had a very happy May 9th and now we wish a very Happy Father's Day to all the fathers on June 20th.

*Ciao a tutti,
Gail Bongie-Azevedo*

FRESNO District

Madera Br. 27, S.S. Crocifisso

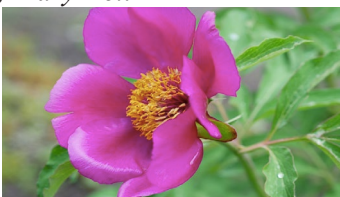
Greetings to all members!

While we have not yet received permission to resume our regular Branch meetings, dinner and social gatherings have been organized at local restaurants for the past few months. It is truly wonderful to enjoy friendship and dinner together again! Details can be found in the monthly newsletters.

A reminder that raffle tickets for the annual convention are available. Please contact Kerin Cavallero to purchase tickets. This is an important fundraiser for our Branch, especially while more activities have not been possible.

Please remember our member Emily Mayorga who passed away in March, and her family in your prayers. May she Rest In Peace. As we approach Memorial Day, please pray for all those who died in the military service of the United States Armed Forces. They are special heroes who gave the last full measure for their country, a sacrifice which must never be forgotten.

Ciao, Mary Keitz



Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

Buona festa del papà. Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, and mentors.

You play a significant part in the lives of many. We thank and honor you!

Our members only, drive-through dinner on Wednesday, May 12, was well attended. Members were excited to see one another if only to give a hearty wave and shout hello. Chef extraordinaire, Maryellen Mazzei did a fabulous job preparing the delicious tri-tip dinner with potato casserole, roasted vegetables, and a roll.

Her experienced crew was Tony Martin on the BBQ, and helpers Loretta Symes, Ruth Redondo, and Estella Reta. Millicent Piro provided us with her homemade applesauce cake. A big thank you is sent to all of you gracious volunteers!

Hopefully, by mid-July, Merced County is in a less restrictive tier. We continue to plan for our annual July Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite on Wednesday, July 14. Please continue to follow CDC and public health guidelines of wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. We will keep you posted as the date gets closer.

Summer solstice is June 20. Enjoy being outdoors in the sunshine and fresh air. Count your blessings, of which we all have many.

Tutti voi, cari membri, siete una benedizione per noi. All of you, dear members, are a blessing to us.

*Ciao,
Stephanie Lucich*



Br. 39, Posing in front of the dozens of sheet pans on which biscotti were baked are Maryellen Mazzei (left) and Janet Pugliese, co-chairs for Merced Branch 39's biscotti fundraiser.



Some happy Madera Branch 27 Members met for dinner at a local restaurant on April 15th



Br. 39, Left to right: Jan Lorenzi, Patrice Marvulli, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Michael Belluomini and Chris Martin preparing biscotti dough for baking.



Br. 39, The volunteers in the photo above slicing the biscotti are (left to right) Sister Rachel Monteil, David Mazzei, Janet Pugliese, Lillian Dal Porto, Estella Reta, and Mabel Willmon.



Br. 39, Carol Salmeri, left and Sandra Del Real bagging biscotti for sale for Merced's fundraiser.



Anne-Marie Bandoni left, and Ruth Redondo beating ingredients for Merced's biscotti baking.

CENTRAL COAST

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, Nostra Signora del Soccorso

Buon giorno, Tutti. Here we are, moving into summer with a stop along the way to celebrate Father's Day. We send best wishes to the papa in your life and hope you have a wonderful day. Hopefully, you can get out and enjoy the warmer weather and the beauty of our area.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to this year's Branch 21 Scholarship recipient, Aiden Paul. He is a Scotts Valley High School graduate and is receiving a First Year Scholarship...we wish him only the best.

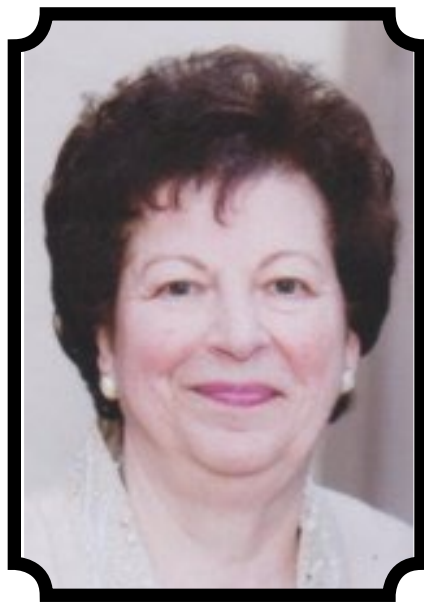
Once again, we thank Mickey Aluffi for managing the Convention Raffle Ticket sales again this year. He will be letting you all know when ticket sales will begin and how to purchase them. Each booklet costs \$20 and our Branch retains \$10 of each booklet sold. There are wonderful prizes to be had, so watch for more upcoming information.

Here's another month of Happy Birthdays for our Branch's members whose birthdays fall in June. They are: Flora Anecito, Jim Collopy, Don Dodson, Carmen Locatelli, Kathy Pappas, Maria Reames, Yvonne Rinaldi, Laura Taay, and Richard Vote. Happy, happy birthday to you all!

Finally, it is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of Betty Kievan. Betty was a long time ICF Branch 21 member and was always happy to help where help was needed. Our condolences go out to her husband, George, and family; she will be sorely missed.

In closing, we give thanks to the Good Lord for His continued protection during these unprecedented times.

*Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21*



Maria Favaloro 1940- 2020 Branch 36

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and (great) grandfathers. Hope you all have a great day.

"Blessed the Father who shares his heart, shares his faith, gives his time, and loves his family" -Proverbs 20:7

Congratulations to Katherine Louise Hodges (Notre Dame High School) for receiving a \$400 First Year Scholarship from ICF Central Council.

Congratulations to the following students who will each receive \$1,000 Branch 36 Scholarship Awards:

Katherine Hodges - Notre Dame

Nora Rawson - Notre Dame

Rachel Reade - Salinas High

Emily Wooler - Notre Dame

Congratulations also to Angela Blake and Ava Mangiapane, both San Carlos School 8th graders, who will each receive \$500 Achievement Awards from our branch.

It is that time of year when we send out Convention raffle tickets to you. Each packet of 12 tickets is \$20.00 each or \$2.00 each. For each raffle ticket we sell we keep half of the proceeds. This is a good fundraiser for our Branch, and there are cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 for winners (plus prizes for sellers too). Thank you in advance for your support.

We pray for our members who are ill and/or homebound.

June 6, 2021: 12:00 noon mass at San Carlos Cathedral for living and deceased members of ICF Branch 36, as well as for the branch's 90th Anniversary.

*Happy Summer to All
Enjoy the evening sun
Enjoy the warm breeze
Elaine Valentine
1st Vice President*



David Canepa - Branch 36



Take Out Lenten Dinner - Branch 36



Wine Station Lenten Dinner - Branch 36



Br. 36, Kristina Balesteri and Elaine Valentine

Capitola Br. 227, St. Joseph

Welcome to our new Trustee, Heidi Ambiel. Heidi has been a member of our branch since 1972 and served two terms as President. Heidi was instrumental in putting on the Fish Frys and in recent years has prepared the annual Oktoberfest dinner.

Heidi fills the vacancy left by Mary Montonye who has moved to Visalia. We want to thank Mary and President Bob for all their above-the-call-of-duty service to our branch and wish them well in their new life.

Vicky Howell has agreed to serve as First Vice-President to replace Franklyn Lopes who is acting as interim President.

In May the Board had its first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. (Thank heaven for vaccinations!) Plans are being discussed for the Central Coast District's Bishop's Day which we will host on October 23..

The Richard Robinson Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Mateo Mora Solick of Soquel High School. Many thanks to Beatrice Robinson for her generosity in funding this scholarship over the years.

We have been notified by the ICF Office that the \$400 First Year Scholarship was awarded to Haily Cognetti who attends Ann Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill and that the Otto Ambiel Memorial Scholarship was given to Isabella Borgomini of Santa Catalina School in Monterey.

Happy Father's Day to all dads, granddads, and great-granddads. I remember my own dad who worked very hard all his life as a farmer/rancher, but always put family first.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose

Since Branch 354 has not yet begun to meet and there is nothing to report, I would like to pass along something from the writings of Thomas Merton which hopefully you will find inspiring-as I did.

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing so. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." - Thomas Merton

*The members of Branch 354 wish you and your families health and happiness.
Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary*



SAN JOSE SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

District President Bob Basuino called a Face-to-Face meeting to discuss the convention that we will be hosting. All the branches were represented, and Chaplain Fr. George also was there. Denise Antonwicz arranged for Togo Box lunches; President Bob provided drinks.

After lunch, we discussed and planned all the facets of an abbreviated convention—working sessions, workshops, and masses. Even a tour of the 49ers' Levi Stadium could be included. Of course, this is tentative and depends on the branches to send a substantial number of delegates for this plan to come to fruition.

Recently, my wife had a fall and I found out all about what a housewife's job entails. Preparing dinners, washing dishes, cleaning, laundry, and being her go-to guy for anything she might need. It was 24/7 and no stopping. Thanks to Robin, Rene, and Ann Schlice for a couple of dinners that were wonderful.

During these times, I rely on Santa Teresa's Prayer: "Let nothing disturb you, — Let nothing frighten you — All things are passing away — God never changes — Patience obtains all things — Whoever has God lacks nothing — God alone suffices".

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

Mike Nunziata



Br.28- Tote bags ready for delivery to supporters of Br. 28's pasta sauce fundraiser.



Br.28- Volunteers left to right: Sonda Serenka, Dave Peoples, Louise Segreto, Sam Bozzo, Roy Shackel, Douglas Buessing, Peggy Fortino, Joe Fortino, Janice Buessing and Mora Taormino having an apple cider toast to celebrate a successful pasta sauce fundraiser.

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

On April 24th Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation had a pasta sauce fundraiser drive thru at the Gilroy Elks Lodge. Included in the tote bag provided was a quart of pasta sauce, a pound of spaghetti, a loaf of French bread, and a bottle of wine. The kitchen facilities at the Lodge were used in preparation of the sauce and participants drove to the front entrance area to receive their tote bag.

Thank you to Sam Bozzo for coordinating the efforts to assure that Branch 28 could utilize the kitchen facilities at the Gilroy Elks Lodge. Sam also was on volunteer duty all three days of Branch 28's pasta sauce fundraiser and then treated volunteers to deli sandwiches and apple cider at the end of the fundraiser. Member John Matteucci and 1st Vice President Vince Saso did the brunt of the work regarding the roundup of ingredients and the pasta sauce preparations. Thank you, Sam, John, and Vince, for your outstanding efforts. In our first charitable giving fundraiser in over a year Br. 28 would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all participants and volunteers. And thank members of other branches for supporting Branch 28's pasta sauce fundraiser.

Without President Joe Fortino's dogged determination to see it through and Treasurer Pat Cordich's critical work to make it happen this fundraiser would not have come to fruition. To them both, Branch 28 and recipients of our charitable giving say, "thank you."

Convention raffle tickets will be sent out at the end of May. We appreciate your continued support.

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice



Br.28- Volunteers left to right: Dave Vanni, Arnold Togliatti, Sam Bozzo, Joe Fortino, Gennaro Filice, Mora Taormino, and Peggy Fortino standing behind a cart of pasta sauce ready for loading into tote bags.

San Jose Br. 191, St. Frances Cabrini

Spring greetings and summertime fun from Branch 191! We hope to see our Coronavirus Pandemic in our rear view mirror.

As this issue goes to the printer, we will be delivering our baked cookies for our Mother's Day Fundraiser. It was a delightful project and a huge success as our first attempt at cookie baking in many years. We THANK everyone who participated, and all who bought cookies, other branches, friends, and neighbors! Over 125 boxes were made to remember our Mothers.

Our Zoom Social Meeting on April 28th, covered our activities and fundraisers. The Bocce Court was given a "Face Lift" for Spring, thanks to volunteers from SFC. The shell is set and trees trimmed to get ready.

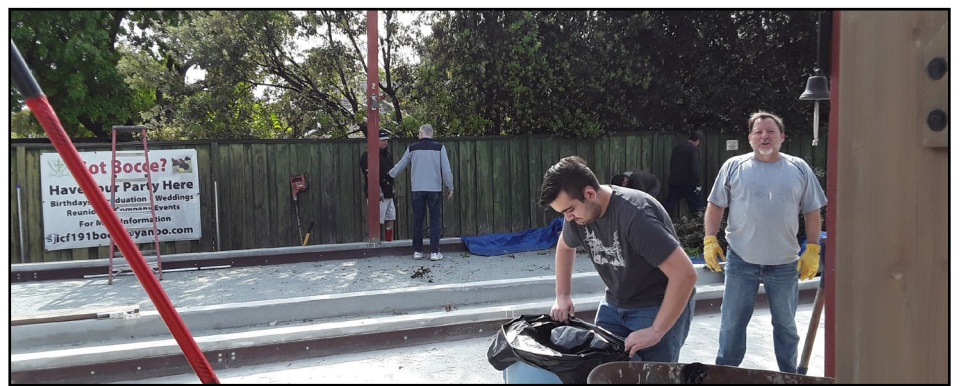
The Convention on Sept 3-5 will be here shortly. The Convention is modified to comply with COVID regulations. More details coming in the future...BUT...do remember our fundraiser raffle. This raffle, which is our annual sale, helps our branch with funds as \$10 stays with our branch per book sold. Expect to see your tickets in the mail soon.

Our summer schedule hinges on our COVID restrictions. We hope in the future to have some fundraisers in the bocce court for our Branch. We also look towards having a District Picnic in late September. Watch for more details regarding these activities.

Beato davvero E l'uomo che sente molte voci gentili chiamarlo papa.

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him Father. Lydia Maria Child.

May each of you have a Wonderful Father's Day.



Br. 191 Bocce Court Facelift in action



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BRANCH 191 ST. FRANCIS CABRINI 56 YEARS

On June 19, 2021, the ICF Branch 191, St Frances Cabrini will be celebrating 56 years of inception. There has been 56 years of proud moments, social events, and joyous occasions of celebrations for our Branch.

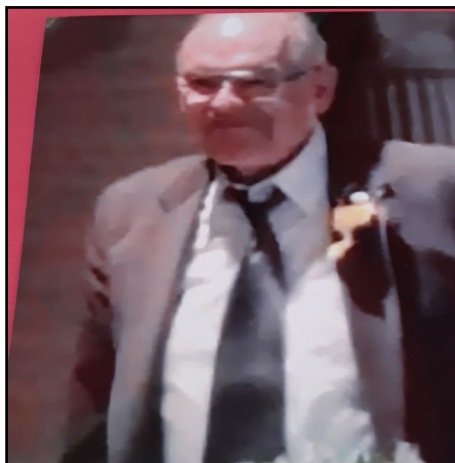


Mary Rossetto, Branch 191, 50 year anniversary

I took the liberty of interviewing Mary Rossetto, Carlo Pedron (charter members) and Robert Basuino (son of Frank Basuino), in discussing the beginnings of our Branch. It was very interesting on the different perspectives of how our branch got started.

Our branch began in 1965, by a large Italian population in the Cambrian area of

San Jose. Many people saw that Branches 4 and 5 were well established, and they too wanted a branch for their parish. Mary informed me of a position called "Field Director," which helped branches get established. The Field Director met in people's homes to explain the functions of the ICF socially, religiously, and the ICF charities. Mary states, "they were determined Italians" to see their parish have a Branch. Mary mentioned names like Rossetto, Campagna, Cosentino, Basuino, Billings, Marsalli, Pedron, Guidace, and many, many others to see their branch form. The branch began as 50 to



Carlo Pedron, Branch 191, 50 year anniversary



Branch 191 St. Frances Cabrini Celebration 50 year anniversary

60 people, with a membership that grew to almost 300 members.

The social activities of the ICF brought many happy and joyous events. Celebrations and party time consisted of things like St. Joseph's Day Tables, Crab Feeds, Hawaiian Luaus, and Roaring 20's Dances, just to name a few fun times. In order to make these events happen, camaraderie, was the recipe! Everyone worked together, with cooperation, a glass of wine, and a very successful fundraiser was accomplished by the end of the evening.

Carlo Pedron, remembers being young,

out of the Air Force, and starting a family. As a father of 6 children, in the Cambrian area, at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, he felt he should join ICF since these activities were good for a young family. ICF provided not only events for the adults, but for the children too. Carlo stated that members demonstrated good cooperation among themselves to accomplish the tasks and activities.

Robert (Bob) Basuino was 13 years old when Branch 191 first began. He remembers his parents being very involved, but for him it was a treat. His uncle and aunt arrived from San Francisco to share with Bob's parents in the social activities, while Bob and his cousins stayed at home. A night with his cousins, and not his parents, was a teenager's dream.

Bob remembers ICF as "One Big, Happy Family" and a "Tight Knit Group."

Cooperation and participation were key. Dinner dances with prep work, cooking, take down, and clean up was all performed by the membership. There was even energy left over for a 1AM breakfast after the dance.

As time evolved, so did Bob. He joined ICF and became more and more involved. He started as a Trustee of our branch and worked his way up through branch president, then District President and finally Grand President. Bob states he is very happy he joined ICF. A feeling of family and friendship is everywhere.

*So...Happy Anniversary Branch 191.
It is 56 years of family and friendship.*

Shirley Catania Sentinel of Branch 191

San Jose Br. 368, Santa Teresa

At their April meeting, the board decided that they had had enough of Zoom. Avis Erkel said that they agreed they were sick of Zoom and it was time to see each other in person. Therefore, we will have a MEETING ON JUNE 16th, outside in the parish parking lot. Yes! A regular meeting, if outside in the parking lot can be considered a "regular" place to meet. We are all thrilled, of course. It used to be, "We have a meeting." Now it is, "WE HAVE A MEETING!"

On the Fourth of July we will sponsor a fundraiser at the church, a rib barbecue dinner outside. We will discuss the fundraiser at our June meeting. Sign-up sheets will of course be passed around, so be ready!

Avis Erkel and Robyn Schlice will represent our branch at the Convention as our delegates. They are looking forward to the experience, Zoom or otherwise. Thank you, Avis and Robyn!

As of this writing, Joe Dyer is hanging in there, feeling no pain and sleeping a lot. His daughter Sue thinks of his memorable words to her, "Please hold my hands forever. I love you. God bless you." All we can do is pray and encourage the family, so that is what we do. He is in our hearts. Joe is a very good man, and he makes very good deviled eggs. *See you soon! Can you believe it?*
Summer blessings, -Judy Zahn

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Tina Rossi mailed out 2021 Convention Raffle tickets to our members. Remember that half of the amount stays with our Branch and is a fundraiser for us. The buyer has the opportunity to win one of seven cash prizes. Please return your check along with your tickets stapled together by August 1, 2012.

Congratulations to our two first-year scholarship winners, Elizabeth Brodersen and Michael Lemucchi.

The 2021 ICF Convention is being held at the Santa Clara Marriott on Labor Day weekend, and it will take place in person at a reduced capacity due to Covid limitations.

We want to remind members to visit St. Martin of Tour's website for current schedule of Indoor, Outdoor and Live Streaming Masses. Sign-ups are still required for in-person Masses through the website or by calling the Parish Office. *Wishing all of our fathers a Happy Father's Day.*
Janis Patellaro



Chef Diana Vallorz and Server Lynda Vallorz from Branch 391's Fundraiser



Branch 391's Drive-thru Volunteers Sister Jane Garrison and Marlene Rotolo



Branch 391's Drive-thru Greeters Linda Ochine-ro, Mike Rossi and Steve Lencioni



Branch 391's Drive-thru Fundraiser

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Our Bake Sale Fundraiser for Resurrection Parish School Scholarships was a big success. We had excellent weather, plenty of baked goods and it was a pleasure to meet with our Parish and Community Members.

Sandra and Patricia recruited Bakers for all the Goodies for this event and also recruited the staffing for the Baked Goods Sales Table for same day sales.

ICF jointly hosted this Bake Sale Event after all the Sunday Masses along with the Sunnyvale Community Services Auxillary Craft Group who also were raising funds with Sandra and Patricia serving as joint members of both Groups. Congrats to the Bake Sale/Craft Sale Team on a Successful Event

Our next Activity is the Award of Resurrection School 8th Grade Service Awards--Followed by our Blood Drive on Sat 6 June 2021 in the Farana Center Parking Lot.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings via Zoom on the fourth Monday of the Month -which Sandra Hosting and Coordinating for us – Thank you Sandra!

Please Pray for our sick Members: Steve Richey, Paul and Dori Blefari.



Br. 408, Jenny, Spike and Patricia with baked goods



Br. 408, ICF & Sunnyvale Community Services Bake Sale

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Things are starting to open up again. We don't have to wear a mask outside and if we are fully vaccinated we can meet with others who are also fully vaccinated without a mask. Baby steps, but moving forward.

As most of you know, St. Catherine's is going to go through a major renovation starting in June. This will greatly limit our ability to meet in the parish center for our monthly dinner meetings so we are trying to find some alternate sites. The summer will not be too difficult because we have some outdoor venues that can accommodate our membership. We are planning our annual summer barbecue on July 15th at Guglielmo Winery and the September 16th dinner at Morgan Hill Cellars. We'll let you know what else we can do when we have more information.

Many of you may have heard that Fr. Russ Roide passed away in April due to complications from Covid-19. He was a faithful ICF member and will be missed. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

June brings many happy occasions - weddings, graduations, and Father's Day. We hope all the fathers out there have a wonderful day and are able to celebrate with all of their family. Congratulations to all the graduates, and much happiness to all those brides and grooms.

*Keep the faith and stay safe.
Maryclaire Sampognaro*



Br. 408, Sandra and Patricia

Branch 445 Celebrates its 5-Year Anniversary

San Jose's Br. 445, Transfiguration

June brings wishes to all members for a Happy Father's Day as well as Happy 5th Anniversary to Br. 445!!

It's hard to believe that it has been five years since our 43 charter members gathered to celebrate our ICF Branch Inauguration on 6/18/2016. Many thanks to our first officers who paved the way for Br. 445 to grow.

As time went forward, Br. 445 received a gracious gift from San Jose' Holy Cross ICF Br. 4 which had made the decision to close due to declining enrollment. You can tell by the number 4 that Holy Cross ICF was a pioneer branch in Santa Clara Valley through the years. Despite their decision to close, their spirit lives on in the gifts of their podium and statues of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Frances Cabrini. The Holy Cross name remains on the podium in tribute to them and Transfiguration Br. 445 was added below. We think of them when their gifts are displayed at our meetings and also for some members we think of our parents and relatives who were members of Holy Cross Br.4 decades ago.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Est. June 18, 2016 · San Jose, California

Charter Members

Joseph Adragna	Diane Devine	Mary Grunthamer	Donna Plaff
Marie Adragna	Janie Falcone	Maureen Godar	Richard Plaff
Dorine Antonowicz	Jim Falcone	Ray Hayes	Reyne Raloth
Marie Antonowicz	Jim Falcone (son)	Barbara Howell	Steve Russo
Sheri Burns	Joyce Fallo	William Howell	John Sellarolo
Christine Blank	Phil Fallo	Art Maggio	Lorraine Sellarolo
Grace Brown	Gina Ferro	Pam Rohrtemper	Marlene Sullivan
Chic Cannon	Larry Ferro	Loretta Miller	Richard Sullivan
Emily Corral	Karen Fierravante	Amy Moody	Maureen Susino
Jackie Cosentino	JoAnn Fraser	Jennifer Nisch	Janis Stumhoffer
Jean Cosentino	Marilyn Granath		

Branch Officers

President Donna Plaff	1st Vice President Jim Falcone	2nd Vice President Jim Falcone
Recording Secretary Richard Plaff	Financial Secretary Reyne Raloth	Treasurer Art Maggio
Trustee John Sellarolo	Trustee Lorraine Sellarolo	Trustee Richard Sullivan
Orotor JoAnn Fraser	Sentinel Diane Devine	Chaplain Rev. Tito Cartagena
	Dutary James Jones	

Br. 445 Charter Members and First Branch Officers



The First Officers of Branch 445 in 2016

Grace and Her Story: Our member Grace DeLuca Brown submitted the following story to share:

"I am the 10th child of 12 children—8 girls and 4 boys. I was born in the 10th month in 1935. My parents came to America from San Sosti, Calabria, Italy. They spoke little English when they came here. When I was born, the doctor asked my mother "what is the name of this child"? She said, "Decima." She did not understand the doctor. She thought he asked "what number is this child"? Number and name sounded similar to her in Italian. Ergo I have Decima on my birth certificate! I told this story to Fr. George Aranha years ago and to this day he calls me Decima."



After Grace submitted this story, I asked how she received the name of Grace. She said that Grace is on her Baptismal certificate. She was always called Gracie at home, school and now Grace as an adult.

However, the misunderstanding of 'Decima' did present issues as she applied for certain things. She eventually corrected her name on her birth certificate !

Last but not least - Happy June Birthday wishes to members Jennifer Nisich and Joan Lang... Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!

Until next month - stay safe and stay well ;-)

Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer



Br. 445 Tribute to Br. 4 Holy Cross

STOCKTON

Modesto St. Stanislaus, Br. 48

Our normal life is trying to come back but it will be a new normal. The plans are to have the convention following all the strict guidelines. We will be sending a delegate.

To raise funds to send a delegate to the convention we took orders for pies over a three weekends and had the pies pick them up at our home. We also received some donations which helped us to reach our goal of sending a delegate to the convention.

We still can't hold our meetings at the hall so Ermelinda is going to show me how to set up a zoom meeting. Since our president Antonella will be going to Italy in May I think Ermelinda will be talked into hosting the meeting. I would like to hold a meeting in my back yard. Our branch is very small and I have a very large back yard that would give us room for spacing.

The members are busy getting our reports for the convention. Antonella does the Heritage report from Italy and gets it in on time thanks to being able to text or email across the world.

I have not heard yet but it looks like we will be skipping our District Picnic again this year. It is always such a great time to get together and have a lot of good food, visiting friends and having fun.

*Stay healthy and safe.
Cecelia McGhee*

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Gioioso giugno, ICF Famiglia!

Optimism is in the air! Just in time for summer, Covid restrictions are slowly lifting, allowing for more outdoor activities, long awaited travels, and safe gatherings. We've taken advantage of this and the warmer weather by holding our meetings face to face in the lovely, breezy St. Anne's Grotto. Sooooo much better than the impersonal Zoom.

Start your summer off with a ray of sunshine...a selfless Gift of Life! Our Blood Drive in support of Cooley's Anemia, is Fri., June 18th (I listed the incorrect date last month), 12:30-6:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall. Spread the word to family and friends! Schedule an appointment through the American Red Cross App or just drop in. Blood donations help all of us, but especially those with Cooley's Anemia, who need transfusions regularly. Keep them in your prayers.

Speaking of prayer, Stephanie Kaehler, our Orator, has formed a Prayer Petition program for our branch. When you or your family need the strength of prayer, please reach out to Stephanie at



Br. 395's Board finally together again and making plans for the remainder of the year!

icfstanne@gmail.com. She will notify our members of your special intentions, and the prayers will flow! The Lord hears the prayers of the faithful and answers them!

Our June 22nd meeting will be in St. Anne's Grotto; 6:45 pm Social with meeting beginning at 7:00. Program information will be forthcoming.

*Until then, enjoy the warmth of the early season, and to our ICF dads, have a Blessed Father's Day!
Patty Litts, President*

Manteca Br. 139, N.S. Del Buon Viaggio

Prior to our April meeting, Orator Colleen Alfieri shared a reflection and led us in prayer, as our Chaplain Father Chris Verghese was not present.

Treasurer Lillian Pauletto reported our Branch remains in a financially healthy condition. A number of fundraising options were discussed. Ed and Patty Fichtner reported they are nearly sold out of Convention Raffle Ticket books.

Past Branch President Anna Mello encouraged all to watch Stanley Tucci's show on CNN about cooking in Italy.

Discussion was held on the matter of continuing our monthly raffles, with the majority wanting the raffles to continue.

Our annual Branch picnic and bocce tournament will be on June 13 on Dino and Sharon Cunial's home grounds. Dino reports he completely refurbished the bocce court.

Since our Branch was unable to meet last October to elect our 2021 corps of officers, President Jim Alfieri felt our minutes should reflect the motion passed this month indicating 2020 Branch officers would continue in office for 2021.

Our monthly meetings will continue to be held at Tony's Kitchen (Cucina Queirolo) until such time as our pastor re-opens parish facilities for group meetings. That's fine with Tony as he prepares some delicious Italian dinners from his kitchen for our meetings.

After our closing prayer, an English translation of the Federation Anthem was recited "sin musica."

It should be noted that your correspondent values the accurate note-taking of Secretary Michelle Harmon as it adds to the completeness of our report.

Ciao, Mariano

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Another great turnout for our most recent take-out dinner. Thanks for all the help from not only the board members, but also the loyal and dependable members who arrive at 4:00 to help set up, package, organize and distribute the dinners. This past month we served bbq ribs, warm potato salad, corn, salad and dessert brownies. Wow—was that a great dinner! Thanks again to Mike and his crew for outstanding dinners!

Scholarship awards are being prepared and the winners are Victoria (Tori) Rinaldo and John Mello. The letters we received recommending these two very deserving applicants were a joy to read and inspiring to us. We are pleased that such wonderful students will continue their education in college to become the future leaders of our country. Congratulations again to both of you and good luck in your endeavors!

Don't forget Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures on our website: www.icf-branch390.org. The newsletter on our website would love to hear from you!

Ciao, Betty Hollars



Br. 413, Member Bob Dunn

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

For the first time in a long while, as I write this article, I feel there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Do you feel it also? Our branch board is confident to begin planning for the remainder of the year.

One of the areas our branch has always embraced is supporting local seminarians. Currently there are three seminarians that are studying at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. We look forward to following them and supporting them through their journey. Bishop Steven E. Blaire, the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton, wrote the following prayer for vocations:

Abba, Father, you loved the world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus the Christ, to be our Savior. He established your kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Through Baptism into your Church, you have called us to be faithful disciples of your Son and servants of the Kingdom.

Grant a generous heart to those you are calling to be ordained Priests and Deacons. Consecrated Religious, and Lay Ministers. Raise up priest from our Diocese and in our parishes to shepherd your people.

By the power of your Holy Spirit may we as your Church never lose confidence that you will send fourth laborers into the harvest.

*This is our prayer through Christ our Lord, AMEN.
alla prossima
Mary Ann*

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick

Greetings from Branch 413! Here we are halfway through 2021. Our members are hanging in there waiting for the opportunity to get back to work.

Last month, one of our members, Bob Dunn, celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations to Bob! May God bless him and his family. Also, another special member of our branch, Bob's wife, Sharon, is in need of prayers for her health to return.

As soon as is possible, our Branch/District President, Robert Pachinger, plans to get things moving again with fundraisers and meetings for both our branch and the district. Before the pandemic, we had a ICF family style BBQ in June. Hopefully, by God's grace, we can hold a lunch or dinner fundraiser in a later month this year. Please keep us in your prayers, as we keep you all in ours.

Stay close to God, and remember to observe the two great commandments of love.

*Ciao, Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary*

SAN DIEGO

Santee

Br. 449, Guardian Angels

The Guardian Angels Branch 449 has been successful in fundraising during the past year despite Covid-19 restrictions. Branch members have been selling specialty hand-made greeting cards and photo frame shadow boxes. The cards and shadow boxes are made with love by Annelvira Uberti and her husband Ron, and are beautifully crafted with specialty papers, stamps and gems. The themed cards featured Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Encouragement sentiments.

While the shadow boxes make the perfect gift for Baptisms, 1st Communion and Confirmations. To add a little light-heartedness to the sales efforts, "Sebastian the Santee Seal," helped Harley Wallace sell cards near the church entry outdoor worship space. Sebastian is a life-like seal pup made of resin owned by Debbie Reid and he is an honorary member of Branch 449. He can be found making special appearances, usually in costume, to help with sales efforts and promote good will.

You can follow the shenanigans of Sebastian on his Instagram page @Sebastianthesanteeseal. #



Br. 449, Harley Wallace (right) and "Sebastian the Santee Seal" (left) selling greeting cards and shadow box photo frames prior to weekend mass.

2021 CONVENTION - SANTA CLARA - BRANCH DELEGATE REGISTRATION

BRANCH NO. _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Active Members as of March 31st: _____ No. of Delegates: _____

The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the 2021 convention. The Santa Clara Marriott is open and holding events following all local guidelines to promote a safer environment. Measures in place include reduced seating at each table during meals and sessions and enhanced hotel room cleaning between guests. Additionally, the state may require attendees to provide verification of vaccine or negative Covid test. For up to date details, please visit covid19.ca.gov.

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.

For 2021, each branch is encouraged to send at least one delegate to attend the convention, even if it is for a portion of the weekend. You may send your maximum number of delegates. Elections for delegates may be held in the method best for your branch to follow. Branches unable to send a delegate may submit a letter by July 1 to the I.C.F. office stating the reason for their absence. Registration has been reduced to assist budgeting. Please review the travel highlights flyer for more information on hotel reservations. It is suggested to book flights mid July as the hotel and I.C.F. will be reviewing government regulations on July 10. This still allows for advanced airfare bookings without the worry of cancelling and receiving a credit. Please do make your hotel reservations to allow us to view attendance in advance. In the event of a convention cancellation, rooms booked under the I.C.F. rate can be cancelled with no charge and delegate registration will be refunded to the branches.

DELEGATE NAME: (Print clearly) _____
Use additional sheets if necessary. _____

Check for
1st time
Delegate

Date Arriving _____

Email Address _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

1. _____
2. _____

Instructions: Mail this form with registration payment of \$250.00 per delegate by July 1 to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621.

Delegate registration fee has been reduced this year and includes: Friday reception, Saturday banquet, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and convention related expenses such as microphones.

Branch Check No. _____ No. of Delegates: _____ X \$250.00 = \$ _____

or

President's Signature _____

Recording Secretary's Signature _____

Date _____

FOR I.C.F. Office Use: Delegates: _____ Guests: _____ Total: _____

Blessing for fathers, Thank you God, For Fathers

Unknown Submitted by Calvin Reed-CA

The role of father is often described as a mentor, a guide, and a supportive presence when we are trying something new. In my life, this blessing may have come from my own father or perhaps from other adults in my life. For the blessings that fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a fatherly role in the lives of others, I offer a prayer of gratitude today.

"Dear God, I give thanks for fathers. I recognize the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life. Bless all fathers, especially those who are new in this sacred role. I pray they feel Your presence with them. May they know that Your strength and wisdom are within them, providing all they need to guide and support their children with kindness and love."

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God:
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,
I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*
Isaiah 41:10

2021 ICF CONVENTION GUEST LIST

(Non-delegates)

Branch No. _____ City _____

Please list the names of non-delegates attending the convention. A guest name badge will be made.

Name:

Attendance Date(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Guest name badges will be available in the Convention Delegate registration area in the conference center.

Max capacity is 200. Delegates have priority admission and will register by July 1. In the event that we reach capacity, guests will be welcomed based on when this form is received by the ICF office. Your branch will be notified in advance if admission is not possible.

Please indicate the dates you will be present at the convention.

All attendees must show completed COVID-19 vaccination card or proof of negative COVID-19 test that is completed within 72 hours of arrival.

Thank you for your understanding.

WE ARE ONE

Friday Night Festivities Opening Convention 2021

Reception, Convention Opening and Meet the Central Council Candidates

Friday, September 3

Admission to the dinner

7:00pm Dinner

reception portion is

8:00pm Opening

included for delegates.

Santa Clara Marriott

Non-delegates: \$60

Sedona Room and Patio

Children 12 and

Menu: Antipasto,

younger: \$30

Pasta Action Stations, Dessert

Please reply on the

No-host bar available.

branch headcount form

by August 15.

Suggested attire:

Smart Casual

Respectfully, reservations are
firm once headcount is submitted.

Keeping Safe at Convention

As of May 2021, the following guidelines are in place in Santa Clara County to allow the ICF to hold the convention.

- 1) Only 200 people can be present at one time. To keep us from going over capacity, **be sure to register for the convention with the ICF office by July 1.** Delegates have priority to attend. Guest registration is also required. If you plan to be present, you must notify your branch to ensure they add you to the headcount and a name tag will be provided.
- 2) All attendees must show proof of being fully vaccinated. When delegates and guests receive their name badge, show the registration worker your completed COVID-19 vaccination card. If not vaccinated, proof of a negative COVID-19 test, completed within 72 hours of attendance, must be shown and control number provided. The hotel will receive a list of all attendees.
- 3) Similar to everyday etiquette, masks must be worn (except when eating) and keep a social distance. Skip handshakes, hugs and kisses on both cheeks.
- 4) Fewer people will be seated at each table.
- 5) We will hold one workshop during each session. Delegates will keep their same seat for each workshop and then the general session. Tablecloths will be changed for the banquet.
- 6) The hotel will follow county measures in place for preparing and serving food.
- 7) Most materials will be provided on the ICF portal to reduce the exchange of papers.

The ICF will provide updates as we learn them. Sure this convention will feel different, but following local guidelines will support a safe meeting and allow us to be among our friends in a modified format. I look forward to seeing you in Santa Clara!

Rose Jarrett

Convention Director

The Wonder of it all. LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

A father fights fiercely for his family

Saintly Saturday Banquet

"Consult not your fears, but your
hopes & your dreams."

-Saint Pope John XXIII

"Faith in action is love and love
in action is service."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Italian Catholic Federation
invites you to the annual
convention banquet, honoring
the recipients of our
Saint Pope John XXIII and
Saint Teresa of Calcutta awards.

Banquet Menu:
Caesar Salad
Bassian Rotisserie Chicken
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Fruit Tart

Suggested attire:
Semi-formal

September 4, 2021
7:00 PM No-host Cocktails
7:30 PM Seating Begins
Santa Clara Marriott Salons 5-9
Please use the branch headcount form
to make your reservation by August 15.

Delegates
Included in Registration
\$60 Non-Delegates
\$30 Children 12 and Younger
(chicken strips entrée)

Respectfully, reservations are firm once
headcount is submitted to the venue.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2021 CONVENTION EVENT RESERVATIONS

Branch #:	City:	District:	Please use additional sheets, if needed.			
	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Bingo \$25 per pack (\$30 after 8/15)	Friday Reception \$60	Saturday Dinner \$60	Total
Delegate 1				included	included	
Delegate 2				included	included	
Delegate 3				included	included	
Delegate 4				included	included	
Member/Gst						
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Children's meals are \$30 each. Make note of child's entrée above.

Clergy: Saturday's lunch is included for all Clergy. Diocesan Chaplains Saturday Dinner is included as well. Please indicate attendance below. Bishops will reply directly with the office.

Clergy Title	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Bingo \$25 (\$30 after 8/15)	Friday Reception \$60	Saturday Clergy Luncheon -included- Hosted by CC	Saturday Dinner \$60	Total

-Make check payable to ICF Central Council.

-In the event local regulations prevent the convention from being held, refunds will be issued.

-If the above meals are held and the attendee chooses to cancel, refunds will be issued so long as the final headcount has not been submitted (5 days prior to the meal).

Total Check:

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