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Welcome to Convention from the Convention Directors' Chairperson

Roselynn Jarrett
September 2021

Clergy, Members and Friends,

As I reflect on our convention theme, "We Are One," several occurrences come to mind in which these words held significant meaning.

The ICF was formed In 1924. That same year, the Immigration Act passed and Ellis Island turned from being a port of entry to a deportation point. When I hear stories about the formation of our organization, what stands out is that Italians were losing their faith, they were frustrated with politics, and many Italians were concerned about their loved ones who were attempting to make the voyage to America. Our ICF co-founders identified a need. Italians needed a place to restore their faith and to be among others who shared their values. Together, members could have a sense of belonging, and easily spread the message that "We Are One."

A few years later, the ICF supported members during The Great Depression. Despite the climate, the ICF did not pause, the organization remained active and our membership grew. Continue on to WWII, The Vietnam War and other uncertain times. No matter the challenges faced, our members continued to have a religious and social base with their branch communities and beyond. The mindset continued that "We Are One."

Our current era crisis is the pandemic. Just as our organization has been of service to our members and communities during challenging times in the past, we remained open and available using creative methods to pray, hold meetings, fundraise, socialize and even have a virtual convention. The ICF did not give up, we gave differently. We needed each other and our communities needed the ICF. In all that we accomplished these past eighteen months, it was achievable together as "We Are One."

As we gather for our 2021 family reunion (AKA the convention), it will



feel rewarding to reconnect, learn from one another and check-in with our ICF brothers and sisters to help us gain tips, techniques and ideas for progression. This convention will look and feel different, just as our local meetings and events have experienced changes. I am eager to try new methods and watch new traditions form. At the conclusion of our weekend together, the goal is to feel energized to return to your branch to enhance your existing program and strengthen bonds with a "We Are One" mentality.

Thank you delegates for your participation this year. I also extend my appreciation to everyone who was part of the coordination efforts, especially Grand President Vince Piro, the Convention Director's Committee, the Santa Clara Valley District, the ICF office staff and the team at the Santa Clara Marriott as planning did not follow the usual schedule as we waited for local safety guidelines.

As we gather as many members representing several branches, our accomplishments this convention will be achieved as one body—preserving our past as we prepare for the future of our beloved Italian Catholic Federation.

Fraternally,
Roselynn Jarrett
Convention Directors' Chairperson

WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY!

The Santa Clara Valley District is so happy to be able to host convention 2021. We have been working very hard to make the convention an enjoyable time. Our main concern is to be sure everyone is safe and at the same time enjoy themselves. We cannot wait to all be back together again!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 3rd !

Bob Basuino, President of the Santa Clara Valley District

Past Grand President

Grand President's Monthly Message

Vince Piro

Welcome to the Italian Catholic Federation's 90th Annual Convention

I would like to welcome everyone to the Italian Catholic Federation's 90th Annual Convention.

I know that the Convention Committee, the Santa Clara Valley District, and members

of the Central Council have worked hard to assure that this is a special convention. While it won't be business as usual, due to the pandemic, it will still be a time of inspiration, rejuvenation, and celebration.

This convention promises to be a time when we can gather to share ideas, fellowship, and faith. It will provide engaging workshops, an informative general session, uplifting award ceremonies, and inspirational masses. I hope everyone is able to participate in as many activities as possible. I am certain we will certainly enjoy each other's fellowship.

Robyn and I have always looked forward to ICF conventions as special events. They are times when we meet with our ICF friends and family to share ideas, have some fun, and wor-



ship together. They are always filled with laughter, good food and drink — and often song.

As Robyn and I sit here in our living room and reminisce about the many conventions we have attended, I can hear Leonard Rossi's accordion urging us all to sing along to old favorites. Everyone gathers together for another chorus of "Volare" or "Ole Sole Mio." As the evening grows, our songs grow louder and louder and our smiles grow wider and wider. We may not always be melodious, but we are always in harmony. We are one.

Robyn and I would like to thank all of the members of the Italian Catholic Federation for all of your support over these last two years. It has been a great pleasure and honor to have served you as your Grand President and First Lady.

Dio vi benedica tutti

Vince Piro
Grand President

ALL CONVENTION ATTENDEES; INCLUDING DELEGATES, NON-DELEGATES AND CLERGY:

- Please notify the ICF office of your attendance (children too).
 - Stop by the California Registration Desk during registration hours to sign-in and receive your name badge.
 - Follow assigned seating guidelines.
 - Convention Covid-19 precautions will follow the current CDC guidelines. Be prepared to wear masks and show proof of vaccination or negative Covid test, if required.
- These steps will assist with our efforts should we have a need to keep record of attendance due to local ordinances.

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THURSDAY

Evening - Sports Casual

FRIDAY

Day - Casual

Evening - Smart Casual

SATURDAY

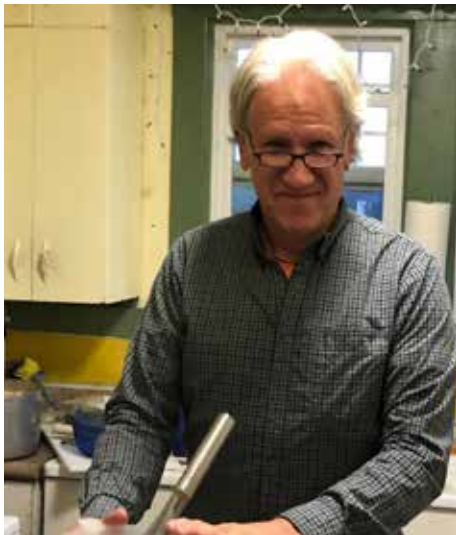
Day - Business Casual

Evening - Semiformal

SUNDAY

Day - Church Attire

Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner--Peter Stiehler



Dorene Campanile, Branch 173, Burlingame stated that after reading the article about what Peter does at the Catholic Worker Hospitality House, she felt compelled to submit his name for the Pope Saint John XXIII Award.

Father Michael Brillantes of Saint Bruno Parish said that Peter is the Director of the Catholic Worker Hospitality House based in Saint Bruno's Parish. He has served in that capacity for the last twenty-five years! The Shelter, as it is popularly called, provides daily breakfast to 60 people (Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.), dinner (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.), shower and shelter for 12 people. Peter has competently and diligently

managed the Shelter, making sure that the services are delivered without fail.

Unlike others who administer from a distance, Peter personally visits the shelter, coming every morning to check on the facility, meet with the volunteers and, of course, greet and interact with the guests.

On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and other special occasions, the Shelter prepares a sit-down luncheon to which everyone is invited. Peter is personally present supervising everything.

He is also called upon to share his knowledge and expertise at parish council meetings on issues like hous-

ing, ecology, and juvenile delinquency. Peter's hospitality services are not limited to the Shelter in the parish. He also turned a private residence into a permanent shelter housing four people.

Father Brillantes stated that Peter is a practicing Catholic, a faithful husband and a caring father. He is gentle, kind and has a huge heart for the needy.

The Italian Catholic Federation is pleased to award the **Pope Saint John XXIII Award to Peter Stiehler.**

Grand President's Award Winners --Al and Diana Vallorz

According to Mike and Marcie Rossi (President and 1st Vice President of Branch 391, St. Martin, San Jose):

Al and Diana Vallorz are the members that every branch president would love to have in their branch. They have served as branch officers, Convention delegates, they cook all branch dinners, donate to branch raffles, and help where they can in the community.

Al has also doubled as Santa Claus at their branch Christmas dinners for the past 10 years. The branch loves to hear his holiday (dad) jokes.

During Covid year 2020-2021, on three occasions they provided their restaurant, Tony and Alba's resources, and labor to prepare take-out drive-up dinners for the only fundraisers that Branch 391 was able to have. There are more take-out dinners fundraisers coming later this year.

The branch was able to earmark all of their charity funds for the past year at



these events and would not have been able to fund Scholarships, Providenza Fund, Cooley's Anemia and Gifts of Love without these vital fundraisers... thanks to Al and Diana.

This dynamic duo also provided numerous prizes for branch raffles, usually meals at their restaurant. Both have been Convention delegates and Al was President of the Branch for four years.

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Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Winner--Fr. Greg Boyle.

"Father Greg Boyle embodies many aspects and virtues of St. Teresa of Calcutta," stated Paul Joseph Santoro Emerick, President of Branch 217 - Sacred Heart in Redlands.

Father Greg has dedicated over 30 years of his clerical service, on behalf of the Lord, to the community of East Los Angeles, as well as Los Angeles in general. He has transformed thousands of lives and countless families and helped those with previous gang affiliation and at-risk youth seeking to change their lives. He has helped them find legitimate and reputable employment.

Since the founding of his organization, Homeboy Industries, Father Greg has spearheaded this organization to help transform lives of many residents of East Los Angeles, including gang affiliations, domestic abuse, and drug addiction. The scope of his work is a testament of how the clergy can impact and transform a struggling community for the greater good of God's will.

Father Boyle established Funded Jobs for a Future, to help meet the unmet



needs of gang-involved youth. Homeboy Industries evolved from the Funded Jobs for a Future. It is considered the largest and most successful gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

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Family of the Year Award Winners--The Bozzo Family



Andy Pappani, Past Grand President, from Br. 28, St. Mary in Gilroy wrote the following about the Bozzo family, *Sam and Judy Bozzo joined our branch in 2013. Their personalities and energy brought an upbeat tone to the Branch.*

The Bozzo family has chaired and cooked several monthly dinner meetings for 100 people throughout the years. Dave, their son, is a professional caterer and has provided dinners at a minimal price for the Branch. They selflessly volunteer for the parishes such as the Annual Chicken Barbecue, Branch 28 Polenta Dinner and Taste of Italy Dinner (all very successful fundraisers).

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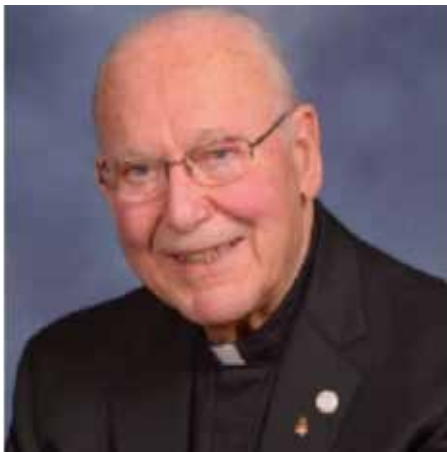
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We Are One. United in the Communion of Saints



The Communion of Saints is a Catholic doctrine of mutual life between the Saints in Heaven, the Souls in Purgatory and the Faithful on earth. All three groups are bound together in the one life of Sanctifying Grace. In other words with God. Another term used to explain this is the "Mystical Body of Christ." *I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.* (Jn. 15:5)

Obviously, those in Heaven are members of the Communion of Saints because they are happy in heaven. They see God "Face to Face." Those in Purgatory are members because they are assured of heaven and eternal happiness with God. The Faithful on earth, on the other hand, are also members of the Communion of Saints because they also possess in their souls Sanctifying Grace, the presence of God. We, the living Faithful, strive every day to grow in holiness by living Jesus' great commandments: *"The first commandment is this. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There are no other commandments greater than these."* (Mk. 12:37-40)

These commandments help us stay close to Jesus and enhance the Communion of Saints. May the members of the Italian Catholic Federation grow in the love of God and the love of each other. Some day we will all be happy in heaven with God for all eternity.

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we have ample opportunities to unite with Jesus and enhance the Communion of Saints. Giving glory to God at Mass, receiving the Sacraments, especially Holy Communion, and practicing the Beatitudes in our lives are wonderful ways to unite with Jesus.

Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

Monsignor Cardelli

**Reverend Monsignor
Daniel E. Cardelli
Spiritual Director
Italian Catholic Federation**

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editor@icf.org

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

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as:

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the October issue is September 10, 2021.

Include district name, branch number and branch name in all submissions.

Thank you!

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In Loving Memory (Report as of July 30, 2021)

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Helen M Politakes	Branch 072	Dorothea Garaventa	Branch 332
William L Scinto	Branch 103	Florence Mooneyham	Branch 342
Edward C Pizzorno	Branch 111	Byron Griffith	Branch 343
David Rovero	Branch 161	Steve Drobeck	Branch 362
Marianna L Barrick	Branch 169	Shirley A Zwiers	Branch 380
William L Scinto	Branch 198	Angelo Caputo	Branch 418
Angela (Tia) C Polley	Branch 209	Helen M Politakes	Branch 442
Larry Wasson	Branch 209	Anthony J Salamack	Branch 442



Cooley's Anemia Donations (Received as of July 30, 2021)

Branch 6	Branch 319
Branch 33	Branch 343
Branch 54	Branch 362
Branch 161	Branch 391
Branch 214	Branch 417
Branch 215	Branch 435
Branch 217	
Santa Clara Valley District	
Bev Wildermann	
Dorene Campanile--A big thank you to Jennie Lyn	
Italian Catholic Federation--In honor of Al and Diana Vallorz	
-- 2021 Grand President's Award Recipients	
Italian Catholic Federation--In honor of The Bozzo Family	
-- 2021 Family of the Year Award Recipients	

Gifts of Love Program

Teresa Helfand, Committee Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value in kindness, respect and helping others. The Convention theme that was chosen this year "We Are One. United In The Communion Of Saints." is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. As of the end of June, we have received \$684,788.23 in donations and granted awards of \$639,460.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October.

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 provide funds to individuals with disabilities out the year to help them 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 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.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins. 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, e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

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 Chairperson Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.

God Bless You,

Teresa Helfand

The Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Fund

Carmen Kilcullen, Apostolate-Charity Committee Member



What is the Providenza Fund?

The Providenza Fund is a special fund of the Italian Catholic Federation where monies are deposited for future dona-

tions to the Bishops for the education of seminarians.

How did the Fund get its name?

The Fund is named after one of the founders of the ICF, Sir Luigi Providenza and his wife, Lady Augusta.

When was the Fund established?

The 1st Seminary Burse of \$500 was given to Archbishop Mitty of San Francisco at the Stockton Convention in 1941. In subsequent years, donations were made as funds were available. However, the **Providenza Fund**, as we know it today, was not established until 1981.

What is the purpose of this Fund?

The Fund is a repository of donations from branches, members, etc. to be distributed each year to the Bishops of the dioceses where the Federation is established. The Bishops, in turn, use this money for the education of seminarians in their dioceses.

When are the moneys that have been collected given to the Bishops?

Every year, each district schedules a special day to honor the Bishop of the diocese. This event usually starts with Mass followed by lunch/dinner and the presentation of the donations. One donation consists of monies collected from each branch in the district. This is known as the **Seminary Burse**.

Another donation comes from the Providenza Fund which the Grand President presents to the Bishop.

This amount is based on the total membership of each district and differs with each district.

How much of the yearly dues are allotted to the Fund?

From the yearly dues, \$1.50 per member is designated for the Providenza Fund.

Is this enough to donate to the Bishops on Bishops Day?

Hardly. The Fund needs outside monies to fulfill its purpose.

How can branches and members help the Fund?

Support for the Fund comes from individual donations from the ICF members. Special donation cards are available from the ICF office. Branches and members are asked to contribute to the Fund as charitable donations for deceased members or to honor a special occasion such as birthdays, anniversaries, special remembrances, etc.

Why is this program important?

Most dioceses are facing a critical shortage of priests. It is very important to maintain the stability of the Church by having a vibrant priesthood to administer to Catholics and to have enough priests to cover the needs of each diocese. There are areas where priests administer more than one parish. Some dioceses do not have a full complement of priests, period. Therefore, services in these areas are at a minimum.

As a religious organization, it is an important responsibility for the Italian Catholic Federation to help in this endeavor. You are encouraged to contribute to the **Providenza Fund** to alleviate this serious situation facing the modern church and to provide assistance to our seminarians. The Apostolate/Charity Committee suggests that each branch and district include in its yearly budget a contribution to the **Providenza Fund**.

Scholarship Donations

Received as of July 30, 2021:

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS - 1st Year

Lea and Ruben Lindley
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Helen Jeffcoat
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Pat and Lou Mages
In memory of Steve Drobeck
The Ragusa Family
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Florence H. Herrera
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Frank and Margie Blanco
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Mary Conde
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Vince and Elena Grana
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Helen Lancaster
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Miriam Munoz
In memory of Steve J. Drobeck

Rose Moore
In memory of Steve Drobeck
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In memory of Steve Drobeck
John and Laura Foley
In memory of Steve Drobeck
The Schilling Family
In memory of Steve Drobeck
Brent Fratzke
In memory of Steve Drobeck

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Family Recipes--Pasta ‘Ncasciata

Deborah Rodondi
Grand 1st Vice President

A while back a member of my branch told me about the Italian TV series *Detective Montalbano*. Besides solving crimes, he had a passion for eating local Italian cooking. **Pasta ‘Ncasciata** was one of his favorite meals. I researched it and came up with a variety of ways to fix it. One is slicing the eggplant in long slices, cooking it and lining an ovenproof dish with the eggplant then putting in the pasta. When you turn it over on a serving dish you have a dome mound covered with a layer of eggplant. I prefer to mix the eggplant into my pasta. It brings me back to one of my favorite restaurants in Sicily, north of Catania, called Selenes that served “cassaricce alla Norma”.



Pasta ‘Ncasciata

My Version:

When I make my pasta sauce I do in large quantities, so I just grab a container from the freezer. If you don’t have that option, here is a quick version:

PASTA MEAT SAUCE

- 2 onions, finely chopped/diced
- 1 carrot, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- ½ pound hamburger
- 32 ounces tomato sauce /crushed tomatoes
- ¼ cup red wine
- Italian seasoning, salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cloves minced garlic, more depending on your love of garlic
- Olive oil and butter for frying

Put 1 Tbls. each olive oil and butter in frying pan. When it starts to froth add your onions and sauté, until translucent and stating to caramelize, remove from pan. Do the same with the carrots and celery, then remove from pan. Fry the hamburger and drain; add all the ingredients together in a sauce pan and simmer for about 1 hour.

BECHEMEL SAUCE

- 2 cups milk (I use a can of evaporated milk and add enough water to make the 2 cups.)
 - 2 Tbls. butter
 - 3 Tbls. flour
 - pinch of nutmeg (I use whole nutmeg and grate it for fuller flavor.)
 - Salt to taste
- Melt butter, once it starts frothing add flour. Keep stirring until it becomes a golden color. Add milk (I scald my milk first) and whisk to get out all the lumps. Stir until it thickens and bubbles. Add salt and nutmeg.

OTHER INGREDIENTS NEEDED:

- 12-16 ounces pasta (mostaccioli, penne, rigatoni or casarecce)
 - 8 ounces fresh mozzarella, cut into ½” cubes (in a pinch, no reason you can’t use shredded mozzarella)
 - 2 large eggplants, cut into ½ inch cubes
 - vegetable oil
 - Parmesan cheese, about 3 Tbls.
 - Salt and pepper
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place a pot of salted water on stove to boil. When it comes to a boil cook pasta following package directions. Cook to al dente or firmer about 2-3 minutes less than instructions, remember this will continue to cook in the oven. Drain.

Heat vegetable oil in sauté pan and sauté the eggplant until a dark golden brown; you will do several batches to get all the eggplant sautéed. Put on paper towel to drain off excess oil. Mix the cooked pasta with the pasta meat sauce (not the béchamel) with ¾’s of the eggplant. Place all but about 2 cups of mixture in oven safe baking dish (7x11 or 9x13). Layer mozzarella and remaining eggplant on top of this. Top with the 2 cups pasta you held out and place on top of mozzarella. Pour the béchamel sauce over this and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

An alternate approach is putting the béchamel sauce on with the mozzarella, then top with remaining pasta. If everything is still warm, bake about 30 minutes, until heated through and cheese has melted. If you made it ahead and it is refrigerator cold cook for at least 45 minutes. After cooking if you let it cool a little you can cut like lasagna. To save time I will make this a couple weeks ahead of time and freeze it.



Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any.

If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!

The Wonder of it all. LIFE LINE

By Msgr. Cardelli

Gestation not Guesstation.

Welcome to New Members (Report as of July 30, 2021)

Robert (Bob) C Auen	Branch 010	Francesca M Orofino	Branch 111
Sherry Eastwood-Falls	Branch 010	Leo Orofino	Branch 111
Donna Marchetti	Branch 010	Carol Lauro	Branch 115
Kevin P Mc Gee	Branch 010	Sabrina Clark	Branch 161
Joseph M Perri	Branch 010	William (Bill) Garcia Ii	Branch 215
Nancy Rogers	Branch 010	Deborah A	Branch 215
Julie Thomas	Branch 010	David Tong	Branch 215
Anthony Vacca	Branch 010	Linda J Auzenne	Branch 217
Robert Groeling	Branch 026	Dave Tidball	Branch 342
Denise O'laughlin	Branch 026	Frances Ladd	Branch 362
Francesca Kennealy	Branch 027	Marion K Matteucci	Branch 391
Gary Kennealy	Branch 027	Jean Charles	Branch 438
Harley Kennealy	Branch 027	Gregg De Cesare	Branch 432
Joseph Kennerly	Branch 027	Nidhal De Cesare	Branch 432
Robert Kennealy	Branch 027	Dale Masino	Branch 432
Marissa Marchini	Branch 039	Joanne Masino	Branch 432
Christina A Orofino	Branch 111	Laura J Pierce	Branch 432

ICF General Funds Donation

Received as of July 30, 2021:

Bill Mace
In memory of Larry Rovarino



Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of August 10, 2021:

IN MEMORY OF:

David Rovero
Steve Drobeck
Frances Foglia-Teglia
William Scinto
Steve Drobeck
Steve Drobeck
Steve Drobeck
Steve Drobeck
Byron Griffith
Oretta Scaletti
Don Stoffey
Ida Mungai
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*Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A

Gifts of Love Donations

Received as of July 30, 2021:

Branch 33	Dave Frick
Branch 217	In memory of Steve Drobeck
Branch 362	Mary Ann and Rick Carter
Branch 435	In memory of Steve Drobeck
Dorene Campanile	Antoinette Wilson
A big thank you to Johna	In memory of Steve Drobeck
Maychrowitz	Carmelo and Linda Sabatella
Joan and Jerry Delfino	In memory of Steve Drobeck
In memory of Fran Foglia-Teglia	Pat and Lou Mages
Vito and Rosemary Mastro	In memory of Steve Drobeck
In memory of Steven Drobeck	Eileen Blasius
Officers/Members of Br. 435	In memory of Larry Rovarino
In memory of Rev. Russell Roide	Officers/Members of Br. 237
Officers/Members of Br. 291	In memory of Steve Drobeck
In memory of Robert Reginato	Savoy and Annamarie Bellavia
Officers/Members of Br. 291	In memory of Steven J. Drobeck
In memory of Terry Garrity	Jerry and Carol Farrugia
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Garcia	In memory of Larry Rovarino
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Frank and Kathryn Ditto
Humberto Miramontes	In memory of Kayleigh Cosimano
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Shirley Klein
Charles and Gerry Gugliuzza	In memory of Larry Rovarino
In memory of Steve Drobeck	The Jones and La Corte Family
Michael and Susan Ferlisi	In memory of Larry G. Rovarino
In memory of Larry Rovarino	Officers/Members of Br. 21
Irene Vallini	In memory of Rod Seigle
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Scott and Teri Carrano
Dan and Mary Lorenzetti	In memory of Larry Rovarino
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Officers/Members of Br. 285
The Skovira Family	In memory of Irma Giannotti
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Donna Maga
Diana Plescia	In memory of Larry Rovarino
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
The Schilling Family	In memory of Joe Danko
In memory of Steve Drobeck	Joan and Jerry Delfino
Frank and Theresa Reis	Get well wishes for Elaine Osorio
In memory of Steven Drobeck	
Josephine Allegretti	
In memory of Steve Drobeck	



Grand President's Award Winners --Al and Diana Vallorz

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According to an article in the San Jose Mercury News...When Diana Vallorz inherited the family pizzeria, she also inherited the family moto: "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." So, when California's stay at home order went into effect, "we thought about all the elderly people alone with no family nearby," says Diana. And instead of a small thing, she and husband Al did a medium thing – offering to deliver free medium pizzas to anyone over 70 shut in at home.

Since their Facebook page offer went viral, Tony & Alba's Pizza and Pasta has delivered hundreds of pizzas, and donations have allowed them to add a free salad too.

"Some people are afraid they won't be getting any more food," says Diana. "I tell them we will keep doing this until it's not needed anymore."

It is for these reasons and so many more that the Italian Catholic Federation is so pleased to be able to award the **Grand President's Award to Al and Diana Vallorz.**

Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella, LA Archdiocese District

The Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library will be open for Open House this fall and for the Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon on December 5, 2021.

For more information on the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library or to make a donation to help the Chapel maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with the annual Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org. Additional DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini now available. Call 626-372-7812 or email me at cas1810@aol.com. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*
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JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
7/2	Lisa Crudo	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/3	Barbara Ebel	6	Redwood City, CA	\$30
7/4	Shelley Kovacs		Gilroy, CA	\$100
7/5	Maxine Scatena	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/6	Antonella Turchetti	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
7/7	Jackie Wright		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
7/8	Bianca Raposa		Los Angeles, CA	\$30
7/9	Elizabeth Tew		Gardena, CA	\$30
7/10	Sharon Vannetti	209	Sebastopol, CA	\$30
7/11	Kathy Zazzeron	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/12	Anthony & Deborah Charlton	229	Chula Vista, CA	\$30
7/13	Laura McAllister	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
7/14	Gretchen Curry		Merced, CA	\$30
7/15	Matthew Simon		Citrus Heights, CA	\$100
7/16	Eva Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
7/17	Ann Rolan	27	Madera, CA	\$30
7/18	Joe & Kelly Cardinalli		San Ramon, CA	\$30
7/19	Annette Elissagaray	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
7/20	Michael Belluomini	39	Merced, CA	\$30
7/21	Linda Sherman	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
7/22	Lorraine D'Elia	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
7/23	Patty Theis		Oakley, CA	\$30
7/24	Patrick Boyd		Pinehurst, NC	\$30
7/25	Roy Shackel	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/26	Jody Balestrieri	229	Chula Vista, CA	\$30
7/27	Dana Nisich		San Jose, CA	\$30
7/28	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
7/29	Oroslina Casella	70	Sanger, CA	\$30
7/30	Elaine Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
7/31	Trudi Jensen	14	Crockett, CA	\$30

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AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Branch 413		Angels Camp, CA	\$30
8/2	Barbara Pybas		Salinas, CA	\$30
8/3	Elizabeth Ferguson		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/4	Tammy Johnson		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/5	Branch 14		Crockett, CA	\$30
8/6	Marie Stalteri Antonowicz	184	Los Gatos, CA	\$30
8/7	John Del Monte	52	Healdsburg, CA	\$30
8/8	Stephanie Marchini	39	Le Grand, CA	\$30
8/9	Christina Andrade	28	Hollister, CA	\$30
8/10	Sandra Zepeda	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
8/11	Carl Heller	14	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/12	Linda Calciano	227	Moraga, CA	\$30
8/13	Harriet Burr		Eureka, CA	\$30
8/14	Mary Lipari	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/15	James & Kristina McGee	215	Fremont, CA	\$50
8/16	Ralph De Rango	161	San Rafael, CA	\$30
8/17	Catherine Santich		Alamo, CA	\$30
8/18	Margaret Woosley		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/19	Russ Goodman	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
8/20	Ann Ferrante	36	Monterey, CA	\$30
8/21	Mike & Nick Migliore		San Anselmo, C	\$30
8/22	Michele Silveri	108	South Pasadena, CA	\$30
8/23	Jan Roberts	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/24	Kristin Rossillo		San Marcos, CA	\$30
8/25	Mary Ann Lauro	115	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	\$30
8/26	Chris Artale	214	Concord, CA	\$30
8/27	Tom & Rosemary Grisafe		El Toro, CA	\$30
8/28	Jean Seeba	31	Los Banos, CA	\$100
8/29	Francesco DeFrenza	418	Park Ridge, IL	\$30
8/30	Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
8/31	Marilyn Ramacher	395	Stockton, CA	\$30

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Family of the Year Award Winners--The Bozzo Family

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They also took the jobs of prepping the food, setting up the hall, cooking, serving, and cleaning up after the events. Sam and Judy were instrumental in arranging our 2021 Branch pasta fundraiser. Because of them, the Branch was able to use the Gilroy Elk’s Lodge at no cost to prep, assemble the food packages and have a drive-thru pickup at their facility. Andy stated, “Sam & Judy’s commitment to the community and the ICF is why this endorsement conveys the spirit of energy and Christian spirit that they perform in serving others.”

Gene Sakahara stated, “If you think of a family who epitomizes community service, love of people and passion to make Gilroy a better place to love, it would be the Sam & Judy Bozzo Family...together they are an outstanding

team exemplifying charity and kindness, which has benefitted many people and organizations in Gilroy.”

Sam & Judy’s community service record is extensive. Here are the highlights that are significant in making Gilroy, their hometown, a better place to live. Both are active participants with the Italian Catholic Federation and serve on the Gilroy Public Arts Committee. Judy served as President of the Gilroy Foundation on the Founding Board, has been President and held other offices on the Association of American University of Women, a Commissioner on the City of Gilroy Arts and Cultural Commission and an active member of Rippers, a quilting group.

Sam’s involvement with the famous Gilroy Garlic Festival is significant

serving as President and Vice President of the Association and prior volunteer service as Chair and Assistant Chair of Gourmet Alley. Judy, without fanfare, volunteers by his side or on other committees as needed. As well, their sons David and Greg also worked the festival and Greg also served as Garlic Festival President. As a credit to generational community service, their grandchildren also volunteer at the Garlic Festival every year as well as their school’s activities.

It is with great appreciation and applause that the Italian Catholic Federation acknowledges **The Bozzo Family as our 2021 Family of the Year.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Winner
--Fr. Greg Boyle

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He is a *New York Times* bestseller author in 2010 for “Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Bondless Compassion.” He is the recipient of the California Peace Prize, inducted to the California Hall of Fame (12/2011), named by *Bon Appetit* Magazine as 2007 Humanitarian of the Year award. Father Greg received a Civic Medal of Honor from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and was named Champion of Change by President Barack Obama in 2014.

Father Greg has fostered greater community harmony and has built bridges among people while using his organization as a platform for meaningful social reform.

The Italian Catholic Federation is honored to present **Father Gregory Boyle the 2021 Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award.**



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Colombo Construction Company, Inc., would like to wish the Officers, Delegates, Members and Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation on a successful convention.

Colombo's beloved Owner, John Lencioni, who passed away October 19, 2009, was a strong supporter of the ICF and local Catholic churches in Bakersfield especially his own parish, St. Francis of Assisi. John was blessed to receive the ICF Pope Saint John XXIII Award in 2007.



On behalf of the entire Colombo Construction Team, we would like to thank Leonard Zasoski, Jr. for his continued commitment, dedication and generous support toward local charitable works. Congratulations on your 42 years of service milestone. Thank you for your many years of loyal service!!!

"Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

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Congratulations

Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 19

Dan Duggan, Member

Christine Prudenciado, Treasurer and Member

Deborah Rodondi, Grand 1st Vice President and Branch 19 President



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Italian Catholic Federation HOSPITALIZATION PLAN – FACT SHEET

Dear ICF Members:

One of the best kept secrets in the Italian Catholic Federation is the Hospitalization Plan; open to all members under 70 years of age. (Exception – if you are a New Member to the ICF who is over the age of 70 – you can enroll in the Hospital Plan as long as you enroll at the same time that you join and pay both membership and hospital plan dues.) The following information briefly outlines the benefits, conditions and costs:

BENEFITS

After ninety (90) days of membership in the plan, the fund will pay:

- \$75.00 for the first day, \$50.00 for the second day and \$25.00 for the third day and any additional days thereafter.

NOTE: A member must stay overnight in an acute care facility unless an outpatient surgery is performed. Stays in convalescent hospitals and rehabilitation facilities are not covered by this plan and do not qualify for reimbursement.

- \$100.00 for the use of the operating room during a hospital stay or outpatient procedure at a state-licensed surgical center.
- \$500.00 per calendar year.
- \$500.00 lifetime maximum per illness.

FEATURES

- Payments are made directly to you.
- No medical examination is required to join.
- Membership continues beyond age 70.
- All claims are accepted for up to one year after a hospital stay or outpatient procedure.

COST

- \$25.00 per year - paid to the Branch Financial Secretary

We encourage all members of the Italian Catholic Federation to consider these benefits and features and to take advantage of this very beneficial ICF program.

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson
ICF Hospitalization Committee

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SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON

"CELEBRATING THE 104th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
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at

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
3801 Scott Rd
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DATE: December 5, 2021

PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM MASS: 1:00 PM LUNCH: 2:00 PM

COST: \$20.00 / Adults & \$8.00 / Children under 12

"Each paid Dinner includes one Raffle Ticket for a Special Raffle Prize"

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I wish to reserve _____ dinner(s) at \$20.00 dinner; _____ Under 12 at \$8.00 dinner
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*"All proceeds to help fund the ongoing operations and development of Cabrini Chapel and Library."
(Please make checks to the Italian Catholic Federation) memo: Cabrini Pilgrimage 2021*

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Still no activity due to Covid-19.

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

Get well wishes to Pat Arnaudo.

Stay safe and healthy!

Ciao!

Toni Morsello

Dear Members,

A note from President Vic who sends Get well wishes and Kind regards to Toni Morsello.

San Francisco

Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

The Officers and Members of Br. 258 wish you a successful Convention in Santa Clara - September 3, 2021.

Congratulations to our Officers and Members of Br. 258 on our 50th Anniversary on September 12, 2021. It takes a lot of hard work to reach this Special Day and we all did it!!! I am very proud of all of you. It has been an honor and pleasure for me to be your President these past years. Tante Grazie to my officers and all of you for all of your help.

To our members celebrating a birthday in August and September--many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Florence Mangion--we sure miss you and we are so happy that you are home now and on the road of a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with you.

Please stay well and happy. We love all of you and surely miss you.

Please save the date of September 10, 2021 for our 50th Anniversary Luncheon. More information to follow.

Ciao,

Eva Perata, President



SAN MATEO

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our branch and the community joined together for a successful Family Pasta Feed after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass on 7-10-21. It was great seeing various members of the parish along with our ICF members enjoying the event!

Many thanks to our President, Dorene Campanile, who along with our members, helped put together the first event since we were able to openly meet together once restrictions were lifted. Special kudos to the ten members who were so helpful in putting the dinner together. You know who you are and success was due because of you!

We were very grateful to Bob Ahern our chef, ItalFoods for their donation of pasta and John Crosby of Crosby-N-Gray for donation of our wine.

Thanks to Bob Tomasello our chair for our Hot dog and trimmings dinner. Great way to celebrate 4th of July.

Our August meeting will be on August 12, 2021 with details to follow at a later date.

Many of ours and other ICF members still need our prayers: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno, Anita Cecena, Elena Malta, Martinelli Family and Lorainne Rollandi.

We are looking forward to many more events in our future months as we work on staying healthy.

God Bless,

Roz Emery

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti: hello to all. Usually this time of year, we are planning our fabulously successful Polenta Dinner at our Parish Center. Unfortunately, we cannot do it. This Delta Variant has really thrown our plans out the window. Far too many people have chosen not to be vaccinated, which is assisting the virus in its quest to mutate into a more transmissible form. Those of us who are fully-vaccinated can more easily acquire this strain of the virus. This fact has played-out close to home for me when my fully-vaxed and super-careful brother was diagnosed with Covid July 25th. Consistent with what has been said by the CDC and others, his symptoms have been fairly mild and he is able to do his usual house chores while recovering. The terrible cough and super runny nose was his clue to get tested. More and more establishments and employers are "requiring" vaccination for entry and employment. This should result in less hesitancy among the greater public.

Remember that God gave us a mind to



Br. 173, 5 Wonderful Helpers from the OLA Youth Group.



Br. 173, Registration Table for OLA Parish Pasta Feed; Officers' Brenda Wemiz & Donna Cervelli



Br. 173, Ticket sales table; Officers MaryAnn Camacho & Rosalind Emery, & member Jerry Emery

solve the riddles surrounding disease and we have benefited greatly from using that knowledge: Polio, Measles, Mumps, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Shingles, Hep-B, and many more diseases and infections are either eradicated or controlled.

As the Britts say, "Get The Jab!" and gently encourage friends and family to do so as well.

Coming-up on September 12th, is National Grandparents' Day: See them safely.

God Bless,

Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Larkspur

BR. 161, St. James

We welcome Sabrina Clark as our newest member of our branch. Sabrina has fond memories of attending ICF dinners with her family. Her mother was a member of the ICF and the Italian Boot Club in Santa Barbara.

Leona Figone was a great mentor to many members in the San Francisco Diocese. Marlene has many great memories of her and appreciates all that she did for her. Please keep the Figone family in your prayers.

Let's all hope that soon we can get back to meetings, dinners and fundraisers.

Please continue to pray for our sick members and families of our newly deceased members and hope everyone will be back to good health real soon.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

Anna Biggio, Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Hello everyone and it's so good to be back at our annual Convention. Thank you to the Santa Clara district for hosting this year.

It looks like we will be having our annual Bishop and Seminarians mass and luncheon again. This year, due to restrictions at the seminary, our mass and lunch will be held at St Raymond's in Downey. Mass will be at 12 p.m. with the lunch to follow in the hall. The price of the lunch will be \$35. Let's try and make this a huge success and try to get your branch chaplains to attend.

The Cabrini committee is hard at work with plans for the Cabrini pilgrimage and mass, you can check with Carmelo or Andrea Linn for more details.

As far as the Cooley's Children's Christmas party, no plans as of yet, we may not be able to have it at the hospital this year. So let's think about a district Christmas party where we can still make toy donations and raise money for Cooley's.

At our Fall meeting we will be having district officer elections, so, if you've ever thought about running for a district office, now is the time. With that in mind, we need to look for a place to hold our 2022 district installation.

Let's keep up the good work that we all do. Stay safe and healthy and I hope to see you all at our Fall meeting, which will be announced soon.

Perry Shurko, District President.



Los Angeles Br. 67, St. Peter National Branch

On July 31, 2021 members of National Branch 67 held a General Meeting in the HFC Pastoral Center Conference Room and online via Zoom. During the meeting members identified two committees (Heritage and Scholarship) and assigned interested members. Additional committees will be identified soon as members present their interest and support for them.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like be a part of the ICF Family. Branch members would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online. Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are also welcome to join us online via zoom at ICFNationalBranch67.org and join the conversation.

Covid-19 has been and continues to be a challenge and an opportunity to understand what is important in each of our lives. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

Please keep sick members in your prayers and to our former Branch Members who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
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South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

Branch Members wish that all ICF Members enjoy the ICF National Convention in Santa Clara and hope that members from all attending branches get a chance to say hello.

On Sunday, July 27, 2021, Members came together in our first in-person Annual Branch 108 Picnic in the Holy Family Parish Hall. The food was delicious and members were happy to see each other after so many months behind a computer. Congratulations were given to members who celebrated their June, July and August Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries.

More to come from the next Branch 108 General Meeting at San Antonio Winery on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please continue to pray for the speedy recovery of our sick members and to our former Branch Members who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
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Br. 67, St. Peters Catholic Church



Br. 67 held a General Meeting in the HFC Pastoral Center Conference Room and on Zoom

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Br. 108 first in-person Annual Branch Picnic in the Holy Family Parish Hall



Br. 108 first in-person Annual Branch Picnic in the Holy Family Parish Hall



Br. 111, July Picnic



Ed Pizzorno - Rest in Peace

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a safe and healthy summer! Happy Birthday to all the members who celebrate their birthdays in August and September. Tanti Auguri a tutti.

Since St. Benedict Church is not yet opening the parish groups, our August General Meeting will be a Zoom meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Our September General Meeting, unless things change, will also be a Zoom Meeting and scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Look for our August and September Branch 111 Newsletters with all the details about joining us at our Zoom Meetings.

It was great seeing many of you at our Branch Picnic on Sunday, July 25th at Adobe Park in Montebello. The foods, fruits, desserts, etc. was delicious. The weather was pleasant too and everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing & socializing.



Br. 111, Andres Flores, Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship

We are planning our Branch 111 Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Salvatore's Restaurant. Please reserve the date; more details will follow later this year.

Congratulations to Andres Flores and Sophia Vasquez of St. Benedict School who were winners of the ICF's Phillip Pace Jr. \$400 Scholarships. Andres Flores and Sophia Vasquez were among the 8th grade students who submitted essays about a current or past Italian American person who has made a significant impact or contribution to the United States of America. The scholarship winners were reviewed and judged by the scholarship committee and were judged and evaluated based on their GPA and essay. Both Andres Flores and Sophia Vasquez will be attending Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Montebello. We wish them success during their high school years and great success in the future.



Br. 111, Sophia Vasquez-Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship

We are sad to report that Ed Pizzorno, who was an ICF member for over 40 years passed away on July 13th. Ed was 83 years old. Ed will be dearly missed by his family and all his friends. May he Rest in Peace. We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless!
Frank Salomone
ICF Branch 111 President



Advancing our Legacy: Italian Community Services

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

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

If you know of any senior of Italian descent in San Francisco needing assistance, please contact:
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San Pedro Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

As many of you know, every year the Artiano family hosts a mass in honor of St Anthony. On June 13,th many of our members attended this special mass held at St Anthony of Padua in Gardena. Branch 115 member Monsignor Sal Pilato officiated. Blessed bread was passed out after mass. It was so nice to see so many of our members attend this special celebration. Thank you Artiano family!

Our members are awesome! Thank you to all who volunteered to make meatballs, sauce, and to serve our fiesta dinner A Taste of Italy. The dinner was a great success with 365 tickets sold. The food was delicious.

Congratulations to Roy Cootes Jr., son of member Nancy Cootes, who qualified for this year's US Golf Open in San Diego. We wish you much success!

Our Annual St John Joseph of the Cross mass is scheduled for August 21st at 10 a.m. Lite refreshments will be served afterwards.

Happy 90th birthday to member Lucy DiLeva. We wish you a blessed and happy year!

This year's Convention will be held in Santa Clara. President Neal DiLeva will be our delegate. We wish Neal an interesting and productive time.

Officers of Branch 115 thank all our members for your continued support as we await for news to when we can all meet in person. We are hoping to host first meeting on September 16th our branch anniversary!

Anita Gioiello Trujillo treasurer



Br. 115 thank you Maria Artiano and sons Vito and John Gioiello

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Br. 179, Vito & Cathy Napoli



San Pedro Br. 115 participated in cooking a dinner along the St. Ann Society and Trappeto Club at the Mary Star of the Sea Fiesta. The theme was "At Taste of Italy"--365 dinners were served



Br. 179, Elena & Joe Timko



Br. 179, Linda & Mike Sideri

Br. 179,Members enjoying the food at our potluck dinner



Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

After over a year of no in-person gatherings, Branch 179 gathered on Sunday, June 13, for Christmas Eve in June! Most all of our members, including our pastor Fr. Ron, were able to attend the potluck dinner and bocce tournament, held in the beautiful backyard of members Jan and Vince Daigneault. Everyone was asked to bring a traditional Christmas Eve dish to share. We had everything from fish to tamales! And finished with homemade cannolis compliments of the Jim Brancato Family! Then on to the White Elephant Gift Exchange, followed for bocce and cornhole tournaments. Congrats to bocce winners Bob Carbone and Vince Daigneault, and cornhole winners Bruce Brancato and Mike Sideri. Despite the 90-degree+ weather, it was a wonderful evening! Just being able to see each other in person, and give and receive those big Italian hugs!!!

*Can't wait until the next event!
God's blessings.
Patricia Auriemmo
Recording/Corresponding Secretary*

Arcadia**Br. 218, Holy Angels**

Congratulations to the Holy Angels School recipients of our scholarship awards – Gerald Po and Anna Lucia Romero. They will be invited to one of our meetings. At our last board meeting we discussed dates for the upcoming events. September 12th – a get together at Santa Anita Park, with possibly a Taco Truck serving lunch. All the regular meetings will be held in the hall beginning in October. Nominations and election of officers will be held then. The Christmas Boutique is scheduled for November 21, Christmas party – December 11 and our New York New Year's party is set. There are other events such as donut sales and a clothing drive on November 14.

We also had a discussion where to donate a \$200 check that was given to the branch in memory of Larry Rovarino. Per Mary's suggestion, it was decided that it would be given to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. Also, Jerry will be appointing a lunch committee that will handle all the lunches at our meeting. Teri will again be head of this committee.

Everyone have a good summer and keep cool and it will be wonderful to have our events in a normal manner.

Lolly M.

Gardena**Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua**

Happy Convention!

It has been a long time between meetings of branches, districts and Central Council. Graduations, birthdays, anniversaries and more have all come and gone. We are all anxious to be with family and friends again. We also thank God for the grace to endure this world wide tragedy and have prayers for all that were affected.

Our Branch has been very slow to come together. We attended mass in church for the first time at the end of June and have high hopes to continue with our scheduled events.

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to present scholarships to Natalie Diaz, from St. Anthony's to Bishop Montgomery High School and to Michael De Rosa, from St. Catherine's to St. John Bosco High School. Congrats also to Patrick Melia, our Memorial College Scholarship winner from Bishop Montgomery High School! Wishes to these and all graduates for a successful continuation of their scholastic careers!!!!

Next up is our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance, October 16th. This event is our major fundraiser and hopefully it will go as planned.

"Learn to savor how good the Lord is; happy are those who take refuge in Him" Psalm 34.9

Cordially, Micheal Bohannon Roa

Downey**Br. 362, St. Raymond**

Greetings to one and all.

Well it looks like we're getting back into the groove of things. In July we had our first bingo luncheon in over a year and it felt so good to be back in action. Everyone in attendance was excited and happy to be back. It was so successful that we held another one in August. On July 1st our parish welcomed our new pastor, Fr Sam Ward and we are very pleased to have him at St Raymond. He is our parishes 5th pastor.

In August, our branch celebrated its 39th anniversary in the ICF. Congratulations to us all and to those who made these 39 years possible. At the end of the month our parish turned 65! Congratulations to St Raymond and to many more years to come.

I want to thank the Santa Clara district for hosting this year's annual Convention. Good luck to all and let's pray it's a huge success.

Let's all continue to stay healthy and safe and continue to pray for those on our intention list.

God Bless.

Perry Shurko, Branch President



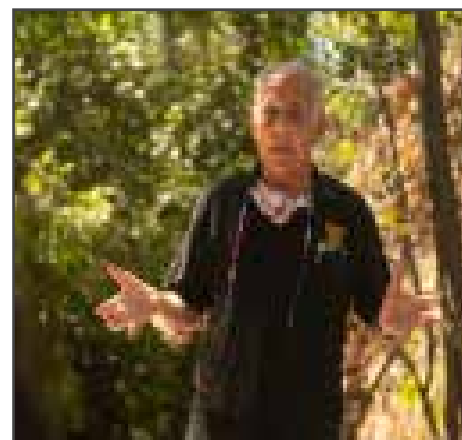
Br. 237, Michael De Rosa with scholarship chair, Rose Moore



Br. 237, Natalie Diaz, with Branch President, Connie Bohannon



Br. 380, Anne Interrante at first in-person gathering



Br. 380, Lou Mages giving heritage presentation



Br. 380 first in-person gathering



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**Thousand Oaks,
Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon**

Branch 380 was overjoyed to have our first in-person get together since last March. We had a lot of fun catching up with old friends during a picnic at the park.

In addition to enjoying our time together, we raised \$500 for the Many Mansions School Supplies Project for kids in need. Also, a succulent workshop was held at the home of Anne Interrante to raise additional funds.

We are looking forward to another get-together on August 6th. We will have bingo night and dinner on the patio at St. Paschal Baylon school.

We are excited to return to a full schedule of events, including our annual bocce tournament on September 11th on the school grounds.





St. John Fisher, Branch 444 Outdoor Gathering

Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

June 5th was a special day for Branch 444. We met together for the largest (socially distant) group gathering since February of 2020. Fifteen members congregated at scenic Hess Park which sits adjacent to sweeping ocean views. The weather was beautiful on this breezy, sunny day, as we joined together in the spirit of love and community! Members formed a circle with their lawn chairs, shared updates from their past year, and caught up on what is happening in the larger, ICF community while eating lunch or a snack. The Good of the Order was led by Marianne Canetti and intentions were broad as we prayed for members and their families, some who are suffering long-term effects of COVID, others that are struggling with long-term health challenges. We discussed our charitable donations, discussed the upcoming convention and sold convention raffle ticket books. We also held a door prize raffle for all attendees and we had three winners: Marianne Canetti, Bruno Vieri, and Guido Frassenelli. We look forward to meeting again in person at our church St. John Fisher but until then, we will next meet via Zoom on July 8th at 7p.m. Be on the lookout for an email reminder from Hany Francis. We look forward to seeing you!

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Piccirillo, Trustee*

Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Greetings from ICF Branch 447

With the summer months upon us and the lifting of restrictions for in-person meetings, on Sunday, June 27th our Branch hosted a Pop-Up Pizza Party at Polliwog Park. It was wonderful seeing everyone in person and catching up with one another. We had so much fun, and at the suggestion of one of our members, we decided we will have a potluck picnic at Polliwog Park in September. Be on the lookout for the Evite.

Concerts in the Park will be returning to Polliwog Park for four Sundays in August, August 8th, August 15th, August 22nd, and August 29th. ICF will be having a casual Meet-Up at Polliwog Park for the Concerts in the Park series. We will be meeting around 4:00 p.m. at the red sculpture near the bathrooms, or look for the green, white and red banner.

Bring your friends and family, beach chairs and your favorite beverages and join us, you know it will be a blast!

In the Fall, we look forward to booking upcoming events at O'Donnell Hall and seeing everyone in person for our monthly General Meetings. We have many exciting events planned and we look forward to a continuing to grow our membership and raise funds to support our parish.

*All my best,
Stephanie DeRaddo
President, Branch 447*

OAKLAND EAST BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our July meeting was bittersweet; sweet because we were able to meet in person for the first time since March of 2020 and bittersweet because we were

saying farewell to the Wellbeloveds who are moving to Oregon. They promise to remain members of Br. 385! Both Judy and Dave were officers of the East Bay District as well as branch officers. We still Zoomed for a few who were not ready to take the Big Step.

In addition to celebrating with Champagne and cupcakes, we did manage to get some business done. Pres. Lisa reminded us of upcoming District elections this coming November. We are also looking at Installation in Jan. and still trying to settle on a date for our Crab Feed. Lots of work to do, so all hands on deck.

The Convention is on, here's hoping that each branch will be able to send a representative. If the core of the organization is not fed the branches will wither and not be able to function. So, Santa Clara, here we come.

*Let's make happy Convention memories!
Pat Grasso,
District Sec.*



East Bay District Meeting & Farewell



East Bay District Meeting & Farewell

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We hosted our annual barbecue on July 24 at Saint Philip Neri School. Seventy-five guests attended, including members of three other East Bay branches. We thank Father Joseph Pathiyil, the pastor of our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, for delivering the pre-dinner prayer and grace in Italian. Many thanks to the workers, president James, Sheila, Gina, Ken, Peggie Jeanette, Jim, Terry, Sharon, Ernie, Jenny, Margaret, JoAnn and Karen.

Next on our social calendar is our Ravioli Dinner scheduled for October 16 in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. Chef Ben Ratto has again agreed to cook. We are hoping that we can proceed with this well-attended and enjoyable event.

Our membership has increased to 130. The following new members were introduced at the barbecue: John Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy, Father Joseph, Donna Marchetti, Julie Thomas, Nancy Rogers and Sherry Eastwood-Falls.

Jeanette Zugnoni will serve as our delegate to the ICF Convention. John Zugnoni (as alternate), Terry Greig and Jim Lee will also attend.

John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicist



Br. 215, Left to right: Bill Garcia, President Fran LaTorre, Debbie Nunes, Dennis Nunes, and

Fremont
St. Francis of Assisi, Br. 215

I hope you're all having a wonderful summer and everyone is staying healthy and happy!

Our branch has been meeting on Zoom, but we are finally moving towards in-person monthly meetings! It will be wonderful to see everyone in person!

A big thank you to all of you who were

able to attend our Pranzo de Liguria at John and Shirley DeLucchi's beautiful residence. We had a very nice time enjoying wonderful food and even better company! We were blessed to have three new members initiated at this event: Debbie Nunes, David Tong, and Bill Garcia! Also, we were so happy to have our Chaplain, Fr. Luis, join us!

We are looking forward to Convention in September! Much gratitude to the ICF Convention Committee for all its work, especially the amazing Rose Jarrett!

Please join us for our Branch 215 Bingo Luncheon on Thursday, October 7th. This event will be in the Corpus Christi parish center. (Any questions, call President Fran at 510-887-1509.)

Happy Birthday to all our July and August members!

Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice Presiden

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

July was a good month for our Branch. We had our first in person meeting, a hot dog dinner with all the trimmings, with a good turnout! Thank you members and parishioners. This was held at the school's outdoor eating area. We also had our 3rd restaurant sharing which was also a success.

Word has it that Leroy and Stella are doing well and may be ready for an

outing this month. We were sorry that Ann and Duane Connor were not able to join us as planned. Hopefully they too can join us in August.

The good news is that the Convention is ON! So far we have been able to sell most of our Raffle books. Remember, this is a fundraiser. \$10.00 from each book sold remains with the Branch. Since Santa Clara is so close, it would be nice to see a few more members at the Convention.

Thanks to Margaret Speranza our Apostolic Report was good and in on time.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.
Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Happy End-of-Summer to all from the Contra Costa District!

Our district meeting scheduled for August 3 at Round Table Pizza in Martinez, has been postponed. The new date and time will be emailed to everyone soon.

Our district picnic is to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 22, at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill at the outdoor picnic tables.

We wish all delegates and guests attending the Convention in Santa Clara a successful and enjoyable weekend. Also, good luck to Rosemary Cook from our district who is running for Central Council.

We are sad to report that a member of our district, Helen Politakes recently passed away unexpectedly. She was a former district officer and membership chairperson, as well as past president of Pittsburg Branch 72 and a member of Branch 442 Pleasant Hill. She will be greatly missed.

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Br. 10, Father Joseph and members of the Barbecue Committee



Br. 10 Barbecue on July 24.



Br. 10 Barbecue on July 24.

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As we celebrate Labor Day this September, let us pray that all people who labor in our country will receive sufficient compensation in order to meet their families' basic needs. As the US Catholic Bishops' document on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching state: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative."

*Diana Letizia Mackinson
CC District 1st Vice President*

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

Labor Day is celebrated the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states celebrated it officially. Many Italians came to this country as laborers. My grandfather was a stonemason and built many structures and homes in Brooklyn. Though, in Italy he celebrated Labor Day known as Festa dei Lavoratori with a nationwide public holiday on May 1st. This event, marked in more than 80 countries, is held in commemoration of the labor movement and the social and economic achievements of trade unions.

In both the United States and Italy, folks similarly enjoy their leisure time and organize gatherings with friends, barbecues, and walks on the beach. While here at the Convention this weekend take a stroll, maybe poolside, and enjoy a meal with friends. Let's be thankful for all the laborers who have built our countries to where they are today.

Branch 13 is proud to support member Rosemary Cook in her quest to join the Central Council. She represents the younger adults of the Federation and is eager to branch out and share her talents. We invite delegates to get to know her and her goals. We think she'll be an effective valuable member given the chance. We wish all an enjoyable and productive Convention. May God bless all attendees and guide the delegates in patience and verve.

*Ciao for now
Mary Cook*

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Br. 14 Crockett Branch Picnic

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Wow Branch 14, Crockett had a successful Branch picnic to welcome everyone to a new year. It was nice seeing members enjoying the day together. Thank you for all your support this past crazy year in a half. Hope to be back to normal soon

Br. 14, Crockett Recreation Department had a nice celebration honoring David Botta with a special park Bench. ICF members from Branch 14 were there supporting this event. The Crockett Rocket is always in our hearts.

Happy 105th Birthday to Lena McCrossen from Branch 14, Crockett.

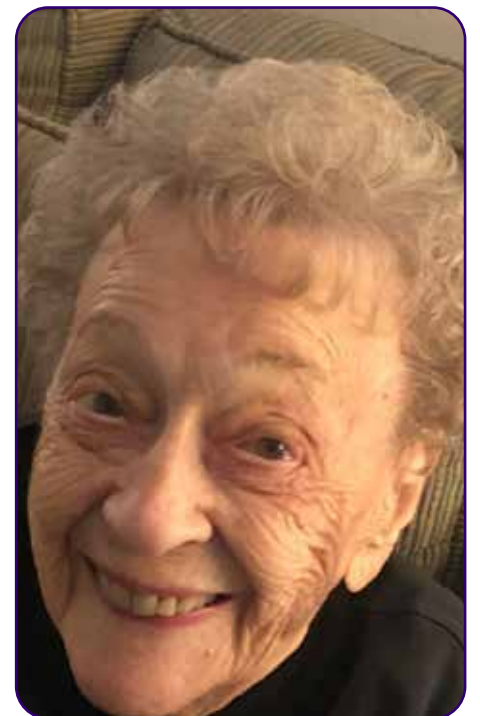
Lena has been the Apostolic Chairperson for over 20 years. Happy Healthy more years Lena. Thank you for all you do for our branch.



Branch 13: Rosemary Cook is running for a seat on Central Council



Br. 14, Special park bench honoring David Botta



Br. 14, Crockett branch wishes Happy 105th Birthday to Lena McCrossen

2021-2022 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DENISE ANTONOWICZ
Branch 184, Los Gatos and
Branch 191, San Jose



My name is Denise Antonowicz. I am currently 2nd Grand Vice President, I am an ex-officio member of all Central Council committees,

President of Br. 184 Los Gatos, a member of Br. 191 in San Jose and 1st Vice President of the Santa Clara Valley District.

We are Italian, French, Polish, German, Vietnamese, Irish, Slavic, but the one element that binds us together as members of the Italian Catholic Federation, is embracing the Italian "la vita Bella" (the beautiful life). Each of us bringing to the ICF that special something that enhances our branches. We share recipes, food, history, and stories that don't detract from the ICF but rather enriches the basis of our branches. By knowing more about each other, we become more of an extended family and that is the Italian way!

It was a year of many changes in how we met, how we conducted business, and how we raised funds for our charities but the one thing that I saw again and again was the caring nature of our members. We called each other, we offered to help in any way we could, and we prayed for each other and for everyone in the world. It was a time when we needed that special hello and virtual hug from our members. We needed to be a part of this close-knit community more than ever. We had the ICF and we survived. So thank you for your caring, loving nature and especially for your support. We showed how strong we are as members (or really family).

With your prayers and votes I will continue to work to make the Italian Catholic Federation the vibrant, living organization that I genuinely believe it is.



ROSEMARY COOK
Branch 13, Martinez



The opportunity to serve on Central Council holds special meaning to me as I've been a life-long member of Branch #13 in Martinez. Growing up within the organization,

I've enjoyed serving at dinners, participating in meetings, attending family camps, Bishop's Days and conventions; and, became an officer as soon as eligible. Over time, I served as Sentinel, Trustee, Secretary, and Heritage and Scholarship Committee Chairpersons. These formal roles of responsibility were instrumental in guiding me to undertake additional leadership positions. I've led countless academic and social groups throughout my young adulthood and am a skilled coordinator and effective communicator. Experienced in working with people of all ages, I'm drawn to stimulating ideas and challenges, and am excited to lend my talents to the Federation. Participating in the ICF has always been a family affair. I'm motivated to usher in a new generation of young members and families who can uphold traditions while re-imagining the organization for an ever-changing world. Furthermore, my commitment to Catholicism and support of youth draws me to contribute in the continuous development of the scholarship program.

I'm grateful for all that the ICF has given me – the Young Adult Leadership Award in 2012, four years of scholarships, and the Family-of-the-Year recognition alongside my parents and brother in 2020. In addition, the ICF has provided me with a connection to my Italian heritage rooted in my Catholic faith and numerous occasions to serve my community. The Federation-wide involvement in Thalassemia research is also dear to me as a thalassemic and carrier of the trait.

Family, faith, service, and culture are integral parts of my identity, celebrated and cultivated through the ICF. As a member of the Central Council, I hope to continue giving back to the organization on a larger scale with a focus on membership and scholarship.

LISA CRUDO
Branch 343, Castro Valley



In 2012 at our convention in Reno, I was first elected to the Central Council. For the past 9 years I have served on many different committees, and was the chairperson for some

as well. I have given my all in whatever capacity I have been asked to serve. The Italian Catholic Federation and all its members have been a big part of my life, not just in these last 9 years, but ever since I joined Branch #343 in 1981.

This last year, as we all know only too well, has been quite a challenge mentally and physically for us all, and yet the ICF has persevered. Through Zoom meetings and some virtual fundraisers, while not ideal, have met with some success.

As we are approaching a new year, I am hopeful that the ICF will continue to thrive, through the resiliency of all of you. It is my hope that I can contribute to our wonderful organization's future success as your Central Council member.

Thank you all so much for your love and support.

Respectfully,

Lisa Crudo

The best way to find
yourself to lose
yourself in the service
of others.
- Mahatma
Gandhi

LAUREN KILCULLEN
Branch 52, Healdsburg



My name is Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA. I ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. These past

seven years on the Central Council have been amazing. Working with my fellow Central Council members, I enjoyed serving as the Grand Secretary, Chairperson of the Apostolate – Charity Committee and member of the Executive, Public Relations, and Convention Directors' Committees.

The ICF is a second family to me, and this past year has been trying for all families. As we have adapted to a new way of doing things, the resiliency of the ICF and its members has burned bright. Whether we've had Zoom meetings, drive through dinners or online raffles, we have been an inspiration to other parishioners and community members of how to adapt and change. Let's keep this spirit of adapting, changing and growing strong as we begin to get out in the world, again.

Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me, and I continue to believe that the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the very few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities. As we emerge from the pandemic, let's continue the spirit of resiliency and be an instrument of good in our parish and communities.

With your continued support for me on the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future.



FRANKLYN LOPES, Jr.
Branch 21, Santa Cruz
Branch 227, Capitola



As we meet in Santa Clara, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, once again, especially after a year of being apart.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz, CA, and

I am of Italian-Portuguese descent. I currently serve as Grand Treasurer of the Central Council and Chairman of the Finance Committee. I am also a member of the Ways and Means, and Convention Directors Committees, as well as serving as President of Br. 227, Capitola, CA and member of Branch 21, Santa Cruz. I am a volunteer with the Dominican Hospital Foundation Guild in Santa Cruz and I have owned Stewart's Floral for the past 22 years.

It is my hope to be re-elected to the Central Council so that I may continue what our founders, Luigi Providenza and Reverend Albert R. Bandini, began 97 years ago. My main goal is to work on increasing membership throughout the federation and to bring before the Central Council those issues that most concern our members. It is my honor to be a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, and I will continue to work to make it stronger in every way – through faith, family, heritage and charity.

May we have a fun –filled, meaningful convention, and may I ask for your continued support as a member of the Central Council.

God Bless you all.



KENNETH MARSHALL
Branch 103, Sonoma



I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started in Napa, California with Branch 12. We were located at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church. I started as Sentinel and then

worked my way up to becoming First Vice-President of the Branch.

I attended every Branch dinner meeting, along with every Officer's meeting for five or six years. I continued to hold this position and I attended every District meeting. Then I became a dual member after becoming a member of Branch 103 in Sonoma, California. I started as First Vice President and now I am President of Branch 103 and I am District President of the Santa Rosa District.

I also belong to the Knights of Columbus. I am a leader in the Knights of Columbus Council in Gridley, California. When I was a leader in the Knights of Columbus in Napa, California I brought in 50 new members.

I find myself as a leader in everything I do. I plan on growing the Federation.

Thank you and God Bless.

Kenneth Gene Marshall

PAT MAGES
Branch 380, Thousand Oaks



Thank you for your continued support! It has been a pleasure representing you the past 12 years. With your support I will continue to work for the goals of ICF and for you.

Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 29 years I have held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380; chaired fundraising events; and past president of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.

My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; daughter-in-law Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Kit; and finally, Macaroni, our Cavapoo puppy. We hope he will one day become a therapy dog; he loves to lie on your lap and be your friend.

Over 35 years I have been an advocate for victims/survivors of family/domestic and sexual violence in both Michigan and Ventura County. I am currently with the Port Hueneme Police. And a Para-Educator with the local school district, working with Post-Secondary Special Needs students. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them. They keep me feeling young and on my toes!

I have been a member of Central Council for over 12 years. I have served a two year term as Grand Trustee; and as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee and the Membership Committee. I am a member of the Live to Give; Task Force; Public Relations; and the Executive Committees.

VINCE PIRO
Branch 39, Merced



This year's Convention theme, "We are One," perfectly describes what I see as the ultimate goal of the Federation. We worship together so that we are one with Christ. We welcome all to our

meetings and events so that we are one in fellowship. We work with our parishes and dioceses so that we are one with our fellow Catholics. We serve our communities so that we are one with others. This has been the strength of the Federation, and it is what I plan to support and promote if I am elected to the Central Council.

Over the past two years, as Grand President, I have strived to keep the ICF unified during challenging times, but most of all, I have worked to promote the Federation, sending the message to prospective members that "We are One" and that they are welcome. I am proudest of the promotional video that was created under my leadership and with my input. The video has been viewed by thousands on social media, and sent to bishops and pastors. I believe such efforts now and in the future will help the ICF grow in both number and influence in our parishes and communities.

If elected, I plan to continue to work on promoting the ICF with new and innovative ways to advertise this great organization. However, I also plan to work to strengthen the ICF from within. Our refurbished Mentor Program, for example, should help strengthen ties between the Central Council, Districts, and Branches, offering support to branches when needed. It is a way to remain as one.

I would like to thank you for all the support over the last two years as I served as Grand President and humbly ask you to elect me to the Central Council again.

PERRY SHURKO
Branch 67, National Branch
Branch 362, Downey



Hello, my name is Perry Shurko and I am running for Central Council. I am a member of Branch 362, St. Raymond in Downey, California

where I serve as the branch president, and I am also serving as the L.A. district president. Apart from Branch 362, I am a member of our National Branch - Branch 67.

Two years ago at the convention in Arizona, I was nominated to fill an empty seat on the central council and have thoroughly enjoyed working and serving with the rest of the committee members to help further the greater good of our organization. Hopefully you've seen my article in the *Bolletino* as I am chairing the Membership Committee, and I also serve on the Task Force, Expansion, and Hospitalization Committees. I was also influential in getting the ICF to be a part of the Religious Education Congress held annually in Anaheim. Attending R.E. Congress as an exhibitor brought more attention to our organization by networking with other groups there who may not have ever heard of the ICF. I would like to continue to serve on the Central Council and help to evangelize and spread the word about the ICF, and to be a representative of the southern part of California.

Thank you for considering me and I pray that the ICF will grow and expand to heights we have not seen.

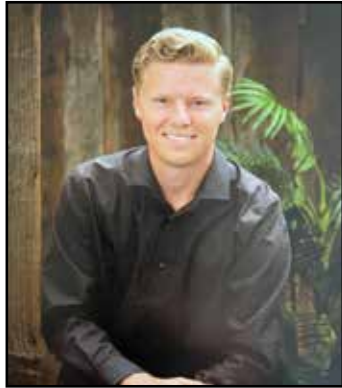


Best Wishes to our 2021 First Year Scholarship Winners

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT



Merek Hall
Central Coast District



Aiden Paul
Br. 21, Santa Cruz



Neil Beach
Br. 25, Salinas



Katherine Louise Hodges
Br. 36, Monterey



Hailey Cognetti
Br. 227, Capitola



Isabella Borgomini
In Memory of Otto Ambiel
Br. 227, Capitola



Brooke Ellsworth
Br. 354, Paso Robles



Lucille Marsalek
Br. 354, Paso Robles

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT



Abigail Hern
In Memory of Marina Ellis
Br. 13, Martinez



Adrianna Heredia
In Memory of David Botta
Br. 14, Crockett



Gianna Lugliani
In Memory of David Botta
Br. 14, Crockett



Claudia Peri
Br. 154, Richmond



Kyle Cristofano
Br. 352, Danville



Kathleen Santich
Br. 352, Danville



Natalie Laiolo
Br. 432, Brentwood

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Anthony Presto
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Pietro Lanzadi Scalea
East Bay District



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Br. 10, Alameda



Blanca Cortes-Herrera
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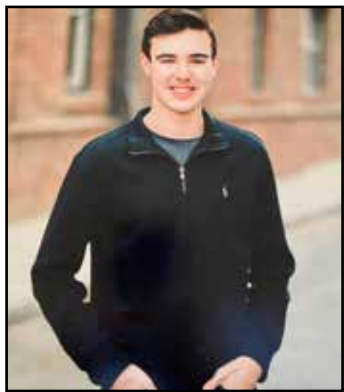
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Br. 27, Madera



Eleanora Grace
Tenyenhuis
Br. 32, Fresno



Jake Rimmer
Br. 33, Bakersfield



Lauren Buttrey
Br. 39, Merced



Katie Hiler
Br. 39, Merced



Alexis Presto
Br. 39, Merced



Lalanie Brace
Br. 54, Gustine



Rylee Grace Knittel
Br. 54, Gustine



Marcus Powe
Br. 250, Clovis



Annabella Piercey
Br. 308, Fresno



Margaret Heathcote
Br. 417, Fresno



Genevieve Marino
Br. 108, South Pasadena



Matthew Ewan Cameron
Br. 111, Montebello



Mia Bella DiCostanzo
Br. 115, San Pedro



Liliana Ruggiero
Br. 115, San Pedro



Matthew Day
Br. 218, Arcadia



Patrick J. Melia
In Memory of Angie Publico
Br. 237, Gardena



Michelle Reilly
Br. 319, Claremont



Alexander Odintsov
Br. 362, Downey



Catherine Galanti
Br. 374, La Canada Flintridge



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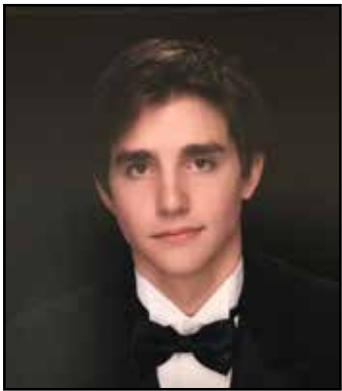


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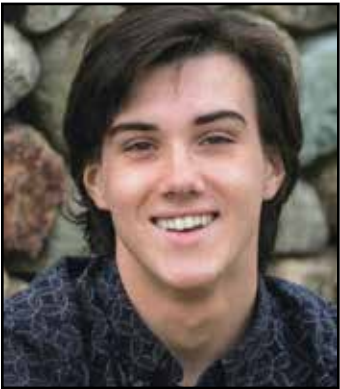
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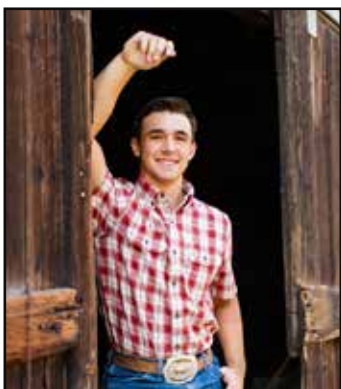
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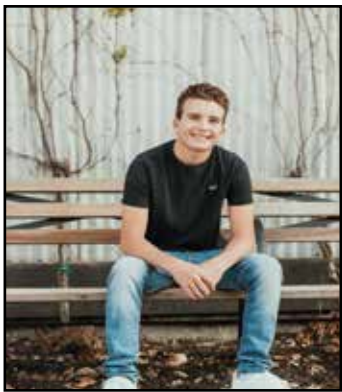


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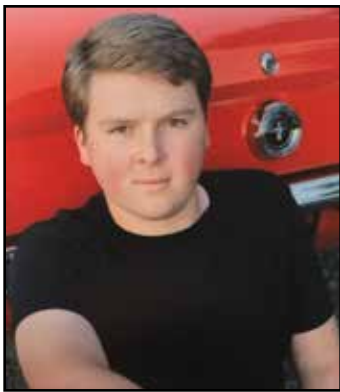
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- Br. 184/Br. 191



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Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432



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The Albert and Rina Brocchini
Family Foundation



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Louise DeTomas - Br. 14



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In Memory of Theresa Dianda
Family and Friends - Br. 91



Olivia Crump
In Memory of Theresa Dianda
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Turner Crump
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Caroline DeSousa
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Family and Friends - Br. 91



Aidan Dooley
In Memory of James F. Dooley
The Dooley Family - Br. 14



Tianah Cecilia Vitorino
In Memoroy of Frank & Helen Scesa
Kathleen Scesa Dorr



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In Memory of Marie Grassilli
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In Memory of Anna Oliva
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Mason Spounias
In Memory of Robert Grassilli
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Larry and Carmen Kilcullen -
Br. 52



Evan Richard Clarke
In Memory of Sal Lipari
Family and Friends - Br. 391



Bryson Crema
In Memory of Sal Lipari
Family and Friends - Br. 391



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Rose Mangini - Br. 50



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In Memory of Theresa Dianda
Jim Muglie - Br. 91



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In Memory of John Orlando
Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21



Olivia Pera
In Memory of Covid 19 Victims
The Risso Family - Br. 7



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In Memory of Nello & Cookie Rossi
Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343



Devin Campbell
In Memory of Robert & Theresa Dianda
Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91



Cordelia Henrie
In Memory of Martin & Rose Santich
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Antonio Aldo Silva
In Memory of Lola & Sam J. Parrinello
Jean & Bob Segale



Olivia Dowling
In Memory of Mary & Bill Segale
The Segale Family



Arianna Topaz Tillman
In Memory of Mary & Bill Segale
The Segale Family



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*Education is not the filling of a
pail, but the lighting of a fire.*

-William Butler Yeats

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

We recently enjoyed our picnic and meeting. We thank Joann Thilgen for being our hostess. She welcomes us every summer and opens up her home and pool. We always have a great time. We had two guests join us. John Lira from the Crockett branch and Jeanne Marzocco from the Brentwood branch. We missed a few members who were unable to make it. Will do this again next summer.

It is almost time for the Convention in Santa Clara. There will be a welcome dinner to start things off. Then the Convention will be held over the Labor Day weekend. Roselynn Jarrett is the Convention Director and has been working on all the details. We thank her and her committee for all they have done and will do to make it a success. We wish the best of luck to Rosemary Cook from our district, she is running for the Central Council. I will be representing our branch as a delegate and will give a report at our next meeting.

Many of you know, we have lost a dear member. Helen Politakes died unexpectedly on July 11. She was found at home and paramedics were called and transported her to the hospital where the doctor said she gone. It was her heart. Helen is a past President of our branch and was our treasurer and financial secretary for years. She was loved by all of us. Rest in peace, Helen. You will be deeply missed.

That is all for this time,

*As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.
Your President and friend.
Patty*

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Happy August, everyone!

Wow, the summer is going by so quickly. Our branch of the ICF is always busy with events and activities. Get out your calendars because there are dates you need to know about.

Hopefully, by now you have turned in your money and Convention raffle ticket stubs to Patty Jarrett. They were due on August 5. You can't win if you don't return the ticket stubs.

We didn't have a meeting in July, but we will this month, on Tuesday, August 17, in the evening. A Hawaiian theme is planned, so please wear your muumuus and your Hawaiian shirts, and I hear there might be Hawaiian pizza. Che storie!!!

Our district picnic this year will be at our site of Christ the King Church, near the amphitheater, on Sunday, August 22. The time is set for 12:30 – 4 p.m.. Members from all eight of the Contra Costa branches will be present. You don't want to miss this! More information will be coming to you shortly.

If you are planning on attending the Convention in Santa Clara on Labor Day weekend, please let our beloved President Diana know ASAP.

Our annual Anniversary Dinner fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 30 in the CTK Parish Hall. Save the date and let your friends and family know. The more, the merrier!

*So now, it's time to wrap it up. Non c'e' altro da dire.
Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,
Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Greetings!

We hope that those of you who are attending Convention are enjoying themselves and learning a lot. I hope we can be back in full force next year. Although things look very different than they have at past conventions, I know that you are making the best of things.

Our board has met a few times over the past few months and we are trying to catch up with things and make plans for later this year. Although things may change due to Covid-19, we are hoping to have a few activities. We really miss being together and would love to see you all in person. Look for updates in future Bollettino articles.

We are very thankful for the support that you have given to our drive through events.

Please continue to pray that this pandemic comes to an end and for the health of our members.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*



Br. 342's recent drive through Appreciation dinner.

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Greetings to all the members of the Santa Rosa District Council.

We will be meeting at St. Eugene's on August 22. All council members are requested to bring snack food or dessert. Hopefully, I can perform my duties as Recording Secretary without too much assistance from Bob or Ken. So glad to finally meet after so many months of isolation. Also, hope to see many members from all the branches present.

*Respectfully yours,
Marilyn Sylvestri*



Br. 342's recent drive through Appreciation dinner.



A fun day was had by everyone at the ICF wine trip sponsored by the Ways and Means committee on Saturday, July 31. The group first visited Saini Vineyards and met the owners, the Saini family. The group then went to Orsi Family Vineyards, where General Manager Teri Roller greeted everyone. After tasting wines, we enjoyed a box lunch from Costeaux Bakery.

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco di Sales

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 14: Monthly Meeting. 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Sunday, September 12: ICF Monthly Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book of raffle tickets. We sold 70 books! This is the most we've ever sold! Branch 52 keeps \$700 from this fundraiser. The drawing will be Sunday, September 5 at the Convention. Here's hoping we have a winner (or two)!



We are planning on holding in-person events, this fall, including our Polenta Dinner on November 13. More details, next month.

*Continue to pray for an end to the virus.
Good luck to our youngest members
heading back to school!
Lauren Kilcullen*

Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Anunciata

This picture of my great granddaughter, Scarlett Grace, reminds me of what our branch needs to do. We need to go fishing for new members!

Our first meeting since Covid-19 closures was productive. The several members who attended dug in to discuss what we could accomplish. Declining numbers and loss of inspiring people meant a change from what has been to what can be. New ideas were presented and tentative goals were set.

I see Faith, Family, Food and Fun to come! We always need to remember what the founding fathers had in mind when The ICF was founded. They came to light a fire of spirit and love in the parishes in which enthusiasm was waning and people were walking away from The Church. We must keep that fire and spirit alive! It's our job!!!

Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Since I am writing this article for August, I still have to mention that July 4th is the date of the founding of the United States. It was cause for celebration this year in particular the lifting of many restrictions. Hopefully those of you who have pets (dogs in particular) remembered to keep them safe from the noise of the fireworks. Don't forget that dog spelled backward is god!

Hopefully and finally our Sonoma #103 will meet in early September. Not expecting a sell-out crowd but decisions have to be made. You are all welcome to join in the fracas. In the meantime, I will verify the date for you in next month's article.

Said our good-bye to Bill Scinto. A lovely ceremony at St. Eugene's coordinated by Fr. Frank Epperson, Sonoma's previous pastor. A lovely lunch followed and the opportunity to visit with members of both my branch and others. The doors have opened at St. Eugene's so let us take advantage of their branches monthly dinners and meetings.

In the meantime I am looking forward to the Santa Rosa District Council Meeting on August 22. Let us all make an effort to attend.

*Until next month,
Marilyn Sylvestri
Br.103 St. Sebastian
Sonoma*

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Br. 75, Scarlet Grace going fishing



Valley Of Hearts Delight Branch 191



Branch 191 Apricot pie?

Arcata Br. 144 , St. Mary

President Linda opened our first indoor meeting in the narthex of the church so that we would abide by social distance rules.

It was announced that Barbara Vanni and Rosemary Melendy will attend the Convention at Santa Clara September 3 -5. Be sure to return your Convention tickets to Elena – remember that our branch gets to keep \$10 for each book sold. A great fund raiser for us.

A committee was formed to nominate Officers for 2022. They are Alfred Eanni, Barbara Vanni and Rosemary Melendy.

A discussion on the importance of increasing our membership and ways to accomplish this were discussed. The survival of our branch depends on accomplishing this increasingly difficult task. Help is needed by every one of our members. Please do your part.

A lengthy discussion was held on the possibility of a Chicken Polenta dinner. It was decided to wait until our February dinner to see how comfortable people, workers and diners, would be at that time. The possibility of a take-out dinner was also discussed.

In September, St. Mary's Church will be celebrating the Jubilee of its dedication. It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years!! Watch for notices in the bulletin.

A happy belated Birthday to our July birthday members and to the August Birthday members. May you celebrate many more!

*Enjoy the Summer - stay active and safe.
Rosemary*

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Eureka Branch 145 resumed in person meetings on August 10th. Plans for the Colivas Scholarship Fund spaghetti fundraiser to be held on October 9th were discussed.

Former Branch member Nick Costanzo passed away in July. Nick and his wife Linda were initiated in October 1988. They were very hard workers and contributed many hours to our branch activities. Linda served as our President from 1993 to 1995.

They built a house in Cottonwood and moved to Shasta County.

Lora and Joel Canzoneri and Joe Bonino attended Italian heritage night at the Humboldt Crabs baseball game on July 9th. Crabs baseball was founded by Lou Bonomini and Ned Barsuglia in 1945 as the Eureka Paladini Crabs. (Named for their original sponsor the Paladini Fish Company.)

Happy August/September birthdays to Bob Renzo, Marian Griffin, Joel Canzoneri, Gene Senestraro, and Josephine Silva!

By Joe Bonino 707-445-5799

San Jose Br. 191, St. Frances Cabrini

Branch 191 will be sending our President, Debbie Piro, as our delegate to the ICF Convention. She has attended many conventions in the past, and looks forward to represent our branch as both our President and delegate.

I spoke with Debbie about this year's convention. She offered some thoughts about her expectations. Debbie is looking forward to seeing the members, family and friends. Yes, the convention has changed, she admits, but her concern is for the safety of our members, and keeping the ICF group together. Her drive is of spiritual nature. She would like to be "spiritually uplifted and revived." Her goal at the end of the convention is to receive that "Ahh Haa Moment" when it all comes together.

She wishes her members to be full of joy and excitement. "I want them as excited as I am. Convention is an uplifting time for every one of us. The theme of ICF..."I have come to light a fire."

Also, Debbie expressed pride in our district being the host of this year's Convention for our branch. "I would like to see attendance from our branch members even if it is just one event. "We need to get out there. We need to be seen."

In closing, Debbie wants to reach out to others. She wishes to return from Convention with a New Heart and A new Spirit. Let us pray that Debbie attains these goals as our delegate.

May we pray for the soul of Geri Bombaci who has passed into the arms of the lord. Geri was our branch "Sunshine Lady" Our prayers are with her husband Bob, and their family.

Shirley Catania, sentinel



Br. 145, Joel and Lora Canzoneri and Joe Bonino enjoy the Humboldt Crabs baseball game on Italian-American Heritage night on July 9th in Arcata, CA



Over 80 members of Merced, Br. 39, gathered together for the first time since March 2020. They met up at nearby beautiful Lake Yosemite for their annual Wiener Roast. Elmer Lorenzi regaled them with his accordion playing.

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Linda Sherman was very pleased to see the attendance at our first meeting in 18 months. The future is bright because we value our faith, our heritage and support our young people through scholarships. Plan to attend our Pizza meeting on September 13th.

While we are not sending a delegate to Convention this year, Life Member Emeritus of the Central Council, Bob Acquistapace, will attend on his own and bring us a report on the Convention business. Thank you, Bob.

Congratulations to our member, Ryan McCalmont, who completed the 2,150-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail. He walked from Georgia to Maine in under four months.

The Santa Rosa District will honor Bishop Robert Vasa on Sunday, September 26th in the Brinker Room at St. Eugene's Cathedral. There will be a brief program from 2:30 to about 3:15 followed by cake and ice cream. Please plan to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are required.

Looking forward to Fall!!!

Ciao, Gail Bongi-Azevedo

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

This month brings our ICF National Convention. Although our branch will not be sending delegates, we send best wishes for a great Convention to those who were able to attend.

As always, behind the scenes, our board members are keeping up with our branch obligations. No meetings are scheduled at this time.

Our branch has lost some wonderful members this past month. On July 8, Tia Polley, wife of Bud Polley and mother of our branch president Pam McAlvain passed away.

Tia and Bud were past recipients of the Santa Rosa District—President's Award. Tia was also our Apostolate chair and set up and decorated for our dinners, always taking time to display the many Apostolate charities our branch supports. She will be truly missed.

On July 7, May Gregory, who was a vibrant member of our branch for over 50 years also passed away. In past years, May could always be counted on to work our fundraisers and bake desserts for our dinners. In recent years her health had been declining.

We also send our condolences to member Chuck Fomasi, whose wife Jeanette passed away this past month.

Please send prayers for all our deceased members and their families. You may also donate in their names to our ICF Scholarship fund to: Lorraine Vannetti, 311 Burlwood Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Also please pray for our sick members, *especially Charlie Wallin.*
Have a safe Labor Day,
Sharon Vannetti

FRESNO

Madera

Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

Greetings to all members!

There is no doubt that 2020 and 2021 have been unusual years in so many ways! Through all of the extraordinary events that occurred, we continue to enjoy God's countless blessings as citizens of the United States of America.

During this time, our ICF branch has been faithfully tended to by our officers and board of directors. They quickly adopted different ways of conducting business and activities, in order to keep our club alive and well in pursuit of our ICF mission. The following deserve our thanks and gratitude for their many efforts: Rosemary Janis, President, Kerin Cavallero, Vice President, Cari Beveridge, Recording Secretary, Carol

Espinola, Treasurer, Father James Catalano, Chaplain, and Trustees Jim Cavallero, Ann Rolan, and Jim Espinola.

On June 10th, members met at Edgar's restaurant for the presentation of the 2021 scholarship award. Congratulations to Trevor Massetti, who received the scholarship. Trevor is the grandson of our members Jim and Joan Massetti.

Please keep October 17th on your calendars for the 90th anniversary celebration of our ICF Branch. More details will be coming soon about this special commemoration of our history.

Blessings to all as we enter the final month of summer!

Mary Keitz

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

It was a joy to attend our Wiener Roast at Lake Yosemite. It was a joy to see members greet one another after months and months of isolation. It was a joy to watch the children explore together along the water's edge. It was a joy to march in the Cake Walk and win a dessert.

It was a joy to eat the delicious BBQ, farm-fresh vegetables, salads and baked beans thanks to our veteran chair, Bob Tyler, and his expert crew. It was a joy to receive an old-fashioned ice cream sandwich from Maryellen Mazzei. Ultimately, it was a joy to realize the importance and impact of friends, family, and members being in our lives. We thank God for their place in our hearts.

We congratulate Natalie Descalso, daughter of George and Mary Lou Descalso, and granddaughter of Nettie Descalso, who graduated magna cum laude from St. Francis High School in Mountain View. She will attend Ithaca College in New York. She received a first-year scholarship from the Central Council.

We hope to see you at our August and September dinner meetings. Join us Wednesday, September 8. 5 p.m. Social Hour. 6 p.m. Dinner. 6:45 p.m. Meeting.

We pray for a successful 2021 Convention presided by our own Vince Piro. Thank you, Vince, for helping our organization during this unprecedented global event. We look forward to seeing you and Robyn at our monthly dinner meetings.

Did I mention it was a joy to go to our Wiener Roast at the Lake?

Goditi la vita al massimo! È troppo breve per fare diversamente. Enjoy life to the fullest! It's too short to do otherwise.

Stephanie Lucich



Here is Forest, member of Merced Branch 39, son of Toby and Ashley Slusher, grandson of former branch president, Terrie Rhodes, and great nephew of Grand President Vince Piro and Robyn. Forest was at Sam's Italian Market in Fresno for the first time in almost 2 years. He couldn't decide what pasta to get so he spread his arms and said, "Let's get all of them!" Our typical Italian boy. Gotta love them.



Sanger Br. 70, Sant' Antonio

Greetings from Branch 70

Branch 70 has donated three scholarships to students from Sanger High School this year. Jesus Varga, Jessica Nova and Alex Ortez all received a \$500.00 check to help with their college education. I am happy to report that they are all very deserving students and we give them our congratulations.

Our members are all doing well. We are looking forward to the possibility of attending our first meeting in person in over a year and a half. It is tentatively scheduled for September and everyone agrees it will be wonderful to return to a normal schedule.

We also would like to send our congratulations to Leonard and Betty Zasoski along with Allen and Crystal Watts on the birth of their shared new and handsome grandson.

*Stay cool and God Bless to all.
Ciao
Orsolina Casella*



Central Coast District Board Meeting



Br. 36 Initiation, We wishes you continue good health and more fun times ahead . Congratulations!!!

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

By this time, you should have received Convention tickets to sell, so please be sure to sell or buy them. Our Branch retains half of the proceeds.

Happy Birthday greetings to Flora DePasquale, Doug Duke, Angelo Lavagnino, Betty Massa, Sharon Rainaldi, Chris Spatafore, and Glenn Vietti.

Some ICF history: Co-founder Fr. Bandini was born in Florence, Italy, and Luigi Providenza was born in Chiavari of the province of Genoa. For his dedication, Luigi was honored by the Vatican, with the Knighthood of St. Gregory in 1963 and the Malta Cross of Valor in 1978.

Question: How do you prevent someone from stealing your bagels? Answer: You put lox on them.

Did you know? Italians suffer more earthquakes than any other country.

Reminder: You can attend the annual Convention as a non-delegate. It will be held in Santa Clara September 3-5. The cost is out of pocket. For more info, call Jeanette Shriver or the Central Office at (888)423-1924.

As Jesus entered a village, numerous residents told him about the local house painter who was well known for his sinful ways, so Jesus walked up to him and declared, "REPAINT and sin no more!!"

Please pray for Pope Francis for a full recovery from his recent surgery, and for all who suffer from illness, abuse and oppression of any sort.

Message of the month: "I will go peacefully and firmly to the Catholic Church; for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith began. Seek it among those who received it from God himself" (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).

Ciao, Angelo Lavagnino

Bakersfield Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Even though Branch 281 has not had any formal activities or meetings in many months the bonds we have towards fellow members and their families remain strong. We look forward to future gatherings and continue to keep all those who have suffered losses whether they be physical, emotional or financial due to COVID in our prayers. We also ask for blessings on all those who attend this year's ICF Convention in Santa Clara California September 3-5th. If not attending we are happy at least hearing from the delegates chosen to go to the convention. More so this year after missing the in person one last year.

*Take care and stay safe!
Theresa Amarante*

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CENTRAL COAST District Council

Central Coast District had a Board meeting on June 26, 2021. District President were invited to attend. Board meeting was conducted by Julie Richard's Central Coast President.

Congratulations to Merek Hall from Templeton High School who received a \$400.00 First year scholarship from Central Council.

Congratulations to Eddie Leonard who was appointed as Central Coast 1st Vice President and to Bella Leonard who was appointed as Central Coast Sentinel.

October 23, 2021 Bishop's Day will be hosted by Branch 227 Capitola. More information to follow.

Closing prayer conducted by Kevin Cortopassi. Central Coast Orator.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine,
Recording Secretary
Central Coast District*

Santa Cruz Br. 21, Nostra Signora del Soccorso

It's Convention time and this year it will be in Santa Clara. Each branch can send only one delegate and our president Rebecca Hernandez will represent Branch 21. Thank you, Rebecca! Anyone interested in doing a day trip to

the Convention as an observer, please let Roseann Costabile know.

Since things are opening up more, our branch is planning to hold the first post-Covid General Meeting in person at Holy Cross Hall on September 7th at 4 p.m.. Hooray! It will be simple, but at least we can all reunite and visit. Also, we are planning a Memorial Mass in November and the annual Christmas party in December. Things are looking up!

It is time to nominate new officers and any suggestions or persons interested in a position, please contact Roseann Costabile. We have, as always, a wonderful crew but change and new faces can be nice, too.

Upcoming birthdays for August are: Teresa Basile, Amanda Danner, Ray Fambrini, Leon Gregory, Dianna Petrolino, and Adele Tuiolosega.

And birthdays for September are: Joe Aliberti, Carlos DeLara, Vince Lieggi, Helen Pera, Martha Oneto, Elaina Shanks, Fran Slebir and Ester Wilson.

Hans Selye once wrote: "If you want to live a long life, focus on making contributions." All the above folks certainly have done that. Happy birthday, Tutti!

Finally, it is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of Norma Quilici. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Paul and his family. Norma was a sweet and faithful supporter of Branch 21. She will be missed.

*God bless and stay healthy.
Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21*

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Wishing you a blessed Summer. "My Presence will go with you, and I will give your rest," Exodus 33:14.

On July 15th, we celebrated our 90th Anniversary and Initiation. We had 200 members and guests who enjoyed a three-course dinner. Honored guests: Andy Pappani, Past Grand President; Franklyn Lopes, Grand Treasurer; Dante Galeazzi, Central Council Scholarship Chairman; Rosa Radicchi, Central Coast District Treasurer & Elaine Valentine, Central Coast District Secretary.

Josephine Mercurio and Ann Troia were each given one dozen red roses for being members of Branch 36 for 44 years.

Joe LoManto, President, conducted the business meeting and Initiation. We had 44 new members initiated. Andy Pappani, Past Grand President, presented Branch 36 a certificate and a donation for our 90th Anniversary.

Congratulations to Theresa Peterson who won the \$75 raffle. All members & guests enjoyed being together, as our last dinner meeting was 18 months ago.

Congratulations to Joe LoManto, Ed Leonard, Bella Leonard, and Elaine Valentine for being our delegates for the ICF Convention. This year the convention will be held at the Santa Clara Marriott's. Congratulations to all the candidates running for Central Council positions.



Br. 36, Joe LoManto - Andy Pappani



Br. 36, Kitchen crew

Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina da Siena

Happy August everyone!

I would like to begin by asking for prayers for board member Vera Doris's sister-in-law, Mary Jane Howard, as well as her family during this difficult time.

Please keep a look out for emails or text messages from our branch president, Cindy Stefani, for upcoming events, meeting information, as well as future basket drawings. And congratulations to Pat Stefani who won the summer basket drawing!

Lastly, a big "Happy Birthday!" to our August babies: members Stefani Cortopassi, Joseph Huynh, Pat Stefani, and Gepke Strobel!

I'd like to end this month's entry with a prayer for students and teachers beginning the school year:

We pray for all students in our community. Thank you for their curiosity, hope, and kindness. We pray for all teachers. Thank you for giving them dedication, experience, and insight. Continually guide and bless all parents, families, and our communities throughout this year. Amen.

Until next time, Natalie Carbonel

Capitola Br. 227, St. Joseph

Members were happy to get together at the picnic at DeLaveaga Park in July. Many thanks to all those who helped: Ken Olson and Rick Kotila, the barbecuers along with the Olson grandsons; Dottie Smith for taking the reservations; Vicky Howell and Nancy Prevedelli who conducted the raffle; Jane Kotila for purchasing the food and setting up; Ken and Loretta Reaves for picking up items from the hall and barbecuing; Heidi Ambiel for prep work with watermelon and salad; Bob and Mary Montonye, who came all the way from Visalia, for food prep and barbecuing. Thanks also to Dolores McCartney who surprised the members with three different flavors of ice cream for dessert. Lastly, thanks to everyone who brought raffle prizes. The raffle was fun and the proceeds helped our treasury.

Best wishes to the delegates for a successful Annual Convention. Our branch President, Franklyn Lopes, who is Grand Treasurer to the Central Council, is up for re-election. He devotes a great deal of energy and time to ICF and we are grateful for that.

Planning is coming along nicely for Bishop's Day on October 23. You will

receive more information as the date grows closer, but as a heads up, members will be asked to bring appetizers and raffle prizes.

For you soccer fans: Hasn't it been exciting to follow Italy's team, the Azzurri, who won the Euro 2020 championship in July. Their name Azzurri is for the color of their uniforms. And Santa Cruzans might be interested to know that there is a Locatelli on the team.

Deanna Musler, Secretary



Br. 227, The Richard Robinson Memorial Scholarship awardee: From left to right: Chairperson Vicki Howell, Awardee Mateo Mora Solick, mother Emily Solick, father Ricardo Mora

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 will be represented by Delegate Keely Sanchez at the ICF National Convention in Santa Clara, CA. Keely is excited to represent Br. 291 and looks forward to all the convention festivities, plus visiting with other delegates from around the state and country!

At the July General Membership Meeting, we discussed the possibility of holding a Fall Fundraiser; however, we're not sure what the future holds with the rising cases of the Delta virus, so we will revisit this fundraising opportunity at a future meeting. We are definitely planning to hold our Lenten Fish Frys next spring!

We are moving forward with planning our Christmas luncheon at the Madonna Inn on December 5th. We will have new entertainment this year provided by Fr. Maseo's El Padrecito Ministries Folklorico dancers. The dancers are comprised of local youth who entertain audiences with their beautiful costumes and traditional Mexican dances. We may also have a special guest appearance by Fr. Maseo, who sings hip hop music, including his special version of "Drummer Boy."

Br. 291 sends our prayers for all Officers, Delegates and guests to enjoy a very successful, informative, fun and safe ICF Convention this Labor Day weekend!

Ciao!
Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary

SAN JOSE SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

The convention is a go! It gladdens me to know that many members aware that life must get back to normal and start resuming activities once again. One event that should be on your calendar is the Thursday, Sept. 2 Tailgate dinner. This promises to be a fun dinner especially that attendees are asked to wear their favorite Sports Team Shirt. Thanks to all the members that decided to come to the convention. Now just relax and enjoy what the host Santa Clara Valley District has planned.

Two successful branch events took place in July. ICF Branch 368 had a Take-out Rib Dinner on July 4. Some

160 dinners were served. Many compliments were received. Then ICF Branch 435 had a Steak BBQ on July 15 at Guglielmo Winery. A wonderful meal was enjoyed and in a beautiful setting. I cite these two events to note that we are getting back to business as usual. We have the SCVD picnic planned for Sept 19 and who knows what the other branches are working on?

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.

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Branch 28 had our first group in person get together in over a year on July 18th with a branch picnic at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy. Members enjoyed a complimentary hot dog and hamburger barbecue with assorted side dishes and dessert. A great way to get together again and hopefully get back on track to regular dinner meetings and our charitable fundraising events. Thanks to President Joe Fortino, 1st Vice President Vince Saso and 2nd Vice President Roy Shackel for handling the barbecue duties.

Our first regular dinner is tentatively scheduled for September 20th 2021 in Cullen Hall at St. Mary Parish. Confirmation and coordination of our event dates with St. Mary Parish is being handled by President Joe Fortino and Treasurer Pat Cordich and with the Lord's help and guidance hopefully the path will be clear and smooth.

Thank you to all members who participated in the raffle ticket sales. This fundraiser is important to our charitable fundraising endeavors since half the revenue stays with Branch 28.



Br. 28 - Patricia Cordich imparting some sage advice to granddaughter Isabella as to when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em at the July 18th Branch 28 picnic.



Br. 28 - Louie Cordich left, and John Filice right, enjoying each other's in person company for the first time in a long time at the July 18th Branch 28 picnic.



Br. 28 - Diana Berry left, and sister Jenelle right who was visiting from Texas at the July 18th Branch 28 picnic



Br. 28 - Vince Saso right, taking a break from cooking duties to pose with lovely wife Rita at the July 18th Branch 28 picnic

Maybe you will be a winner just as Br. 28 members Roger and Kathy Santos who won 3rd prize of \$1500.00 in 2020. Drawing is on September 5th 2021 at the National Convention.

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. If there has been any changes please notify Kim Filice at (408) 842-6561 or email Kimfilice@charter.net to update the changes.

Thank you to all members who stayed the course this past year and kept Br. 28 membership stable. It is deeply appreciated.

*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*

Los Gatos Br. 184, St. Mary

WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY! We are so happy to be able to host you. If you need anything just ask and we'll do our best to help you out. Thanks in advance for being a part of this "Getting Back Together" and you being here with us makes it even more special.

This has been a year and a half of change for all of us. St. Mary's lost our Father Rick and Father Daniel and welcomed Father Gregory Kimm and Father Gabriel Lee. We also said goodbye to two of our longtime members Bob Cowan and Dom Norcia. Dom was a past president and Bob was one of our lead cooks, both are truly missed. We also are saying good-bye to Eileen Fritsch and her hubby who are moving to San Diego to be closer to her grandchildren. She has been a great asset to our Branch, District, and the Federation as a whole with her leadership in the Gift of Life organization. Thanks Eileen and may you have a safe move!

I will be having our meetings at different locations and times to see what works out best for us. So, watch your e-mails for the upcoming events! Remember, our District is having a picnic at Vasona Circle area on September 19, 2021. We will have Mass and lunch will either be catered or maybe will have a food truck...still working on the details.

*Possa il Signore benedirvi tutti,
Denise Antonowicz, President*

San Jose Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

How thankful we are to be able to be with our family and friends. May the pandemic continue to be controlled, claiming fewer and fewer lives.

We hope to see you at Convention at Sunday Mass, which Father George will be celebrating. John will be selling his famous crosses that weekend and donating the proceeds. Thank you, John!

Our Fourth of July Rib Dinner was a huge success, providing 160 pick-up meals and going off with an appropriate Fourth of July bang. We are blessed to have wonderful ICF members who gave up their time on Saturday and Sunday to help with this fundraiser. Because of all of them we will be able to continue to help fund Santa Teresa projects, ICF scholarships, and our various charities. We thank you all.

Our tireless chairpersons Bill Greco, Maria Greco, and John Gillio deserve a special thank you. We greatly appreciate their leadership, experience, many hours of work, and spectacular cooking skills. Bill Greco, also chair of our scholarship fund, contributes enthusiasm, ideas, and caring to our branch. Thank you, Bill, Maria, and John.

We were saddened to hear that on June 30 Joe Danko passed away. He and Marion had been looking forward to celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. We pray for the family, especially for Marion.

Judy Janini is doing very well in Mesa, Arizona, where she lives near her daughter Gina. Judy and her husband John were branch members from our earliest days.

*May you stay safe,
Judy Zahn*



San Jose

Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Branch 391 gathered in St. Martin's School yard in July for our annual barbecue picnic, where over 60 members enjoyed hotdogs, beans, watermelon, biscotti and drinks. Thank you, Steve, Cathleen and TJ Lencioni, for preparing and hosting this annual summer gathering. Also, thank you to those volunteers who made this a successful event—from those who setup and cleaned up, sold tickets, and served our meal to those who served on the phone committee. It was wonderful seeing our members after so many months away due to Covid-19.

Congratulations to the 2021 ICF Grand President award winners, Al and Diana Vallorz, for their recognition as great ICF members. They received their award during the Convention in Santa Clara in early September. We are so proud to have them as members, and we continue to thank them for their generous support.

First Vice President Marcie Rossi represented Branch 391 at this year's Convention and President Mike Rossi attended as a Central Council delegate.

Our ICF quarterly "in-person" mass was held at St. Martin's Church on September 5, at the 11:30 a.m. mass, where we were able to pray together and honor the deceased members of ICF Branch 391.

Hopefully we will be able to meet in the future, and we pray that all stay safe and healthy.

Mike Rossi and Central Patellaro



Server TJ Lencioni, Branch 391 Summer Barbecue



Cathleen Lencioni hosting Branch 391 Annual Summer Barbecue



Branch 391 Members enjoying Outdoor Annual Summer Barbecue



Servers Joe DeMaria and Steve Lencioni, Branch 391 Summer Barbecue

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Are you ready for the ICF Convention!

Our Convention Protocols will be firmed upon July 12th in a Business Meeting with the Marriot Staff - More to follow.

This year our Annual ICF Convention will held right here in Santa Clara. The Convention will be hosted over the 3-5 September 2021 (Labor Day Weekend) at the Great America Marriott Facility. Patricia Look will be our Branch Delegate to the Convention this year. Please consider attending the Bishop's Mass on Sunday 5 September at 11 a.m. Bishop Cantu has agreed to Celebrate this mass with us.

Our next Blood Drive will be held 19th September from 8 – 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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!

We look forward the August 15th Review of COVID Protocols will we hope result in more chance to gather and meet as a Community!

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

Morgan Hill Br. 435, St. Catherine of Alexandria

We're already into the dog days of summer. I often wondered what that meant so I looked it up. The phrase refers to the fact that, during this time, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius,

the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. They referred to this time as dies caniculares, or dog days. Now you know.

Some things are moving along. We don't have to make reservations for mass anymore, and we don't have to wear a mask if we are fully vaccinated. We can sing along or not depending on your vocal aptitude and/or if you know the words and music without a hymnal (those are still not available). But some things are still in limbo. Unfortunately, we are not able to utilize our parish center for our monthly dinner meetings as there are some regulations from the Diocese that cannot be met under the current conditions. But I'm sure as things become safer, there will be some changes. Stay tuned.

As I am writing this we are expecting the temperature to reach 102 degrees today in Morgan Hill. The drought is in full swing in the West and the East is drowning in tropical storms. We could use a little evening out.

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

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our member Loretta Miller. We will always be thankful for her friendship, smiles, caring nature and willingness to help with many of our Branch events. We will truly miss her. May you RIP dear Loretta.

Ongoing thanks to our members who support our Sandwich Ministry by volunteering their time. The 120 assembled

sack lunches per week for the homeless are much more than food. As described by Outreach leader Bill Perry, they are a 'Gift of Presence' to the needy in our community letting them know that someone is thinking about them.

Our continued prayers for Sam Morocco, Karen Fierravanti and Janice Jones as they deal with health issues.

Many of us are still reminiscing about our summer social event. It was great fun and we are hoping to schedule another outdoor get together soon.

In Italy, August 15th 'Ferragosto' marked the beginning of Italy's most famous summer holiday period. We hope that some of you also enjoyed a little of the August 'dolce far niente' ... sweet doing nothing time.

A reminder to members who were given ICF Annual Convention Raffle Tickets to sell: the money & ticket stubs are due back to Jim Falcone by mid August. Our branch receives \$10 for each book of tickets sold! Thank you for your support and wishing you luck in the raffle!

Happy August Birthday wishes to Karen Fierravanti, Madelyn Scocca, Joe Adragna and Phil Lang ... September wishes to Janie Falcone, Marie Adragna, Kathy Samaripa and Reyne Rafoth. Tanti Auguri a tutti voi!

*Until next month - stay safe and well ;-)
Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*



Br. 445, Summer Luncheon



Br. 445, 'In Person' Friendship

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Br. 445 Summer Luncheon



Br. 445 Greetings from Fr. Chris Bennett



Br. 445 Menu Decisions



Br. 82 June Blood Donor Member Tony Vac-



Br. 82 June Blood Donor Member Patty Litts



St Anne's: Br.82 June Blood Drive Member Volunteers Julia Baumbach, Pat Martinelli (also donor), and Chris Whiting

STOCKTON

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We are trying to plan for the rest of the year as to what we can do. We will be having our Stockton District Picnic following the guidelines that apply. It will be great to be able to meet with friends we haven't seen for a while.

We will be going to the Convention. There have been quite a few changes that had to be made so that we could have the Convention. The one big change that I did not pay attention to was that the Convention will end on Sunday and the order of events that take place has change. I need to read more carefully and not assume the order of events are the same as usual. I am sure with the changes it will be a great Convention.

We are waiting to see if we will be allowed to have our Bake Sale in October which is our biggest fundraiser. We are also looking at other options that are within the rules of selling food.

It will be great see you at the Convention. It will be different this year but just the fact that we can get together again will be great.

Take care, travel safe and we will see you at the Convention.

*Stay healthy and safe.
Cecelia McGhee*

Paul Ratto's Heritage Provisions/Waterloo Gun & Bocce Club, donors of desserts and prizes, and our members who gave of their time and talents to make this event possible. Grazie, grazie!!

After a summer break, our member meetings resumed Aug. 24th with an ice cream social which was very refreshing on a warm evening. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month. Next one is Sept. 28th!

*Ci vediamo dopo...
Patty Litts, President*

Manteca

Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Our annual Branch picnic, held last month on the grounds of the Cunial home, attended by nearly 40 members and families, was a great success.

A delicious steak, barbecued under the supervision of Chef Tony Queirolo, was served along with a variety of salads. Tasty desserts followed.

The yearly bocce tournament, with heavy competition, was finally won by the Galeazzi brothers, Dante and Marco.

Plans for attending the Grand Convention are ongoing. President Jim Alfieri and wife Colleen will be representing Branch 139.

*Ciao,
Mariano*

Lodi

Br. 82, St. Anne's

Salve, ICF famiglia!

Although Sept. 22nd is the official end of summer, school starting early August in Lodi, has ended the 'fun in the sun' season for most of us. Hope you had a chance to get out and about to vacation at your favorite places.

Our June Blood Drive was a success due to those who donated a Gift of Life, Children's Hospital of LA and Laurice Levine for sending items for our donor gift bags, and our volunteers. Thank you Tony, Patty, Amanda, Chris, Julia, Elisa, and Pat! Also, a big shout out to Laurice! She attended our May meeting, through Zoom, and shared information about Thalassemia, as well as her personal story living with this life-threatening condition.

Be on the lookout in the next Bollettino issue for photos of our Bocce Dinner Fundraiser which was Aug. 8th at the Waterloo Gun & Bocce Club. All had an enjoyable afternoon playing bocce, bidding on silent auction desserts and prizes, participating in a 50/50 raffle, and feasting on un delizioso pasto italiano. We appreciate the generosity of attendees,



Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

We have a Fourth of July Parade in Tracy every year. Two years ago, we participated in the parade for the first time. We were trying to get people to know about us and maybe join us. There was no parade last year, Covid-19. Stephen & Anita Ridolfi had the opportunity to enter this year. Here is a picture of Anita Ridolfi, Br. 390 president and Stephen before the parade. They played Italian music and threw candy from the car. Maybe next year we can get a bigger group and some more pictures.

We served 190 Italian roasted chicken dinners at our last take-out dinner night and so many diners asked if we could do these more often because they love them! We are going to help at the St. Bernard's Festival the third weekend in September. Check your church bulletin or online bulletin for details about times and dates. Mike Bacchetti and his fabulous crew are tabbed for the event so you know you will not be able to pass up those dinners!

We are happy Convention will be happening again this year. Attending on our behalf will be Steve and Anita Ridolfi. Members please be sure to turn in your Convention tickets as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your continued support.

Another thank you goes out to Gail Gabbart for her kind donation to our branch.

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch through pictures on our Website: www.icfbranch390.org. A NEW added attraction is the HERITAGE section - those of us who have stories and photos of our ancestors are highlighted. If you haven't sent Steve yours yet, send them please! The branch newsletter would love to hear from you!

*Stay healthy, happy and safe,
Betty Hollars*

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

This August is much brighter than last year. We are back to holding our monthly meetings at Presentation, our Stockton District gets to hold our annual picnic and we are getting ready to send delegates to convention. It is exciting to have some normalcy again, isn't it? We still face challenges, but our faith and our willingness to persevere will continue to get us through this.

Always a positive are our scholarship winners. We are thrilled to announce our branch's first year winner, Savannah Monaco.



Br. 379, St. Bonaventure enjoyed the July meeting in person.



Anita Ridolfi, Br. 390 president and Stephen before the parade.



She will be attending UC Davis and majoring in Managerial Business Economics. This year we also

have two fourth year recipients, Elliot Fry and Emylia De Luca. Bravi, and congratulations to all. We pray that this coming school year will be a safe one for all of you.

Branch 395 wants to wish everyone a wonderful convention!

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*



Br. 395, First Year Scholarship winner Savannah Monaco Branch

ORANGE Huntington Beach Br. 379, St. Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure enjoyed the July meeting in person. We welcomed 3 new members, Annie Radzicki, Susan Rossi and Kathy Stanfield to our branch this month. We are preparing for our annual beach party on August 1, after Mass coffee ministry August 8 and the ICF Convention in September.

Some of us went to Los Angeles to St. Peter's Italian Mass and fellowship afterwards with cappuccino, espresso and birra Peroni.

Buon estate belli !



Life Tribute
CAVALIERE LIANA
GIOVANNINI FIGONE
 Branch 50, Santo Stefano - San Francisco
 May 14, 1931 – July 22, 2021

Born on May 14, 1931 in San Francisco, Liana passed away peacefully on July 22, 2021 at the age of 90.

Liana was born to the late Giuseppe and Gemma (Franceschi) Giovannini. Growing up in North Beach, she attended Notre Dame des Victoires School and Presentation High School before receiving her bachelor's degree from Hastings Law School in San Francisco.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Aldo P. Figone. She is survived by her loving sons Peter Joseph, Joseph Enrico (Linda Kreamier) and Frank Joseph, her daughter-in-law Christine Tribolet Figone, her granddaughters, Francesca Figone and Sofia Figone; Cousins Lola Manzella, Linda Giovannini, Christian Giovannini and Carlino Giovannini.

She is preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Robert R. Figone and survived by her sister-in-law, Liana T. Figone. Loving Aunt to Jeffrey, Gina, Barbara, and Christopher.

Liana joined ICF Br. 50 in 1963. She held many offices during the years and she was awarded the 2011 Grand President's Award at the Convention in Foster City. She was a dedicated member of the ICF and gave her heart and soul to all the work she did for the organization.

For more than 60 years Liana Giovannini Figone has served the Italian Catholic Federation through her leadership and example. She was well known and regarded for her service and dedication to the ICF, to other agencies and committees, and to the Italian community.



At the branch level, Liana with the officers, has worked to ensure the continuation of Branch 50 in San Francisco as an active branch within the Federation.

Liana served as President of the San Francisco District for 4 years and was Branch President at least 30 times over the years. Liana has also been the Branch 50 correspondent for the Bollettino for 30 years.

In addition, Liana has served the St. Vincent de Paul parish at fundraisers and on the parish council. She served as a lector for Fr. Efrem's Italian masses. Her late husband, Aldo, and Liana organized the District Chaplain's mass and dinner celebration for many years.

Liana's work was not just noticed by the ICF when she won the 2011 Grand President Award. In 1976, the Italian government awarded Liana the title "Cavalieri della Stella Solidarity" for her service to the Italian community.

Liana Giovannini Figone will be missed. She was a valued member of the Italian American community



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10th Annual ICF Convention
Blood Drive

Friday, September 3rd 11am-4pm
 at the Convention Hotel

Snacks~~Prizes~~Raffle

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We must have 40 SIGN-UPS in advance to run the drive!

To Reserve a spot please Contact:

Laurice Levine

LLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023



Life Tribute

STEVEN J. DROBECK
 Branch 362, St. Raymond - Downey--May 20, 1950 – May 20, 2021

A native Californian, Steve Drobeck spent 70 years in Downey. Steve learned locksmithing skills while he was in junior high as he and his brother worked for their father at Gene's Lock Service. He joined the US Navy in 1970, where he honorably served our country during the Vietnam War. He did 2 tours aboard the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier in the China Seas, just



off the coast of Vietnam. In 1973, he returned home and resumed working at the family business with his dad while serving one more year in the Navy's active reserves. In 1981, he opened his own business, Steve's Lock Service. Steve was a third generation locksmith and worked hard to earn a good reputation in the city of Downey and surrounding areas for 40 years. Over the years he trained many people who became like family to him.

Steve was a hard working locksmith by trade but willingly volunteered a tremendous amount of his time to charity work and never missed an opportunity to help others. An active member of St. Raymond Catholic Church, he gave much of his time to the church and the ICF, Br. 362 at St. Raymond. During

his 38 years with ICF, he held several offices and was deputy to Br. 108 So Pasadena. He never missed a chance to raise monies to help others. Even though he was not of Italian descent, he became a "true Italian" when in he married into a big Italian family in 1975. The ICF became "the icing on the cake"! He dearly loved the organization and never missed an opportunity to participate in in every way he could.



At Christmastime, Steve was known to many as "Santa" when he spent countless hours bringing holiday cheer to children and adults alike. His first appearance was in 1983 at a family gathering and "Santa" could be seen at "Santa's Candy Cottage" on the corner of Horley and Hondo Avenues. The Drobeck home became a "must do" Christmas outing for hundreds of families. "Santa" could also be seen at many other community and charitable events throughout the years. One of the highlights was when he was asked to appear for the Cooley's Anemia Christmas party at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. He dearly loved this event and looked forward to it all year long.

Steven "Santa" Drobek will be missed. He was a cherished member of the ICF community.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
90TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
2021 SANTA CLARA "WE ARE ONE"

THURSDAY**September 2, 2021****6pm**

Kickoff Tailgate – Welcome Dinner
 Presented by The Santa Clara Valley District

St. Clare's Church

FRIDAY**September 3, 2021****11am-4:00pm**

Blood Drive
 Presented by The Live to Give Committee

Salon 4

11am-7pm

The Marketplace
 Presented by The Santa Clara Valley District

Salons 2-3

2pm-3:30pm

Convention Registration
 Delegates and Non-Delegates

California Registration Desk

3pm-5pm

Bingo
 Presented by The Ways and Means Committee

Sedona Room

5pm-6:30pm

Convention Registration
 Delegates and Non-Delegates

California Registration Desk

5:30pm-6:15pm

New Delegate Orientation
 Presented by Grand 1st Vice President Deborah
 Rodondi and Grand 2nd Vice President Denise
 Antonowicz

Sedona Room

6:30pm-9:30pm

Dinner Reception and Official Opening

Salons 5-9

Meet the Candidates at 6:30pm
 Dinner (by assigned seating) at 7pm
 Doors open for non-dinner attendees at 8pm
 (separate seating) to attend the Opening
 Ceremonies

•Call to Order:

Roselynn Jarrett, Convention Director

•Master of Ceremonies:

Perry Shurko, Central Council Member

•Opening Prayer

Reverend George Aranha, Diocesan Chaplain
 Diocese of San Jose

•National Anthem

Karen Rossi, Former First Lady

•Presentation of the Central Council

Grand President and First Lady:
 Vincent and Robyn Piro

•Welcome from the Host District President

Robert Basuino Sr., Past Grand President of
 the Central Council

•Greeting from the Grand President

Vincent Piro

•Roll Call of Districts

•National Charity Presentation

•Response

Dr. Thomas Coates
 Children's Hospital Los Angeles

•Closing Prayer

Reverend Christopher Bennett, Chaplain
 Branch 445, San Jose

•Federation Anthem "Noi Vogliam Dio"

Karen Rossi, Former First Lady

- Response
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SATURDAY September 4, 2021

7am-8:15am	No-host Breakfast	
8am-8:30am	Convention Registration Delegates and Non-Delegates	California Registration Desk
9am-2pm	The Marketplace	Salons 2-3
8:30am-9:45am	Membership Workshop Presented by The Membership Committee (By assigned seating)	Salons 5-9
10am-11:15am	Open Forum Presented by The Executive Committee (By assigned seating)	Salons 5-9
11:15am-12:30pm	No-host Lunch	
11:30am-12:30pm	Chaplain's Luncheon	Location To Be Announced
1pm-4pm	Convention General Session (By assigned seating) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Opening Prayer •Introduction of Central Council, Clergy, Staff and Local Committee •Grand President's Award Presentation to Al and Diana Vallorz, Branch 391, San Jose •Family of the Year Award Presentation to The Bozzo Family, Branch 28, Gilroy •Adoption of Rules and Regulations •Credentials Committee Report •Welcome First Time Delegates and New Branches •Approval of Grand Treasurer's Report •Resolutions and Communications •Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostolate/Charity Membership Scholarship Heritage •Charitable Donations to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund and Scholarships •Speeches of Central Council Candidates •Convention Site Report •Attendance Drawing •Closing Prayer •Adjournment 	Salons 5-9

6:45pm-9:30pm	Saintly Saturday Banquet	Salons 5-9
	6:45pm No-host Cocktails 7:15pm Assigned Seating 7:30pm Banquet	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Welcome Robert Basuino, Sr. Santa Clara Valley District President•Master of Ceremonies Steven Fuentes, Life Member and Past Grand President of the Central Council•Invocation Reverend George Aranha, Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of San Jose•Remarks Local Dignitaries•Presentation of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Vincent Piro, Grand President•Response from Recipient Reverend Greg Boyle•Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award Vincent Piro, Grand President•Response from Recipient Peter Stiehler•Closing Prayer• “God Bless America” Karen Rossi, Former First Lady	
SUNDAY	September 5, 2021	
8:30am-10am	Central Council Meeting and Breakfast	Prospector
9am-10am	No-host Breakfast	
10am-1:30pm	Clergy Vesting Room	Salon E
11am-1pm	Concelebrated Mass and Installation of Officers	Grand Ballroom (Salons A-D)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Mass•Installation of Central Council Officers Installing Officer, Vincent Piro Past Grand President of the Central Council•Remarks by the 2021–2022 Grand President•Convention Raffle• “Noi Vogliam Dio” The Santa Clara Valley District Singers•Adjournment	

Santa Clara Valley District Welcomes you to the
ICF Annual Convention Back to Normal (?) Thursday Night



Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Change of Location

**St. Clare's Church Hall
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As a result, housekeeping service is available upon request. If you find yourself needing an amenity replacement or garbage pickup, just ask. Otherwise, a thorough housekeeping service occurs between guest departures and arrivals. This process also supports reduced contact.

In regards to food service, the restaurant is open for dinner, however we do have our Friday and Saturday banquets available to attend. Room service is available for all meals and can be delivered to your room or the lobby. Additionally, the hotel is working with the ICF on a no-host cash and carry breakfast and lunch option in a separate room. This could be a server assisted buffet or boxed options depending on local guidelines at the time.

The host hotel has been very good to the ICF, waiving our room minimum and our food minimum. Let's be patient with the hotel team as they too are adjusting to the effects of the pandemic.

Thank you for your understanding!



CONVENTION BINGO

Santa Clara Marriott
Friday, September 3
3pm - 5pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack:

\$25 Advance Reservations

\$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Jackpots based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.

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

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invites you to the annual
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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.

WE ARE ONE

**Friday Night
Opening Festivities
2021
Convention**

**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:

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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.

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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.

The ICF and the hotel will follow local guidelines in place, which may include proof of vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of the convention. For current regulations visit covid19.ca.gov.

BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY



The Annual Convention Raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your Branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes. The golden ticket books are \$20 each. Your Branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$2 each. Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. Stubs and a Branch check are due to the office by August 15th, so the tickets can reach us in time for the drawing.



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Hike the Appalachian Trail

ICF Hiker's Final Report

As Ryan left the Southern half of his hike behind, he was excited to enter the North, starting with New Jersey and New York. While these states are mostly associated with an urban environment, the AT goes through some surprisingly natural and rugged settings with rocky trails, forests, lakes and continued wildlife. As the trail makes its way along the NJ/NY border, Ryan enjoyed eating at the many delis close to his route. He was able to carry less food and eat well courtesy of the local Italian population!

Ryan’s next 2 states were Connecticut and Massachusetts. Here he found himself running through swampy fields to escape mosquitoes, traveling over historic revolutionary war sites, and hiking right in the middle of very up-scale tourist towns.

At mile 1600, Ryan entered Vermont with its Green Mountains. Again he faced days of 90 degree heat, heavy rain, and very uncomfortable humidity. A highlight in Vermont was his stay at a hostel run by a nice couple who welcome hikers into their home and allow them to feel like part of the family for a night. They all made a spaghetti dinner together and shared tales of the trail.

The last 2 states proved to be Ryan’s favorites by far. New Hampshire offered gorgeous views in the White Mountains. He climbed several peaks each day, most noteworthy being Mt. Moosilauke, Mt. Washington, and the Franconia Ridge.

Finally, as he entered Maine, his goal of reaching the northern terminus was in sight. However, he first had to traverse more peaks, skirt past many lakes, and cross the 100 Mile Wilderness. Having formed a bond with with 3 others, Ryan was able to push through the final miles with the support of his friends. On July 23, after 3 months and 17 days, Ryan climbed the technical ascent of Mt. Katahdin, mile 2193 and the successful end of his Appalachian Trail hike!

Currently Ryan is back home in Northern California, recovering and drying out! He would like to close his journey with the following thoughts...

“The AT is a steep, brutal, wet, and challenging trail and it was only made more difficult by my self-imposed schedule. This hike pushed me to limits I’ve never been to before and tested me in ways I’ll look back on forever. All while encompassing me in the vast beauty of these forests and mountains. I’m forever grateful for everything the Appalachian Trail has done for me and even more thankful for those who helped me along the way. But I think I’m ready to be home, relax for awhile, and eat my body weight in In-n-Out Burgers.”

Loretta



3842. Sunrise near Dalton, Massachusetts



Rare clear day in southern Vermont



Picking wild blueberries near the trail's end in Maine




Rain cell as seen from the trail to Mt Katahdin, Maine



Waterfall along Beaver Brook, New Hampshire



Ryan at the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail, Maine







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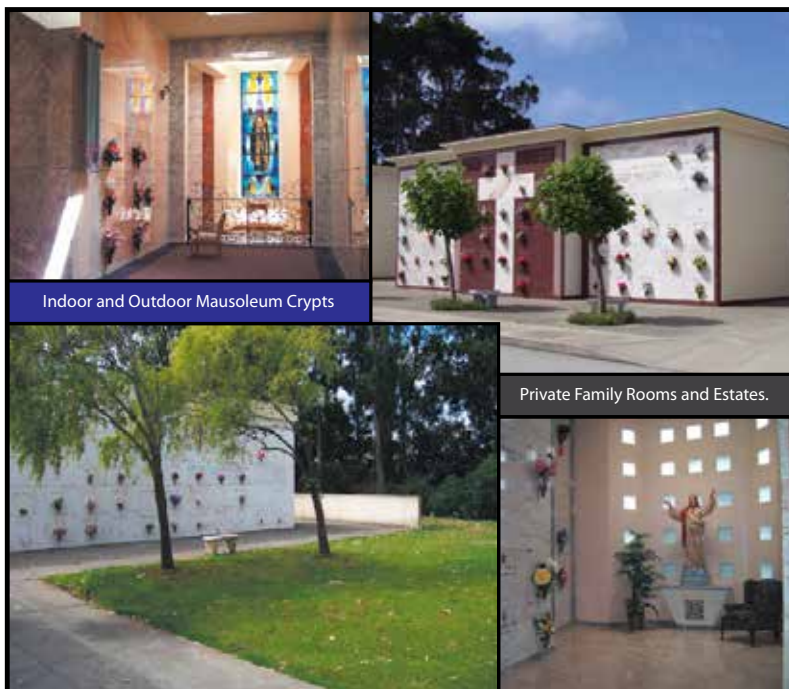
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