I want to thank everyone who made the convention weekend possible. We had a great time. The Mass was beautiful. The energy that was in the room; I had no idea how emotional and uplifted it would make me feel after being installed as the Grand President.

As per Bollettino tradition, the October issue reprints the Grand President’s acceptance speech to the Federation from the Convention.

Members of the clergy, officers and members of the Central Council, delegates, guests, family and friends---THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support, encouragement, guidance and love. Without all of you alongside of me, I would not be before you today as your newly elected Grand President. “We are one.”

Past Grand President Vince Piro has guided us through a difficult time in our history. Vince, with the assistance of the Central Council, came up with innovative ways to keep us engaged. Thank you, Vince for your strength and rising to the challenge of leading the Italian Catholic Federation through the past two years and for your friendship.

To Branch 19 in Colma and the branches in the San Mateo District a big thank you for your belief and encouragement in my quest for the Central Council and the position of Grand President.

A very heartfelt thank you to my dear friend Kathy Trevizo, always beside me and a first-class hospitality room guru at conventions. Also, my antiquing buddy. She came into my life because of the ICF.

My family is always challenging me and loving me no matter what. Unfortunately, due to living out of state, prearranged vacations, hunting trips, fighting fires and social distancing concerns, they are not able to be with me today; but you can see who they are on my page in the souvenir book.

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Celebrate "We Are One" in Santa Clara Valley

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

1st Prize: $2,500 + $250 Seller's Prize
Lola Clark, Br. 7, South San Francisco, CA
2nd Prize: $1,500
Priscila Balgos, Salinas, CA
$150 Seller’s Prize
Carmelita San Juan, Br. 25, Salinas, CA
3rd Prize: $1,500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Geri and Mark Wuelling, Br. 342, Auburn, CA
4th Prize: $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Pat Avila, Br. 108, South Pasadena, CA
5th Prize: $1,000 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Nancy and Steve Stedman, Br. 209, Sebastopol, CA
6th Prize: $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
Bob and Ellie Thiel, Br. 332, Novato, CA
7th Prize: $500 + $100 Seller’s Prize
John La Sala, Br. 36, Monterey, CA
A Privilege God Shares

Priscilla responded, “When you think about it, an amazing feeling makes me feel so special to be able to participate in that experience. Yet, we just take it for granted as a part of life.”

“In Biology class,” said Eddie, “We learned how one sperm penetrates an ovum and behold a new life begins. Then the cells start to divide into two, then into four and into eight and keep dividing into the many complex systems in the human body.”

Priscilla asked, “That’s amazing Eddie, do you know what those systems are?”

“I can’t remember them all, but I happen to have my biology book here. Let’s look them up. It says here. The Human body is composed of several systems. Although these systems function differently, they work together in accordance with their role inside the human body. These different systems are the Integumentary (skin, hair, nails, glands, and nerves) System, Cardiovascular System, Lymphatic and Immune System, Digestive System, Respiratory System, Muscular System, Nervous System, Endocrine System and the Reproductive System.”

“Wow,” said Priscilla. “I don’t understand the scope of all those systems, but I am amazed and impressed that God lets people be a part of the process in creating a new person with great potential.

“I agree,” responded Eddie, “It’s fantastic, and this new person’s consciousness and identity will exist for ever. What a privilege to share in that experience. Praise God.”

Reverend Monsignor
Daniel E. Cardelli
Spiritual Director
Italian Catholic Federation

Eddie and Priscilla have become new special friends. They are approaching their Senior year in high school. They enjoy talking to each other. Sometimes they talk about serious subjects. One day, Priscilla, thinking of the future, shared with Eddie this subject. “Isn’t it a wonderful privilege that God shares with people the creation of a brand-new human being. A new person unlike any person that ever lived or will live.”

Eddie said, “Yes, it is almost mind boggling just to know we can share that with God.”

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Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the November issue is October 10, 2021.

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

Thank you!
I hope everyone who went to the convention is rested up and ready to get back into action. I would like to thank Rose Jarrett and her team for a wonderful convention. It’s never easy, and with the extra restrictions this year, they were still able to pull off a fantastic event.

I would also like to thank the Santa Clara Valley District for hosting this year’s convention and for a great job on the Thursday welcome dinner. If you attended the membership workshop, I hope that it was informative and that you were able to gain some insight and ideas to take back to your branches and share with your members.

I do want to thank the Membership Committee for all of its hard work leading up to and during the convention. Thank you to Nina Malone, Pat Mages, Ken Marshall, Mike Rossi, Richard and Anne Interrante, Patty Jarrett, Melissa Rodriguez, Maria Di Paolo, and to Vince Piro. You guys Rock!

The newest membership reports have come out and it’s beginning to look more positive than negative. July’s report showed that we only lost a few members from June, and the August report was even better as it showed a modest gain from July. I think with branches opening up again and starting to meet and have live fundraisers, that people are looking to join or rejoin.

So, let’s keep up the work that we are doing, always staying safe, healthy, and let’s make this next year one for the record books. I hope to see you all at the 91st Annual Convention at the Orleans Hotel in Fabulous Las Vegas next year.

Thank you, Perry Shurko, Membership Chairperson

Welcome to New Members (Report as of Sept. 10, 2021)

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Thank you to our Apostolate/Charity Chairpersons and members for your hard work and dedication!
I was blessed with their love, guidance and support. It made me who I am, and they are always in my heart.

My boss, Dan Duggan, who believes in us and is working with me on the time I need to be with you.

Without Charlene Kramer and Patty Smith, our office staff, I would be lost. They keep me grounded and are always there to help all of us.

Thank you to our ICF Bollettino editor Nanette Scarpelli Metz, for the great job she has been doing.

Let’s not forget the Convention Committee led by Rose Jarrett and the Santa Clara Valley District led by Bob Basuno. We thank you for your hard work and vision to create a wonderful convention experience for us. Thank you!

I also want to remember some individuals who are no longer with us or unable to attend convention.

Richard Valli for always telling me to smile.

George Bacigalupi for prompting and coaching me to be Treasurer of the Federation.

My Uncle Ario Gregori for challenging me, and yes, occasionally pushing my buttons as only Ario could do. My Aunt Rosemarie Gregori for all our chats. My Uncle Ario Gregori for challenging me, and yes, occasionally pushing my buttons as only Ario could do. My Aunt Rosemarie Gregori for all our chats.

Al Taglia for encouraging me to run for Grand President.

David Botta for always taking the time to discuss my Convention Survey with me.

Bob and Theresa Dianda for opening their home to me and supporting me all these years. Nettie Descalzo Del Nero for calling me and encouraging me on my journey as a Central Council member.

To all our past Grand Presidents, thank you for your support and guidance. If those present could please stand. This is the backbone of the ICF.

A special thank you to Past Grand Presidents, Life Member Emeritus Bob Acquistapace and Carmen Kicullen for assisting at counting votes today at the Central Council meeting.

Congratulations to our newest Central Council member Rosemary Cook.

12 years ago, I became a Central Council member and that same year Jim Jones became Grand President. Jim’s first convention as Grand President he assigned me a workshop where all I had to do was introduce the speaker for the spiritual workshop—Father George Aranha. That was easy enough. The second year he challenged me with a workshop on Leadership and gave me a list of potential reading material. To this day, I get a little nervous with Jim in the audience, especially if I see him taking notes. As a Toastmaster I know he was busy counting the “ahs” and pregnant pauses.

Twenty years ago, I attended my first convention, in this hotel, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley District and it was a member of the San Mateo District who was installed as Grand President—Steve Fuentes. With all those similarities I had to look up Steve’s Grand President’s address to the Federation. I am borrowing a quote from that speech. Helen Keller once said, “I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.” This is so true about the Italian Catholic Federation; no one person accomplishes a great and noble task. Together as a support system, a committee, a branch, a district, as the Federation we have the capability to accomplish amazing things because “WE ARE ONE.”

Soon we will rise from the hardship we have suffered since March 2020. I am confident we will come out energized and ready to go forward. Look at us here today embracing the opportunity to be together; to share ideas, faith, friendship and food, you are amazing!

The coming years will be exciting. In three years, we will be celebrating 100 years—what an accomplishment! The Ways and Means Committee will begin work soon on our 100 Year Commemorative Book. Some of you have been members of the ICF for many years and your parents before you. If you have pictures, please share with us. Scan and email to us, or mail and we will return to you immediately. More information on this will be found in the Bollettino and our website by the beginning of the year. You might even have tidbits of information or memories. Please share with us.

The Workshop Committee currently has workshops going on the Mentor Program. We are here to help you. If there are other topics you would like in a workshop, reach out to us. We would be happy to assist you on setting a workshop up via Zoom or in person.

The Task Force, with the assistance from the By-Laws Committee, is being asked to review the Central Council Statutes and By-Laws to see how we can improve them to be more effective.

The Public Relations Committee will continue to keep our website updated and will continue to find ways of improving the Bollettino with the assistance of the Bollettino Editor.

I am optimistic and believe everything will open up soon and when it does our Expansion Committee will be working diligently to open new branches.

Remember our theme this weekend “WE ARE ONE.”

I am not here alone—you are not alone—we need to work together to keep the Italian Catholic Federation strong.

The Italian Catholic Federation needs all of us. If you have ideas, thoughts, questions contact the office or one of the Central Council members or me directly. We love your input. If you want to be a part of what we do, contact me.

If you think you might be interested in being a part of the Central Council, please contact one of us. We would love to mentor you.

I am excited to be working for you and with you this coming year as your Grand President. Together, accomplishing small tasks, we will accomplish great things.

Before closing, I would like us to take a moment of silence for those affected by fire, floods, disasters happening here at home and around the world. And to remember all the lives lost 20 years ago on 9/11.

God bless you and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Mille Grazie!

Deborah Rodondi

President's Message

2021 Bishops' Days

Oct. 3rd Los Angeles Archdiocese
San Jose (Santa Clara Valley)

Oct. 13th San Bernardino

Oct. 24th Monterey (Central Coast)

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SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEBSITE: ICF.ORG
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. (See St Frances Xavier Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon Flyer in the Bollettino.)

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.

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICP LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

October 2021
Italian Catholic Federation

TESTIMONIAL HONORING

Past Grand President

Vince Piro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
5:00 PM NO HOST COCKTAILS
6:00PM - DINNER

Fiorillos Restaurant - 638 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

MENU CHOICES:

Chicken Marsala Boneless Chicken Breast sauteed w/ Fresh Mushrooms in a Marsala Wine Sauce, served w/Mixed Vegetables and Rice Pilaf, Mixed Salad Greens, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Coffee

Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce (Vegan) Mixed Salad Greens, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Coffee

Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce with Chicken, Mixed Salad Greens, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Coffee

PRICE: $60 PER PERSON

RSVP NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16, 2021 - SEE ATTACHED FORM FOR RESERVATIONS
Conventions Donations

Cooley’s Anemia

Branch 36
Branch 48
Branch 91
Branch 103
Branch 139
Branch 173
Branch 281
Branch 285
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Branch 390
Branch 395
Branch 406
Branch 445

Annemarie McCarthy - In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Maria Di Paolo - In Memory of Fabiola Di Paolo
Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Leonard and Marian Zasoski, Sr.

Proceeds from a Convention Game

Grand Total: $6,894.00

Scholarship Convention Donations - 1st Year

Proceeds from a Convention Game

Grand Total: $19.00

Gifts of Love

Branch 36
Branch 48
Branch 139
Branch 173
Branch 281
Branch 285
Branch 390
Branch 395

Leonard and B.G. Zasoski, Jr. - In Memory of Ed and Shirliann Swertfager

Proceeds from a Convention Game

Grand Total: $3,344.00

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund

Branch 36

Proceeds from a Raffle for a Necklace created by JoAnn Maggiora-Donovan of Maggiora Jewelry

Grand Total: $1,510.00
2021 2nd to 4th Year Scholarship Winners

STUDENT | IN MEMORY OF | IN HONOR OF | DONATED BY
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Amiah Ciampi | Br. 354 - Paso Robles | Contra Costa District | 
Michael Santich | Br. 14 - Crockett | 
Giuliana Sorbi | Br. 352 - Danville | 
David Botta | East Bay District | 
Anne Marie Santich | Br. 33 - Bakersfield | 
Katherine R. Boyce | Br. 39 - Merced | 
Megan Carpene | Br. 332 - Novato | 
Graciana Paxton | Br. 28 - Gilroy | 
Ava Domenichelli | Br. 191 - San Jose | 
Samantha Lieberg | Br. 52 - Healdsburg | 
Paige Henson | Br. 390 - Tracy | The Dianda Family
Emily Lawrence | Angela and Anthony Bilich | Robert A. Lawrence
Isabella Ortiz | Mary Lou Lawrence - Br. 391, San Jose | Carl J. Rossi
Antonia Piercey | Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach | Andrew Santo Palumbo
Isabella Cresci | Viva Palumbo - Br. 379, Huntington Beach | Scholarship Fund
Emilia (Mia) Locatelli | Scholarship Fund | Claire Selna
Samantha Lieberg | Scholarship Fund | Arianna Turchetti

3RD YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS ($600.00)
Chloe Alvarado | East Bay District | 
Josephine Corral | Br. 184 - Los Gatos | 
Ana Miciano | Br. 391 - San Jose | 
Colton Ronshaunen | Br. 127 - Petaluma | 
Elisabeth Watkins | Stockton District | 
Amy Bjornstrom | Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52, Healdsburg | Ambrogio and Teresa Solari
Taylor Crutchley | Scholarship Fund | 
Georgina Heredia | Scholarship Fund | 
Olivia Lickona | Scholarship Fund | 
Lucca Lorenzi | Scholarship Fund | 
Siena Graziana Mazza | Scholarship Fund | 
Samantha McNeill | Scholarship Fund | 
Christina Peterson | Scholarship Fund | 
Julia Piziali | Scholarship Fund | 
Maria Tassone | Scholarship Fund | 

ITALIAN STUDIES 3RD YEAR SCHOLARSHIP ($600.00)
Rosaria Amalfitano | Scholarship Fund | Mario Cugia

4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS ($1,000.00)
Alessandra Kidd | Chicago District and Br. 392 - Chicago | 
Nicholas John Neira | East Bay District | 
McKenzie Barnes | Br. 332 - Novato | 
Emilya De Luca | Br. 395 - Stockton | 
William Fry | Br. 395 - Stockton | 
Joseph Garbarino | The Elsie Boragno Estate | Elsie Boragno
David Edwards | Scholarship Fund | 
Julia Frediani | Scholarship Fund | 
Sofia Iezza | Scholarship Fund | 

ITALIAN STUDIES 4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP ($1,000.00)
Vincenzo Cerasuolo | Scholarship Fund | Mario Cugia

*We also acknowledge the following partial donations that made some of the additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible.

Central Coast District: Br. 36, Linda Calciano (Br. 227) - In Honor of the Birthday of Carol Lopes and Linda Calciano - In Honor of the Birthday of Marie Mungai; Contra Costa District: Robert and Pat Hoffner (Br. 432) - In Memory of Edward Camera, Robert and Pat Hoffner - In Memory of Robert and Theresa Dianda and Robert and Pat Hoffner - In Memory of Richard Grimes; East Bay District: Br. 91; Fresno District: District, Br. 31, Br. 70 and Br. 250; Marin Area: Br. 161; San Bernardino District: Br. 446; San Mateo District: Br. 130, Br. 213, Roberta Franchini (Br. 213), John and Dorene Campanile (Br. 173) - In Memory of Steve Martinelli, Deborah Rodondi (Br. 19) - In Memory of Frances Foglia-Teglia, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Anna V. Friebel, Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Helen Politakes and Deborah Rodondi - In Memory of Lernito Prudenciado; Santa Clara Valley District: District, Br. 368, Br. 391, Br. 408, Br. 435, Denise Antonowicz (Br. 184/Br. 191) - In Memory of Anna Friebel, Ed and Jo Bertaccini (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 97th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Tom Howden, Ed and Jo Bertaccini - In Memory of Cecile Weisner, Joan and Jerry Delfino (Br. 368) - In Memory of Theresa Dianda and Bill and Maria Greco (Br. 368) - In Honor of the 70th Birthday of Barbara Delisle; Santa Rosa District: Br. 103 and Br. 209, Stockton District: Br. 413.
SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:
Still no activity due to COVID-19.
Our best wishes to Toni Morsello as she continues recovering well.
President Vic Arnaudo and his wife Pat really enjoyed the ICF Convention in Santa Clara.
They shared the delicious Banquet Meal with new friends President Harry Hill of the ICF Branch26 in Hollister and his wife Kathleen.
They always enjoy visiting with their friends from Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels.
Stay healthy and well
Kind regards
Diana Cresci

San Francisco
Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

Our 50th Anniversary Luncheon was held on September 10th at the Basque Cultural Center. A full report will be in our next Bollettino issue.
To our members celebrating a Birthday in October - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.
Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.
How happy we all are to see Florence Mangion up and about again and helping our Branch. Thank you so much. We surely appreciate it.
Hope it will be soon when we can start our meetings.

Please stay well. We miss and love all of you.
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO

South San Francisco
Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Over the course of our Branch's 96 years, we have had good times and bad, but this pandemic has certainly taken its toll on us. Regardless, we will persevere. The officers will be reaching out to our members for your input on changes we may need to make in order to continue moving forward as a viable Branch.
As many of you are aware, due to Covid-19, at this time we cannot use the All Souls cafeteria as our priority is to keep the school children, who are too young to be vaccinated, safe and healthy. As a result, we are working diligently to find a temporary location for the Branch to meet.

We know we all are looking forward to getting back together post pandemic and we thank you for your patience. Please keep in your prayers our departed members, especially Chris Ramos and Roldan Vigil. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Burlingame
Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward to hearing about the Convention at our October Pizza Dinner/meeting on October 14th. Included will be salad, soda, beer, wine and dessert.
We were glad to be able to donate to the Gifts of Love $300 this year and also $300 to Cooley’s Anemia.
Our branch was sponsor of the Parish Pasta Dinner in July which was very successful and for our August meeting we enjoyed a Taco dinner. Arrangements were made by Donna Cervelli and Brenda Wemiz.
We have 80 members and are looking forward to staying healthy so we can continue to meet and enjoy all. Please take time to pray for not only our members but all that are sick or recuperating: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter, Anita Cecena and Melanie Yeager.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

MILLBRAE
Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti!
We hope that all of you who attended the convention enjoyed it. It is so clear that the organizers worked very hard under difficult circumstances to make it a success.
Our branch has not yet scheduled meetings, but we have been considering an outdoor luncheon. We have been very cautious given the age and vulnerabilities of our members.
I’d like to take this opportunity to recognize our members with October birthdays: Carmen DeGuara, Carla Del Carlo, Al Morando, and Caroline Roland.
On a final sad note, we have lost a dear member, Helen Habeeb. She and her late husband, George, were such wonderful, caring people. Helen passed-away at home in the presence of family. The cause was congestive heart failure. Services were private and have been held. (See photo) Our sincerest sympathy to her family.

Stay safe, encourage others to get vaccinated, and sempre avanti!
Adonna Amoroso

Branch 403 member Helen Habeeb: You are forever in our hearts.
LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE
District Council

Greetings to you all. Wow, what a great time we had at the 90th annual ICF convention. We Are One was the theme and it showed. Rose Jarrett and her team put on an amazing convention. Thank you Rose for your continued hard work and dedication to the ICF. I would also like to thank the Santa Clara Valley district for all of their hospitality and for the fun welcome dinner on Thursday night. I won a fun filled margarita basket and will put that to use very soon in my new home.

We held our district meeting in the hospitality room and talked about our upcoming Bishop and Seminarian luncheon which will be on Sunday October 3 rd. Bishop Trudeau will be our main celebrant and the pastor of St Raymond, Fr Sam Ward, former vocations director, will be concelebrating with the bishop. We will need to schedule our Fall district meeting, so if you have any suggestions on where to have it, or if your branch would like to host it, please let me know.

Congratulations go out to our new Central Council officers and to our newest Central Council member, Rosemary. I look forward to working with you.

I can’t wait till next year’s convention as we will be heading back to the exciting city of Las Vegas, Nevada. Yes, the 91st annual convention will be in Fabulous Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel. I’m counting down the days.

So, I will see you all at St Raymond on Sunday October 3 at the 12:00 pm mass and the luncheon will follow immediately afterwards. Thank you and God Bless. Perry Shurko, LA District President.

At the ICF National Convention in Santa Clara California on September 4th, National Branch 67 was awarded two ICF Certificates of Merit; The first “For 100% Retention in 2020-2021” and the second for “Increased Membership in 2020-2021.” Congratulations to NBr 67 Members!

Members, please let your family and friends know about ICF and that ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and non-members who do not have an ICF where they live. Your input is valued as we continue to develop this branch online. Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us online via zoom at ICFNationalBranch67.org.

Covid-19 continues to be a challenge and an opportunity to understand what is important in our lives. ICF may be just the place as we are multicultural—focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

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

And to our former branch members and loved ones who recently have gone to their eternal reward; may they rest in peace.

Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatello, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812
E Cas1810@aol.com

Br. 67 Receiving ICF Certificates of Merit at Convention
South Pasadena  
Br. 108, Holy Family

Branch members attended the ICF National Convention in Santa Clara and on September 4th President Tom Haubrick received two Certificates of Merit on behalf of Branch 108 from ICF: the first was for “First Place among Branches with 46-70 members ‘In Recognition of your ongoing contributions and continued faith-filled Apostolic works of Charity.” And the second was for “Increased membership 2020-2021.” Congratulations to branch 108 members.

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, Members came together in our first in-person Branch 108 Lunch Meeting at San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. The food was delicious, and members continue the meeting happy to see each other after so many months behind a computer. Congratulations were given to members who celebrated their August and September Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

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

Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President  
ICF Branch 108  
C: 626 372-7812  
E: cas1810@aol.com

Montebello  
Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope all of you are doing well and staying healthy. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following members who have birthdays this month: Crocetta Salomone, Lina Canzonieri, Massimo Sorce, and Jeannine Vieni. Buon Compleanno a tutti!

A mass for the Living and Deceased members of ICF Branch 111 will be held on Sunday, October 17, at 10 a.m. at St. Benedict Church, 1022 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello. Please wear your ICF shirt if you have one.

After this Mass, we plan to get together for our October General Meeting and Luncheon at Taylor Ranch Park, located at the corner of Lincoln Ave. & Montebello Blvd. The branch will provide sandwiches, chips, and drinks. Please bring your own chair so we can socially distance.

Look for our October 2021 Branch 111 Newsletter with all the details about joining us. At this meeting, we will also celebrate September and October Birthdays for our members, and we will have Nominations/Elections for the 2022 branch officers.

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

God Bless!
Frank Salomone  
Branch 111 President
San Pedro
Br. 115, St John Joseph of the Cross

Greetings to all!

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting on Sept 16th. Neal welcomed us all back after such a long absence.

We welcomed Neal and Ana back from the convention. Neal shared that $41,000.00 was donated from all the branches to Cooley’s anemia. Deborah Rondondi is the new Grand president and that Perry Shurko from Downey branch 362, current L. A. district president has won a seat on Central Council.

Congratulations to all!

Our next meeting will be held on Oct 21st at 7:30pm. Election of officers for year 2022 will take place. Please note, members in good standing will be able to vote. If 2021 dues have not been paid your membership will be terminated.

Dec 5thMother Cabrini Pilgrimage p.m. Mass followed by lunch $20.00. Transportation will be provided by Los Angeles City call Neal for reservation 310 433-1044

Golden Nugget Las Vegas trip2 nights Nov 7 to Nov 9 $150.00 per person double occupancy $205.00 single occupancy. Call Pauline to reserve 310 832-0563

I am sad to report that 2 members have passed away. Please pray for Giovan Giuseppe Sasso husband of member Adele and Carmela Colonna wife of member Isidoro. May they Rest in Peace.

Let’s wish member Nancy DiBernardo Happy 90th Birthday! We wish you a blessed and happy year!

Monthly meetings will resume on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No meeting held in December.

Anita Trujillo

Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Thursday, September 16, Branch 179 held our almost-quarterly Clothes-Load/Pizza Party General Meeting. Several members came early to help load the collected clothing from two separate storage locations. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a 50-slice pizza, potluck salads and desserts, and, of course, the obligatory wine! A very pleasant outdoor evening event. The gross amount collected was $2,800. Thank you to all our members for their continued help and support of our ministry for St. Dorothy Church and School.

And just as a reminder...October is Italian Heritage Month. Do something to commemorate our heritage. Our Branch will be hosting an Italian Potluck and Bocce Tournament!

God’s blessings.

Patricia Aurienmno
Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Claremont
Br. 319, Our Lady of Assumption

Welcome back everyone. We’re getting back into the swing of things our first meeting was on September 17th. At that time, we serve Italian sausage sandwiches and drinks just to welcome everybody back. We also celebrated Marie Osmond’s 90th birthday. She has been a member of our Branch to see on set in 1976 and has the office most of the time as financial secretary or treasurer.

We discussed the upcoming activities for the branch and the district. The Bishop’s banquet on October 3rd our Fiesta on October 1st and 2nd and the pilgrimage on the first Sunday in December

Our church activities are still limited so we need to plan some fundraisers or just some fun get together. It looks like people are still has it not coming out for major activities.

More information next month full of Chino and hopefully we can get some more people out and about.

God Bless

Andrea Linn

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello members. I hope you had a great month of September; I know I did. Last month I attended the annual convention in beautiful Santa Clara, California. We Are One was the theme. It was an amazing weekend. Even though it was a bit shorter than the conventions of the past, we had a blast. COVID restrictions were put in place, and everyone followed them.

I’m happy to announce that I was re-elected to the Central Council and not only that but was nominated and won a seat as a Grand Trustee! I’m very excited!

Back in August we had our second bingo luncheon of the new fiscal year. Even though it wasn’t heavily attended, we still managed to make some money, which is why we do this.

God’s blessings.

Patricia Aurienmno

RECORDER/RECORDED SECRETARY

EAST BAY
District Council

Well, we were back on Zoom, again, for our meeting. But the branches are continuing to plan functions like Bingo and dinners. We need to keep praying that these activities can happen. In the meantime, the different committees are working on Installation and our Crab Feed.

Our prayers go out for the recovery of Chuck Meier Br. #285, who suffered a stroke and is recovering at John Muir Rehab. in Walnut Creek. and for his wife, Elaine.

It was nice to see representatives from most of the branches at the Convention. It was a different type of convention, but all could participate. For fun we had some winners at Bingo; Melody won the 1st game and Jeanette won the black-out, way to go ladies! Jo-Ann Donivan from Br. #91, was able to promote the ICF through her jewelry and then returning some of her profits to the ICE, thank you Jo-Ann.

Our own CC Rep., Lisa Crudo, was reelected and has been named Grand Treasurer; and Leonard Rossi has been retained as Grand Parliamentarian.

Congratulations to you both!

Next year we are looking forward to seeing many more of you in Las Vegas.

Happy Trick or Treat!

Pat Grasso,
Dist. Sec.
We will host our “almost annual” Ravioli Dinner as a drive-through event on Saturday evening, October 16. The meal of antipasto, salad, ravioli and dessert will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda.

The prices remain at $25.00 for adults and $12.00 for children 12 years and under. Reservations are due by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12 to Sharon Brunetti, (510) 521-3829. Please send your check made payable to ICF Branch 10 to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501. For this year only, no social hour, no raffle.

Four of us, Terry Greig, Jeanette Zugnoni, Jim Lee, and John Zugnoni, attended the Santa Clara convention. The ICF could not have honored two more worthy recipients of the individual awards than Father Greg Boyle (S. J.) and Peter Stiehler. We acknowledge the social awareness shown by Branch 173 and Branch 217 in supporting the fall charities: Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love and Providence Fund. We thank all who contributed.

Our latest news is that our President, Judy Wellbeloved and her husband Dave relocated in August to Klamath Falls Oregon. They are an integral part of our Branch and such good friends. We are saddened by their move. A joyous celebration was held for them at the Meier’s home on August 11 for members and friends. Even our scholarship winners, Wilson Schwegler and Penny Murphy and their families, came to be introduced to our membership.

Dave and Judy will remain as members. We hope they visit frequently. Our doors are always open. Good Luck to them on their new adventure.

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All were invited to all presentations and assigned seats so there was very little roaming about or getting lost.

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Here’s wishing you all a Happy Halloween.
Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.

John Zugnoni
Publicist, Branch 10

Fremont
Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

I hope you’re all having a wonderful start to the fall, and everyone is staying healthy and happy!

A big thank you to all of you who were able to attend our Festa della Bagna Cauda at Nadine and Dale’s beautiful residence. We had a very nice time enjoying wonderful food and even better company!

Please join us for our Branch 215 Bingo Luncheon on Thursday, October 14th. This event is planned on being held in the Corpus Christi parish center. (Any questions, call President Fran at 510-887-1509.)

Happy Birthday to all our September members!

Dio it benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President

Alameda
Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Happy Fall to all!

We had a wonderful convention and are happy to report that our district received an award for 100 percent participation in the apostolic program for last year. Thanks to all eight of our branches for submitting their reports, and to our new apostolic chairperson Anne McEntorffer for overseeing the reports and sending them in.

We had a district meeting on September 15 which we will report on next month since this has been submitted just before that date. We will have our next meeting in November and will hold elections for 2022 officers and finalize plans for our annual district Christmas party. Please consider running for a district office and serving our members in this way.

Thanks to the branches that contributed to the seminary fund which has been sent to our bishop. Next year we hope to be able to have an in-person Bishop’s Day celebration with the East Bay District.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Rosellini who passed away in late August. He was a founder and past president of the Danville branch as well as a former district officer. We offer condolences to his family.

Congratulations to Rosemary Cook, member of the Martinez branch in our district, who was selected to be a member of Central Council at the convention. We are so proud of you!

Blessings to all for a happy October!

Diana Letizia Mackinson
First Vice President, Contra Costa District

ICF Branch 285 Scholarship winner Wilson Schwegler visits with member Janet-marie Petric at our Farewell Party for Dave and Judy Wellbeloved.

Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

As many of you know we were back on Zoom for our Aug. meeting. Stay tuned for our where abouts on Oct. 14th, we are hoping for a Pasta dinner meeting!

Pres. Mike was off to his 2nd in person Convention as our branch representative. This year there was not much to vote on, but our branch Treasurer, Lisa was reelected to Central Council. Not only that, she has been “promoted” to Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. Congratulations, Lisa!

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Branch Sec.

John Zugnoni
Publicist, Branch 10

Pleasanton-Livermore
Br. 285, Saint Filomena

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with family and friends and maybe a short trip or two.

Our Branch had a very successful fundraiser at Strizzi’s in Pleasanton in June. We received 20% of proceeds from Strizzi’s and donations to help with our fall charities: Cooley’s Anemia, Gifts of Love and Providence Fund. We thank all who contributed.

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Bob Basuino, Vince Piro, and Jim Jones welcome Rosemary Cook to the Central Council.

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martino

October is the month of branch elections and Halloween, of Saints Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, and Anne; and also, the month dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness. We have all known someone who has survived and who has died. I know both within my immediate family. My mother and 62-year-old sister were/are survivors; my 65-year-old sister succumbed just eleven months ago. Let us keep praying for a cure for all cancers.

The convention capped the end of a hot summer. Branch #13 launched its first Central Council member, Rosemary Cook; donated blood; enjoyed gathering as a federation (albeit with fewer friends) at an abbreviated weekend; and we were acknowledged for member retention and scholarship.

As my plight continues to have the ICF anthem sung in both languages, after all, English is the first language of the majority of Federation members, I recall the 2011 convention when I met Elizabeth Hannon, the choir director who led the wonderful music at Mass. She was asked to sing “Noi Vogliamo Dio” in Italian, which she had never done since she only knew it in English: “We Love God.” At this year’s convention, the Sunday Mass program listed the English lyrics (that are also found on the website) alongside the Italian and my excitement got the best of me only to be diminished as quickly. The words were there, though no one but me sang them. There’s always hope that if the lyrics appeared this year, then, maybe the voices will follow next.

Ciao for now. Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

It’s hard to believe, but we’re already about a month into the new school year. This time around, we’re back in person with all the usual thrills, terror, and excitement that comes with it. Do you enjoy school? Do you remember parents and children alike crying on the first day of kindergarten? The excitement of new teachers, lunchboxes, school clothes, and shoes that still needed to be broken-in? We knew that every new school year brought us the opportunity for a “fresh start.”

This year marked the 90th ICF Convention, which was graciously hosted by the Santa Clara branch. Many thanks to Vonda Lesti-Egan for a terrific job representing our branch. Donna will be sharing Vonda’s convention report in her next branch email.

We send our most sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Karen Hart. We will miss Karen’s friendship and cheery smile.

Some members of Branch 14, Crockett Playing bocce. Keep the bocce balls rolling.

Thank you, Vonda Lesti-Egan for representing Branch 14, Crockett at the 90th Convention at Santa Clara. Great job!

Our get-well thoughts and wishes would go to Wanda Abondanza, Jerry Carone, and Nancy Miller. We’re happy to hear that you are all on the mend!

Now that summer is over and we are back to work and school, we understand that we are lucky to be back. So, when our kids and grandkids grumble about how easy we had it in school, just smile and tell them to respect their elders. After all, we made it through school without Google.

Blessings, ~Helen

Central Council members, Rose Jarrett and Rosemary Cook of the Contra Costa District

Bob Acquistapace from Santa Rosa, the oldest Central Council member shares his thoughts with the youngest member, Rosemary Cook from Martinez.

CC Candidate Rosemary Cook beside her poster board at “Meet the Candidates.”
Dear Members,

I represented our branch at the convention. There was a welcome dinner event hosted by the Santa Clara district. Then many activities were held over the weekend at the Santa Clara Marriott and was enjoyed by all. Our branch received an award for retaining our membership. The district received an award for 100 percent participation in the apostolic program. We offer congratulations to Rosemary Cook from our district. She became a Central Council member. Our branch sold 23 raffle books giving us a profit of $230. Thank you to all who sold tickets. Roselyne was the Convention Director. We thank her and her committee for their hard work. Next year we go to Las Vegas.

I am sad to report that we have had two more deaths. I got word that Nora Ferrante died. She was a longtime member. We had not seen her for many years, but she remained a member. The other person was Donna Stone. We saw her late June at our picnic. She seemed fine. But her family informed us that she died over the summer. We will miss Nora and Donna and we send condolences to their families.

Our branch has received ICF 2022 calendars. They are for sale for $25 each. They have artwork from various children. Three of my grandchildren took part and were excited to see their artwork included. Let Patty know if you want a calendar. Your ticket is a part of the drawing for 365 days. You can win money.

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

Patty

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Ciao, Norene DeLuca

Danville
Br. 352, San Isidore

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Ciao, Branch 352

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Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

Welcome, Autumn! What a summer it has been! Hope all of you have enjoyed a wonderful summer season with your family and friends. Now comes the football season, soccer season, minestone, ancora pizza, lasagne, the fall holidays and who knows what else!

Those who attended the Convention last month came back with great ideas and had lots of fun. Thank you for giving your time on behalf of the members of our branch.

Our next meeting is October 10 with a bocce game and picnic. Evites will be coming to you.

Branch 442 is preparing to have their Anniversary Dinner on October 30. Chef Sam Veneziano will be overseeing the menu, the cooking and the new kitchen at Christ the King Church. He will be assisted by a seasoned staff and offer a wonderful dinner. Please be looking for more details coming soon and ticket sales. It is our only fundraiser looking for more details coming soon.

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Ciao!
Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Please save the date! The Blessed Sacrament District will be holding a Bishop’s Day and Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Parish in Sacramento on November 6th. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will follow in the hall. More details to follow. All members are welcome. This is a beautiful mass and I hope to see you all there.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

SANTA ROSA
District Council

May I happily announce that our first meeting of 2021 will be held on Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Brinker Room of the Becker Center at St. Eugene's Cathedral. For the first meeting, it was decided that we would not have any food, but the district would provide coffee and dessert when the meeting is over.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording-Secretary

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francisco di Sales

Greetings to all our members. Carmen and Lauren had a great time at the ICF Convention reconnecting with other ICF members. While we had no winners from our branch at the raffle, the branch did sell 70 books and make $700.

Upcoming events:
ICF Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.
ICF Monthly Mass: Saturday, October 9 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
Polenta Dinner: Saturday, November 13. Price: $20.00 for adults, $10.00 for children. Carmen and Lauren will be selling tickets after the 10:00 a.m. Mass beginning October 10. Or call 595-3111. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, November 7.

Happy Halloween!
Lauren Kilcullen

Cloverdale
Br. 75, L’Annunciata

It is with heartfelt love and deep sorrow that we say goodbye to handsome Sal and beautiful Ceil Casciaro. Age and the declining health of their parents has prompted an invitation from their children living in Maryland to come live with them. We applaud the familial love and care that these two wonderful people will receive but feel a bit orphaned due to the loss of the nurturing warmth they brought to the Branch. They were instrumental in restarting the Branch years ago when it almost faded away! Phyllis Cianno will conduct a meeting next week at which we will build the world’s finest hot dogs! We’ll see what else we can cook up for our Branch as we continue to work around and within our changed circumstances.

Enjoy the Convention, Ken and Claudia Cuneo, and bring back its spirit to our Branch!!!
Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma
Br. 103, St. Sebastian

August is full on summer and heat so stay cool. There are no holidays in August, but really, its August, isn’t every day a holiday? BUT just when you thought it was safe again to go into the water… Fortunately, Br. 198 had its Pasta dinner and I really enjoyed it. Thanx guys!! Our Branch 103 is now contemplating its future. Davero, our President lives up in Paradise and the few of us who remain live in Sonoma. We will have a meeting finally in September to determine our fate. It should be interesting and everyone who reads this column is invited! Our meeting will take place on September 13th, 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solano Church or rather Fa. Robert’s Hall. The dinner will consist of Pizza and drinks for $15 per person. We will discuss the future of our branch. There may be some Central Council Members in attendance. For reservations, please call Elizabeth Marshall at (530) 519-7843.

In the meantime, those of you who are attending the Convention please enjoy the experience. I know that I did when I attended about 3 years ago when our President was the honorable Tom Wurst.

I am aware that some functions have had to be cancelled because of a resurgence of Covid but hopefully we can remain positive and healthy until September and thereafter. I am looking forward to our next meeting (Santa Rosa District Council) on August 22, 2021, in Santa Rosa at St. Eugene’s Cathedral and hopefully I can record satisfactorily the minutes.

My congratulations to Vince Piro for sustaining the ICF thru a very difficult period. Vince, we all honor you!!

Regards,
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording-secretary, Br. #103

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,
Our Branch is officially reopened for meetings at St. James, Rm 9 beginning September 13th and every 2nd Monday thereafter. The door will open at 6 p.m., coffee available at 6:25 and the meeting to start at 6:40. Please mark your calendar!

Do you remember Colton Ronshausen? He received one of our 1st year scholarships, our 2nd year scholarship and this year he received our 3rd year scholarship. Congratulations, Colton!

Please don’t forget to mark your calendars, the October 11th meeting is particularly important. We will be holding election of officers. We also need to consider the future of the Branch.

Ciao,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Our Branch got off to a good start with the pasta dinner in August and the pizza night on September 13th. We welcomed a new member in August and are hoping for more. Please ask your friends and fellow parishioners to join us.

Bob Acquastatapac was elected to be our new Treasurer, replacing his cousin, Bill Scinto. Bob thanks those who have donated to St. Eugene’s #198 scholarship fund in memory of Bill. Bob is still accepting donations to the fund.

While Bishop’s Day was held after the deadline for this article, we know it was a success and with the Spiritual Gift and the Seminary Fund donation, we can feel proud that we helped future seminarians.

Plan to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral for our living and deceased members on October 12th.

Our next meeting will be held on November 1st. Bring a prospective member!

Please pray for those affected by the fires, floods, and the hurricane. If you have not been touched by any natural disaster, say a Hail Mary as a thank you!

Will you wear a costume for Halloween?

With prayers and high hopes,
Dennie DiGirolamo

We need every member’s input on how to keep ourselves viable and relevant.

Covid still limits our activities, and we

With prayers and high hopes,
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Greetings to all,

After a long sixteen months, in August our regular meetings resumed on the second Tuesday of the month! I hope everyone will make it to a meeting in the near future.

Please plan to attend our Branch’s 90th anniversary celebration during the 11 a.m. mass on October 17th, at St Joachim Church. Details to follow on a possible luncheon following the mass.

Hoping to see everyone very soon!
Mary Keitz

Greetings fellow members. Trust all are doing well and slowly getting back to some semblance of normal. We are planning our first, in 18 months, meeting Sept. 16 and so looking forward to being together again, albeit, with prevailing health cautions.

Pres. Mike Caglia attended the Convention, and we will be hearing his report when we meet.

Our bakers are working hard to prepare for a bake sale at the St. Elia Celebration Mass Sunday, Sept. 26 at noon and being celebrated by our beloved Msgr. Patrick McCormick. Usual festivities of a Queen, procession and large banquet have been curtailed to a BYO picnic and socializing on the lawn.

Please keep, Rose Caggia, Millie Puma, Helen Bitter, Elmore Andriotti, Peggy Barbato and Mamie Mortalaro, our beloved and very long-time members who have passed this year in your prayers.

Keep well, pray for peace and an end to this pandemic.
Sally M Caglia, Sec.

Branch 39 had its second in person meeting of 2021 with a delicious meal, report on the ICF Convention, announcement of proposed officers for next year, and planning for our pasta sauce sale. The meal of roast pork arista (with garlic, pepper, and rosemary), pasta with spicy red sauce, and baked zucchini followed by Italian cheesecake for dessert was prepared by Michael Belluomini.

The two delegates to the ICF Convention reported on the thalassemia coordinator presentation, the Vallorz family pizza support for shut in elderly, the Bozzo family of Gilroy award for excellence, the award to Peter Stiehler for his Catholic Worker housing/cafeteria in San Bruno, the award to Fr. Greg Boyle for his Homeboy Industries establishment that employs the poor, ex-cons, former gang members in Los Angeles, and the election of officers for ICF Central Council. As Vince Piro is a member of our branch, we reported on his active role in many convention activities.

Our proposed slate of officers for next year includes Chris Martin, President; Mary Ellen Mazzei, First Vice President; Terri Rhodes, Second Vice President; Financial Secretary Sandy Del Real; and Sally Latorraca, Treasurer. Our pasta sauce sale is scheduled for October 13 just before the regular branch meeting, all sales are by preorder which must be in by October 7 to Chris Martin. Cost is $15/quart. We are sad that Stephanie Lucich our regular journalist for the Bollettino has moved to Carpinteria.

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Grand President and member of Merced Br. 39, Vince Piro, installed new members at the August dinner meeting. Left to right are Laura McGowan, Doreen Marchi Crawford, Jose and Bea Degaudio, and Dennis and Dorothy Riskey. "

At the August dinner meeting of Merced Br. 39, (1 to r) Nick Pugliese, Michael Bandoni and Ruth Redondo, are ready to safely serve the members their salad toppings for their August dinner meeting.

Joining in celebrating Evelyn Way turning 90 were Merced ICF members Sue Asbury, Janet Pugliese, Stephanie Lucich, Anne-Marie Bandoni, Josephine Giampaoli, Clara and Arthur Lopez, Marilena Williams, Arlene Gach, and hostess, Josie Fragnito-Lira.

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Frank leaves behind his daughters. Frank was born on February 25, 1935, in Fowler, CA, the second of five children born to Marie and Frank Pimentel, Sr. He passed away the evening of July 29, 2021.

Frank started butchering at the age of 15 in and around Fresno in various Mom & Pop markets. He continued his butchering career with Safeway/Vons for over 42 years at stores in Clovis, Fresno and throughout the Valley. He was always remembered for his crazy and seasonal hats and ties and helping young ladies with menus and recipes to impress their boyfriends and in laws!

Frank was actively involved at OLPH Church and School, always sharing his culinary skills with the ICO, Knights of Columbus and Silver Foxes. He was a member of numerous other clubs and organizations throughout his life.

Beth (Gary) Wilde and Chris Peterson, sons, Mike (Karen) and Kevin (Katie) Pimentel and their families. He is also survived by his sister, Patty Tillis, brother, Robert (Jeanne) Pimentel, numerous nieces, nephews and God children.

In Frank’s memory, and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, the St. Jude Foundation, or a Charity of your choice.

Congratulations to Franklyn Lopes who was elected 2nd Vice-Grand President and to all the other candidates who were elected to the Central Council. Thank you to all our delegates who attended our Convention in Santa Clara- Marriott’s. We were proud to receive an award for 100 percentage in our Apostolic Charity report.

Our Bishop’s Day will be on Sunday October 24, 2021, at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, CA. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by a light reception and business meeting /elections at Stewart Floral. More details will be sent to you soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine,
Recording Secretary Central Coast District
Hello, Tutti! Well, the year is clipping along and ICF is rebounding after 18 months close down. We held our first live-body meeting at Holy Cross Hall last month with a good turnout. Our Convention delegates, Rebecca Hernandez and Roseann Costabile, reported that the Convention was both inspiring and enlightening. We are grateful for their participation.

This year, in lieu of our usual ‘90+ year old birthday celebration’, Monica Crowley put together 20+ beautiful flower arrangements to be delivered to our Branch 21 nonagenarian members. The bouquets, along with a lovely card, were delivered to each recipient in person. A big thank you to Monica, Roseann Costabile, Patty Morelli, Dana Morelli, Cindy Schuette, Vicky Howell, and Norma Wilson; and a special thank you to Franklyn Lopes who donated the flowers and greens.

It’s election time again and we are asking for nominations for the Branch 21 Board of Directors; this year we will be losing four members. Anyone interested please contact either Patty Morelli or Norma Wilson.

Coming up: Bishop’s Day on October 24th and ICF Memorial Mass will be held on November 7th. Next month’s General Meeting will be on October 5th at 4:30 p.m.

In closing, these are October’s birthdays to celebrate:
Val Belli, Gary Benito, Ardilla Camarlinghi, Lynette deLara, Kay Ghio, Vicky Howell, George Kievlan, Anna Marie Locatelli, Fr. Mike Marini, Sheila Prado, Diana Pracher, Gino Rinaldi, Jo Shaffer, Valerie Vote. Missed August birthdays were Norma Wilson and Bill Crowley. Emily Dickinson wrote: “We turn not older with years, but newer with each day”.

God bless and stay healthy
Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

“We ARE ONE”—ICF Convention 2021- held in Santa Clara - Marriott’s 9/3-9/5. Delegates from our Branch were Joe LoManto, Eddie Leonard, Bella Leonard, Elaine Valentine. Branch #36 donated $1,000 to Cooley’s Anemia Fund, $1,000 to Providence Fund, $1,000 to Gift of Love Fund. Congratulations to Br 36 for receiving an award for increase of membership 2020-2021. A total of 81 delegates in attendance. Next convention will be held in Las Vegas.

On August 26, 2021, our members enjoyed a Spaghetti and meatball dinner, served with a salad, our famous garlic bread, lemon bread pudding. During our business meeting, Dante Galaezzi from Central Council and Julie Richard, Branch Mentor initiated 12 new members to our Branch. We thank Derek Bodkin the world’s best whistler for entertaining us.

We are sad report that Eva Flores recently passed away. Our condolences to her family and may she Rest in Peace. We pray for all our members who are ill, homebound and their special Intentions.

Fall blessings
Pumpkin Spice and everything nice.
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1st Vice President

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Br. 21 Vicky Howell, Roseann Costabile, and Rebecca Hernandez

Bella Leonard Branch 36

Joe LoManto President Branch 36

Initiation Branch 36

Capitola
Br. 227, St. Joseph

Congratulations to our branch President, Franklyn Lopes, who was elected Grand 2nd Vice President at the Convention.

You may be wondering about future meetings of the branch. We are awaiting final guidelines from the parish regarding use and rental costs of the Parish Center. When they are received, the Board will make a decision and bring it to the membership. Stay tuned for more information.

As our branch is unable to host Bishop’s Day, the Central Coast officers will do the hosting on Sunday October 24, 2021. Mass will be conducted at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz at 10:30 a.m. Following mass, there will be a reception at Stewart’s Floral, 1658 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz. Each branch is asked to bring a raffle basket and appetizers for the reception.

Say some prayers that our member Betty Barber will soon be good as new. She is dealing with some recent health issues. And let’s not forget our other members who could use some get well prayers as well: Mike Rios, Nancy Olson and Don Robinson.

Here’s a reassuring thought from Henry Ward Beecher:
Every charitable act is a steppingstone toward heaven.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

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Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

As the Delegate for Br. 291, J. Keely Sanchez, and my husband, Dave, attended the ICF Convention in Santa Clara and had a really nice time. I attended both workshops and gathered some ideas for recruiting new members and retaining existing ones, plus I received some fundraising ideas, during these challenging times, from other branches. I also enjoyed meeting other members from the Central Coast District and beyond! The Friday night and Saturday night dinners were very good, the hotel was nice, I felt the convention was very well-organized and the weather was perfect! My husband was quite excited to find out that Fr. Gregory Boyle was there to receive the St. Teresa of Calcatta Award at the ICF Convention. We’re very excited to meet Fr. Gregory Boyle from Homeboy Industries, the recipient of the St. Teresa of Calcatta Award at the ICF Convention.

Paso Robles
Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

With help from our newest members, Branch 354 has completed a successful summer fundraiser—parking cars for people attending the California Mid-State Fair. Under the leadership of David Zanni and David Kudija we provided a much-needed service for our community and made $5,000 to boot! Now we are looking forward to our annual spaghetti and meatball fundraiser on November 6. We are keeping our forks and wine glasses ready, and our fingers crossed.

Our Nominating Committee has met and selected a potential slate of officers for 2022. Hopefully they will accept our nomination. Our Branch is currently coming up with some fundraising ideas to hold in the near future to benefit our Registration Assistance Program. We’ll be discussing those at our October meeting. In addition, we’ll be holding Officer Elections at our October meeting, so this is a meeting our members do not want to miss!

We recently sent out a survey to our members in our September newsletter regarding meeting days, times, etc. We want to best meet our members’ schedules in order to get as many members as possible to attend our General Meetings. If you haven’t already, please take a moment to respond to the survey so we can better plan our future meetings. Br. 291 recently lost a longtime member and wonderful man, Jens Wagner. Jens and his wife, Sonia, were married for 67 years, and they have also been longtime members of St. Patrick’s Church. Please keep Sonia and the entire Wagner family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear Jens.

Have a Blessed Fall Season!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

SAN JOSE
SANTA CLARA
VALLEY
District Council

What seemed an iffy situation came into reality Labor Day weekend. Many thanks to all the branches that sent delegates. It culminated into a splendid convention. I want to signal out one individual that deserves credit for an outstanding accomplishment over the last two years. No Central Council President ever before faced the challenges that this man faced, and he remained steady throughout – Vince Piro. I know I will be criticized for not mentioning others that deserve equal praise, but Vince was at the helm and gets my acknowledgement.

Our two favorite priests, Fr. George Aranha and Fr. Chris Bennett consecrated at the Sunday Mass with Bishop Cantu. I really was impressed with the Scholarship winners. What a wonderful listing of future leaders. Glad to see Al & Diana Valloroz recognized for their hard work on behalf of the ICF.

Sad that the SCV District picnic had to be cancelled. But we still have the Oktoberfest Party at Teske’s Germania Restaurant on September 25.

During these times, I rely on Santa Teresa’s Prayer – “Let nothing disturb you, - Let nothing frighten you - All things are passing away - God never changes - Patience obtains all things – Whoever has God lacks nothing – God alone suffices”.

SCV District Meeting – Cancelled until further notice.

Mike Nunziata

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

At the beginning of these troubling times the “Lord is my Shepherd” was invoked to help us find our way. Now that there is a glimmer of an exit passage, we call upon that same Psalm.

A psalm of David:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the still waters,
He restores my soul.

My cup runneth over.

Blessings, peace and God.

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Sam and Judy Bozzo family being chosen the Italian Catholic Federation Family of the Year Award for 2022 – BOLLETTINO
Los Gatos
Br. 184, St. Mary

Well, here it is October, and another Convention has come and gone. This one was so special because it was in person. About 200 of our members and families came together to celebrate everything that makes the ICF what it is. An organization that celebrates our Faith, our families, and our heritages. Congratulations to the new Central Council Officers and members. The Thursday Night Pre-Convention was the best ever. It showed how great our District is, we knew it, now the rest of the ICF knows it too. I am most proud that our new pastor Fr. Greg Kimm attended the Thursday night Dinner and the Sunday Banquet. We really got to know Fr. Greg. He is very familiar with the ICF as his parents are charter members of our Bakersfield Branch.

By now we have participated in the SF Heritage Parade. Instead of a float we were driving in some pretty nice convertibles. Our “Chicken” looked great waving from that vehicle and so did our newest Grand President Deborah Rodondi.

This still is a year of uncertainty but the one thing I know for sure is that the ICF will survive. Our branch will survive. Look for our virtual raffle at the end of October. Thanks to Rose Arnaudo and Donna Pfaff who have already brought me items for the raffle baskets. If you have anything new that could be used in a basket or would like to donate gift cards for our raffle, they would be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all and Have a Happy Halloween.
Denise Antonowicz

San Jose
Br. 191, St. Frances Cabrini

In the good Ole Summertime…That was exactly what happened, as Branch 191, held its FIRST general meeting on August 25, 2021. With Covid precautions in place, a BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings welcomed our members. The food was delicious, but the welcoming faces, wonderful company, and contagious laughter made the evening perfect in our Bocce Court. Raffle prizes were given, but the best prize was the camaraderie of our members. A BIG thank you for each and every one who planned, shopped, donated, cooked, cleaned, and attended this event.

The 2021 Convention, held in our own Santa Clara Valley, at the Marriott Hotel, was also the opening to the Labor Day weekend. Our own President, Debbie Piro, being our delegate, shared some of her experiences. As Debbie arrived, her great joy was in seeing everyone in the lobby. She told me it was so "Refreshing, genuine, and everyone was just so caring in seeing each other". Debbie shared her activities of a tailgate party, workshops, and the open forum.

Yes, Convention had changed, but Debbie was most impressed that every activity was kept on a positive and upbeat tone. New ways and new ideas were discussed to keep the Federation in existence.

Mass on Sunday was officiated by Bishop Cantu. Debbie felt she had a "Good Experience" and because convention was shortened, there was ample time to see many members. It was a great opportunity for Debbie.

Branch 191 is extending prayers to the family of Bob Bombacci, who has passed away. Bob was our famous "Soup Night Guy " during our Lenten Seasons. He was a member of the SFC Men’s Club, as well as ICF. May he reside in the hands of God.

Happy Fall
Shirley Catania
Sentinel

San Jose
Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Our August meeting with barbeque was cancelled for August because of concerns about Covid. We are following all the rules to keep us healthy and safe.

We attended our September meeting with masks on and hand sanitizer at the door. At our meeting Ed Wendler read a beautiful true story about “Hope” from a woman who was born on 911.

Our Apostolate Charity Report by Mike Nunziata asked for commitment to offering masses, stations of the cross, and rosaries for Bishop Cantu for Bishop’s Day on October 3rd at St. Joseph’s Church in Mtn. View.

Please pray for Paul Butler who is still very ill. Loraine Nunziata has requested that Layette Donations be brought to the warehouse or to her home. Avis Erkel is still recovering from her illness and is very grateful for all that are praying for her.

Robyn Schilice and John Gillio were our branch representatives at the Convention. Both said that the Convention was a wonderful experience full of love, friendship, good food, and ran very well. They reported that the tailgate party was the best food. Noreen and John Gillio sold a record number of crosses that John made, and succulents from their garden. Our Father George gave the opening prayer. Our president Mary Ridi should be back in October. Noreen Gillio distributed a flier about thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) Trait. ICF made a donation to this cause for $44,000.

Peace be with you!
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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION
We continue to pray that all stay safe and healthy during these difficult times, and we hope to gather together soon.

Janis Patellaro

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In September, the ICF Convention was held in Santa Clara, and President Mike Rossi and Vice First Vice President Marcie Rossi (who represented our Branch 391) attended workshops and dinners. Father Saju, who attended the Friday night dinner, said the Grace Before Meal. Al and Diana Vallorz, Lynda Vallorz, and Steve and Cathleen Lencioni joined Mike and Marcie during the main banquet on Saturday—they all had a great time!

Again, congratulations to the 2021 ICF Grand President Award winners, Al and Diana Vallorz for their support to ICF and our branch. They received their award during the Convention on Saturday afternoon. Al and Diana have served as branch officers and convention delegates, have cooked for all of our branch dinners, have donated to our branch raffles and fundraisers, and have supported our local community whenever called upon. Diana was honored to serve as branch officers and convenors in Parish and Financial Council.

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

Janis Patellaro

Grand President Award Winners Al and Diana Vallorz with Alba Salciccia

We pray for the Repose of the soul of our member Paul Blefari. Thank you to all who were able to attend the Rosary and the Mass of Christian Burial. Paul was one of the Founding Members of our Branch and served as President, Treasurer and Trustee. Paul also served as an Officer of the Santa Clara Valley District, where he served as Trustee, Second Vice and First Vice. In addition, Paul was very active in the Knights of Columbus where he served as Grand Knight. Paul was very active in Parish Activities and served on the Financial Council.

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San Jose Br. 408, Resurrection

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Some Branch 445 members’ parents, relatives and family friends were once members of San Jose ICF Branch 4 at Holy Cross Parish through the years. One such lifelong family friend is Pearl “Babe” Sunseri. She and her husband Frank were both Branch 4 members. This summer Babe celebrated her 100th BIRTHDAY at a luncheon at Maggiano’s restaurant with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Congratulations Babe and CHEERS to 100 YEARS!

Our branch President Jim Falcone has been very active in our ICF ‘sandwich ministry’ to feed the homeless since its inception in April 2020 during the pandemic. Jim along with two other community members, Bill Perry and Dave Morreira, have spearheaded the distribution of ‘lunch kits’ and delivery of over 7,000 sack lunches to charitable groups during this time period.

They recently manned a table in the vendor area of the ICF National Convention in Santa Clara, CA to share information to other ICF convention participants about this particular ministry, how it was formed, what is included in the lunch kits and the ways ICF members can be involved in supporting it.

Many thanks are extended to those convention participants who stopped by their table to inquire about this ministry and also to those who made a donation in support of the lunch kits.

Happy October Birthday wishes to Jean Cosentino, Gary Pedone, Amy Moody, Maureen Gnodar, Sheri Burns and Grace Brown! Tanti Auguri a tutti voi!

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

Deadline for November Issue is October 10th. Send articles and photos: editor@ifc.org

Grand President Award Winners Al and Diana Vallorz and Family

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STOCKTON
Modesto
Br. 48, Br. 445, St. Stanislaus

The convention had many changes, and they were good changes. Having just two workshops worked out better. We were not able to cover all the workshops in the past when several different topics were offered.

Having the installation on Sunday after mass was a lot better than staying over on Monday just for the installation. All in all, it was a very good convention. It was good to see many old friends. There were also a lot of new delegates.

Bishop Oscar Cantu said the mass and gave a beautiful homily. Also included in the Sunday mass was prayers for our deceased members which was usually held as a separate mass.

We are hoping things get back to some of the order that we had in the past. We will try to have a meeting sometime in September toward the end of the month. Maybe by then we will have more information on what we will be allowed to do. We keep in touch with the members by text and phone.

We will be holding our election of officers in October. Members think about stepping up and taking an office.

Stay healthy and safe.

Cecelia McGhee

STOCKTON
Modesto
Br. 445 Babe Sunseri, daughter Kathy Sunseri O’Neill and family friend Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer

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

Br. 445 Friend - Pearl “Babe” Sunseri … Buon Compleanno!
October Greetings!
Autumn descends upon us! But, as I write this, it certainly doesn’t feel like it. Temperatures are still in the 90s. In Lodi, it seems we have 6 months of summer with only 2 months each of fall and spring. Where did our 4 seasons go?
Thank you to our branch for sponsoring me as a delegate for the 90th ICF National Convention in Santa Clara. It was wonderful to meet so many members from other branches. Most have the same challenges concerning membership, fundraising, and branch activities. The convention gave us the opportunity to share ideas and brainstorm solutions. I came away inspired, feeling a renewed energy, and a sense of hope that our branch will flourish.

Next meeting is Tues., Oct 26th in the Youth Room, where we’ll be learning about the Catholic history of Halloween, All Saints/All Souls Day, and Italian Halloween traditions. Bring a friend and a spooky treat!
As promised, see photos of our August Bocce Dinner Fundraiser in this Bollettino issue.
Fino al nostro prossimo incontro (until we meet again)...please pray for all those affected by the wildfires, those that are afflicted with Covid, and those touched by events in our world. Also, keep in prayer our clergy and all our branch members.

— Patty Litts, President

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio
After a tasty dinner of Chef Tony’s Oven Chicken, ravioli, salad and dessert at Cucina Queirolo, First Vice-president Birdie Nieri chaired our recent Branch meeting. She was filling in for vacationing President Jim Alfieri.
Word has been received from our parish office that its facilities will soon be re-opened so that the ICF will be able to conduct its meetings again on church property. No definite date was given.
We will be presenting a monetary gift to our Chaplain, Father Chris Varghese, to thank him for his time as our spiritual leader. He is being re-assigned to Holy Family Church in Modesto.
We are mourning the passing of Gloria Costa. She and her husband, Michael, have been long-time members of Branch 139. May she rest in peace.
Our meeting adjourned, as always, with prayer and the playing of the Federation Anthem.

Fino ottobre,
Mariano

Tracy
Br. 390, St. Bernard
We helped the St. Bernard’s Festival in September, with the Friday evening’s offering of chicken dinner prepared by Mike Bacchetti and his fabulous crew. A big thank you to the many ICF members and friends who volunteered to prep, chop, cook, pack and serve hundreds of dinners. Bravo!
All the hard work put into this year’s convention was much appreciated by our attending delegates Anita Ridolfi, President of Branch 390 and her husband Steve Ridolfi. Our donations to Cooley’s Anemia of $500 and to Gifts of Love for $500 were well-received and our branch should be proud to be able to donate to such worthy causes. Convention workshops were well done, as were the presentations. The great idea of bracelets for health safety in red, green and yellow were fun - green = you can hug if vaccinated; yellow = you will receive those fun elbow bumps only; and red = please don’t touch! No baci though!
Get ready for October’s take-out dinners—the night of Thursday, Oct. 28.

Father Fleming Hall is the place to get those ever-popular Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore dinners prepared by Mike and his crew again. See you there!
Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures on our Website: www.icfbranch390.org. Be sure to check out the added attraction of our HERITAGE section.
If you haven’t sent Steve yours yet, send them please! The newsletter on our website would love to hear from you!

Stay healthy, happy and safe,
Betty Hollars
Congratulations Savannah Monaco, First Year Scholarship recipient from Branch 395.

Stockton
Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Branch 395 thanks Central Council for putting on a great in-person convention besides all the challenges. How exciting to have a female president leading the ICF. We are thrilled to finally be meeting in person on a regular basis. It is great to see members again face to face (with masks on of course)

This month we look forward to elections and selecting our new Board. We are encouraging our newer members to get more involved. It is the best way to give back to the federation.

Stay safe

Alla prossima,
Mary Ann

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. ” – Mother Teresa

Angels Camp
Br. 413, St. Patrick's

Hello to all our ICF Family! September is upon us, and it is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows. And with sorrow, I must report that we lost our beloved Branch Secretary, Sharon Dunn, on July 20, 2021.

Sharon has been a very dedicated secretary to our branch. She has been fighting illness for many years now, but always made sure that our branch had its minutes from all our meetings. If she couldn’t come to the meeting, she would ask someone to take notes, and then she would type them up and send them out to the members. A few times, she was at another event, and her husband, Bob, had to take notes. She was very serious and dedicated when it came to being our Branch Secretary. She will be sadly missed, and we will keep Bob and her family in our prayers. We ask all of you to keep them in your prayers too.

Our branch is losing its members to the membership of Heaven, but we keep going forward. By God’s grace and your prayers, we hope to get our branch up and running again soon.

Stay safe in God’s hands and keep us in your prayers.

Ciao,
Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary
Leonard Zasoski, Jr. - Chairperson

Committee Members: Lauren Kilcullen, Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Pat Mages, Richard Interrante, Laurice Levine and Betty Zasoski

Officers and Members of the Italian Catholic Federation, assembled in the Diocese of San Jose for their 90th Annual Convention on September 3-5, 2021, adopt the following Resolutions and Communications:

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION TO POPE FRANCIS
We pledge our loyalty, affection, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

COMMUNICATION TO MOST REVEREND OSCAR CANTÚ
We express our gratitude and assurance of our prayers for their continued service to the people of the San Jose Diocese. We are grateful for his participation in this year’s Convention, representing the Diocese of San Jose.

COMMUNICATION TO MSGR. CARDELLI
We wish to thank I.C.F. Spiritual Director Msgr. Cardelli for all his years of loyal service to the I.C.F. We appreciate his spiritual guidance and leadership to the Central Council and membership of the I.C.F. We look forward too many more years of his friendship and guidance and congratulate him on his 64th year of Ordination.

COMMUNICATION TO GRAND PRESIDENT VINCENT PIRO
We wish to thank Grand President Vincent Piro, for his leadership during the past two years. Your many long hours and hard work devoted to the Federation have not gone unnoticed. We are truly appreciative.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL BISHOPS AND PRIESTS WHERE THE FEDERATION IS ESTABLISHED
We reaffirm our devotion and send affectionate greetings and heartfelt gratitude for their inspiring guidance. We ask for their blessings on the works of the Federation, that we follow in the footsteps of our founders, Sir Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini. We are united in a common faith and love for Christ's Body and the Church; and we will continue to be faithful and diligent in our message of our values: faith, family, and heritage. We continue to support the many needs of the Catholic Church, especially our seminarians and clergy.

RESOLUTIONS:

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES
As officers and members of the Italian Catholic Federation and as proud Americans, we stand united today in defending our freedom and liberty. We offer our prayers to all in the Armed Forces, praying for their well-being and safe return, especially in these uncertain times.

TO ALL ELECTED LEADERS OF OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
We offer our prayers of support to our elected leaders as they make difficult decisions and compromises to assure the well-being of ALL in our United States of America and in the World.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND UNITED STATES WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND VIOLENCE IN 2020 AND 2021
We offer our prayers and support to the people of the World and in the United States, devastated by natural disasters and human violence in 2020 and 2021. We join them in their sorrow over lost loved ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND UNITED STATES WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC IN 2020 AND 2021
We offer our prayers and support to the people of the World and in the United States, who have suffered or are currently suffering from the COVID-19 global pandemic in 2020 and 2021. We join them in their sorrow over lost ones and offer our petitions to the Lord for the survivors. We pray to the Lord to protect and heal them.

TO THE CONVENTION DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE
Whereas, the preparation of the convention entails many months of dedicated work, time, and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on earth. We commit ourselves to living a life of faith. We pledge our prayers that God will grant him many years of his Pontificate.

TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and commend them for their untiring work for our organization and offer our appreciation to Charlene Kramer, Patty Smith and Nanette Scarpellini Metz, Editor of the Bollettino.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION WHO ARE DEALING WITH ILLNESS AT THIS TIME
We miss your presence and leadership, advice and good company. Be assured of our prayers for your health and well-being.

TO THE FAMILY OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER EMERITUS FRANCES FOGLIA-TEGLIA
We offer our condolences to the family of Frances Foglia-Teglia on her recent passing. Fran was a dedicated member of the Italian Catholic Federation.

TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE, MEDICAL
We offer our prayers that they will continue to be there for all of us when needed and that they are also protected from harm.

Mister President, I move that these Communications and Resolutions be adopted. Thank you.
Friday at the Convention

Friday was a complete combining all element of the ICF.

**BLOOD DRIVE ORGANIZED BY THE LIVE TO GIVE COMMITTEE**

ICF members started the first full day of the convention by giving of themselves at the 10th annual blood driving. The Live to Give committee of Laurice Levine, Kenneth Marshall and Pat Mages, collected 30 units of blood. All who donated had the opportunity to participate in a collection of enticing raffle baskets.

**REGISTRATION**

Lauren Kilcullen, Deborah Rodondi and Carmen Kilcullen greeted delegates and guests at the registration booth. This year 81 delegates attended the convention.

The Federation provided bracelets for health safety in red, green and yellow were fun: green = you can hug if vaccinated; yellow = you will receive those fun elbow bumps only; and red = please don’t touch!

**BINGO** brought delegates and guests together for a fun start. Central Council member Franklyn Lopes, Jr. called the numbers to an enthusiastic crowd.

**THE MARKETPLACE presented throughout the Convention** provided members with an opportunity to browse fine art and crafts, to shop and to learn about a community outreach program prompted by the pandemic.

Jim Falcone, Branch 445, displayed his branch’s Lunch Ministry Program and provided guidance on developing the lunch making kits at other branches. Since the pandemic began 18 months ago, Br. 445 made and delivered over 7,000 lunches.
The lunch program has been a critical part in getting members active. The program involved members making predetermined lunches based on a select menu with ingredients provided by the branch. Jim Falcone distributed the ingredients, gathered the prepared lunches and then delivered the lunches to members in need. The Lunch Ministry Program could be implemented at other branches throughout the federation.

John & Norene Gillio, Br. 368 San Jose presented handcrafted garden crosses and decorative succulent pots. The crosses are made using a combination of redwood and ceramic tiles. They are crafted to tolerate the weather so they may be displayed indoors or outside.

Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan, Br. 91 Oakland, is the skilled artisan behind Maggiora Jewelry. She shared a wide range of jewelry to include a special ICF brand design. Jo-Ann donates 20% of ICF emblem jewelry back to the ICF. Popular items include the ICF men’s ring as well as a necklace with the emblem. More information can be found at www.donivanandmaggiora.com

Joe Digrado displayed his watercolors. The images transported the viewer to the Tuscan countryside and other parts of Italy. Joe also offers personal watercolor portraits of dogs taken from a photograph.

A local vendor sold magnetic wine charms to marks everyone’s glass and gnome buddies to dress up a bottle of wine.

NEW DELEGATE ORIENTATION

Vince & Robyn Piro, Grand President and First Lady, welcomed the 16 new delegates. Grand 1st Vice President Deborah Rodondi and Grand 2nd Vice President Denise Antonowicz provided an overview of delegate responsibilities and expectations. Members shared ideas for how their branches had been managing membership and fundraising during the pandemic closures.

Br. 75, Spaghetti and chicken dinners served via drive thru

Br. 368 held a Rib cook off with food distributed via drive thru BLONDE

Silent auctions managed online were also successful as well as a $5 grab bag raffle where everyone wins.

Br. 217, Paul encouraged branches to try meetings at a park.

Br. 26 Hollister, Kathy Hill shared the success of her branch’s pasta dinners to raise money for scholarships.

FRIDAY OPENING CEREMONIES

Roselyne Jarrett, Convention Director, called the ICF 90th Annual Convention to order. She welcomed everyone to the Santa Clara Valley and explained the rules and strategies being used by ICF and the Marriott hotel to keep everyone safe and healthy during the convention.
Friday at the Convention continued

Perry Shurko served as Master of Ceremonies, Central Council Member from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Shurko thanked Roselyne Jarrett and greeted all the delegates and guests. He embraced his role and strove to be akin to one of the most renowned MCs—MC Hammer.

Reverend George Aranha, Diocesan Chaplain, San Jose, led all in the Opening Prayer which included the “Our Father” and “Hail Mary.” He encouraged everyone to know though “we are many parts, but one today.” Also, “know that we are Christians by our love.”

Karen Rossi, Former First Lady, sang the National Anthem.

The Welcome from the Host District President was given by Robert Basuino Sr., Past Grand President of Central Council. He spoke of the challenges of planning this year’s convention, but how its importance was clear. The convention is a special place to “renew your old friendships…and to make a new friend” as everyone comes together to strengthen ICF.

Vincent and Robyn Piro, Grand President and First Lady, led the Presentation of the Central Council. During his Greeting from the Grand President, Vince repeated the Convention theme of “We Are One” by sharing his personal experiences within ICF including finding a long-lost cousin among its members. He shared that it is “so important to us as an organization—our faith bring us together...From that faith so many good things happen.” Faith, friendship, family and fun are critical parts of ICF.

During the Roll Call of Districts, all District Presidents were invited to sign the ICF Convention backdrop. Throughout the convention, delegates and guests were encouraged to add their names to the backdrop as well to show how all are coming together.

National Charity Presentation highlighted Thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia). Vince Piro presented a check for $41,000 for the Cooley’s Anemia fund to Laurice Levine, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator. Typically, Dr. Tom Coates of UCLA Children’s Hospital would attend. Instead, he sent his remarks to Laurice to share with ICF. He was disappointed he was unable to be there in person and emphasized that “wearing the mask, helps you protect others.”

Dr. Coates revealed that they are working with three medications that may help thalassemia patients not need regular transfusions. The ability to be independent from transfusions would be a major step in a more normal life for patients and their families. He thanked the ICF for its ongoing support.

After reading Dr. Coates’s remarks, Laurice Levine shared some of her own experience. According to Levine, aging with thalassemia (Cooley’s Anemia) is difficult.

“I am going to be 50, but I wasn’t supposed to live past 13.”

People with the disease cannot produce hemoglobin. To date, Laurice has had 554 blood transfusions. The disease is even more challenging because it is possible to see others suffering due to the global disparity in healthcare especially in such places as India and Bangladesh where the disease is prevalent. There is an ongoing fight for equality in healthcare.

At the ICF Convention this year, the 10th annual blood drive collected 30 units of blood and a unit of plasma. This was due in large part to the actions of Central Council members Ken Marshall and Pat Mages. Pat has played an active role in the Live to Give committee’s actions for the last 10 years. During this year’s blood drive, Levine said, “Ken was amazing and inspiring…you handled everything today.”

She finished her remarks by sharing, “I am here today because of ICF. Due to research ICF has supported and the love I have felt.”

The CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Reverend Christopher Bennett, Chaplain, Branch 445, San Jose.

Reverend Bennett spoke of a more vibrant future and challenged those in attendance to accept the guidance wisdom and support to be “shining lights for all to see…and to help us to be a faithful church.”
MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This year’s adapted schedule had all delegates attending the workshops together. Delegates were assigned specific tables for the day to minimize contact. The Membership Committee, led by Chairperson Perry Shurko, along with Pat Mages and Vince Piro described strategies to build and grown membership.

The first phase is the newly produced promotional video. This was the first viewing for many of the members. The committee posted the video to the ICF website and sent it to chaplains and bishops throughout the ICF area. The video was also ran as an ad on YouTube and FaceBook to promote the federation.

Use the promotional video to publicize the preparation for a membership drive or a visit to the pastor. Branches can share the video or show it during mass announcements in addition to providing brochures and contact information.

Pat Mages highlighted key areas in Recruitment such as:
- Advertise in bulletin and church announcement
- Include a table with applications every time ICF is doing any event
- Create a flyer to your branch community
- Reach out to neighboring local parishes and community
- Connect with Italian restaurants and post on local bulletin boards

Vince Piro focused on Retention by using Amici di Cuore—Buddy System.
- Assign a mentor to help new members feel welcome and older members feel needed.
- Use the Amici di Cuore to explain ritual structure
- Allow mentors to act as a liaison between new and old members

Delegates also shared ideas on how to develop membership.

These included such ideas as:
- Consider meeting after mass instead of evening meetings.
- Host socially-distanced luncheons and initiations in members’ backyards in case church facilities are too costly or restrictive.
- Offer a calendar of events so members can plan.
- Collaborate with the Elks Kitchen, Moose lodge, Knights of Columbus or other local groups to expand options.
- Bring bag lunches for members if kitchens aren’t available.
- Consider the National Branch at St. Peters for members outside of ICF borders.
- Contact Mike Rossi, Expansion Lead, for suggestions on new branch locations.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LED THE OPEN FORUM

They thanked District Presidents for attending.

The paused Mentorship Program was a key area of discussion.
- Program paused for over a year to reconfigure.
- Put the focus on the program to get new ideas.
- Address disconnect between district mentor and Central Council
- Assign CC member to each district to work with district and mentor
- Initiated a training program for district mentors via Zoom
- Now starting branch mentor training.

Topics addressed:
- A call to research potential new policy regarding wine and kids in attendance
- Strategic Plan status update—used to make decisions throughout the year
- ICF branches don’t qualify for small business reimbursement from the state
- ICF has a corporate account for Zoom
- CC members will be assigned on Sunday to each District which may be able to help branches with difficulties in elections
- When trying to build membership, remember to invite people back or someone else will.
- For donations to church, make sure the branch hands the check directly to the pastor.
- ICF applications can be scanned and emailed. Still working on putting it online.
- Consider allowing non-Catholics to be members
- Combine events such as district picnic and Bishop’s Day

Saturday at the Convention
CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION

Roselyne Jarrett, Convention Director called the meeting to order. She reminded everyone that ICF has an official Facebook page for sharing information, hear what other branches are doing to connect throughout the organization.

Father Jerry Ochetti, San Bernardino District gave the opening prayer. He asked all gathered to “Pray for those seeking a better life from the southern borders to our other borders including those from Afghanistan. Typically, Monsignor Daniel Cardelli would provide the opening blessing. Due to health concerns and local commitments, he sent a letter to share to let everyone know that the ICF was in his thoughts.

During the session, the Grand President’s Award was given to Al and Diana Vallorz, Br. 391, San Jose. Since the pandemic hit, Al and Dianna have used their Italian restaurant, Tony & Alba’s, to serve a free medium pizza to anyone over 70. As a direct outreach to people who were food insecure throughout the pandemic, they have been providing pizza and salad to those in need.

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Sam said, we are “so proud to receive the award.”

Greg added, “Nine of us are in Gilroy…that try to continue the spirit of love, hospitality and charity.” He shared that everyone has their own way of giving. Some may donate money, but others give peppers. Some give advice, others grade your acreage. “While the community service we did was always associated with food, it’s not just giving a meal, but giving a part of yourself.” The family directed their $500 donation to Cooley’s Anemia.

The Adoption of Rules and Regulations went through smoothly with the primary change amending convention to Sunday instead of Monday.

The Credential Committee Report showed 81 delegates, 20 Central Council members, 3 diocese chaplains and 5 branch chaplains.

New delegates and new branches were welcomed. There were two reopened branches: Br. 274, Chicago and Br. 449, San Antonio.

Approval of the Grand Treasurer’s Report went through. The Finance Committee meets quarterly. Due to the challenges of the pandemic on fundraising, the Central Council is going to pay 75% is branch liability insurance this year. Branch officers are encouraged to stay current with branch bills.

The Testament/Charity Chairperson Lauren Kilcullen thanked the 66 branches who turned in reports. Updates will be in the Bollettino.

Membership Chairperson Perry Shurko celebrated the branches which increased membership in the last year: Br. 10 Alameda, Br. 36 Monterey, Br. 67 National Branch, Los Angeles, Br. 108 South Pasadena, Br. 135 Reno, Br. 210 Fontana, Br. 215 Fremont, Br. 217 Redlands, Br. 229 Chula Vista, Br. 246 San Diego, Br. 379 Huntington Beach, Br. 406 Orange, Br. 443 Simi Valley, Br. 446 Upland and the San Bernardino District.

All the Central Council candidates gave speeches relating their experience with ICF. With nine candidates for nine spots it was a white ballot win all around.

The Grand President’s Award–Al and Diana Vallorz, Br. 391, San Jose

The Closing Prayer was led by Deacon Marinko Kraljevich, Sacramento, who said, “Divine love overflow from the Holy Trinity to the ICF to make us all one.”

2021 SAINTLY AWARDS BANQUET

Everyone was welcomed to the event by Host District President Robert Basunio, Sr. Life Member and Past Grand President of the Central Council.

Invocation was given by Reverend George Aranha, Diocesan Chaplain of San Jose. Father Aranha of St. Clare’s Parish and Santa Clara University shared that it is God’s deepest desire that disciples stay together as one just as ICF is to stay united. “I am the vine, you are the branches…love one another as I love you.”

Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Cantu, Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, gave the opening remarks. He encouraged those present, that even though the last year was challenging, we are not alone. He said, “Sometimes God invites us to take up the cross and carry it…but God never abandons us.”

Grand President Vince Piro presented the Pope Saint John XXIII award to Peter Stiehler from San Bruno. This is the highest award given to a layperson. For over 25 years, Stiehler has managed the Catholic Worker Hospitality House. The first such house was opened by Dorothy Day in the 1930s. Each day Peter and his staff serve breakfast and dinner to 60 people. Stiehler credits the hundreds of volunteers who have joined him and his wife over the years to work and send donations.

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Father Boyle, a Jesuit priest—just like the Pope—relishes “enemies working side by side with each other...they want to reimagine their lives.” He is empowered by those who strive to find their way. In his work and life, Father Boyle, “imagines a circle of compassion with no one standing outside of that circle.” He considers it a privilege to stand with the easily despised and left out. He called upon those present to consider, “It’s possible for all of us to stand at the margins...obliterate the idea that we are separate.”

Master of Ceremonies Steven Fuentes, Life Member and Past Grand President of the Central Council, finished the ceremony reminding everyone, “Being one together is the most important thing for the ICF.

WE LOVE GOD (Noi Vogliamo Dio)
O we want our God to protect us,/And to guide us in the best way./If in the struggle He will aid us,/From evil shall we win the fray./Rise up all you faithful,/Uphold the Faith and sing;/O we want God Who is our Father;/O we want God Who is our King.

October, 2021

Dear Branch President,

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year’s messages in the December issue of the Bollettino. These can be sent in, already designed and sized, or the text may be provided and we will create the design. These are the choices and prices for the ads:

- 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” (one column square) $25
- 2 1/2” x 5” (vertical or horizontal) $35
- 4” x 5” (horizontal) $50
- 6 1/2” x 5” (horizontal, quarter page) $70

To place a message, please send in your ad by e-mail, either finished or just the text you want, size selection, and your check made out to the ICF (notated Christmas ad), to:

Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Attn: Bollettino

Please send all ad files electronically to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10th.

Thank you.
ICF Office

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10th Annual Blood Drive:
Giving Life
By the Live to Give Committee

The Live to Give Committee would like to extend their deepest appreciation and gratitude to all who donated or attempted to donate blood at the 10th Annual Convention Blood Drive in Santa Clara, California. Because of your selfless act of donating blood, we ended up with a total of 30 units of blood and one unit of plasma—that is 91 lives saved. Every year, more people show up, roll up their sleeves, and donate life and this year, despite a smaller convention, was no exception.

Donors received a goodie bag and raffle tickets for an array of fabulous prizes donated by the Live to Give Committee. Special thanks to Rose Jarrett for donating ICF swag as well as Vitalant for donating pens and blood donor swag for the raffle. The Live to Give Committee would also like to recognize the Vitalant staff, led by Pamela Moore, Donor Recruitment Representative. The phlebotomists were exceptional, hard-working, and incredibly kind despite being understaffed and staying hours overtime.

If you missed the blood drive and still want to donate blood, contact your local blood bank. If you care to donate in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a friend’s milestone, you can get a card from the ICF office, and a letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree. Your donation will also be recognized in the Bollettino, just the same as all the other donations. What better way to celebrate life than to give life? To find out if you qualify to donate, you can contact your local blood bank or contact the Live to Give Committee.

Planning blood drives is a great way for your branch to get involved with the Live to Give Committee, as well as to replenish an ever-diminishing blood supply. Ninety-five percent of people will need a blood transfusion at some time in their lives, yet only five percent of people (four percent in the Bay Area) donate blood. Wouldn’t it be terrible to be bleeding out from a car accident only to find that the hospital you urgently got admitted to ran out of blood? Sadly, this happens, but it does not have to if we all do our part and plan a drive or give blood. The Live to Give Committee and your local blood bank are happy to help you.

Blood donors, thank you for your contributions to this very important program and for donating blood and giving the gift of life. God bless each of you.

Joseph Aguilar
Mahmoud Ahmad
Thomas Cook
John Gillio
Steven Hong
Arthur Kao
Patty Litts
Nancy Lukas
Lou Mages
Elizabeth Marshall
Robert Pachinger
Andy Pappani
Sid Pappani
Marcie Rossi
Mike Rossi
Karen Rosson
Dean Santiago
Patricia Segarini
Nanette Metz
Jacob Sharr
Ric Shinshock
Citlalie Tello
Gianna Rosine Valero
Patricia Whelan
Kyung Yi
Leonard Zassoski

If we inadvertently missed a name one our sincere apologies. Please email LLevine430@aol.com and let us know.

For questions about donating blood or planning a blood drive, please contact

Laurence at 360-860-2032 or LLevine430@aol.com.
Ken Marshall, Chairman, Live to Give Committee
Thank you Pat Mages, Member Live to Give Committee and Lou Mages for always volunteering your time with us.

Laurence Levine, Member Live to Give Committee
The final day of the annual convention wrapped up a full weekend of exploring how to embrace ICF’s vision of “We Are One” in actions and faith. After over a year spent in isolation and fear, members came together to strengthen their commitment to fellowship, faith and charity.

Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Diocese of San Jose led all who gathered in a joyous Mass celebrating a successful convention where members were able to share face-to-face for the first time in many months. Also, new Central Council members and officers were installed.

The 2021–2022 Central Council Officers:
- Grand President - Deborah Rodondi
- Grand 1st Vice President - Denise Antonowicz
- Grand 2nd Vice President - Franklyn Lopes, Jr.
- Grand Secretary - Lauren Kilcullen
- Grand Treasurer - Lisa Crudo
- Grand Parliamentarian - Leonard Rossi, C.L.J.
- Grand Trustees - Bob Basuino, Pat Mages and Perry Shurko
- Grand Sentinel - Teresa Helfand
- Spiritual Director - Rev. Msgr. Daniel Cardelli
- New Central Council Member - Rosemary Cook

Vocalist, Mary Blaser was accompanied by JJ Francisco to uplift everyone in song.

New Grand President, Deborah Rodondi, thanked outgoing Grand President, Vince Piro, for “guiding ICF through a difficult time in our history….and leading us through the challenging conditions with innovative ways to connect.”

Thank you to Roselyne Jarrett, the Convention Planning Committee, and the Santa Clara Valley branches for making everyone feel welcome.

Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend the

91st Annual National Convention in Las Vegas on September 2 to 5, 2022.