



# BOLLETTINO



## Zampognari Denise Antonowicz,

Heritage Chair – Grand 1st Vice President

*Tu scendi dalle stelle  
O Re del Cielo  
E vieni in una grotta  
Al freddo al gelo  
E vieni in una grotta  
Al freddo al gelo*



No Italian Christmas would be complete without the sound of bagpipes. Everywhere from the piazzas of Rome to remote hillside villages, the Zampognari (pipers) continue the tradition of festive bagpipe playing that dates back to ancient Roman times.

crossed leather leggings, sheepskin vests with a woolen cloak and peaked cap. There are regional changes such as velvet jackets or neckerchiefs, but the look of the piper remains mostly the same as it has for centuries.

Legend tells us that of the shepherds who visited the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, after gazing upon the baby Jesus, some took out their bagpipes and played. In keeping with the legend, the pipers will stop at public Nativity scenes for a few minutes of quiet contemplation.

Historically, the piper is accompanied by a shawm, a medieval woodwind instrument; however, today's pipers are usually accompanied by an oboe player.

*You come down from the stars*

*O King of Heaven*

*And come to a cave*

*In the cold to the frost*

*And come to a cave*

*In the cold to the frost*

They play traditional music, with a popular song being the Christmas hymn, *Tu scendi dalle stelle* (You come down from the stars), written by Saint Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori, the bishop of Sant'Agata de' Goti.

So, play your bagpipes, sing the traditional carols, and eat your favorite holiday foods. The one thing we have to remember, especially this year, is how much we have to be thankful for: our families, our faith, and our spirit, that have kept us together. It's family that counts, both our actual family and our ICF family.

However you say it — Buon Natale, Joyeux Noel, Mele Kalikimaka, Vesele Vánoce, Feliz Natal, Wesołych Świąt. The meaning is the same, from my family to yours:

**Vi Auguriamo un Buon Natale  
e un Felice Anno Nuovo!**



## Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi



Merry Christmas to you and your family from me and my family. This is the time of the year I am busy baking a dozen different types of cookies — you know everyone has a favorite —

getting ready for family dinners and gatherings, ICF events and gifts for friends. Since March of 2020, our family and ICF gatherings have been limited. We are all missing these cherished moments and celebrations. Although we are dealing with the disappointment of limited gathering, we still have the joy of celebrating our Faith with God and the gift he gave us in the birth of his son Jesus. A truly magnificent gift. As a child I remember the excitement of being able to stay up to go to midnight mass with the family and being amazed at all those in attendance with even the aisles packed with individuals standing to share in the event.

As the year comes to an end, we look back on the past year and reflect on the good times and the not so good times. In turn, we map out what our

intentions are for the coming year. As we close out the year, we embrace the New Year and look forward to what is to come. In some towns in Italy, December 31st is the day you literally throw out the old to replace it in the new year.

I also look back on the gifts given to me throughout the year — my family, my dear friends, and you the members of the Italian Catholic Federation. I reflect on what I did and what I can do better in the coming year. Let's remember to appreciate our family and friends — let them know how important they are to you and what they mean in your life. I appreciate all you do for the ICF, your parish and community. You make this world a better place. Thank you!

Knowing the importance and strength of prayer, I ask you to keep my dear friend Kathy Trevizo in your prayers.



Deborah with Kathy Trevizo

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## San Bernardino District 2021 Bishop's Luncheon

On October 13, 2021, the San Bernardino District (Branches 210, 217 and 446) enjoyed our annual Bishop's Luncheon with our newly-appointed bishop, Bishop Alberto Rojas (centered). We were joined by many priests,

including our own chaplain, Rev. Jerry Ochetti (left of Bishop Rojas) and four seminarians (right of Bishop Rojas). Lunch was served at Napoli Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda. It was a beautiful afternoon.





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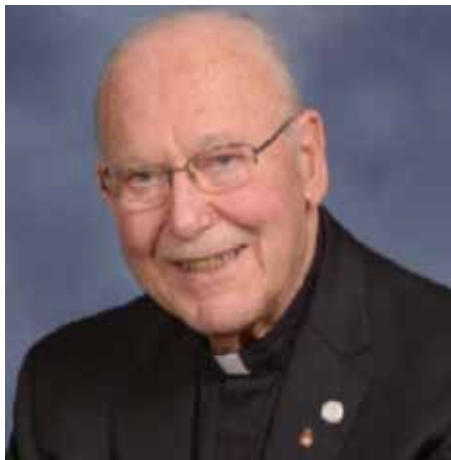
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Include district name, branch number  
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*Thank you!*

## What do you want for Christmas?



Reverend Monsignor  
Daniel E. Cardelli  
Spiritual Director  
Italian Catholic Federation

Adults ask this question of each other. Santa Claus asks little children. Friends ask friends. It is a question that people ask often during this time of the year. So, what do you want for Christmas? You may ask me what do I want for Christmas?

I want world peace.

I want the end of the coronavirus.

I want the end to killing in the streets.

I want people to respect each other.

I want all women to be treated with dignity and equal-  
ity.

I want people to forgive each other.

I want people to respect life, all forms of life, before,  
during, and after birth.

I want to end hunger and help the homeless.

I want people to believe in God and to follow God's  
commandments.

I want people in general to be honest, truthful, and fair.

I want everyone to accept others as children of God to  
end discrimination.

I want people to love and praise God, thanking him for  
what he has given us.

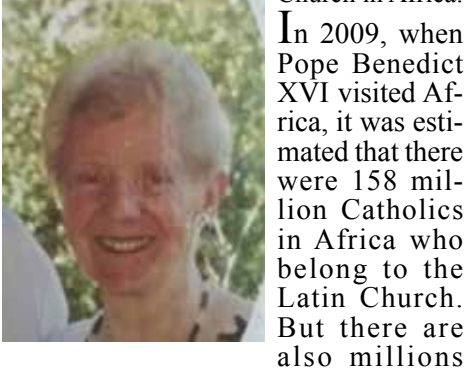
These are twelve gifts that I want for Christmas.  
Wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody wanted all these  
gifts for Christmas, too?

*May all the members of the  
Italian Catholic Federation and  
their families have an incredibly  
Happy, Holy and Merry Christmas!*

## Apostolate/Charity Committee Reflections: *The Catholic Church in Africa, Part 2*

Carmen Kilcullen, Member

This is a continuation of the article from  
last month's *Bollettino* on the Catholic  
Church in Africa.



In 2009, when  
Pope Benedict  
XVI visited Af-  
rica, it was esti-  
mated that there  
were 158 mil-  
lion Catholics  
in Africa who  
belong to the  
Latin Church.  
But there are  
also millions

of members of the Eastern Catholic  
Church. These include the Alexan-  
drian Rite Eastern Church, the Coptic  
Catholic Church, the Ethiopian Catho-  
lic Church and the Eritrean Catholic  
Church. By 2025, 230 million of the  
world's Catholics are expected to be  
Africans.

The world's largest seminary is in Nige-  
ria. Africa produces a large percentage  
of the world's priests. As of June 2020,  
there are 29 Cardinals from Africa and  
200,000 catechists. The prospect of a  
possible Black African Pope sometime  
in the future excites many Christians.

The continued persecution of Christians  
by Islamists is one of the constant issues  
to resolve for the Church in Africa.

Celibacy, as a vow, is still a general  
challenge for the Church in Africa.  
In some remote areas, the situation of  
married priests is particularly vexing.

Pope Francis completed a 7-nation tour  
of Africa in 2019, hoping to discuss  
issues of peace and ecological matters  
with these nations. As was stated in the  
previous article, the Church in Africa  
has become associated with education,  
health care and sociopolitical reform.  
Certainly, the Pope's visit reflects a  
major commitment to Africa.

### Interesting Fact:

The largest cathedral in the world is  
now the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace  
in Yamoussoukro, in the country of  
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire). It can ac-  
commodate 18,000 worshippers, but  
attendance is usually a few hundred  
persons. The country's President,  
Houphouet-Boigny, chose this city for  
the site of the Church as this was his  
birthplace. The President wished for  
it to become a pilgrimage site. Pope  
John Paul II consecrated the Basilica  
on September 10, 1990. Friends of mine  
who have visited it said that it is really  
something to see.

There is a great amount of information  
available on the Catholic Church in  
Africa on the Internet.

*Carmen Kilcullen*



## Membership Matters

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

Hello and happy Advent to one and all. I hope you all had an amazing Thanksgiving. Mine was just wonderful with all of my family gathered enjoying the delicious feast that was prepared.



Now it's time to get down to business and see what we can all do together to boost our membership numbers. Many years ago, one of my first jobs was working for Doubletree Hotels. At Doubletree, they had a motto - "At Doubletree, we care, and it shows." We had a Care committee and every so often we held a Care rally, to boost employee morale. Kind of like the pep rally you would see right before the big game.

I kind of feel like we need that booster right about now. COVID has a lot of people feeling down in the dumps, morale is down. It's time to pick ourselves up and get back in business. Bring that pep rally attitude back into your branch and district meetings. When you have a membership drive, make it exciting. When you have that fundraiser, whatever it may be, step it up, make it the best most fun fundraiser ever. Everyone loves Christmas time, the lights, the decor, the music. Let's keep that Christmas feeling going throughout 2022. We need a good boost of energy in the ICF right now. A year of Hope is our 2022 theme. I hope and pray that the next year will be the best year ever.

***Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.***



## Merry Christmas Deborah Rodondi

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For those of you who attend convention, you know her as my hospitality room coordinator, traveling companion and BFF. Recently, she was seriously injured in an accident and will take a while to mend and be back in the swing of things. I thank all of you that have been checking in on updates and for the cards that have been sent for Kathy. It all helps in her recovery to know how

much we care. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you at District Installations and Bishops' Days in the New Year. Let's make 2022 the rebirth of our Districts and Branches and once again be able to join together in person.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!***



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This is a reminder to please follow proper protocol if you are thinking about closing a branch. This information is found in the Branch By-law book.

**Article 7 - A.** - No Branch shall vote to close on its own. If a Branch wishes to close, the Branch must write a letter of this intent to the Executive Committee of the Central Council, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Branch, before any vote to close. At this time, the Executive Committee will appoint a Central Council Member to work with the Branch to resolve the problems and/or challenges facing the Branch and administrate the Branch if necessary. (Amended 8/2019)

*Denise Antonowicz-Mentor Chair*

*Franklyn Lopes, Jr. Mentor Assistant*



## A Message from the Grand President

Dear Anonymous:

It is with a heavy heart that I am adding this message to the December Bollettino. This is a time to rejoice in the Birth of Christ, to celebrate family, friends and loved ones.

It has come to my attention that some anonymous, poisonous letters have gone out to members with ugly, possibly threatening and unproven accusations.

All I can say by these actions---you are not hurting one but many as WE ARE A FAMILY and as one we COME TOGETHER!

Whenever any of you have a concern or issue, PLEASE bring it before the appropriate person/people. Resolve it with the individual or we have Monsignor Cardelli, our Spiritual Director, who is a wonderful listener and wise mediator.

There is also me, as the Grand President, the executive committee, or a member of the executive committee---Denise Antonowicz, Franklyn Lopes, Lauren Kilcullen, Lisa Crudo, Leonard Rossi, Bob Basuino, Pat Mages, Leonard Zasoski and Vince Piro.

Sending the letters anonymously makes me believe it is an untruth and the intent is to bully and scare the individuals

receiving it. Job well done! But please don't be proud of yourself. Any letters received anonymously will be considered an untruth and will not be acted upon.

I sincerely hope you have a wonderful season of JOY and reflect on a better way to resolve your discontent.

**Grand President  
Deborah Rodondi**



2022 Calendars Sold Out

**WE ARE SOLD OUT!!!!!!!**

The Ways and Means Committee would like to thank you for the great response to the 2022 Calendar. Thank you for your hard work. We are sold out in the office. So if your Branch has some that will not be sold, PLEASE check with the other Branches in your district and pass them on to those branches that need them.

Again THANK YOU for your hard work selling the 2022 Calendars.

The committee is already working on the 2023 Calendar and we are looking forward to your support.

Don't forget to get your Birthday, Anniversary, and any other date in the 2023 Calendar,



Scholarship Donations (Received as of Nov. 10, 2021)

| SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS -<br>1st Year   | SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS<br>2nd - 4th Year                                    |
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| JoAnn Schiro<br>In Honor of the 90th Birthday of<br>Russ Vento                                    | Shirley Catania and Frank Rando<br>In Memory of Beatrice McCabe<br>Bombaci |
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| Giulia Gallego<br>In Memory of Angela Estrela   |  |

In Loving Memory (Report as of Nov. 10, 2021)

|                       |            |                    |            |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
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| Lorraine M Mirandette | Branch 025 | Barbara D O'rourke | Branch 342 |
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|   |  |
|---|--|
| John and Annette Susa<br>In Memory of Giuseppina<br>Baldocchi | Charles P. Gullo, Jr.<br>In Memory of John Rossi |
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Gifts of Love Donations

| Received as of Nov. 10, 2021:   |  |
|---|--|
| Barbara Firpo<br>Get Well Wishes for Al and Kathy<br>(Trevizo) Heckman and Joanne<br>Officers/Members of Br. 291<br>In Memory of Emil Minicucci | Marc and Kelly Teglia and Family<br>In Memory of Giuseppina and<br>Lando Baldocchi<br>Joan and Jerry Delfino<br>Get Well Wishes for Barbara<br>Ruffner |

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| Received as of November 10, 2021:   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>IN MEMORY OF:</b><br>Dorothy Fini<br>Dorothea Fini<br>Jan Karp<br>Anna Friebel<br>Helen Politakes<br>Adele Valdez<br>Adele Valdez<br>Peggy Kirkpatrick<br>Robert (Bob) Butler<br>Adele Valdez<br>Paul Blefari  | <b>DONATED BY:</b><br>Jim and Janice Jones<br>Officers/Members of Br. 191<br>Fran La Torre<br>Pat Botta<br>Pat Botta<br>Officers/Members of Br. 342<br>Mary Ann Mikles<br>Joe and Julie Bonino<br>Officers/Members of Br. 285<br>Patricia Putkey<br>Home Services of Iowa |
| <b>HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:</b><br>ICF Br. #32  | Officers/Members of Central<br>Council  |
| <b>BISHOP'S LUNCH APPRECIATION:</b><br>Grand President Deborah Rodondi  | Officers/Members of San<br>Bernardino District  |
| <b>HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY:</b><br>Russ Vento   | Richard and Donna Pfaff   |
| <b>WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:</b><br>Mr. and Mrs. Aaron McNeal<br>Roselynn Jarrett and Aaron McNeal   | Leonard and Karen Rossi<br>Pat Botta  |
| <b>IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:</b><br>A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Joe and Julie Bonino of<br>Branch 145 - Eureka.  |   |
| *Named after the co-founder of the ICF, the Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta<br>Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund provides ICF members a lasting<br>way to memorialize and/or extend greetings to friends, relatives, and loved<br>ones. Members' donations provide scholarships to seminarians studying for<br>the priesthood in dioceses where the Italian Catholic Federation is located. A<br>monthly Mass is offered for the intention of those listed. |   |



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

|                      |            |                          |            |
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| Larry Barretta       | Branch 179 | Byron S Dizon            | Branch 342 |
| Teri M Segal         | Branch 191 | Lucia J Dizon            | Branch 342 |
| Mario J Migliardi    | Branch 198 | Tiziana L Dizon          | Branch 342 |
| Edward J De Martini  | Branch 214 | Roselyn (Rozz) Cantisani | Branch 352 |
| Linda R De Martini   | Branch 214 | Linda Pearson            | Branch 352 |
| Patricia C Gardner   | Branch 214 | David M Stimmel          | Branch 352 |
| Diane A Hasty        | Branch 214 | Lorraine S Stimmel       | Branch 352 |
| James P Villa        | Branch 214 | Linda S Bradshaw         | Branch 395 |
| Virginia M Villa     | Branch 214 | Rose Mary Patla          | Branch 395 |
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| Frank Roselli        | Branch 285 | Domenico Ricci           | Branch 446 |
| Anne Suter           | Branch 285 | Gina Ricci               | Branch 446 |
| Mario-Angelo Cavalli | Branch 308 |                          |            |

# Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand President

Merry Christmas to everyone! Hope you are all staying well and healthy and thoroughly enjoying your Christmas season. This is the time of year for anything pumpkin. Past First Lady Sid Papani shared this with me recently. She said it was delicious and very simple to make.



## Pumpkin Bars

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups canned Pumpkin
- ¾ cup melted margarine (I used butter)
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream eggs and sugar. Add the rest of the ingredients in the order given. Beat until well mixed. Pour into a greased (I grease with butter) 11x17 jelly roll pan (cookie sheet).  
Bake 25 minutes---In my oven, I baked 30 minutes.  
Cool and frost.

**Frosting:**  
1 – 3 oz. package cream cheese (I had an 8 oz. cream cheese in my refrigerator---so I used half)  
6 Tbls. butter  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 Tbls. milk  
2 cups powdered sugar  
Put cream cheese and butter out to get to room temperature. Makes it easier to blend.  
The name “bar” is deceptive. It is more of a very moist cake. I would add maybe some nutmeg and or pumpkin spice to give it another element of flavor. I cut into 2-inch squares and some 1X2 inch pieces.  
Shared this with work, Stewart's Floral (Frankln Lopes' shop) and the duck club---no crumbs were left. Besides everything is better with cream cheese frosting.  
Sending out a thank you to Helene Quilici, a neighbor to my Aunt Rosemarie Gregori, for sending me a card letting me know that she enjoys the recipes and thanking me for continuing the recipe articles.  
Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at [drodondi@comcast.net](mailto:drodondi@comcast.net) or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any. If you have questions, send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

*Buon Appetito!*



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

| DAY   | NAME                   | BR  | CITY              | WINS  |
|-------|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 11/1  | Justin Velez           |     | Modesto, CA       | \$50  |
| 11/2  | Kathy Cardoza          |     | San Jose, CA      | \$50  |
| 11/3  | Jim & Alissa Daschbach |     | Lummi Island, WA  | \$30  |
| 11/4  | Anthony Shomon         | 10  | Alameda, CA       | \$30  |
| 11/5  | Carrie Holbrook        | 51  | Salinas, CA       | \$30  |
| 11/6  | Roberta Healy          | 214 | Concord, CA       | \$30  |
| 11/7  | Jennifer Souza Riback  |     | San Diego, CA     | \$30  |
| 11/8  | Rick Roberti           | 447 | Redondo Beach, CA | \$30  |
| 11/9  | Robert Hoffman         |     | Salinas, CA       | \$30  |
| 11/10 | John Collins           | 14  | Martinez, CA      | \$30  |
| 11/11 | Perry Shurko           | 362 | Downey, CA        | \$50  |
| 11/12 | Judy De Santis         |     | Melrose Park, IL  | \$50  |
| 11/13 | Sally Miller           |     | Pioneer, CA       | \$50  |
| 11/14 | Erica Grandon          |     | Medford, MA       | \$30  |
| 11/15 | Clarita Thomas         | 408 | Sunnyvale, CA     | \$30  |
| 11/16 | Bryan & Jackie Perkins |     | Pleasant Hill, CA | \$30  |
| 11/17 | Virginia Larsen        | 395 | Stockton, CA      | \$30  |
| 11/18 | Marjorie Dimmick       |     | Arcata, CA        | \$30  |
| 11/19 | Pat & Janet Hammett    |     | Johnstown, PA     | \$30  |
| 11/20 | Irine Steele           |     | Bakersfield, CA   | \$30  |
| 11/21 | Julie Zych             |     | San Ramon, CA     | \$30  |
| 11/22 | Robert Marvulli        |     | Merced, CA        | \$30  |
| 11/23 | Cheryl Simon           | 19  | Daly City, CA     | \$30  |
| 11/24 | Nicola Tenerelli       | 418 | Buffalo Grove, IL | \$30  |
| 11/25 | Anne Crisp             | 13  | Concord, CA       | \$100 |
| 11/26 | Kelli & Sean Gottlieb  |     | Grover Beach, CA  | \$40  |
| 11/27 | Raul Acevedo           | 374 | Sun Valley, CA    | \$30  |
| 11/28 | Paula Re               | 390 | Tracy, CA         | \$30  |
| 11/29 | Rigo Rascon            |     | Chula Vista, CA   | \$30  |
| 11/30 | James & Kristina McGee | 215 | Fremont, CA       | \$30  |

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# Book Review: Children's Books for the Holidays 2021

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

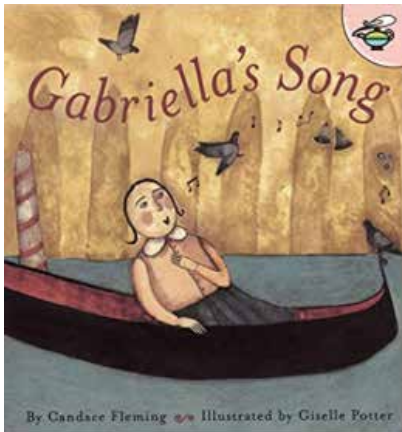


As is customary, here is a list of books that would make great Christmas gifts for children. Books are a great way to pass on traditions and customs in an entertaining and informative way. Below are some of my favorites with the publisher's description.

## *Gabriella's Song*

by Candace Fleming (Author), Giselle Potter (Illustrator)

In the streets and canals of Venice, Gabriella can hear nothing but sweet music. The drying laundry goes slap-slap, the church bells go ting-aling-ling, and the lire go jing-aling-ling. Soon, Gabriella is humming her way through town -- and everyone hears her song! Some find it sad; others smile when they hear it -- but none can forget the beautiful melody. Before long, a certain struggling composer is inspired



## *Postcards from Venice*

by Dee Romito (Author)

Skyler is in for a summer of adventure in Venice, Italy, as she pursues a dream opportunity in this hilarious MIX novel that's a companion to The BFF Bucket List.



Skyler is about to go on the biggest adventure of her life. Her mother has been relocated to Venice, Italy, with the possibility of a long-term move. While there, Skyler takes on an informal internship and will be blogging about the city--a position that could lead to even bigger things if all goes well.

One of her fellow interns, Logan, is cool, cute, and Australian. But the other intern, Zara, seems determined to sabotage Skyler's chances. And with a big assignment coming up, Skyler is already stumped.

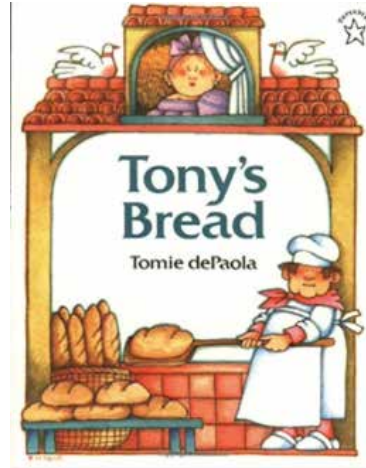
Wishing she had someone to talk to, the first person who comes to mind isn't even on the same continent. Skyler knows that her BFF, Ella, would have all the answers, especially how to solve the writer's block. But after a summer bucket list that went awry, they didn't leave on the best of terms. Thanks to technology, Skyler and Ella get a long-distance shot at mending things.

But when Skyler's writing mistakes start to pileup, she isn't sure if she's up to the task. With the help of some Italian magic and her oldest friend, can Skyler learn to love her new city and stay connected to what matters most?

## *Tony's Bread*

by Tomie dePaola

Tony dreams that one day he'll become the most famous baker in northern Italy. His poor daughter Serafina wants to be allowed to marry. Each of their dreams seems far away until Angelo, a rich young nobleman from Milan, appears and devises a way to make everyone's dreams come true.



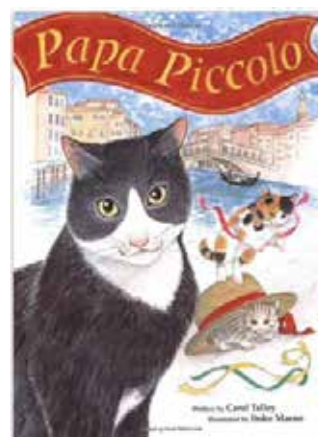
## *Papa Piccolo*

written by Carol Talley

The lion is the emblem of Venice, but the common cat rules its narrow streets and alleyways. A prince among these feline rulers is Piccolo, and what a fine life he leads! Especially after dark--when the streets are full of possibilities!

Then one night, Piccolo makes a discovery that threatens his carefree life and his independence and starts him on a new and special kind of adventure.

In these pages, you will also meet Caesar- Piccolo's older and somewhat cynical friend, and Sophia- the shoe shop cat, to whom Piccolo turns for advice when his life takes its unexpected turn. And you will meet two irresistible kittens- one spotted and one striped- who need a home and who help Piccolo discover his own tender heart.

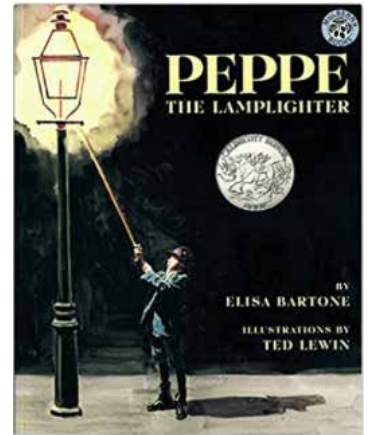


## *Peppe The Lamplighter*

written by Elisa Bartone

In the tradition of Lois Lowry and Paul Fleischman, Elisa Bartone's Caldecott Honor-winning book gives children a glimpse into American history and the immigrant experience.

This is the story of Peppe, who becomes a lamplighter to help support his immigrant family in turn-of-the-century New York City, despite his papa's disapproval. Peppe's family is very poor, and though he is just a boy he needs to find work. Being a lamplighter is not the job his father had dreamed of for Peppe, but when Peppe's job helps save his little sister, he earns the respect of his entire family.

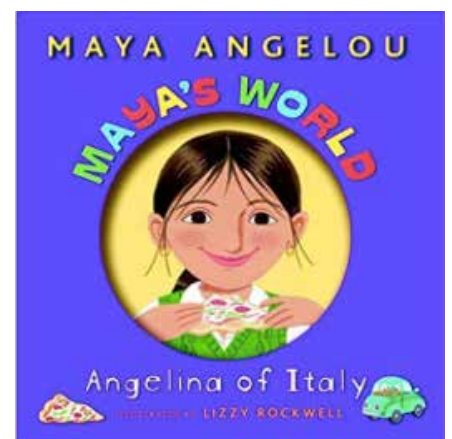


## *Angelina of Italy*

written by Maya Angelou

ANGELINA LOVES PIZZA. So much so that when she hears that there is a Leaning Tower of Pisa, and mistakenly thinks it's made of pizzas, she is so distressed that she must go see it for herself

For more books to celebrate Italian-American heritage with children, visit "26 Must Reads Italian Heritage Books" at <https://www.bloomingbrilliant.net/italian-heritage-kids-books/>.



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## Cooley's Corner Kid's Helping Kids!

The thalassemia team at CHLA would like to recognize when peers support each other – it is inspiring and makes a vital difference in the lives of patients and families. Here are two stories:

### The Girl Scout Troop 4116

By Eliza Higgins

Ciao! We are Girl Scout Troop 4116. Girl Scouts is a world-wide organization founded in 1912 by Juliette Low, in Savannah GA. It was created to empower girls through compassion, leadership, character, and confidence among others. Our Troop, 4116, has bonded over the Italian culture and heritage. Our troop is actively learning the Italian language and doing many field trips to promote learning about the culture and community!



Victoria S-L., Sophia G., Livia R., Bella C., Veronica D.



Bella C. with Mom and Child

We try to meet once a month, mostly through zoom now, and attempt to bake and do science projects together earning badges and learning new skills. Before Covid, we participated in many field trips around the greater LA area, some of our favorites were a campout at Santa Barbara Zoo and a tour of the Getty Villa in Santa Monica.

The most rewarding part of Girl Scouts is being able to use our resources to help others. This past year we supported a sister Girl Scout who was building a library in Tijuana by creating and coloring children's books to fill the shelves. Being able to be a part of the CHLA Christmas party was a very rewarding evening for us because we were able to be there and meet a lot of the kids and families while making crafts alongside them. It is something that we hope we will be able to do again in the future.



Veronica D.



Livia R., Sophia G., Victoria S-L., Bella C. and Veronica D.

## Junior Italian Catholic Federation Branch 218

By Katharine La Corte

My name is Katharine La Corte, but I am known simply as Katie. My doctor diagnosed me with thalassemia trait when I was a baby. Thalassemia can be traced to my Southern Italian family. As I am Italian, my family and I are members of the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), Branch 218 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Arcadia, CA. ICF has consistently supported the research of Thalassemia and the dedicated team of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. In 2017, I was asked by my branch president if I would help and volunteer with CHLA's 1st Annual Thalassemia Holiday Party. I was so excited. And, this is how I met Laurice Levine. She is so much my hero, as well as everyone's. Before the pandemic, I helped collect toys before the party and volunteered as a Santa helper on the day of the celebration. Helping and volunteering gives me so much joy and happiness.

A little bit about me. I was born in Arcadia, California. I live with my mother and father. I have no pets, but I love dogs and cats and I hope to have a cat one day. I attended elementary and middle school in the Monrovia Unified School District. Currently, I am a junior

at Alverno Heights Academy (formerly known as Alverno High School). I have been involved in the Alverno Singers, the Alverno Ambassador Program, and am a member of the Harry Potter Movie Club, and the art club. Last year, I served in the Alverno Congress as a Congressional Liaison and, now, in the Junior State Assembly as a representative. I have received the honor of being a member of the California Scholar Federation (CSF) as a sophomore. Lastly, I am a Girls Scout Ambassador and currently working on my Gold Award. The project of my Gold Award will be working with foster children in art therapy.

My passion is art studies and animation because I love drawing and creating characters as well as storytelling through story boarding. I hope to attend an art school or a college/university studying media and/or animation. I love classic Disney and Pixar films, especially "Alice in Wonderland," "Luca," and Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." I enjoy listening to classic rock and roll (my dad is a musician), and modern artists such as Billie Eilish, Lady Gaga and Melanie Martinez. I have a collection of vintage dolls, which comes from my grandmother's love for dolls. I enjoy going to the beach and searching for Hermit Crabs. But, most of all, I love volunteering and working with CHLA.

I am very honored to be featured in this newsletter and am excited to return to the hospital for the next holiday party when we can come together again.



Katharine La Corte in front with Jerry Farrugia of Br. 218, Laurice Levine & Dr. Coates.



Dr. Thomas Coates, the thalassemia team at Children's Hospital Los Angeles; patients and families, Laurice, Matt, and Benjamin Levine would like to wish the members of the Italian Catholic Federation a Merry Christmas.

May your New Year be filled with good health, happiness, and peace.

We are sincerely grateful for your friendship, generosity, and continued support.



# A Tribute to Mother Cabrini

**2021** has been a special year, as it marks the 75th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - "Patron Saint of Immigrants" and champion of the poor and needy. In commemoration of this epic year, and to honor one of the Patron Saints of the Italian Catholic Federation, we reflect on the story of Mother Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters.

## SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano (south of Milan), Italy on July 15, 1850. She was the youngest of 13 children. Although she was sickly as a child, she helped her parents on the family farm. Even as a young child she was drawn to a missionary life of poverty, chastity and obedience and service to God.

In 1880, together with 7 other young women, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A few years later, Pope Leo XII asked her to go to the United States to help the many poor Italian immigrants, who were faced with the challenges of a new culture, language and acceptance. In 1889, Mother Cabrini arrived in New York. Upon her arrival, she visited with Archbishop Corrigan and told him of her plans to establish an orphanage. The Archbishop doubted that she would be able to overcome all of the problems and difficulties associated with establishing such an institution. He attempted to dissuade her. However, with an undying faith in God, energy and perseverance, she started her orphanage. For the next 28 years, Mother Cabrini traveled throughout the United States founding orphanages, schools and hospitals. While most of her work was done in New York, Chicago, Seattle and New Orleans, she also founded many institutions throughout South America and Europe and later Australia.

Although Mother Cabrini had to overcome many obstacles – revolutions in South America, political unrest, lawsuits, lack of funds, and even opposition from other members of the clergy – she succeeded in her missionary work.

In 1909, Mother Cabrini became a U.S. citizen. She died at Columbus Hospital in Chicago on December 22, 1917. After the verification of 2 miracles, she was beatified on November 3, 1938, and on July 7, 1946, Mother Cabrini was canonized. She became the first naturalized American woman to be canonized.

## MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For over 140 years, they have continued the apostolic missionary work begun by Mother Cabrini. Through the years they have established and staffed orphanages, schools, hospitals and other facilities throughout the world. Today they are present in 17 countries on 6 continents. Their missionary work with abandoned children, exploited women and the neglected, broken and elderly as well as their struggle to stop modern day slavery – human trafficking – is never ending. They remain ready to reach out and answer the many cries of despair and fear of the poor, needy, sick and oppressed with compassion in many communities.

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

For more information on the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library or to make a donation to help the Chapel maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with the annual Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

Additional DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini now available. Call 626-372-7812 or email me at [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com).

*Your support is greatly appreciated.--Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee*  
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In Chicago couples who won the Mother Cabrini award received these statues at the celebration.



**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**  
**LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT**  
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee Presents

**SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI PILGRIMAGE, MASS AND LUNCHEON**  
**"CELEBRATING THE 104TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER CABRINI'S DEATH"**

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church 3801 Scott Rd., Burbank, CA 91504

**DATE: Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 P.M. MASS/BENEDICTION: 1:00 P.M. BOX LUNCH: 2:00 P.M.**

**COST: \$20.00 / Adults & \$8.00 / Children under 12**  
*"Each paid ticket includes one Raffle Ticket for a Special Raffle Prize."*

**MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA & SAUCE, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA**  
**WINE AND DESSERT (Catered by Jouni's Catering)**

**\*\*\*\*\*RESERVATION(S) DUE BY: NOVEMBER 26, 2021\*\*\*\*\***  
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I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) at \$20.00; \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) at \$8.00 (Under 12) Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

*"All proceeds to help fund the ongoing operations and development of the Cabrini Chapel and Library."*  
*(Please make checks to Italian Catholic Federation); memo: Cabrini Pilgrimage 2021)*

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## A Dinner Dance was held in Chicago in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Sainthood of Mother Cabrini.



Maria Perna, Aurora Pensa and Teresa Helfand awarding Sister Bridget, representing the National Shrine of Mother Cabrini, a plaque, monetary gift and other items.



Chicago District Members who have received the Mother Cabrini Award.

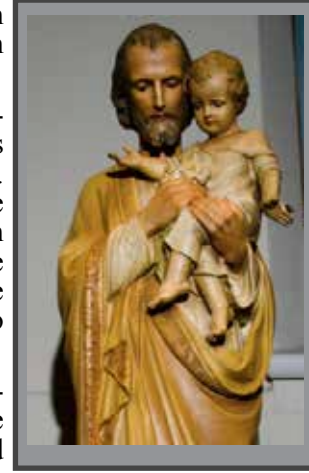
## Saint Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

### *A new documentary film by Knights of Columbus*

A new documentary, *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father*, produced by the Knights of Columbus, sheds light on one of the most hidden protagonists in the Bible. The 60-minute documentary premiered on October 10 for a six-week run on ABC-affiliated stations across the country through a partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission (IBC).

The film's release coincides with the final months of the special Year of St. Joseph, declared by Pope Francis to encourage each person to mold their life according to the example of St. Joseph and turn to him in prayer.

"St. Joseph is often considered the silent, humble witness of the Bible," said Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. "The truth is that he models for each one of us the importance of prayer, obedience and courage in our lives. I encourage everyone to watch this documentary as a way to go to St. Joseph, increase their devotion to him and allow his example to inspire us in our many challenges."



Using reenactments, interviews with scholars and the inspiring witness of contemporary people with a devotion to St. Joseph, the documentary offers an opportunity to learn about Jesus' foster father from a historical perspective and the extent to which a devotion to him can be life-changing.

"A spiritual father is forever interceding before God for your sake," said Mother Agnes Mary Donovan of the Sisters of Life, interviewed in the film. "He cares for the good of your life. He cares that God's plan within your life be fulfilled."

Segments from the documentary and resources on St. Joseph, as well as a schedule of the ABC airings, are available at [kofc.org/stjoseph](http://kofc.org/stjoseph). By mid-December, the full documentary will be uploaded and

will be available to all.

Learn more about the Knights of Columbus or join the Order by visiting [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).



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Give the most meaningful gift this Christmas...

Give Life - Give Blood!

Contact your local blood bank and make an appointment to donate blood. Contact the ICF for a donation card and your loved one will be notified that you donated blood in their honor. Your blood donation will be recognized in the Bollettino.

For assistance contact Laurice Levine at 360-860-2023 or [LLevine430@aol.com](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com).

Merry Christmas from the Live to Give Committee

Ken Marshall, Chair

Pat Mages, Member

Laurice Levine, Member



## Holiday Pie recipes

*contributed by Sue Della Santina of Branch 21*

### FRESH FRUIT PIE

1. Preheat conventional oven to 450 F. Prepare favorite recipe for 2-crust 9-inch fresh fruit pie. Assemble in 9-inch fresh fruit pie. Assemble in 9-inch pie plate.

2. Microwave on HIGH for 7 to 8 minutes or until juices start bubbling through slits in pie crust. Transfer to preheated conventional oven and bake 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. 9-inch Pie TIPS: Try cherry, rhubarb, peach, apple or combination fruit pies.

Microwave an 8-inch 2-crust fruit pie 6 or 7 minutes; microwave a 10-inch pie 8 to 9 minutes.

*Low heat prevents burning.*



### PECAN PIE

3 tbs. Butter or margarine

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1 cup dark corn syrup

¼ cup packed brown sugar

1 ½ cups pecan halves

1 (9-inch) Baked Pastry Shell in glass pie plate, page 147

1. Place butter in medium glass mixing bowl.

2. Microwave on ROAST for about 1 to 1 ½ minutes or until melted. Stir in remaining ingredients, except Baked Pastry Shell; mix well; pour filling in shell.

3. Microwave on DEFROST for 25 to 30 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool. 9-inch Pie



# Branch Reports

## SAN FRANCISCO

### San Francisco

#### Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Please continue to pray for Toni Mor-sello who is recuperating from a fall.

Congratulations to our member, Isabella Cresci, who received a Second Year ICF Scholarship. She attends the University of Nevada, Reno. Isabella is thrilled and very thankful for the ICF Scholarship she was awarded.

A Holy and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Branch 1 Members and their families.

*Kind regards  
Diana Cresci*



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

Buon Natale to all our members and their families.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held on November 16th at the Basque Cultural Center. A full report will be in our next *Bollettino* issue.

To our members celebrating a birthday in December — Many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please stay well. It was nice to see all of you at our luncheon.

*Ciao,  
Eva Perata, President*

**The November Br. 258 article was inadvertently left out of the last issue:**

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families.

Our 50th Anniversary Luncheon was held on September 10th at the Basque Cultural Center. We had 50 people in attendance. We had the honor of having Vic Arnaudo, President of Br. 1, and his wife Pat and Jo-Ann Donivan, our niece, and President of Br. 91, join us.

Vic Arnaudo presented Br. 258 with our



President Joyce James (right) and members of ICF Br. 213 welcome new member Marianne Cameron (left) to her first meeting.

50th Anniversary Certificate and mini Banner which reads "50 Year Branch." Vic, it was an honor receiving our certificate from you. We have known you for many years. You and Pat are like family to us. Again, many thanks.

We also honored Florence Mangion on her 50th Anniversary Charter Membership of Br. 258 and presented Florence with a beautiful orchid plant. Congratulations, Florence, and thank you for all your continued hard work for our Branch.

Our member Rose Tudoni is also a 50th Anniversary Charter Member of Br. 258. Congratulations! More on this in our next issue of the *Bollettino*.

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

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Stay Well. It was nice to see all of you.

*Ciao,  
Eva Perata, President*

## SAN MATEO District

### Colma

#### Br. 19, San Vincenzo de Paoli

Wishing everyone a VERY Happy and Merry Christmas and wonderful and safe New Year.

We are currently fine-tuning our officer list for 2022. I thank everyone who has served as an officer this past year and for those stepping forward to fill the positions for the coming year. We are hoping that 2022 opens up and allows us to once again gather, have meetings and fundraisers.

Asking you to keep our member (and my dear friend) Kathy Trevizo in your continued prayers. She was in an accident and suffered many broken and fractured body parts. Currently she is in an acute trauma rehab facility. Her husband Al Heckman and sister Joanne Alvarado (also Branch 19 members) were also in the accident; fortunately, they suffered minor injuries and are home recovering. Another member

Annette Novi informed me she has a torn or strained ligament and is getting ready to have therapy on it.

In December we will be hosting an evening of the Simbang Gabi novena. It will be a challenge for us, as Kathy was the master cook behind the soup we always served.

Remember many Sundays at Holy Angels Church after masses, they are selling meals. The food is always delicious and is helping raise money to keep the Parish going through these difficult times.

Take care and be safe!

*Ciao!  
deborah*

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

Our Branch was excited that Peter Stiehler from San Bruno was presented with the POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII Award. This Award is the highest Award given to a lay person. For over 25 years Peter has managed the Catholic Worker Hospitality House and along with his staff serve breakfast and dinner daily.

We will be holding our meeting tomorrow evening and enjoying Turkey sandwiches, salad, fruit and dessert. Our Branch was to oversee Chaplain's night in 2021 but it has now been changed to November 4, 2022.

MISC: The 2022 calendars are now available for \$25.00 with the club keeping \$5.00 for each sold

We voted on a \$35.00 Christmas ad for the *Bollettino*.

**HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO ALL THAT SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS!**

Many members of our Branch need our prayers: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter, Anita Cecena, Lorraine Rollandi and Melanie Yaeger. Please don't forget to keep the Malta Family in our prayers as we lost Joe and Elena recently.

*God Bless,  
Roz Emery*

### South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

Branch 213 has been having some great meetings and events despite the challenges we all are facing.

October meeting was very fruitful and productive, hosted by Barbara Gabriel and Jackie Smith in absence of some members. A new member was brought to the meeting. Joe Flores kindly visited and donated to the Branch. Veteran officers will remain during 2022. President Joyce learned about the St. Augustine's Church picnic and asked if ICF could set up a table. The answer was yes, and it was an opportunity to help to promote what we are all about. A few members were willing to fill a raffle basket and we moved on it. A beautiful ITALIAN FOOD basket was created, and we were able to fundraise selling at the picnic \$1.00 raffle tickets. Next year we will be part of the entertainment doing the Chicken Dance. Kudos to Joe, Judy, Barbara G, Barbara P, Linda, and Jackie for sitting at the raffle table and making ICF known to the other ministries at St. Augustine's...while being entertained by music, games, and great BBQ.

Our branch had a questionnaire to the members about our meetings and many participated. We hope to use this input for creating our future meetings. The survey results were discussed at our November 9th meeting. We send love, prayers and happy thoughts to all during the upcoming holiday season!

*Ciao,  
Victor Spano*





## MARIN

### Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

The ICF Daily Raffle Calendar makes nice Christmas gifts. There are 365 chances that you could win between \$30 to \$100. The cost is \$25, the branch keeps \$5 for every calendar sold. Please contact Marlene if you would like to buy one. If all 25 calendars are sold, \$125 will go to our ICF Scholarship Fund.

We hope by January or February to be back to having monthly meetings. We will keep you informed.

A special THANK YOU to Imma Sotile, who has been busy this year either sewing, knitting or crocheting blankets, baby clothes, scarfs and hats. They were given to Homeward Bound, St. Patrick Church, and the Baby Dresser Project.

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

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with health, love and happiness.

*Buon Natale a tutti!*  
Anna Biggio  
Recording Secretary

## Novato

### Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

On a cool October evening with a slight breeze, after an eighteen-month mandated hiatus, we were able to celebrate with an outdoor spuntino. Over 60 members gathered, shared stories, and enjoyed wonderful antipasto plates prepared by Angela and her dedicated kitchen crew: Dino, Tecla, and Jim. Our wonderful bartenders, Tom, Ken and Greg did an outstanding job making sure that the members were not thirsty.

It was especially nice to present gifts to two of our hardest-working Board members, Connie Baczynski and Greg Erigero, who were both celebrating their birthdays that evening.



Connie and Greg celebrating their birthdays at the Branch 332 Spuntino



Good friends and good food at Branch 332 Spuntino.

To thank our faithful and loyal members for their continued support of the Branch, we held a surprise raffle drawing of gift cards to restaurants and stores. Congratulations to the winners: Nancy Marconi, Ken Valente, Bev Anselmo and Dominic Spinetta.

It was a pleasure to have in attendance the new pastor of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Fr. Tony Vallecitos, who very much enjoyed meeting our members and watching us celebrate "all'italiana".

We wish everyone in our ICF family Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. May Christ's peace bless you and your families throughout the new year.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Diane Gizzi

## LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Happy December to everyone. Here we are, at the end of the year, and what a year it's been. In October we had our Fall district meeting and held our district officer elections with all positions remaining the same for the next year. We voted to hold our district installation at St Peter's Italian Catholic Church, and Carmelo has contacted Casa Italiana, and we are booked for January 30th, 2022. Mass will be at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow. The LA district voted to donate \$100.00 to St Peter's to help with clean up from the recent vandalism there.

Unfortunately, there will not be any district Christmas party, but donations are welcome in the form of gift cards to provide gifts for the children with Cooley's Anemia. Have a blessed Advent season and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Joyful New Year.

*Perry Shurko, District President*



## Los Angeles Br. 67, St. Peter

*Buon Natale A Tutti Icf Membri, Famiglie E Amici!*

Merry Christmas to All ICF Members, Families And Friends!

On December 5, 2021, members will join other ICF Branch members at the Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Lunch at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank

CA 91504. Parish Hall will not be available for the Luncheon this year so a Box Lunch will be provided members with patio seating outside the parish hall. All branches are encouraged to bring their banners for the Pilgrimage.

ICF National Branch 67 members continue to meet in person and online via zoom to discuss the development of the Heritage and Public Relation Committees who work with members interested in developing presentations and videos along with ways to fundraise for scholarships and other Charitable

projects. Additional committees will be formed, and assignments made over the next few months.

ICF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and nonmembers who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also welcome your input 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 at ICFNationalBranch67.org and complete the application process. ICF may be just the place for you as we are multi culture-based focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,*  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President  
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Gina Erigero and Nonna Lucille enjoy catching up at Branch 332's spuntino.





**Montebello****Br. 111, St. Benedict**

Ciao a Tutti. Hello everyone. It was nice seeing many of you at our November 18th general meeting and Thanksgiving dinner at the St. Augustine House in Montebello. We hope you all had a memorable Thanksgiving.

We would like to congratulate all the members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of December: Ezio Veneziano, Mario Mauro, Sal Franco, Domenica Orofino, David Tarazon, and Linda Erickson. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We would like to congratulate all the 2021 ICF 111 Officers who got nominated & elected at our October general meeting. The 2021 ICF Officer's Installation will be held at St. Peter's Italian Church, in Los Angeles, on Sunday, January 30, 2021. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. and Installation and lunch will follow at Casa Italiana - mark your calendars, more details will follow.

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Salvatore Italian Restaurant in Montebello. A flyer will be coming

Plan to join us and invite your family and friends for some great socializing and holiday cheer. For more information or to make reservations please call Frank at (323) 888-2074.

Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may God Bless you abundantly. Please pray our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Finally, we would like to wish all of you and your families a Blessed Christmas!

*A Presto!*  
*Frank Salomone*  
*Branch 111 President*



Branch 111 autumn events

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

We welcome back all our friends and family who attended our first Vegas bound fundraiser since the pandemic started. We thank you for your support and Pauline Iacono for setting up the successful trip.

Thank you to all who have signed up to attend the annual pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini. What a wonderful start to the Christmas Season!

2022 calendars are available for sale \$25.00 per calendar. They make great gifts! You are not only getting a great calendar but a chance to win money every day of the week! Our branch retains \$5 for each calendar sold. Please call Neal to reserve yours! 310 433-1044

Officers for 2022 who were voted in at our October meeting are President Neal DiLeva, 1st VP Anna Dileva, 2nd VP Frank Cologna, Recording Secretary Nancy Ventimiglia, Financial Secretary Pauline Iacono, Treasurer Anita Trujillo, Orator Nicolina Mattera, Sentinel Isadore Cologna, Trustees Frank Amalfitano, Bob Hohman, Letizia Chaparro, Giovanna Gioiello, Carmela Funicello.



Congratulations to all.

Thank you, Mary Cigliano, for your years of service as Sentinel.

Dues of \$39 are now payable. Dues can be paid at our next monthly meeting to be held on Jan 20th at 730pm or mailed to Pauline Iacono at 1072 w 8th St., San Pedro 90731

At this time the board has decided to cancel the annual Christmas party. We are planning to host Crab dinner on March 5th.

I am sad to report that our member Antoinette Mancini has passed away. Our prayers go out to her family.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas*  
*Anita Trujillo*



San Pedro Branch 115 made its first fundraiser going to Las Vegas on November 7-9, 2021, with 50 people. They lodged at the Golden Nugget Hotel.

**Glendora**  
**Br. 179, St. Dorothy**

On Thursday, October 21, Branch 179 held our first General Meeting inside our Parish Hall since pre-pandemic. Everyone was so happy to be back in place with our traditional potluck dinner followed by a get-to-know you game and a great 50/50 raffle! We're looking forward to our future events, including a tour of Rubel Castle in Glendora and a traditional Christmas Party.

*Happy Thanksgiving everyone.*  
*God's blessings.*  
*Patricia Auriemmo*  
*Recording/Corresponding Secretary*





**Arcadia****Br. 218, Holy Angels**

Our holidays are upon us, and we are very busy planning our upcoming events – Christmas Party – December 11, New York New Year's Eve party.

We will need RSVPs for both, the Christmas Party about 4 to 5 days before the event. This will be catered by Stonefire Grill. The branch will also provide all the desserts and drinks. Adults and young people 13 and over - \$25.00 each, 12 and under – 15.00 each. I will need the names and ages of any children attending as Santa will be making an appearance. At this event we will be handing out our donations for the year. Also, there will be music for dancing later in the evening. The details as of this writing on the New Year's Eve party have not been finalized, so please watch for Jeane's newsletter.

At our last meeting we welcomed two new board members, Phil Mazzolini and Lorena Huang as trustees. All the other board members are the same. Lorena Huang won the 50/50 and Martha Aluzzi's name was drawn for the membership attendance. As she was not in attendance, this will be carried over to the next meeting.

A huge thank you to Linda Szerdelhelyi for chairing the Christmas Boutique and all that helped.

*To everyone, have a wonderful Christmas celebration and a very Happy New Year. Lolly M.*

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

Greetings and Happy Holidays!!

Thanks to our loyal patrons, our annual Columbus Day dinner/dance was a success. A special thanks to our table sponsors that contributed even though our numbers were limited. Pictured is John Dynice in the center, John provides accordion music for us every year. Also pictured is his sister and members of the Branch.

A special thanks to event coordinator Rose Moore and family and the parents of our elementary school for assisting with hall set up and decorations.

Next up our annual Christmas Mass and party, December 19th. Jr. President, Johnny Roa is planning activities for the kids a special visitor too! We invite our donors to this event as a thanks for all their support.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

*"For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests." Isaiah 9:5*



Br. 237, Columbus Day dinner dance



Bishop's Day, Br. 237 Columbus Day, President, Connie, Vice Presidents, Micheal and Gennifer, with John Dynice, Terri and Rose . Jr. Members, Jordan and Justice

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

Can you believe it? It's now December and what a year it's been. I would like to thank all the members of Branch 362 for hanging in there and sticking with the ICF throughout the pandemic, restrictions, and calendar schedule changes. During this Advent time let's pray that 2022 will be so much better than 2021. This year did bring a change to our branch in the form of a new pastor for our parish, Fr. Sam, who is also our new chaplain. If you haven't purchased your 2022 raffle calendar, I still have a few to sell to you. They do make nice Christmas gifts.

Last month during our November meeting we held a Thanksgiving potluck. It turned out really good. Our Branch Christmas party will be on December 13th in the hall. We will be getting food brought in from Smoke and Fire, thank you Christine for the suggestion. I can't wait to try it. We do have a date set for the district installation. It will be on January 30th, 2022, at St Peter's Italian Catholic Church in LA with lunch to follow at Casa Italiana.

*I hope you enjoy the rest of this month, and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful and prosperous 2022.*

*Perry Shurko, Branch President.*

**La Canada Flintridge****Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable**

Mark your calendars! Our branch Christmas gathering will take place on the evening of Wednesday, December 15th in the St. Bede Parish Center. The event will be catered. Further details will follow in an invite. It will be so great to be able to celebrate this holiday with fellow members once again.

Thanks go out to a few members who have volunteered to chair the St. Joseph Table. It will now take place along with the Auction. The focus will be on a simpler presentation with lots of Focaccia, home-made sauce and pastas dishes. Our parishioners really enjoy our member's Italian cooking!

ICF National Branch, Br. 67 is quickly growing. The newest members are from Venice, California, San Clemente, and Yorba Linda. Do you know a friend or family member anywhere in the U.S. who would like to join a Catholic Italian group? Check the ICF.org website for a link to this information.

Our L.A. District Installation Mass and Luncheon will be at Casa Italiana at St. Peter's on January 30th. Details to follow.

We are delighted that Theresa Sabatella Shaw (Br.108), longtime friend, has been selected to serve on the Central Council. Congratulations!



Condolences and prayers to Minerva Astengo on the loss of her lovely sister, member Teresa Garcia. We hope Teresa's memories comfort her and bring her peace.

*May the gifts of peace, hope, and joy be with all of you this season and throughout a Blessed New Year.*

*Diane Restivo*

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

Branch 380 celebrated autumn with an outdoor wine tasting on October 24th featuring delicious wines from Pantess Cellars poured by branch members Vince and Cathy Pantess. Guests enjoyed a variety of appetizers and good company.

We are busy planning future events including a December general meeting and Christmas party. Some members will attend the ICF Los Angeles District Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage and Mass at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Burbank on December 5th.

We are continuing our charitable efforts. Members will be donating gift cards in lieu of the L.A. Children's Hospital Thalassemia Christmas party and toy donations. We look forward to a resumption of the traditional party at the hospital when it is safe for everyone.

*We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Followed by a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!*



Br. 380 Halloween wine tasting with Pantess Cellars at the October meeting.



## Manhattan Beach

### Br. 447, American Martyrs

Please join Branch 447 on December 4, 2021 for our Annual Christmas Celebration! We are excited to announce that this year we will be celebrating with a trip to Downtown Los Angeles. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and will be carpooling with designated drivers. Our first stop is to the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA) where we have arranged for a docent-led tour of the Museum at 11:00 a.m. Come and learn about the rich history and contributions of Italians in Los Angeles. Our celebration will continue at the nearby San Antonio Winery for a private tour and private wine tasting, followed by a no-host luncheon, and shopping in the gift shop. The wine tasting tour will be \$35.00 per person and includes 4 flights and an individual charcuterie board. If you would like to join us, please contact Mary Roberti at (310) 251-6504 and look for your e-Vite in your e-mail.

The Board has continued to meet to plan our upcoming events for 2022. We have several exciting events planned and we look forward to meeting with our Members once again in person, either at the church or off-site local locations for special events. We will be completing our 2022 Meetings & Special Events Calendar and e-mailing it to all our Members.

*On behalf of the entire Board, Buon Natale a Tutti! \*\* see attached photo Stephanie DeRaddo, President*

## OAKLAND

### EAST BAY

### District Council

Well, we did it! we elected officers for upcoming year, some new, some in new slots.

Pres. Lisa Crudo; 1st, Vice Pres. Jo-Ann Donovan; 2nd Vice Pres. Melody Klever; Sec. Patricia Grasso; Treas. David Madej; Orator, Jeannette Zugnoni; Trustees, James McGee, Maria Raphael and Fran LaTorre; Sentinel, Carolyn Cardinalli. Prayers and good luck to all of you.

We are continuing to plan for our Christmas party @ Buon Appetito on Dec. 10th.

Our Crab Feed is going through some bumpy times as Crab season keeps getting delayed, but we are continuing to meet with our chairman, Leonard. Installation is shaping up, a few bumps there, too,

Here's wishing you and your near and dear ones,

*A BUON NATALE! FELICE ANNO NUOVO~  
Pat Grasso,  
District Sec.*



Buon Natale a Tutti! from Branch 447 Board

## Alameda

### Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We hosted our annual Christmas party (in drive-through style) on Saturday, December 11 on the grounds of Saint Philip Church in Alameda. Maria Croft prepared her traditional dinner of salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread and dessert. Jeff Branchaud assisted Santa Claus in the distribution of gifts to children who accompanied their families. Thanks also to all those who assisted in the pick-up lane; to Gina Croft, our 1st VP, for taking reservations; to Karen Harrington, our financial secretary, for designing the flyer.

The next function on our social calendar is our annual polenta dinner scheduled for February 12. We hope to host the event in Monsignor O'Brien Hall, but we are well-practiced in serving guests through the driver-side window of their automobiles. Ben Ratto will be cooking.

We are looking forward to the East Bay Installation, set for Sunday, January 16 at the Fratellanza Club in Oakland. Taking their Branch 10 oaths of office will be Jim Lee, president; Sharon Brunetti, trustee; and Peggie Dorrance, sentinel. We also recognize retiring sentinel Ernie Poggi for his many years of service to the district and branch, which included captaining the set-up crew for the East Bay District's Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed and for our own dinners.

Congratulations to our secretary, Jeannette Zugnoni, for winning a \$30 calendar prize for October. She missed our October 7 meeting following knee-replacement surgery and thanks Jim Lee for taking the minutes.

James McGee, our president for 2021, accepted the 2022 District trustee position. Jeannette Zugnoni continues as District orator, and our mentor, Fran LaTorre, continues to represent Branch 215 (Fremont), of which she is president, at District meetings. James will also serve as master of ceremonies for the January 16 District Installation.

*John Zugnoni  
Branch 10 publicity*

## Fremont

### Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy December and Merry Christmas!! I hope this month finds you all healthy and happy. God bless you all as we look forward to God's gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, to the world on Christmas!

We will be having our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14th. Please call President Fran at (510) 887-1509 if you would like more information/make a reservation.

New officers for Branch 215 for 2022 are Trustees Lorraine Neira and Paul Ferrerio and Sentinel Debbie Nunes. Congratulations!

Installation will be on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Fratellanza Club.

East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed will be at St. Philip Neri Hall on Saturday, January 22nd. For more information/reservation call President Fran at (510) 887-1509. (This may be a "drive-through" to-go event...)

We will also be having another restaurant fundraiser on January 25, 2022, at either Strizzi's or Lazy Dog...more information to follow...

Bingo Luncheon will be on May 24, 2022, in the Corpus Christi parish hall.

And, please check out our Branch 215 webpage at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/italian-catholic-fed-branch215/home>

*Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Dio ti benedica,  
James Francis McGee  
Vice President*



## Livermore

### Br. 285, Saint Filomena

Our branch is thrilled to welcome our new members — Ann Suter, Toni Manzetti and Frank and Aurora Roselli.

Our calendar sales are off to a brisk start. With daily chances to win and a \$5 profit per calendar, it is a win win situation.

On November 19th we resumed our annual Mass of Remembrance at St. Elizabeth's Seton in Pleasanton. Our Chaplain Father Fili celebrated, and our members were greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians and lectors. It was such a beautiful celebration praying and remembering our beloved loved ones. Afterwards we had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at Vic's Restaurant in Pleasanton.

This year we are also once again having our very popular Christmas Party at Pasta's Restaurant in Pleasanton on December 8th at 6 p.m.

Hopefully the lifting of Covid restrictions will allow us to resume our monthly in person meetings and fundraisers. We might not be able to have food, but we hopefully can meet and have speakers and activities.

We continue to pray for our sick and convalescing members and friends.

*A very Blessed and Merry Christmas to all.*

*Carlotta Schauer  
Co-Recording Secretary*

## Castro Valley

### Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We had our 1st Dinner/Meeting since July, under diocesan protocol, and it was a success. Let's face it, what's not to like about Pasta with Pesto, bread and wine?! This has given us the incentive to plan our next dinner around Lisa's most delicious Minestrone Soup. Hopefully the parishioners and members will continue to be supportive.

This is the month we will be collecting nonperishable items for the OLG St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

We still have to elect our officers for 2021/2022 but will have this done by the time you read this.

Let us be thankful for our good health and pray that we will continue on this road into the new year.

*A Buon Natale! Felice Anno Nuovo! to you and your near and dear ones  
Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.*



Merry Christmas 2021  
From the Jarretts  
Jim, Patty and Family



Buon Natale E  
Felice Capo D'anno!  
From  
I.C.F. Branch 435,  
Santa Catterina  
D'Alessandria  
In Morgan Hill, CA



Buon Natale e  
Buon Capo D'Anno!



Lauren Kilcullen,  
Grand Secretary

*Tanti auguri per  
un felicissimo  
Natale e Buon Anno da  
tutti noi a tutti voi!!*



Branch 442

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Buon Natale



The Beauty of the  
Christmas season can  
remind us of all  
the beauty in life that we  
take for granted.  
Our family, our friends  
and our faith.  
Wishing all my wonderful ICF  
family and friends a very Blessed  
and  
Merry Christmas  
Much love to you all,  
Lisa Crudo and family

**Buon Natale and Buon Anno.**



Officers and  
Members of  
Branch 391,  
St. Martin of Tours,  
San Jose, CA

**Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo**  
from  
Branch 395,  
Presentation  
of the BVM  
Stockton



Branch 218 would like  
to wish everyone a  
*Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year*



Greetings from your  
Friends in Fontana  
I.C.F. Branch 210  
*Buon Natale e Felice  
Anno Nuovo!*







*Wishing all our ICF friends and family many  
Christmas Blessings  
And all the best in the New Year  
The Officers and Members of Branch #343  
Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley*



*Warm Wishes for a Blessed Christmas  
and New Year!*

*We are thinking of all of our ICF members and hoping  
you are doing well. Our prayers are with you until we  
can see each other again. We also remember our dear  
members who have passed away during the last 2 years.  
They remain in our thoughts and our hearts.*

*Officers and Members of Br. 50, San Francisco*



*Best Wishes for A Merry Christmas  
and A Happy New Year*

*From the Officers and Members of Branch 213,  
St. Augustine, So. San Francisco, CA*



*Dear Brothers and Sisters  
of the ICF:  
Our wish for a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy, Healthy New Year:  
The Marsalli Family*



*Buon Natale e Auguri  
per un Felice 2022  
Branch 332, Novato*

*Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year  
from Branch 19, Colma!*



*Buon Natale E Felice  
Anno Nuovo  
A Tutti!*



*Branch #229,  
St. Rose of  
Lima  
Chula Vista,  
CA*



*Ciao a tutti!  
Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!  
Dalla famiglia ICF - Chiesa St. Dorothy  
Branch 179, Glendora, CA*

*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo*

*From the Officers and  
Members of  
Branch 173—Burlingame*



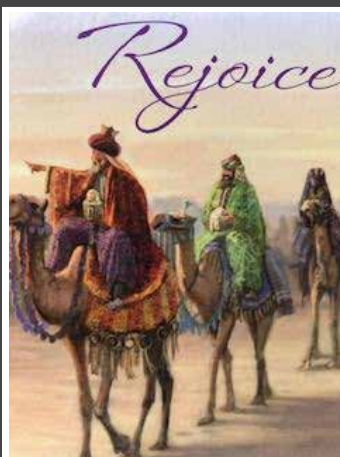
*wise men & women  
from branch \*13  
still seek Him*



*Merry Christmas  
and Best Wishes!*



*From  
The  
Fuentes  
Family*



*The Officers and Members  
of Branch 6, Regina Coeli  
and Mt. Carmel Church in  
Redwood City  
send Wishes and Blessings  
for Peace and Joy.  
Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year!*



# Buon Natale e Felice Capo D'Anno

Past Grand President  
Bob Basuino



*I miei migliori  
auguri per un  
Natale pieno di  
amore e pace, e  
Felice Anno Nuovo.*

(My very best wishes for  
a Christmas filled with  
love and peace  
and a happy New Year).

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand President



*Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year  
to all of our families  
and friends.*

*May the birth of  
Christ fill your hearts  
with love and may the  
New Year bring you  
good fortune  
and good health*

Members of Branch 39  
Merced, California

*Sending Christmas greetings and  
wishes for a fabulous New Year from  
the New Mexican Newlyweds.  
Rose and Aaron McNeal*



*St. Francis Borgia, Br. 392 Chicago, IL  
Happy 97th Anniversary to the Italian  
Catholic Federation*



Best Wishes  
from  
Central  
Council  
Member  
Teresa  
Helfand



*"Buon Natale!"  
&  
"Felice Capo D'Anno"*

*Branch #390 of St. Bernard's  
Parish in Tracy would like to  
wish everyone a safe and  
healthy holiday season. May  
the lord come into your life  
and give you peace and joy.*







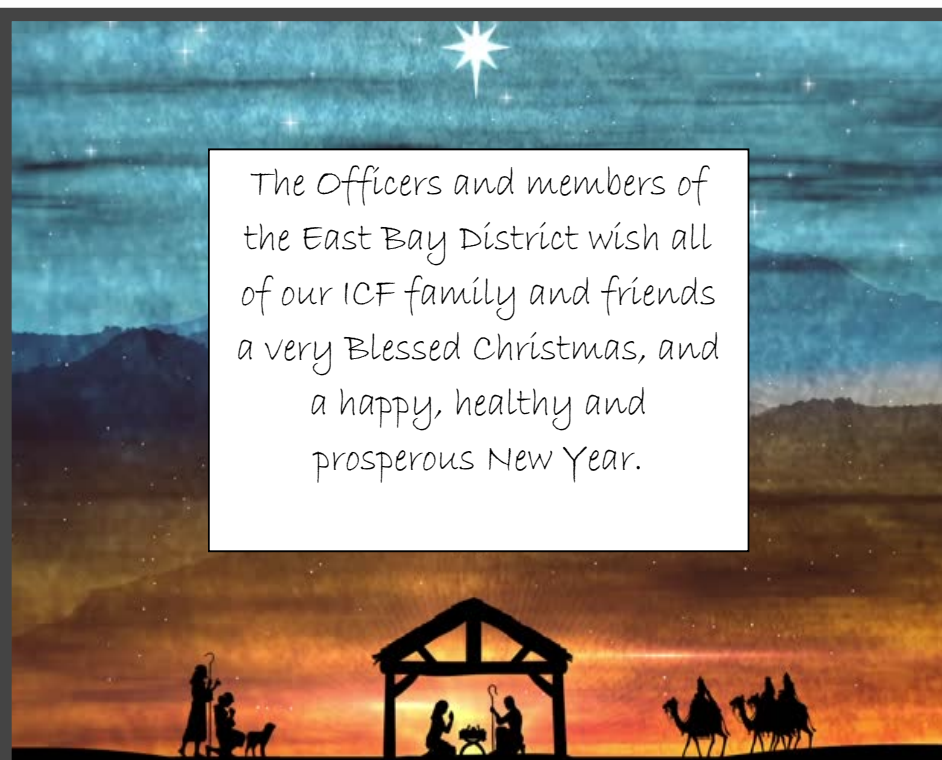
*Merry Christmas to  
All of Our ICF  
Family and Friends.  
Past Grand President  
Vince and First Lady  
Robyn Piro*



*San Mateo District  
wishes everyone  
a Blessed  
Christmas and  
a Happy Healthy  
New Year!*



The Officers and members of  
the East Bay District wish all  
of our ICF family and friends  
a very Blessed Christmas, and  
a happy, healthy and  
prosperous New Year.



**Christmas Blessings to all  
our I.C.F. Brothers and Sisters.  
*Bob and Kathy Acquistapace***



*The Contra  
Costa District  
sends warmest  
wishes for faith,  
hope and peace  
this Christmas  
season.*



*A festive BUON NATALE to you,  
from Branch 403 President Paul  
Larson and all our Officers and  
Members!*





## CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to all from our Contra Costa district!

Our recent news includes the following: Plans are being finalized for both our District Christmas Party and our 2022 Installation of Officers. Each Branch President will receive an email soon with all the details.

Each branch should email a list of their new 2022 officers to the ICF office before January 1. Please copy that list to District President Patty Jarrett as it will be needed at the Installation of Officers.

Don't forget have Membership Committees in your branches to work on ways to increase and retain membership. Try placing a write-up in your parish bulletin or, if there is a school attached to your parish, ask them to send an ICF flyer home with the students. Also, please check with delinquent members before they are dropped off the ICF membership roster. And don't forget to mail dues slips out for the New Year.

*Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and happy and healthy New Year!*  
*Diana Letizia Mackinson*  
*First Vice President, Contra Costa District*

### Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

Can this year be over already? I wonder if we became accustomed to our lazy days of leisure last year and this year's activities in full force had us speeding through time without pausing. Don't fret, there is still time as Advent continues to decelerate and ready ourselves spiritually for the celebration of our Lord's birth. Our season of prayer, fasting, and repentance followed by hope, love, joy, and peace resound in all of us.

During this time of preparation, Branch #13 members and friends participated in Cross Catholic Outreach's "Box of Joy" program filling shoeboxes with trinkets, clothing, toiletries, etc. for children in impoverished countries. As team leader, I coordinated our effort:

distributed, packed, collected, and delivered numerous donations to make a child's Christmas special. Often these boxes are the only gifts they receive. Thanks to all who partook in this endeavor.

December 8, when we celebrate the holy day of obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Year of St. Joseph ends. It was Pope Francis' hope that during this year we "increased our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." I pray it happened for you.

Nuptial congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Roselynn and Aaron McNeal! May God who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives, and deepen your love throughout the years.

To all our ICF family: May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill. God bless your good hearts always.

*Ciao for now,*  
*Mary Cook*

### Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

Did you know that over 1.7 billion candy canes are produced annually in the United States? These delicious treats have been enjoyed by kids young and old for a very long time. Legend has it that the candy cane dates back to 1670, when the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out pulled sugar sticks to his choirboys in order to keep them quiet during the Living Creche ceremony. (He had them made to resemble shepherd's crooks in honor of the occasion.)

Speaking of delicious treats, mark your calendars for our Christmas Open House where we'll enjoy an early evening of cocktails, appetizers, and socializing. The party will take place on Tuesday, December 14th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Church Hall. (Per the Diocese, we'll need to wear masks when not eating/drinking and provide proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within the previous three days.) The

girls would like to have some idea of the number attending, so please R.S.V.P. to either Donna (510) 799-2336, or Roni (510) 787-2589.

With great sadness we relay that Bill McFarling recently passed away. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

Our membership dues are coming up in January, and there is an incentive to pay them early. If your \$40 dues are received prior to December 31st, you have the chance to win a \$40 Target gift card. Wow, don't delay!

*Wishing you all the joy, hope, and promise of the Christmas Season!*  
*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!*  
*~ Helen*

### Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Greetings to all our members.

Hope this finds everyone safe, happy and healthy.

It is time to purchase your ICF Calendar for 2022. The theme is The year of Hope. Grandchildren, nieces and nephews of ICF members drew pictures which appear on the calendar pages. These make great gifts and raffle prizes. Each calendar comes with a ticket stub. If your ticket wins the check is mailed to you and your ticket is placed back in the daily raffle. This gives you the chance to win over and over. The donation is \$25.00. Our branch keeps \$5.00 of that. If interested call Patty at 925 957 6457.

The District Christmas party will be held on Friday December 10. Members from all eight of our branches will enjoy a no host dinner at Rocco's Italian Restaurant in Walnut Creek at 6:30 p.m. A raffle will follow dinner. Call Patty for more information and to RSVP.

We will take part in the 2022 Installation of officers. The District is finalizing the date and details. Watch in the mail for your invitation.

Roselynn has accepted the nomination for Financial Secretary and Treasurer in place of our dearly departed Helen. You will receive your 2022 dues ship soon.

*That is all for this time. As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti.*  
*Merry Christmas to all.*  
*Patty*

### Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

The December meeting opened with a scrumptious polenta dinner. Thanks to Walter Costa and Toni Reeder for a delicious meal, and thanks to everyone who contributed their help to make this a festive holiday meal.

We are seeing some more members starting to return. We hope 2022 will keep bring more members back.

New officers were elected:

President: Lorraine Acuna

First Vice President: Alicia Trevino  
Secretary: Alicia Trevino  
Financial Secretary: Toni Reeder  
Trustees: Nancy Clabby and Lori Framstead  
Sentinel: Nancy Clabby

As you can see, we are short on officers. That is why your participation is necessary to keep the club open.

We hope to have the 2022 calendar available at the next meeting. The next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2022. Pizza and salad will be served. Make your reservation with Toni Reeder.

Don't forget your dues are payable at the next meeting. Annual dues are \$35.00. Make your check payable to the ICF and give your check to Toni Reeder.

If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, consider joining us as part of your new year's resolutions. You'll be glad you did.

*Felice Anno Nuovo!*

### Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno:

We were able to have your first meeting in Cauche Hall on October 21st. It was nice to be together and things are getting back to a little more normalcy.

Our membership is starting to pick up with new members.

We are looking forward to 2022 for some fundraising events and helping charities.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving being able to celebrate and give thanks for family and good health.

Our Christmas brunch is being held on Sunday, December 5th at La Veranda restaurant in Clayton. This is fun get-together with a delicious brunch and raffle prizes.

We are putting an ad in the December *Bollettino* wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from our branch. It is designed by Marion Armstrong.

I hope by the time this is read, all people sick and in the hospital are better and on the road to recovery.

Please remember to pay your 2022 dues in December. It's that time again.

*Ciao,*  
*Norene DeLuca*



Br. 13, ICF members commemorated its 97 years in the Federation by donating a brick in front of the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the St. Catherine of Siena Parish campus





**Pleasant Hill**  
**Br. 442, Christ the King**

For now, we are well into the holiday season. I am certain that you have started baking, shopping, wrapping and sending out Christmas cards, not to mention decorating your home and the Christmas tree. Many of you are also including the less fortunate in your shopping and donating to food banks and crisis centers.

Non vi scordare della Befana and to pray for those who are suffering in our community, in our state and in the world.

May you finish your year of 2021 with less anxiety and more hope for 2022.

*Tanti auguri per un Buon Natale!*  
*Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*

**BLESSED**  
**SACRAMENT**

**Sacramento**  
**Br. 45, St. Mary**

Mark your calendars for our Chicken and Polenta dinner scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Giovanni Hall. Branch meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. This will be our return to in person dinners and we hope it will be a great success. For more information, call me at 916-508-1199.

Scholarship News: We awarded the following scholarships from the branch: 4th Year College Scholarship to Joseph Courey, 3rd Year College Scholarship to Gina Courey and an ICF 3rd Year College Scholarship to Siena Mazza. Congratulations to these students who are branch members! We wish you much success this school year.

Condolences to the family of Adele Viglione who passed away in September at age 100. Adele and late husband Forrest were longtime active members of the branch. May she Rest in Peace.

Happy holidays to everyone and we're looking forward to our return to branch activities in 2022!

*Ciao, Janine*



**Auburn**  
**Br. 342, St. Joseph**

If you haven't already done so, we hope you are able to purchase tickets for our takeout Christmas Dinner which will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For \$20, you will receive a dinner of rigatoni with homemade sauce and sausage, salad, bread, and dessert. You will also receive a raffle ticket which will give you a chance to win one of six prize baskets. Call MaryAnn Mikles (916-759-8466) or Bridget (530-906-0634) for tickets.

*I want to wish each of you the merriest of Christmases and I hope that you have a 2022 full of health and happiness.*  
*Ciao!*

*Pam Andersen*

**SANTA ROSA**  
**SANTA ROSA**  
**District Council**

As we all know, our October 24th District Council Meeting had to be cancelled because of rainstorms. Many thanx to Dennice DiGirolamo who conducted a Council meeting at her home in Petaluma only last week. Branch calendars were discussed as well as our budgets. Hopefully, our next District Council meeting also inclusive of a small Xmas Party may be held at Dennice DiGirolamo's home in Petaluma since Sonoma's Fr. Robert's Hall will be occupied on that date.

Until such time may I wish you all Happy Holidays and please consider attending branch dinners when available.

*Marilyn Sylvestri*  
*Recording-Secretary*



**Healdsburg**  
**Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Polenta-A-Go-Go Dinner on Nov 13. Thank you to Chef Richard Passalacqua and the rest of the team who worked on this event.

Upcoming events:  
ICF Meeting: Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.  
In 2022, we are planning on holding in-person events, again.  
February 5: Polenta Dinner  
April 8: Fish Fry

More information about these events will be in upcoming eblasts. We look forward to seeing everyone in person, again.

We are still in need of a few more officers. We have a large branch but have few members who are willing to take leadership positions to lead the branch and our endeavors. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact Pres. Teri Roller or Carmen or Lauren Kilcullen.

*Merry Christmas!*  
*Lauren*

**Cloverdale**  
**Br. 75, L'Annunciata**

I had to jump back a few years to remember what it was like to be a branch free to do whatever it wanted!

We could actually create beautiful events! We could invite wonderful people into our Reali Hall, pamper them, and treat them like Royalty! We could smile with unmasked faces and breathe in oxygen, perfumes, lovingly prepared foods and wine. We could get up close and personal with unrestrained hugs and intimate conversations.

I really miss us...the we that we were before we had to hold back our outgoingness and our spontaneity, cover our faces and worry about vaccinations...the we that we were before we began to hold back our love and service to others!

Sigh!

We're doing our best and the song "Stayin' Alive" is running through my head. I really hope the spirit of the ICF stays alive in our Branch and that it returns to its former enthusiasm, strength and vitality!

*Patsy Buchignani*



Br. 75 members enjoying some wine



Br. 75 members enjoying some wine

**Sonoma**  
**Br. 103, St. Sebastian**

Welcome to November.

Religious celebrations this month are All Saints Day, Chanukah and Advent. Enjoy November.

Covid can make it harder to meet everyone in person, so phone calls, FaceTime, cards and letters can all bridge the gap.

Sonoma met again on 10-11-21. No guests present. We discussed the arrival of the Expansion Committee who will visit our Church on Nov. 14 and/or 15 to promote interest in our local ICF. I will be present to meet Mr. Mike Rossi who chairs the Expansion Committee to support his current efforts even though I must relinquish my position as Recording-Secretary at the end of the year.

On a happier note, I did attend Br.198 turkey dinner last week and I must say it was a delightful evening of fun and laughter. Naturally MY table contributed most of the merriment. Thanx to Juanita and someone named Ernie? I believe he was one of the cooks. Food was great and prepared by the members. Looking forward to another dinner next month and of course the same great cooks...always a team effort.

Sonoma #103 will meet again tonight at St. Francis Fr. Robert's Hall and our fate is actually in the hands of potential members and if we cannot produce them then we should support the other branches without a doubt.

*Regards,*  
*Marilyn Sylvestri*  
*Recording Secretary*



**Arcata****Br. 144, St. Mary**

Since we haven't had a meeting since July, President Linda was overjoyed to see the group gather for a productive meeting in November.

We are looking for a Heritage Chairman. A volunteer is needed. Please call Linda.

We were reminded of the importance of obtaining new members to join ICF. Our membership is slowly dropping. Please invite someone to be a guest at our next meeting.

A handmade quilt was donated to us. We will be selling tickets for this beautiful quilt until December 20th. \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10. We need all members help. Sell to relatives, friends, neighbors... We need to sell, sell, sell!!!! Joan DalPorto is chairman. Give her a call, she will gladly supply you with the tickets.

The ICF 2022 calendars have arrived. Mike DalPorto, chairman, will be calling to see how many you need. They make great gifts. It's possible to win multiple times throughout the year. Better than the lottery!! Calendars are \$25. Our branch keeps \$5.00 for each one sold. Another money maker for us since we have not had a money raiser since February 2020!

Anne Eanne will design our *Bollettino* Christmas ad in honor of our beloved Judy Cardoza, past president.

Our next meeting will be December 3 at 10:00 am. We are meeting during the day in order to have doors open to accommodate Covid regulations.

November Birthday members – a belated Happy Birthday.

December Birthday members – Enjoy your day!

*A Happy, Merry and Blessed Christmas to each of you.*

*Rosemary*



Br. 144 member Deacon John Gai, far right, assists at the 25th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church in Arcata, CA

**Santa Rosa****Br. 198, St. Eugene**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Linda Sherman was really pleased with the results of our Thanksgiving dinner meeting on November 1st. First, for the number in attendance (40) and second, for the very generous donations made by the members for the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Linda gave a special thanks to Bob and Kathy Acquistapace for chairing and paying for the dinner. She also thanked Ernie and Claire Giampaoli, Mike and Marge Milano, and Ryan McCalmont for cooking and serving the dinner. She appreciated the champagne donated by Tom and Carol Saska. Thanks also to Lynette Lucia for very successful raffle.

WE HAVE A PRESIDENT! Doreen O'Rourke has accepted and will be our President for 2022. Doreen held an officers' meeting to plan a program and budget for next year.

*May all of you have a very Happy and Holy Christmas season.*

*Buon Natale a tutti,  
Gail Bongi-Azevedo*

**Sebastopol****Br. 209, St. Michael**

I hope you are looking forward to spending time with your loved ones this Christmas and New Year. Such a welcome change from 2020.

Our branch is still not gathering yet, however, the Board has begun to meet again to get 2022 events planned. We are still giving to our charities and meeting our ICF obligations. Gene Vannetti is still recycling for upkeep of the bocce courts. Contact him if you have any cans to donate. Most of all, hold tight! We will be gathering again soon!

Please take the time to pay your dues for 2022 of \$38.40 and Hospitalization plan of \$25.00 to keep our vibrant branch going. Send checks to: Leona Spadoni, 3956 Gravenstein Hwy. So., Sebastopol, CA 95472.

Congratulations to Branch #209 placing 3rd in the Apostolate Charity category (71-129 members) and to Nancy Steadman who had a winning raffle ticket at this year's ICF National Convention!

Another big congratulations to members Haley & Sean Mills, who welcomed their first child, Ford Christopher Mills on October 9th. He is our President Pam's first grandchild and Bud Polley's 6th great grandchild.

Please pray for any sick members and check on any who may be isolated.

*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo,  
Sharon Vannetti*

**FRESNO****Los Banos****Br. 31, Santa Lucia**

Hello again from Branch 31 and we hope you had a very blessed Thanksgiving! Our annual Christmas party was held just a few days ago on December 1st at the Veteran's Hall. It was filled with delicious food, and we had an abundance of raffle prizes. Special thank you to Linda Silva and Anna Boffa for the very tasty Italian desserts. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season!

Our next meeting will be held January 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Rico's Pizza. We will also be bringing back our Polenta Dinner this year. If you would like tickets, please contact Terri Post. The dinner will be on Saturday, February 12th; we hope to see you there.

*May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless!!*

*Ciao,  
Giona Boffa*

**Madera****Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso**

It is that special time of year again with sunny days and cooler temperatures, and with nights cooler yet. Trees are turning colors and the busy harvest season has finished. Time to count our many blessings and to give thanks for them as the pilgrims did in 1621; 400 years ago!

Our Branch's 90th anniversary was celebrated during the 11 a.m. mass on October 17th, at St Joachim Church. The celebration will continue on December 12th at our annual Christmas party. Please watch for details to come.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all!*  
*Mary Keitz*

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**Clovis****Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

As we go to press, our beloved President, Jeanette Shriver, is facing serious health challenges and is currently receiving hospice care. Jeanette has faithfully served as Branch 250 President since 2004. Please pray for her.

Our recent fundraiser in conjunction with Cool Hand Luke's restaurant was very successful. At last report, some 250 to 275 tickets were sold. Thanks to those members who sold tickets and a special thanks to Rich and Mary Zonarini for their usual fine job of coordinating this event!

Happy birthday wishes to Sylvia Dalton, Cynthia Newton, John Rainaldi and Rich Zonarini!

A grand sendoff by parishioners was held for Fr. Robert as he prepared to move to Merced. Fr. Robert was an outstanding "Shepherd of the flock" for many years and a big supporter of the ICF. He has been replaced by Fr. Mike Adrade who we hope to see soon.

The Zonarini's report their granddaughter, Sarah Diener has completed on-ground training to be an attendant for Sky West Airlines. While awaiting an assignment, she will substitute teach in the Salt Lake City schools.

Did you know that pizza was invented in Naples?

Twenty of our members met at a local coffee shop on October 31st for the first meeting in over a year. Fr. Robert joined us for a farewell. Our next meeting is Monday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Denny's on Herndon.

Thought for the month:

*"The Father longs for us to pray  
For one another every day  
His heart rejoices when we care  
Enough to voice our love in prayer"  
(Anon)*

*Ciao,  
Mauricio Maletesta*





## MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST District Council

The Central Coast District would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

October 23rd, we celebrated Bishop's Day by attending mass all together at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz, Ca. After mass, we had a reception at Stewart Floral Shop in Santa Cruz. Thank you, Franklyn, for setting up our event in your beautiful festive shop. Members attending brought many appetizers to share. Each Branch brought beautiful baskets to raffle. Julie Richards was honored to present Father Ommar Solis, Director of Vocation a check in the amount of \$3,000 from Central Coast District and Franklyn Lopes, 2nd Vice Grand President presented \$2,000 from Central Council. All money given will go to Diocese of Monterey for vocations of our Seminarians.

Central Coast Election of officers for 2022 took place.

Central Coast Officer 2022

President- Julie Richards

1st Vice President - Eddie Leonard

2nd Vice President - Roseann Costabile

Recording Secretary - Elaine Valentine

Treasurer - Kevin Cortopassi

Financial Secretary - Kevin Cortopassi

Trustee - Pete Gallagher

Trustee - Harry Hill

Trustee - David Zanni

Trustee - Vicky Howell

Sentinel - Bella Leonard.

Installation of officers will be held on January 23, 2022, hosted by Branch 51, Castroville, CA

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

### Santa Cruz

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

Buon Natale to all our members and their families.

Pope John XXIII once said: "Mankind is a great and immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."

We are part of the world's family, part of our personal family, and also part of the ICF family. And our Branch 21 family will celebrate Christmas on Thursday, December 9th at Holy Cross Hall. The 'festa' will be a bit toned down this year due to Covid concerns, but it will be a step closer to normalcy. So, watch for e-mails and snail-mail notices. In the meantime, may everyone



Central Coast District Meeting



Father Ommar Solis and Julie Richards



Father Ommar Solis and Franklyn Lopes 2nd Vice Grand President



Br. 36, The Anthony Venza family

have a wonderful Holiday Season.

For those of you who missed it, our Polenta Take Out Dinner on October 22nd was a huge success. The polenta, with John Barisone's marinara coupled with Italian sausage, was extra delicious this year. Thanks to all who worked on this dinner and also to Valerie Vote who baked the brownies that accompanied each dinner. We also want to thank Rosa Radicchi for putting together yet another successful Memorial Mass on November 7th. The readings, the music, the pamphlets printed with our loved ones' names...all were so well done. Thank you, Rosa, and to all who helped make a beautiful mass.

In closing, these are December's birthdays to celebrate:

John Barisone, Mary Camera, Petra Castiglioni, Lydia Clarke, Franklyn Lopes, Gary Moro, Dolores Murray, and Richard Puccinelli. Happy Birthday, Tutti!

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



Br. 36, Josephine Favazza family





## Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Merry Christmas blessings to you and all your family.

May Joy be your gift at Christmas. And may Hope, Faith and Love be your treasure in the New Year.

On October 30, we had our 85-and-over Birthday Party celebration. Over 200 members/guests and their families enjoyed the beautiful luncheon, served with Sicilian Style Garden Salad and French Bread, choice of Slow Roasted Salmon or Grilled Breaded Chicken Breast with Tortellini, and a birthday cake, of course. Our oldest member was Ruth Flynn at age 103, who was presented with a bouquet of white roses. Each member 85-and-over received a rose and had a picture taken. We enjoyed music by Mike Marotta, Dave Dally, and David Marzetti.

We thank our chairpersons Antonia Ihnot and June Serrano for their hard work decorating the hall with a fall theme with beautiful pumpkin floral bouquets on each table. The entrance's Fall accents was ideal for photos. We delighted in seeing so many happy faces after the long, long separation during the pandemic. We were honored to have Denise Antonowicz 1st Vice Grand President, Andy Pappani Past-Grand President and Dante Galeazzi all from Central Council attending our special event.

Our Christmas Dinner meeting is December 6. Check MontereyICF.org for the menu.

We are saddened to report that Lucille Sobania and Patricia Green recently passed away. Our condolences to their families. May they Rest in Peace

Prayers are needed, as several members have been in the hospital. Also pray for all our members that have been ill and homebound.

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving."*

*Mother Teresa*

*Christmas blessings,  
Elaine Valentine  
1st Vice President  
Branch 36*

## Capitola Br. 227, St. Joseph

Our move to Aptos Resurrection Church begins on January 1. President Franklyn Lopes and Dottie Smith had a very encouraging meeting with the pastor, Father Romeo, to work out many of the details. Meetings there will take place in the hall on the second Sunday of each month starting at 1:30 p.m. The Board anticipates resuming the Lenten Fish Fries. We hope a lot of you will be joining us in our new location, so that we can once again come together and renew friendships that have been set aside due to Covid.



Br. 36, Ruth Flynn--103

In early December Financial Secretary Marie Mungai will be sending out statements for dues, along with information about our new location. We encourage everyone to renew their membership.

We pass along condolences to the family of our former member, Barbara Schaarschmidt, who passed away on October 27. Barbara and her late husband, Carl, joined ICF in January of 1996 and were very active members for many years.

Our get well wishes go to Jean Iverson who is undergoing medical treatments.

Another reminder to get your 2022 calendars. They are available at Stewart's Floral. The cost is \$25, \$5.00 of which stays at our branch. Several of our members have been winners of the daily drawing in the past.

*We wish everyone a blessed Christmas.  
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

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Peter, Eddie, Angie at 85+ party Br 36



Br. 36, Patricia and Scott Clark

## Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 held elections at our October General Meeting. Congratulations to our new Branch Officers for 2022: President Pete Gallagher; 1st Vice President Theresa Aston; 2nd Vice President Joanna VanBlaricom; Secretary Keely Sanchez; Treasurer Joe Franco; Financial Secretary Abby Gallagher; Orator Kathleen Sullivan; Trustee David Sanchez; Trustee Throck Scudder; Trustee Laura Vopatek; Sentinel Ellen Bavaro.

Our Branch will see some changes in 2022 at our monthly General Meetings. Instead of having a dinner meeting each month, we have decided to have light snacks and beverages at most General Meetings, and then once a quarter have a "seasonal" dinner meeting. We hope this will relieve our members of having to plan and prepare a large meal every month.

We are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 5th at the Madonna Inn. It should be an enjoyable afternoon, held in the festively decorated Madonna Inn Ballroom, where members will savor delicious food, exciting entertainment, fun raffle prizes and the opportunity to socialize with their ICF family!

Br. 291 recently lost a great man, Emil Minicucci. Emil was a World War II veteran and only a few months shy of turning 100. As our President, Pete Gallagher, recently said, "Emil often commented how thankful he was for his father's courage and bravery to come to America so his family could live the 'American Dream and Experience.'"

Emil's pride in America was just as

important to him as his Italian heritage." Please keep Emil's family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of this wonderful man.

*Christmas Blessings to everyone!  
Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary*

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

Let the season begin with the merriest of warm gatherings of family and friends, memories of years past brought to life once again. Extra-special holiday recipes, twinkling trees and handmade treasures will brighten every heart. Don't forget the traditional Advent Wreath, whether humble and handcrafted, or sophisticated silver and gold, the purple and pink candles guide our spirits to the innocent holy babe in the manger.

Members of Branch 354 will begin the season by celebrating together at the Madonna Inn with a festive Christmas dinner and gift exchange the first Saturday in December.

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Robert Ellsworth, November 6th; Michael Federico, November 10th; and David Kudija, December 28th. And last, but not least happy birthday to Jogina Cashmore who we celebrated with at The San Antonio Winery here in Paso Robles. We all highly recommend their Tiramisu!!!

Don and Yvonne Maddalena will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 30th. We ask for your prayers of thanksgiving for the blessing of 60 wonderful years together.

*Yvonne Maddalena  
Recording Secretary*



Br. 354, Jogina's birthday celebration.



## SAN JOSE SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

### Gilroy Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Br. 28

On October 18th Branch 28 had our first in person dinner meeting in over a year and a half at St. Mary Parish in Cullen Hall. Members enjoyed each other's company and dinner of pizza, salad and dessert of cookies decorated with jack o' lanterns and "Welcome Back." It was communicated to members that ICF Branch 28 would be collecting monetary donations for St. Joseph's Family Center to help purchase toys, food, and other needs of families for the holiday season. To date November 9th, \$4090 has been received in donations, which includes \$1000 contributed by Br. 28. Thank you, members, your generosity is much appreciated. If you would like to donate to St. Joseph's Family Center for families in need, please send a check payable to ICF Branch 28 to either Pat Cordich, Treasurer-1535 Day Road-Gilroy or Kim Filice, Financial Secretary-159 Churchill Place-Gilroy.

At submission of this writing, our next dinner meeting is scheduled for November 15th which goes back to our customary Thanksgiving dinner of turkey with all the trimmings prepared by Dave Peoples and crew. Our Branch 28 Christmas dinner will be held on December 13th at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy, callers will notify with details.

This year, 2021, Gilroy Branch 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice met its 90th Year Anniversary. In the adjoining photographs we look back to the 1932 Convention in Gilroy, and a planning committee with banner announcing the 1934 Branch 28 picnic. Also, a photo of the 1982 Branch 28 Board. As it stated on those dinner meeting cookies "welcome back."

*Peace and God Bless,  
Kim M. Filice*

### Los Gatos Br. 184, St. Mary

Buon Natale e un felice anno nuovo. I can't believe it we're saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It's been a year, again, where we had to show our strength and tenacity. We got vaccinated not once but twice with a booster for good luck. We've learned to wear masks and elbow bump. We have learned that Zoom is not what a fast truck does when it speeds off, but a way to connect with our branches, our businesses and our families. We keep seeing the light at the end of the tunnel



Br. 28- Attendees of the Gilroy 1932 Italian Catholic Federation Convention convene on the steps of the Severance School House in Gilroy for this photo. Four hundred people attended the Convention Banquet.



ICF picnic 1934.jpg Br. 28- Members Lily Garbini, E.J. Slaven, Louis Klein, Vera Sartor, Rama Rappetti, John Roffinella, and Jack Forgie plan and advertise the 1934 Branch 28 picnic.



Br. 28- Branch 28 Officers for 1982. Back row: Lawrence Rocchi, Bob Matteucci, Andrew Trincherro, Joffre Besson, Father Andre, and Bill Pappani (President.) Seated: Rosalee Russo, Peggy Pappani, Didi Matteucci, Mary Ann Pappani, and Viola Carr.

and boy, I'm running towards that light of hope and joy!

I have seen many friends struggle in the wake of the "pandemic" and we have been there for them with phone calls, drive-bys and prayers. I have also seen the caring, loving nature of our branch and our members. We meet when we can and we put together virtual fundraisers to help support our charities. I need to find out what is comfortable for you to come together again in person; afternoon weekday meeting, Sunday afternoon, nights at St. Mary's please e-mail me with what you'd like. The best thing that happened to us this year, was our new Pastor, Father Greg Kimm. Thank you Fr. Greg!

Whether next year will be different or not is yet to see. We will survive and with the help of all of you, our branch will too.

*So from our family to yours, Blessings of Christmas and a Safe. Joyful and Healthy New Year.  
Denise Antonowicz, President Br. 184*



Br. 191, Saint Frances Cabrini

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

A holiday greeting from Branch 191! I know each and every one of us is beginning to feel the holiday spirit. Let us see what our Branch has been doing to prepare for the holidays.

Our October meeting had Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan greeting members at our Layette Shower. Many lovely items of baby clothing along with monetary donations contributed to the Diocesan Program. Thank you to Sharon and Linda for making it a success!

As the year ends, we will welcome Rosanne Huey to our Executive Board as our new Treasurer. Rosanne will be an exciting new addition to our Board. Let us take this opportunity to give Aldine Grisenti a "Standing Ovation" for her work, dedication, precision, and knowledge of being our Treasurer. An outstanding job performance.

On Wednesday Nov. 17th Branch 191 will have our annual Turkey Bingo. We will be indulging in dessert, having fun at Bingo, along with the announcement of our Service Award Winner for 2021. As we look back on our year, let us celebrate with some laughter and enjoyment.

We celebrate Thanksgiving and enter our Advent season. Let us give a moment of time and thought to our blessings each and every day. Let us celebrate our families, friends, and loved ones. May our celebration of the Birth of Christ lead us to a deeper appreciation of all life. May the Holy Spirit guide us into the New Year.

We would like to pray for the soul of one of our members, Dorothy Fini, who has passed into the arms of the Lord. She was a long-time member of our Branch. May she rest in peace. May perpetual light shine upon her.

*Tanti auguri di buone feste.  
Shirley Catania  
sentinel*



Br. 191, Layette Shower Celebration





## San Jose

### Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Our October meeting started with two positive reflections read by Ed Wendler. We also dedicated the bricks recognizing Msgr. Milani, and Rev. William Pegnam and placed in front of Avila Hall. (See October *Bollettino* for pictures of stones.) John Gillio reported that our membership total is 88 members. Our branch lost 4 members over the past several months.

On Bishop's Day, the attendance total was 47. Eleven of those attending were from Br. 368. Mike Nunziata reported that Br.368 presented the bishop with intentions of 500 Masses, 100 rosaries and 100 stations of the crosses and noted that we have 1 year to complete our commitments.

Our Sunshine person, Avis Erkel, reported that Paul Butler is back home, and Janet Giaubke is asking for your prayers. Loraine Nunziata reported that Bob and Elaine Osorio donated \$100 to Br. 368 for the layette program. The layettes will be delivered on December 5th.

Noreen Gillio would appreciate someone volunteering to take over the "Heritage" position as a board member. Noreen will help you get started. Our November meeting includes electing new officers for all board positions and having Thanksgiving Dinner served and paid for by board members as a big thank you for staying safe, helping to keep our branch active and Covid free and safe this past year. Note that doors will be open for fresh air. Wear warm clothes.

December 15th will be our "safe-served," Christmas dinner catered by Tony and Alba's.

*Happy Thanksgiving!  
Peace be with you,  
Tom Myers*

## San Jose

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

Branch 391 sponsored a Pasta and Meatball dinner after the celebratory mass of St. Martin of Tours Feast Day in early November. A big thank you to Al and Diana Vallorz and Stephen Lencioni and their teams for making it a successful take-out and fun dine-in experience. Over 200 dinner tickets were sold at this event that followed the lovely St. Martin's candle-light procession.

Branch 391 announced two additional second-year scholarship winners-Emily Lawrence and Marisa Lipari. Congratulations, Emily and Marisa.

Also, congratulations and a big thank you to Branch 391 officers who agreed to serve another year in 2022 – President Mike Rossi, First VP Marcie Rossi, Second VP Doug Schenk, Secretary Susan Busco, Financial Secretary Tina Rossi, Treasurer Steve Lencioni, Orator Sr. Jane Garrison, Trustees Mayme Abbott, Donna Rossi, Lynda Vallorz, and



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



Sentinel Linda Ochinerio. Past President Russ Vento and Chaplain Father Saju Joseph will continue to serve as well.

In November, Mike and Marcie Rossi sent out an ICF newsletter providing updates of current events. If you did not receive your copy online or in hard copy, please contact them.

Remember to purchase ICF's 2022 Calendars by contacting Tina Rossi. Remember \$5 of the \$25 dollar purchase remains with our branch!

Upcoming Event: ICF quarterly mass at St. Martin's, Sunday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.

*Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!*  
Janis Patellaro

## Sunnyvale

### Br. 408, Resurrection

Buon Natale!

We look forward to seeing you in the Youth Room in the Farana Center on Monday 6 December at 6 p.m. for our Holiday Potluck. Please let Patrica or Steve Richey know what you would like to share. The Branch will supply its usual Lasagna as the Entree

and the Drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our next Blood Drive will be held 4th December from 8 – 1 p.m. using the Stanford Mobile unit outside the Farana Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

Installation will take place at Saint Mary's Los Gatos Saturday 8 January @ 10 a.m.

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

*May we all share in the Blessings of the Christmas Season!*

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

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## San Jose

### Br. 445, Transfiguration

Life amidst COVID is seeming to move in a more forward direction as vaccinated members are now obtaining their booster dose. Our group met mid-November for a restaurant luncheon, mini meeting and an opportunity to establish some plans for the new year. Also, our annual See's Candy Holiday Fundraiser kicked off in November. Updates on it will be shared in the next *Bollettino*. Thank you in advance for your support!

Our Sandwich/Lunch Ministry for the Needy continues to be the focus for our Branch. ICF members Darlene and Gary Pedone recently volunteered to help with this ministry. Welcome and Thank you!!

Happy December Birthday wishes are extended to members: Verence Palma, Andy LaScola, Jim Falcone and Richard Pfaff!!

*Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!*

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we wish you all a BUON NATALE and remember one of our past ICF heritage reports.

The Nativity Scene, a symbol of Christmas throughout the world, has its roots in early Italian history. In 1223 in the hills of Umbria, St. Francis (then only a monk) celebrated mass in the solitude of a cave with a donkey and ox nearby. The next year, upon Francis' request, a local artist Giovanni Vellita created a sculpture of the Holy Family for Francis to celebrate Christmas mass in 1224. Thanks to Saint Francis of Assisi the traditional nativity scene called the Presepe or Presepio in Italy came to be.

May your Christmas be Blessed and as you assemble your family's

Nativity Scene perhaps you will think of St. Francis.

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

## STOCKTON

### Modesto

### Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We are finally back to having our meetings on a regular basis with the exception that we have to hold the meetings in our members' homes.

Our officers for 2022 are: President: Thomas Silvaggio, 1st VP: John Zamora, 2nd VP: Louise Alberti, Secretary: Cecelia McGhee, Financial Secretary: Carla Wagner, Orator: Nancy Souza, Trustees: Kathleen Ostorero, Ermelinda Zamora and Steve Candelario, Sentinel: Marie Bertolotti.

Thanks to all our outgoing officers and to the members stepping up to take their place for the upcoming year 2022.

We had a few changes for our bake sale



Br.445, Darlene & Gary Pedone

we took orders for the baked goods and the customers had to pick up the bake goods at the home of our member. We have a lot of loyal customers, and we did okay.

We felt it was too soon to have a Christmas Potluck so will we just gather for our meeting and hope we will be able to have our St. Joseph's Table potluck in March. We get a lot of good food, get to visit with friends we haven't seen in a while, and we have a lot of fun with our raffle. You never know what you will get in one of the wrapped packages.

Little by little we will get back to somewhat of normal our new normal that is.

*Stay healthy and safe.  
Cecelia McGhee*

## Lodi

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

Buon Natale, ICF Famiglia!

Tis the season to be merry! We can now experience a Christmas that somewhat resembles a pre-Covid holiday. Praise the Lord!

Members left the November meeting with a head start on their Thanksgiving feast. Jennifer, Chris Whiting's daughter, helped us create a charcuterie board, an array of meats, cheeses, fruits, crackers, etc. I know, it's French in origin, but you can give it an Italian flair with an antipasto arrangement!

In November, to bolster ministry membership, the parish held a Petal Weekend. We attracted some new members. YAY! Thank you to the Maggios, Nancy Jo, John, and Elisa for volunteering at our table to represent our organization.

Come celebrate our branch's 3rd anniversary on Sun., December 5th at 8:30 mass. Afterward we'll trek to a local restaurant for breakfast, chat about our heritage, and reminisce about our past functions.

Throughout the Christmas season, Befana may be seen tiptoeing around your front door delivering treats, gifts, and prayers. You'll find out who your Secret Pal is at a special reveal in January around the Epiphany (the feast from which Befana derived her name). Have fun everyone!

Need a Christmas stocking stuffer? The branch has ICF Calendars to add to those goodies. They're \$25. \$5.00 stays with the branch. Plus, all year long, there's a chance of winning daily cash prizes. Contact Patty to purchase.

Our next member meeting is Jan. 25th. Until then, enjoy the events of the season with family and friends.

*May you have a blessed, joyful, spirit-filled Christmas!  
Patty Litts, President*



Br 82 Parish Ministry Membership Weekend; Elisa Moberly

## Manteca

### Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

With pandemic conditions continuing to prevent our branch from using parish facilities, we have been meeting at Cucina Queirolo in Lathrop.

After a tasty meal prepared by Chef Tony, President Jim Alfieri opened our latest meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Federation Pledge.

He then announced that he and his wife, Colleen, will be moving out of state in the New Year. We will miss their leadership.

Due to Branch Chaplain Father Chris Varghese being re-assigned to another parish, Father Madhu Appanapalle has agreed to be our new chaplain.

Another casualty of the Covid situation is the cancellation of our very popular biscotti baking and sale for the holidays. The parish kitchen facilities will not be available for use.

Ed and Patty Fichtner reported another sell-out of calendars.

Our annual Christmas prime rib dinner will be held on December 5 at Cucina Queirolo. As always, it will be free to Branch members.

After a discussion about additional donations to the needy, led by Central Council member Dante Galeazzi, it was decided to make a generous donation to the Giving Tree at St. Anthony Church.

*Buon Natale a tutti,  
Mariano*



Br 82 Parish Ministry Membership Weekend; Elisa Moberly Br 82 Sept. Member Meeting Wine Tasting



## Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Holidays are here and we are already planning our December feast, be sure to make a note-to-self that the day of the week has been moved from our normal Thursday night to WEDNESDAY but only for the month of December. Wednesday night, December 15th, come on down to pick up your take-home dinner featuring Tri-Tip and pasta with all the trimmings.

Congratulations to Sami Lieberg, who received one of our first-year scholarship awards and has just qualified and received her second-year award! Good work, Sami - this just goes to show how deserving she is as she continues to excel in her college studies!

The 2022 calendars are now on sale for \$25 and will be available at the remainder of our take-out dinner events as long as they last. Pick yours up at the registration table in Father Fleming Hall when you come to get your dinners. Thank you for your continued support.

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch through pictures on our Website: [www.icfbranch390.org](http://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!

See you WEDNESDAY, December 15th for take-home dinner night!

*Stay healthy, happy and safe,  
Betty Hollars*



Buon Natale from Branch 395 (2019)

## Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Election time and this year it seemed a little more normal. We are pleased to announce the 2022 Board and we thank them for their willingness to serve:

President Mary Ann Piana Chapman  
1st VP Marilyn Ramacher  
2nd VP Bob and Linda Langone  
Recording Secretary Josephine Weber  
Financial Secretary Diana Rojo  
Treasurer Pat Beglau  
Orator Karen Rosson  
Sentinel Pat Bertilacchi  
Trustees Bernice Nickols, Becky Vergaro, Paula Watt

We are also excited to announce two new members that we will officially install soon. Welcome Rose Mary Patla and Linda Bradshaw! So happy to have you part of the ICF family.

*On behalf of Branch 395, buon natale  
e felice anno nuovo a tutti  
Mary Ann*



Branch 395. Food looks a bit different during COVID, but still delicious!

## Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick

Merry Christmas to all,

Since we missed last month's report, I will start with October happenings. We had our first fundraiser in over a year on October 24th. Branch members, Dwayne and Liz Brown, and Wendell and Josie Barnes, prepared a spaghetti dinner-to-go for the parish. The excellent dessert was prepared by Branch member Mary Kingshill. Liz Brown, Josie Barnes, Jon and Gabe Singleton, Tom and Mary Kingshill, Annie and Joseph Pachinger, all of Branch 413, and Robert and Diana Mayben (of the Barnes family), took care of packaging up the meals and getting them to those who bought a ticket or tickets. We had a great turnout. Even our wonderful



Br.413.Dec.22. Dwayne, Josie and Wendell



Br.413.Dec.22.Fr. John Paul taste testing ICF 413s

pastor, Fr. John Paul Pasala, came to taste test things in the kitchen, and get his dinner to-go!

For December, we are planning our annual parish breakfast to be held on the 19th. This breakfast is provided to all at no cost. We will be giving away pancakes, eggs, and sausage. This is our way of thanking the parish for their support at our fundraisers.

This issue will be in your hands or on your computer in time for our season of Advent and Christmas, with the New Year soon to follow. We hope that God has blessed your year with health, family, and joy. Wishing you a joyous Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

*May God's blessings be upon you all,  
and please, keep us in your prayers.  
Ciao, Annette Pachinger  
Correspondence Secretary*



## ORANGE

### Orange Br. 406, St. Norbert

We met Wednesday, October 27, 2021 to:

1) Present a watercolor, "Madonna and Child" by Joe Digrado, to Pastor, Fr John Money Penny, and

2) To plan our very first "Pasta-to-Go" for November 7, 2021. In the past we had Lasagna dinners but due to Covid we are trying the take-out meals. Folks buying tickets were shown a photo of what their takeout meal will look like—those buying tickets were very supportive knowing we support our parish.

We were all so proud of Joe's talent and charity in donating such a beautiful watercolor.

We also began discussion on our Christmas celebration.

Keep the faith—do not despair! We will overcome this Covid. We here are blessed to be meeting in person at church. We pray you will be back with your "Amici" soon if not already.

*Buon Natale!  
Nancy Shanafelt*



Br. 406 Pasta-to-go Crew

**Deadline  
for January Issue  
is December 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
editor@icf.org**



Br. 406, Joe Digrado presenting the watercolor he painted of the Madonna and Child to Pastor of St Norbert's, Fr John Money Penny at our November meeting.

#### **In Memory of Francesco (Frank) Giannantonio, Branch 423**

Francesco (Frank) Giannantonio passed away on October 5, 2021. He was born in Italy and came to the United States in 1954 arriving on the Andria Doria.

A longtime resident of Maryland, he worked for the Defense Department before moving to California.

He was a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. He was an active hospital volunteer and helped with many ICF Branch 423, Irvine events.

He leaves his wife Rose of 62 years and many nieces and nephews.



*Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo*



*In Memory of  
Judi Cardoza  
Past President  
Br. 144, Arcata*



**SAVE THE DATES  
June 24 & 25, 2022**

The Central Council Golf  
Tournament--Friday, June 24  
at Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa



Wine Tasting Tour or an  
antiquing trip with a lunch  
--Saturday, June 25.

*Details to follow*



# Buon Natale & Felice Capo D'Anno

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Branch 21, Santa Cruz  
Branch 227, Aptos



*Merry Christmas and Wishing  
You a Happy and  
Prosperous New Year!*

*The Pappani Family  
Past Grand President Andy and  
First Lady Siria (Sid) Pappani*



**Una Famiglia Benedetta Natale  
E Un Anno Nuovo Sano E Sicuro!**  
(Written by Dominic Bozzo - Age13)

from ***The Bozzo Family***  
ICF Br. 28, Gilroy  
2021 Family of the Year  
Award Recipients



*May the miracle of  
this holy season bring  
peace and love to all!*



*From the Officers  
and Members of  
St. Frances Cabrini  
Branch 191,  
San Jose*






Merry Christmas



BRONNER'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND  
Frankenmuth, Mich.




Love & Joy  
Denise, Marie, Germaine, & Michelle Antonowicz



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year  
from the Officers and Members of the  
Santa Clara Valley District

|         |                     |               |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| Br. 5   | St. Clare           | Santa Clara   |
| Br. 28  | St. Mary            | Gilroy        |
| Br. 47  | St. Joseph          | Mountain View |
| Br. 184 | St. Mary            | Los Gatos     |
| Br. 191 | St. Frances Cabrini | San Jose      |
| Br. 368 | Santa Teresa        | San Jose      |
| Br. 391 | St. Martin          | San Jose      |
| Br. 408 | Resurrection        | Sunnyvale     |
| Br. 435 | St. Catherine       | Morgan Hill   |
| Br. 445 | Transfiguration     | San Jose      |





Stockton District wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

May the Lord look down upon us and give us peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

Branch 48—Saint Stanislaus—Modesto

Branch 82—Saint Anne's—Lodi

Branch 138—Saint Luke—Stockton

Branch 139—Saint Anthony--Danteca


Branch 390—Saint Bernard—Tracy


Branch 395—Church of Presentation—Stockton

Branch 413—Saint Patrick—Angels Camp

Wishing Peace and Blessings for All at Christmas and the New Year

St. Michael, Br. 209 Sebastopol







# An Italian Christmas Music Fest!

December 3, 2021

7:30pm



\$14 per person on Eventbrite (\$16 at the door)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-italian-christmas-music-fest-tickets-202452870987>

Children and youth under 16 FREE

Venue: St. Monica Catholic Church – Grand Pavilion

701 California Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403

Sweet refreshments outside follow performance!

----- Parking: Enter from California

Beautiful and classic music of the season followed by  
A songfest of popular tunes and carols in Italian and English

Performed by **Burbank Chamber Music Society** [www.burbankchambermusicso.com](http://www.burbankchambermusicso.com)

Produced by **Opera Italia** [www.operaitalia.com/](http://www.operaitalia.com/)

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the **Italian Catholic Federation** and its **Thalassemia** program at Children's

The Officers and Members of St. Elizabeth, Branch 258, San Francisco wish all of our I.C.F. Members and their Families a very Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.



The members of Branch 342 (Auburn) would like to wish their fellow ICF members a Blessed Christmas and a new year full of joy and love.



## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

### Santa Rosalia Branch 36/Monterey



The Officers and Members of Santa Rosalia Branch #36 in Monterey  
Wish Everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo a Tutti!

Branch 185, Sacred Heart, in Fresno  
Sends Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Branch 32, St. Alphonsus, in Fresno  
Wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with caring, generosity and love!!



## Christmas Blessings

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6

## Advancing our Legacy:

### Italian Community Services

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

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

If you know of any senior of Italian descent in San Francisco needing assistance, please contact:  
[ItalianCS.org](http://ItalianCS.org) | (415) 362-6423 | [info@italiancs.com](mailto:info@italiancs.com)



ITALIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES



*Buon Natale e  
Felice Capo D'Anno*  
Branch 154, St. Raymond  
Richmond, CA

*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*



*Wishing you  
Peace and Joy  
this Christmas  
Season!*

From Branch #75, Cloverdale



*May the Lord bless  
and keep you and  
your families  
during this  
Christmas Season  
and Always.*

Your Brothers and  
Sisters of  
Branch 28, Gilroy

*We wish you  
every happiness for  
a Holy Christmas  
and for the New  
Year. Buon Natale e  
Capo D'Anno*

From the  
Officers and Members  
of Branch 7, Sacro Cuore



**Buon Natale  
e Felice Anno Nuovo**



**From the Members  
of Branch 14, Crockett**

*May the spirit of Christmas bring you, Peace  
The gladness of Christmas bring you, Hope  
The warmth of Christmas grant you, Love*



*Buon Natale e  
Felice Capo D'Anno*



*The Todos Santos Branch #214  
Concord, Ca.*

*Which includes the surrounding parishes:  
St. Agnes, St. Bonaventure,  
St. Francis of Assisi and Queen of All Saints*