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Why We Need Family History Now More Than Ever

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson
Grand 1st Vice President

I came across this article from *The Family Search* website. It's what I believe and thought it was worth sharing with you. The Blog is by Rachel Coleman, Sept 26, 2017

Knowing, recording, and preserving your family history directly impacts you, your family, and even future generations of people you may never know. Find out how and why family history matters.

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." —Marcus Garvey

The United States celebrates October as National Family History Month and for good reason. Knowing, recording, preserving, and sharing our family histories can provide countless benefits to individuals, families, and entire societies. Family history is more than pedigree charts, censuses, and birthdates—it can be a powerful



antidote against adverse life experiences that we face today, giving us a stronger understanding of who we are and motivating us to deepen our roots for generations to come.

Core Identity

Knowing our cultural background and where we came from can help us develop a strong sense of who we really are. The way we relate to our family stories and create our own narratives about ourselves helps establish our unique, authentic core identity.

Human beings desire attachment, belonging, and connection. The relationships we form with other people can be incredibly durable, not only with people in our present, but also with people in our past and future. The more we discover about our past, the greater a connection we feel to our ancestors. As we record our own history, we open the opportunity for future generations to connect with us when we are gone.

Compassion

Learning the history of our ancestors helps us gain a greater understanding of the challenges they faced, and it often inspires greater love and compassion for their flaws and mistakes.

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Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your family. A new year is upon us, and like every new year we reflect on the past year; what we accomplished (and didn't), the joys, the sorrows and most importantly where we want to go and what we want to accomplish in 2022.

In looking over past Grand Presidents' January messages there is a common thread. The Italian Catholic Federation is built on a solid foundation—the members.

You are our past and our future. Your dedication to your faith, heritage, branch, district and the federation, as a whole, is what keeps us strong in our parishes, communities and with each other.

This past year has been a difficult one for us, as we have continued to deal with the restrictions of COVID. Whoever thought it would still be with us? In March and April of 2020, I was making facemasks from vintage

material my mom had saved over the years. I thought I was crazy making so many. Then the holidays came last year, and I had to get back to the sewing machine to make seasonal ones, never dreaming I would continue to be using them for another season this year. The only positive (if you could call it that), is that when I get ready for work in the morning I not only coordinate my jewelry to the outfit but also accessorize with a matching facemask!

2021 has forced many of us to be more accomplished with technology. Branches have been creative in how they communicate, meet and even fundraise. Although it looks like the pandemic will still be with us into the new year, I expect to see our Districts and Branches take 2022 by storm.

They may not look the same as they have in the past, but more Districts are setting up Installations and Bishops' Days.

We have learned to bend and adapt to situations we never thought we would experience; all of this will make us stronger in adapting to the future of the Federation.

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My little guy "Zeus" just celebrated his 11th birthday. Kathy had dressed him with clothes we were selling at a previous branch garage sale.

Three Churches in Mexico Apostolate/Charity Committee Reflections

Carmen Kilcullen, Member

We have taken cruises to the Mexican Riviera a number of times simply because we enjoy this cruise itinerary. A few of the places that we visit are three of the local churches which date back to the time of the Spanish missionaries. I would like to share some information about

these three churches.

The first one is in Cabo San Lucas and it is the Church of Saint Luke. The church



Church of Saint Luke in Cabo San Lucas

was built in 1730 by a Spanish missionary and is located near the very well-known Marina. Some renovations have been done, but very little has changed in its exterior which retains its historical beauty. The simplicity of the church is in its architectural charm. The church is a fully operational Catholic church and visitors are welcome to attend.

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and informative.

**Deadline for the February issue
is January 10, 2022.**

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

Thank you!

3 Churches in Mexico--continued

Carmen Kilcullen, Member

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The next church we like to visit is the
Cathedral of the Immaculate Concep-
tion in Mazatlan. Situated on an entire
city block, it stands facing the Plaza
Republica. It has a definite Gothic style,
but also has elements of the Baroque.
The church's architectural design and
ornamental elements are unique and
awe-inspiring. Construction of the
church began in 1856 and completed in
1899. It was consecrated to the Immacu-
late Conception as a Basilica in 1941.

My favorite church is Our Lady of
Guadalupe located in downtown Puerto
Vallarta. Started as a small chapel, then

in 1915, Father Francisco Ayala sug-
gested that the structure be a tribute
to Our Lady of Guadalupe and was
enlarged. Today, it is a symbol of love,
devotion and sacrifice, a must-see on
your list. The main tower, with its mag-
nificent crown was completed in 1987.
This church is the heart of the Catholic
faith for this region. I always find this
church a place of peace and serenity
and meditation.

A number of pictures, taken by Lauren,
accompany this article.

Carmen Kilcullen



Our Lady of Guadalupe located in downtown
Puerto Vallarta



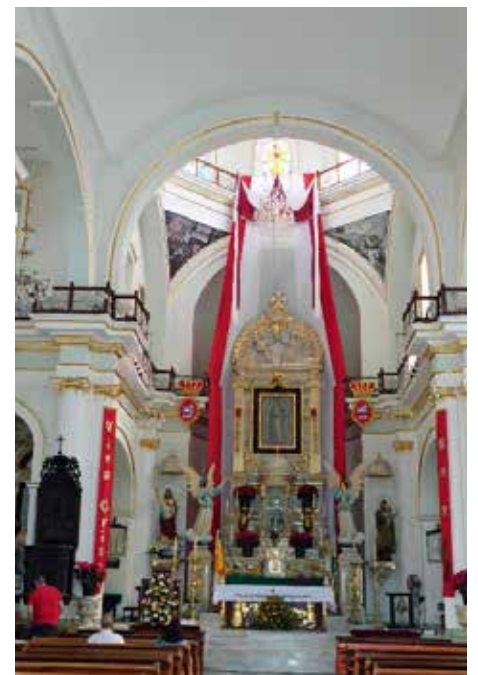
Church of Saint Luke in Cabo San Lucas



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in
Mazatlan



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in
Mazatlan



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Clarification on Serving Alcohol at ICF Events

There has been some questions raised
by our members concerning the serving
of alcohol at their events with children
or those under the legal drinking age
being in attendance.

Several ICF Members said that they
have heard that children cannot be in at-
tendance at any function where alcohol
is served as part of their event.

I spoke to a representative with the
California Department of Alcoholic
Beverage Control (ABC). This is an
agency of the government of the State
of California charged with regulation of
alcoholic beverages. I told the represen-
tative about the concern of having chil-
dren or those under the legal drinking
age being in attendance where alcohol
is being served.

I was told that an event permit through
the ABC is required when serving any
alcohol at an event where the public
is in attendance. The permit may vary
depending on the event.

The representative told me that there
is no restriction regarding children in
attendance.

However, there are some guidelines
regarding children or those under the
legal drinking age at your events.

- At no time should children or those
under the legal drinking age be served
alcohol.
- At no time should children or those
under the legal drinking age be behind
a bar helping to serve alcohol.
- As a best practice, it is recom-
mended that children or those under
the legal drinking age not handle any
alcoholic products being served or dur-
ing clean-up.

Lastly, local Dioceses and Parishes
may have guidelines that differ from
the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)
regarding children or those under the
legal drinking age. Their guidelines
must be followed. Contact your local
Dioceses for their guidelines prior to
having your event.

(Alcoholic beverage guidelines may
vary by state).

*Sincerely,
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Public Relations Chairperson*

Membership Matters

Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Hello and Happy New Year to one and all. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas holiday.

Now, it's time to turn our attention to the new year, and with each new year comes that rascal New Year's resolution. One resolution that we should all make is to try and recruit a new member into the ICF.

Could you imagine if we each brought just one new member into our wonderful organization?

What a difference that would make!

I know, that's sounds like an impossible task. So, why not at least make a goal to make a 10% gain in your branch for 2022? This is a reasonable goal and if each branch accomplished



it, we would be in a much better position.

As of the end of November 2021, we stood just under 7,000 members. It's getting tougher out there. I fully understand that. We haven't gotten completely out of the Covid situation and some branches still struggle to meet and fundraise. But let's stay positive about this. Do everything you can to stay in communication with your members. For those of you who are meeting in person and are able to fundraise, keep it up, don't give up.

Just an FYI, in March, the ICF will be back in Anaheim for the annual Religious Education Congress, with our booth. So if you plan to attend, look for us.

Let's pray that this year will be the year that the ICF makes a turnaround and we finally see some much needed new blood.

Sincerely,

Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.

Welcome to New Members (Report as of Dec. 9, 2021)

Lorraine Canepa	Branch 036	Fred J Sanchez	Branch 352
Diane M Galeazzi	Branch 139	Allen P Sturtevant	Branch 395
Rev Greg Kimm	Branch 184	Gena R Sturtevant	Branch 395
Antonette M Manzetti	Branch 285	Giulia Albergo	Branch 418

Happy New Year--continued

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

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I want to thank all of the past officers for serving, appreciate those that will continue to serve and those who are serving for the first time. THANK YOU!

I apologize for not congratulating our newest member to the Central Council in last month's message. In October, the Central Council voted in a 10th elected member to the Central Council and she graciously accepted—Theresa Shaw from Branch 108 in the Los Angeles Diocesan District. When you see Theresa, please congratulate her and thank her for serving.

I also want to congratulate and send my best wishes to, Life Member of the Central Council and our Convention Director, Roselynn Jarrett on her marriage to Aaron McNeal on December 4, 2021. They will be starting their new life together in New Mexico.

Don't forget we had to reschedule the Testimonial for our Past Grand President Vince Piro to Saturday, February 19th. Vince led us through a long period of uncertainty, when our nation was gripped by a pandemic. His strong leadership kept us going, finding ways of staying in

touch and functioning as an organization. THANK YOU Vince! Please join us at the testimonial in Merced. More information can be found in this Bollettino.

An update on my dear friend Kathy—she is at home recovering. At this time she is unable to bear weight on either foot, but that should change shortly, at least for the right foot. Her bones are slowly mending, and she is getting stronger daily. The cast has come off her arm/wrist. She is thankful for all your prayers and well wishes. I am praying (selfishly) that she will be fully recovered by Convention in September; I miss having her as my traveling companion to many events.

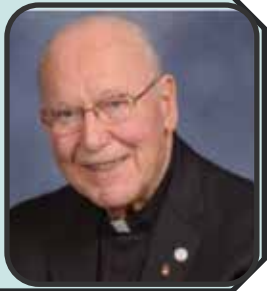
Leave your grievances behind in 2021, so that we can look forward to a happy and productive new year. Remember we are all in this life together and it is short...too short to be unhappy.

*I wish you love and happiness
in the New Year and
all the years to come.*

On December 29, 2021, our wonderful Spiritual Director of the Italian Catholic Federation **Reverend Monsignor Daniel E. Cardelli** passed away. This is a great loss to all of us. May he rest in peace!

- Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

A Life Tribute will be presented in the February issue.



Testimonial Celebration

THE MAN

THE MYTH

LEGEND

Vincent Piro

Saturday, February 19th - 6PM

Italo-American Lodge

1351 W. 18th & U Streets
Merced, CA 95340

\$38 Per Person

Appetizers - Chicken Piccata - Pesto Pasta
Cider Apple Salad - Bread & Dessert

Kindly RSVP by February 12, 2022
Make Check Payable to ICF (write
Testimonial in memo line) Send check to
ICF 8393 Capwell Dr. Ste. 110,
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RESERVATIONS FORM

FOR THE
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR
PAST GRAND PRESIDENT VINCENT PIRO

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch Number</u>

Contact Name: _____

and Phone Number: _____

Total # of reservations _____ x \$38.00

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND CHECK NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 12, 2022 to:

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Branches will be seated together unless notified differently.

Cooley's Corner

Life During the Pandemic: A Patient's Perspective

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

2020-21 were some of the hardest years of my life! Everything I have been through on my journey with thalassemia has been relatively easy compared to the pandemic. Public health should never be political and sadly, the pandemic quickly became a dividing factor among an already too divided America.

As someone who is in the highest risk category of thalassemia patients for COVID-19 infection and death, my husband, son, and I took the strictest quarantine measures back in early March 2020 and still remain vigilant today. We have been more cautious and made more sacrifices than anyone else in our circle of family and friends. Fortunately, and thanks to science, Matt and I are triple vaccinated and at long last our son is fully inoculated. As soon as he was eligible we got his first shot.

After 14 months of working from home, Matt was forced to return to the office. He took vacation time until he could get his second dose, so he would not put his family at risk. For a year he only left the house to take a walk. Since I already had to take a risk to go to the hospital to receive my blood transfusions, I insisted I would be the outside person – completing our essential shopping every Thursday, washing groceries (something I still do), and handling my own medical needs and that of our son and pets, all the while double masked and often gloved. We isolated from friends and family – especially my family – some members being Covid deniers and anti-vaxers. It was isolating and exhausting. In addition, throughout it all I had to continue to go get blood every other week and for the first 11 months of the pandemic, I had to walk through the COVID unit to get to the transfusion unit. To say this was traumatizing would be an understatement. Getting blood and listening

to Code Blues was more than upsetting.

During the first few weeks of shutdown and strict quarantine we felt like “we were all in this together.” That feeling slowly dissipated and I felt like a social pariah as everyone else “got back to life” – traveling, going out to eat, socializing, even during supposed shutdowns. I understand the economy was suffering, but if everyone dies there is no economy. As we became increasingly isolated, I became increasingly depressed. In order to survive, I shut down the outside world and focused strictly my own household. Things have since improved, especially with all of us vaccinated.

My family and I still have not eaten out and we have done take out twice. Outside of my son attending K we are staying relatively put, but school has also been a source of anxiety with several Covid scares and constant testing. We are hoping in 2022 we can get back to some treasured activities; at least a little bit more—depending on variants and vaccines.

This may all seem unimaginable and irrational to anyone reading this. However, today I received an obituary for yet another thalassemic who died of COVID. For those of us with thalassemia (Cooley's anemia) we are not necessarily more at risk for catching COVID, but we are more at risk of dying from it. For me, life will never return to pre-covid times. I used to travel constantly and socialize. I cannot fathom getting on a plane or joining anyone for dinner outside of my household. But I am not losing hope. I hope that everyone will come through for the sake of each other. It is not about an individual – it is about a collective. Getting a vaccine is an obligation to humanity and I hope and pray everyone will do so.

Cooley's Anemia Donations (Received as of Dec. 9, 2021)

Branch 213
Velio Bronzini

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In Memory of Adriana Shackel

In Loving Memory (Report as of Dec. 9, 2021)

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Patricia J Green	Branch 036	Maria Caraffi	Branch 258
Lucille Sobania	Branch 036	Antonio Rosellini	Branch 352
Anthony M Abbate	Branch 039	Frank C Stagnitto	Branch 432

Gifts of Love Donations (Received as of Dec. 9, 2021)

Branch 213
Officers/Members of Br. 213
In Honor of Branch Mentor Dorene Campanile
Bob Basuino
Get Well Wishes for Joan Delfino

Jim and Dottie Smith
In Memory of Barbara Schaarschmidt
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
In Memory of Joanne Caetano

2022 1st Year Scholarship Program

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program is posted on our ICF website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage. Districts and Branches can also access it through the documents in the Officers' Portal. The information was sent to high schools in November.



The **Deadline** for Donations and Applications is **March 15, 2022**. Please discuss participating in the program by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$400.00 Scholarship, or they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website.

The scholarship eligibility requirements:

A **High School Senior**, a **total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years)** of at least **3.2** and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2:

1) Are **Roman Catholic** and of **Italian Descent** and **live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established.** or

2) Are **Roman Catholic** but **need not be of Italian Descent** or **live where Branches of the Federation are established** if either **Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent** is a member of the “Italian Catholic Federation” – **membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.**

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

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

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of December 9, 2021:

IN MEMORY OF:

Adele Viglione
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Barbara O'Rourke
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Kathy Trevizo

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Mike and Marcie Rossi
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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mackinson

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 214 - Concord.

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

Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi
Grand President

HAPPY 2022!!!
Not too long ago, Elaine Osorio from the Santa Clara Valley District shared this recipe with me. She promised that it was very easy to make and yummy- well she was right!



Blender Lemon Pie

It does not get any easier than this! One caveat-be certain to process the ingredients, until really smooth. If you don't, pieces of the pulp can leave real bitterness.
Serves 6-8
5 minutes prep time, 45 minutes cooking

- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted (Elaine uses salted, as did I)
- 1 lemon, sliced into wedges, seeds removed
- 1 ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 frozen pie shell
- powdered sugar to garnish or whipped cream

Preparation:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Place eggs, butter, lemon slices, sugar and vanilla extract in a blender and pulse until smooth.
Pour lemon filling into frozen pie shell and bake for 45 minutes, or until set.
Remove from oven and let cool completely, then dust with powdered sugar or add some whipped cream before serving. (I served with Cool Whip).
Slice, serve and enjoy!

I LOVE lemon flavor, so I used 1 ½ lemons. And cooked for 55 minutes.
My blender is vintage, so I was not even sure it would operate—it has been so long since I have used it. It did not blend as well as a newer blender would do. So, it was not as smooth as it probably should have been, but I liked the texture it gave the pie and the flavor was not impaired by it. It also passed my nephew Tony's test, which means the recipe is a keeper.
Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any. If you have questions send them also. I may not be able to answer them, but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

Buon Appetito!



DECEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
12/1	William Burdick		McKinleyville, CA	\$30
12/2	Joyce Harnett	19	San Lorenzo, CA	\$30
12/3	Janine Orsi	45	Sacramento, CA	\$30
12/4	Sylvia Row	6	Redwood City, CA	\$30
12/5	Gwen Gorman		Salinas, CA	\$30
12/6	Lori Gallo	39	Merced, CA	\$30
12/7	Mike & Katha Merucci		Scottsdale, AZ	\$30
12/8	Teresa Helfand	392	Chicago, IL	\$50
12/9	Tammy Carney		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
12/10	Lisa Stockman	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
12/11	Ermelinda Zamora	48	Modesto, CA	\$30
12/12	Noreen Gillio	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
12/13	Rene Collier		Ventura, CA	\$30
12/14	Tom & Mary Cook	13	Martinez, CA	\$30
12/15	Branch 442		Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
12/16	Charlene Drobeck	362	Downey, CA	\$30
12/17	Valerie Vote	227	Scotts Valley, CA	\$30
12/18	Carol Tacci	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
12/19	Janette Roberts		Gardena, CA	\$30
12/20	Stefan Arnaudo		Monte Serrano, CA	\$30
12/21	Jan Roberts	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
12/22	Ethan Rosati		Herriman, UT	\$30
12/23	Leana Pfeiffer		Farmington, MN	\$30
12/24	Robert Pachinger	413	San Andreas, CA	\$50
12/25	Mary Bodisco	173	Burlingame, CA	\$100
12/26	Catherine Cervelli	10	Alameda, CA	\$40
12/27	Anthony Vicino		Petaluma, CA	\$30
12/28	Al Proietti	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
12/29	Joyce James	213	Redwood City, CA	\$40
12/30	Robert Hohman	115	San Pedro, CA	\$30
12/31	Laura Cardelli		Germantown, TN	\$50

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Gifts of Love

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope and pray that the holidays were a time of grace and blessings for you and your families. Now a New Year is upon us and we would like to select recipients for our 2022 Gifts of Love Awards. We still continue to face many challenges in our world and our daily lives. We send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We need healing in our world more than ever and so we are asking for help in finding the value in kindness, respect and helping others. We know these are difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.
At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.
In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in

their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF website (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org.
Applications are evaluated on a regular basis by the ICF Gifts of Love Committee which decides who receives the awards and the amounts. We have a

great Committee this year and we look forward to helping those in need! Our next meeting will be in February.
If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia902005@live.com.
Happy New Year and God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Mother Cabrini Shrine Update

On December 5, 2021, the Mother Cabrini Committee staff coordinated the first large in-person event at the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank for the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Lunch. Members from several District Branches attended as did family members and friends of Cabrini as far away as Washington State. The food was delicious and the presentation was insightful.

National Branch 67 Member Francesca T presented a PowerPoint presentation to those in attendance. Francesca shared photos and her story of her recent trip to Codugno, Italy. This is where Mother Cabrini was born, grew up and became a nun. Also, Codugno is where Mother Cabrini started her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a nearby abandoned Monastery which served as their mother house and later headquarters for the Mother Cabrini Order. Francesca encourages all members traveling to Italy to put the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Codugno on their list of places to visit in Italy.



ICF Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee President Carmelo Sabatella, Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Sister Regina Palamara



The Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library will be open for Open House throughout the year and by special request. Save the date for the next Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon on December 4, 2022. Invite members, friends and parishioners to visit the Chapel and Library and learn more about the life of the first female missionary and later the first American Saint.

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

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

*Your support is greatly appreciated.--Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
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Live to Give

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

In 2011, the ICF Live to Give Committee began; its mission to provide additional support to patients with Cooley's anemia, who require routine blood transfusions to survive, by raising awareness for and promoting the importance of blood donation. Committee members achieve these goals in the following ways:

- Write monthly articles for the ICF Bollettino to educate the community.
- Help branches and districts plan blood drives.
- Educate the ICF about Live to Give while dispelling myths that exist about blood and blood donation.
- Give blood to replenish the blood supply. A person can donate blood in honor of someone, something, or a disease such as Cooley's anemia or Cancer. Along these lines, designating donated blood for a specific individual is problematic and costly so what is recommended instead is donating blood in honor of a person or an occasion. We created the ICF Live to Give Post Card for this reason – to give blood in

honor of or in memory of someone or to celebrate an occasion (similar to ICF monetary donations).

- Plan an annual blood drive at convention. In the past 10 years we have collected 280 units of red blood cells and one unit of plasma, saving 841 lives!

We are hoping that you/your branch/your district would consider planning a blood drive at your church or in your community with our help? Please contact us to request information on how to plan a blood drive as well as a list of blood banks by district. If you can provide a location, we will do everything we can to help and make your branches blood drive a success. Please contact Laurice Levine at LLevine430@aol.com if you are interested. Thank you for your time and consideration. Together, we can save lives!

Live to Give Committee

Ken Marshall, Chair

Pat Mages, Member

Laurice Levine, Member

Family History--continued

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson

Grand 1st Vice President

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This compassion can easily translate to our relationships with the living, within our families and outside them. We all face hard things. Remembering that fact in the context of others' shortcomings allows us to be better employees, managers, spouses, parents, children, siblings, and human beings.

Resilience

Knowing our family history builds resilience. In learning about our ancestors' lives, we can see patterns of overcoming failures and surviving hard times. Their stories remind us that surely not everything in life will work easily, that disappointments occur, and inequalities exist, but that we can recover, triumph, and find happiness despite hardships.

The ability to cooperate and act selflessly is unique to humanity. Harris teaches that it is what allows us to harness the "power of millions and billions." Learning our history, recording it, and preserving it blesses

not only our related family, but the entire human family.

As we dive into our own family histories, we see events unfold on both a large scale and a personal scale. Contemplating the enormity of mankind while reading about the hand of the Lord in our ancestors' lives bears record to us of His concern and immense love for each of us personally. Our worth and value is great in His sight. We are loved and known by Him.

Our family history goes beyond the names and dates we find in our tree. It's about what makes us who we are. It's about people with whom we can form deep connections. It's about people who lived and breathed and suffered and triumphed. It's about roots and branches and leaves and entire forests.

It's about all of us.

Share Your Branch News and Connect with Other Members throughout the Federation

The *Bollettino* welcomes submissions from all branch representatives. Please remember some key information to ensure publication.

- Submit branch reports and photos to **editor@icf.org**
- Include the report in the body of the email or as an attachment.
- Above your report, include: (1) District (2) City and (3) Branch name and number.
- Adhere to the 250 max word count requirement or articles will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely.

- Send all photos as attachments. If sent separate from the branch report, include: (1) District (2) City and (3) Branch name and number (4) caption
- Send photos with identifying information in their title such as Br380.StJoseph.servers.jpeg
- Limit photos to 3 or 4. Prioritize photos if exceeds 3. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space.
- Please keep your submission positive and informative.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing what is happening with your branch community. The last year has been challenging for everyone. Let's have a fresh start and embrace the opportunities we have.

Thank you!

Nanette Scarpellini Metz

Bollettino Production Editor



Bollettino Deadlines for 2022:

- January 10 for February issue
- February 10 for March issue
- March 10 for April issue
- April 10 for May issue
- May 10 for June issue
- June 10 for July issue
- July 25 for August/Sept. Convention issue*
- September 10 for October issue
- October 10 for November issue
- November 10 for December issue
- December 10 for January 2023

Submission received after the deadline will be held for the next issue.

* This combined version of the *Bollettino* is distributed prior to the annual convention on Labor Day weekend.

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Sending you and your Families Beautiful Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in the New Year!

Kind regards
Diana Cresci

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Felice Anno Nuovo to all of our members and their families.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held at the Basque Cultural Center on November 16, 2021. There were 23 people in attendance who enjoyed their delicious lunch.

It was Florence Mangion's birthday, and her family presented her with a beautiful and delicious birthday cake that was enjoyed by all.

For those members celebrating a birthday in January - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We hope the New Year will bring you happiness and will be a healthy one for all of our members and their families.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO

South San Francisco Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Happy New Year's South City!

It is a new year and a new beginning for our Branch. As you are now aware we have moved our meetings from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Tuesday. We are also looking to reduce our events from monthly to every other month due to a shortage of labor.

Annual dues are now \$40 so if you have not paid please send your payments to Dean Balestieri, 776 Almond Ave, SSF, CA 94080.

Thank you to all those who organized the lovely Christmas party, especially Donna Smith. It was only our second event in almost two years. A pandemic sure makes time go by quickly.

Please keep in your prayers all our departed members, especially Pina and Lando Baldocchi, Millie Franzoni, Antoinette "Toni" Frasieri and Renato Achiro. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

FHR

Colma

Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thank you to all the officers who have served and to those that have taken office for 2022. Our officers are:

President---Donald Simon

1st Vice President---Annette Novi

Secretary---Cheryl Simon

Financial Secretary---Joann Sangiacomo

Treasurer---Christine Prudenciado

Trustees---Joyce Harnett

Donna Barnes

Deborah Rodondi

Orator---Marianne Petroni

Sentinel---Jackie Barnes

Update on Kathy Trevizo; she is home and slowly recovering. Until more bones heal, she is not allowed to try standing or walking. Every day I am seeing improvements on her mobility. Continue keeping her in your prayers. Kathy's husband Al Heckman is doing much better and being kept busy keeping an eye on Kathy and the household. Joanne Alvarado is also mending but with limited use of her one arm---but that is not keeping her down.

Remember if you want to purchase an ICF calendar/daily raffle call Deborah 650-583-0805.

Ciao!
deborah

Burlingame

Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our Branch held our Christmas potluck dinner yesterday and we were glad that Father Michael was able to

join us. We also shared our dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby who have been supporters of our Branch 173 by printing our newsletter and donating wine for our Ravioli dinners.

We held an Officer's meeting on November 18 to discuss our agenda for the coming year. Lori Clyne volunteered to organize a committee that will alternate the setup of the branch monthly meetings. She also volunteered to help shopping for supplies. Her help is greatly appreciated!

We have made tentative plans for our Ravioli dinner at the end of June so kids won't be in school, and the hall will be available. Also, we have plans for a Pedro Tournament the Saturday after Easter. Further details will follow next month.

For 2022 we hope to stay healthy and resume activities and put the word out to come and join us. We have some members who are still ill and want them to know they are missed, and we are praying for their recovery. We were glad to see Mary Bodisco at our dinner and hope the same for Anita Cecena and Melanie Yeager.

Anthony Bruno's daughter and Kathy Trevizo from Branch 19 also need our good thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, Roz Emery



Rina Cassanago, celebrating her 96th birthday with her family. Her two sons Mark & Michael; her daughter-in-laws Diane & Linda. Rina is also a member of Branch 173. Rina joined the ICF on November 2, 1942 (79) years ago and still going strong.

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

We hope everyone had a joyful and safe Christmas and had an opportunity to meet with family in-person. We sold all of our allotted calendars plus an additional one. Thank you, members! If you have not sent your \$42 dues for 2022 to Eunice yet, please do so.

Our current Officers will remain in place, except that we had a change to Corresponding Secretary in the first quarter of last year due to an illness. I have also agreed to continue in that position. We had hoped that we would resume our meetings and events by January of '22. However, with the new variant still somewhat of a mystery, we are now unsure. We will keep our members informed through our monthly newsletter and try to find some creative ways to meet safely. The Bollettino has provided inspiration and ideas from other branches that we may be able to use in forming our own plans. Thank you all for sharing those ideas and experiences.

Please continue to pray for Al Morando and his wife, Rose Marie. Both of them have had health problems this past year but are slowly recovering.

On a lighter note, those of us who prepare church bulletins know the challenge of getting the message across as intended but sometimes it just does not work out that way. Here is an example gleaned from a church bulletin: "Scouts are saving aluminum cans and bottles to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children."

Ciao!
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 9th which will mark the 60th Anniversary of our branch. At 11:00 am that day we will have a Mass at St. Vincent's Most Holy Rosary Chapel in Marinwood, San Rafael. (Also known as St Vincent School for Boys.) The celebrant will be Rev. Msgr. (Fr) Harry Schlitt. A luncheon is planned to follow the Mass, location to be determined. For reservations and information contact Marlene Farber.

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

January Happy Birthday wishes to Dolly Biggio, Mark Bissiri, Dolores Enos, Bruno Franchetti, Josie Juan-torena, and Tony Pignati.



Roselynn Jarrett and Aaron McNeal's wedding in El Paso, Texas. back row: Perry Shurko and Jordi Ramos, Mary Cook, Aaron McNeal, Roselynn McNeal, Patty Jarrett, Jim Jarrett. Front row: Lisa Crudo, Melody Klever, Ken Marshall, Lucy Fiore, Elizabeth Marshall

Our officers for 2022 are:

Chaplain – Msgr. C. Michael Padazinski

President – Marlene Farber

1st Vice President – Phyllis Rybensky

2nd Vice President – Diane Hollister

Recording and Corresponding Secretary – Anna Biggio

Financial Secretary – Marlene Farber

Treasurer – Tony Pignati

Orator – Margaret DeRango

Trustees – Annette Bernardini, JoAnn Callaghan

Sentinel – Diane Hollister

Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2022, a year of Hope. That's the theme for 2022. Was Santa good to you this Christmas? I'm betting he was.

Last month the LA district gathered once again to celebrate Mother Cabrini with our annual pilgrimage, and it was a great success. Thank you to the Cabrini committee.

I want to announce, and email blasts already went out, that the district installation had to change places and dates. The new date is January 23rd at 12:00 pm at St Raymond in Downey. The installation and lunch will take place in the hall following the mass. Ticket prices are \$30. Please be sure to send one check from your branch into Nancy Dolci.

Be sure to remind all of your members, who are eligible, to sign up for the Hospitalization plan. This is a great asset that the ICF has for its members.

May 2022 be a year of peace, harmony, prosperity and a year of Hope
Perry Shurko, LA district president.

Los Angeles Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Happy New Year to You and Your Families!

Buon Anno A Te E Alle Tue Famialie!

On December 5, 2021, National Branch 67 families and friends joined ICF members from several branches at the Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass and Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank CA.

Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuotti and staffed by Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee members who helped bring the event back to an in-person "live event" again this year. The Box Lunch was delicious along with a beautiful presentation by ICF National Branch Member Francesca T who presented photos from her recent trip to Italy where she visited the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Codugno Italy; the town where Mother Cabrini was born, grew up, became a nun and in 1880 created the Order of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and moved into their first facility in an old, abandoned Monastery which later became their world headquarters.



Br. 67 member Francesca T who presented photos from her recent trip to Italy

Update to Hospitalization Plan

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. With each new year comes those resolutions that we all make. How about making your New Year's resolution all about your health?

Why not start by signing up for the ICF Hospitalization plan. It's only \$25 for the year. All of the information can be found on the ICF website.

Perry Shurko

Hospitalization Chair.

Members are encouraged to visit the various Mother Cabrini Shrines in Burbank California, New Orleans, Denver Colorado, and New York and if you are traveling to Italy, Francesca recommends you also visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Codugno Italy.

If you know of anyone interested in joining ICF and live out of the area, please let them know they can join us at ICFNationalBranch67.org by completing 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
ICF National Branch 67
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Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Tanti Auguri per un Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Joyful, & Prosperous 2022 to everyone!

Our January General Meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, (corner of Cleveland Ave.) in Montebello. Come join us! We would like to congratulate all the members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of January: Phillip Pace, Anthony DeLorenzo, Cettina Mauro, Frank Gomez, Frank Salomone and Rita Estrada. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2022 ICF Officer's Installation will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022. It will take place at St. Raymond Church in Downey, starting

with the 12:00 p.m. Mass, followed with the Installation of officers and luncheon at the parish hall - more details will follow.

Mark your calendars - our St. Joseph Table this year will be held on Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20, 2022 at St. Benedict Parish Hall. The monies we will raise at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict Parish School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event! Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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

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Br. 111, Members' birthdays



Br. 111, 2021 Thanksgiving Dinners



Br. 111, November 2021 Meeting

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Branch 111 - November 2021 meeting & Thanksgiving Dinner

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Happy New Year! I hope this month finds you all healthy and happy. God bless you all as we embark upon a fresh start of the year.

Although we did not have a Christmas celebration our branch presented our annual donations to our parish, college scholarships, Seminary Burse, Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Jude Children's hospital, USC Norris center, and Cooley's anemia. Thank you, members, for all your continued support!

Please plan on attending our first meeting of the year on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. Meeting will held in auditorium. Mask are required.

Up for discussion will be annual fundraiser crab dinner in honor of St John Joseph of the Cross to be held on March 5. All input will be greatly appreciation.

Our officers are also working on hosting a presentation about Cooley's anemia with Laurice Levine who is the spokesperson for Cooley's anemia

Scholarship applications for graduating High School seniors are now available online at www.icf.org Deadline is March 15th.

Dues of \$39.00 are now payable. Dues can be paid in person at meeting or mailed to Pauline Iacono at 1072 W 8th St., San Pedro 90731

Please pray for all our sick members and those in need.
Anita Trujillo



Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoto celebrated the mass at the Chapel followed visiting in the library next to the Chapel.



San Pedro Branch 115 attended the Annual St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Pilgrimage in Burbank on December 5, 2021.



Members of branch 115 enjoying Mother Cabrini outing



Glendora

Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Saturday, November 13, several branch members and their friends toured Rubel Castle in Glendora, CA. Built without architectural plans, utilizing salvaged river rock, cement, steel, aluminum, telephone poles, wine bottles, old motorcycles, tires, and other repurposed materials that Michael Clarke Rubel salvaged from the neighborhood as ranches and barns were giving way to tract houses. Due to all the salvaged materials, it was nicknamed "The Tin Palace". Our members are now included among visiting notables Bob Hope, Jack Benny, and Alfred Hitchcock who have visited the Castle.

Following the tour, brunch was provided by members Jan and Vince Daigneault and Josie and Bill Bresee at the Daigneault home. All agreed it was one of our top field trips.

God's blessings.
Patricia Auriemmo
Recording/Corresponding Secretary



Br. 179 visit to Rubel Castle. More pictures on next page.



Branch 179 members helping Vince Daigneault celebrate his 60th birthday! Pictured left to right: Joe and Elena Timko, Bill and Josie Bresee, Birthday Boy Vince, Bruce Brancato, Cathy Napoli, Lois Brancato, Vito Napoli, Patricia Auriemmo



Branch 179 Members & Guests at Rubel Castle



Branch 179 Hostesses Jan and Josie

Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

Our Christmas party was attended by 45 persons and was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to our Santa Claus, Joe Lanera, President Jerry, Scott and Teri Carrano, Mary Rovarino, and all that helped set up and serve.

We had a very special birthday to celebrate – Tony Armenio turned a young 100 years old. Congratulations, Tony!

As of this writing our Hawaiian New Year’s Eve has not occurred, but I will thank Scott and crew for putting this together.

There will be quite a lot going on, so please watch for Jeane’s newsletters.

To everyone, a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Lolly M.

**Deadline
for February Issue
is January 10th.
Send articles &
photos:**

editor@icf.org

Gardena
Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

Happy New Year!
Wishing all a healthy 2022.
Our Christmas mass and party was held December 19th. Great food and fun for all. The branch takes this opportunity to thank all of our supporters. We are so grateful for our parishioners and loyal ICF members.

We are sad to advise of the untimely death of our special events coordinator, Rose Moore’s son, Ricky Wyatt Jr. Our prayers go out to the Wyatt and Moore families and to the branch. May he Rest in Peace. Keep his 12 year old son Antonio, in your prayers.

We will be planning our annual spring trip to Laughlin, so happy to be able to travel again. Stay tuned for details.

“I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in Me might not remain in darkness. “
John 12:46

*Cordially,
Micheal Bohannon Roa*



Br. 237, Our secret Santa, aka. John Moore

Claremont
Br. 319, Our Lady of the Assumption

Happy New Year
Hopefully everyone had a joyous and healthy holiday season.

We are starting off the new year fresh. More areas are opening up for activities and little by little we will get back together, meeting and planning future events.

First is the Installation of Officers on Jan 23 at St Raymond Parish in Downey. Mass is at 12pm and dinner to follow. Since we have not met to elect Officers, we kept the same members as Officers. Price is \$30.

Our first meeting will be Jan 21 at the auditorium. Hope to see you there. I have some ideas for activities for fun raisers and future meeting.

*Until then, stay safe and healthy. God bless
Andrea Linn, Pres.*

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, mine was fabulous. Now it’s onward and upward, a new year is here, 2022!

Last month we held our annual branch Christmas party in our parish hall and had it catered by Smoke and Fire, and it was delicious. We followed it up with a dessert potluck and we had a 50/50 where all of the proceeds were given away. Thank you Branch 362

Our district installation has been changed. It was scheduled to held at St Peters Italian Catholic Church in downtown LA, but we had to move the date and place. We will now have the installation at St Raymond, on January 23 at the noon mass with lunch in the hall afterwards.

For those of you who are eligible, please consider signing up for the Hospitalization plan. This is a very inexpensive plan that helps cover costs if you are admitted into a hospital. All of the details are on the ICF website. Our next bingo is going to be on February 6th. \$15 and that includes lunch. Please pass the word around and ask your family and friends to join us.

Let’s pray that 2022 is the year that we finally get back to some form of normalcy, peace throughout the world, and prosperity for all.

*God Bless, Perry Shurko,
Branch President.*



Br. 237, Our secret Santa, aka. John Moore





Br. 446, our Orator Paula DeStefano with Fr. Ned O'Donnel and Trustees Tony Santorufo and Mark Vincenzo Stratman and member Christina-Nicoloro-Moore.

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

Please note date change: Installation of Officers will take place at St. Raymond Church in Downey on Sunday, Jan. 23rd after the 12:00 Mass. The cost of lunch following the mass is \$30.00. Please let Mark Mannarelli know if you plan to attend. The officers to be installed are President Mark Mannarelli, First Vice President Phyllis Harb, Second Vice President Diane Restivo, Treasurer Mark Mannarelli, Financial Secretary/ Assist. Treasurer Robert DePietro, 2nd Vice President Diane Restivo, Recording Secretary Jo Barbera, Corres. Secretary Al Restivo, Orator Fiora Marcucci Murphy, Sentinel Raul Acevedo and Trustees, Joel Wynton, Maria DeSalguero, Robert Barbera. Our branch Chaplain is Rev. Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuotì and our Branch Mentor is Carmelo Sabatella.

We thank you all for assuming your roles and supporting and promoting the ICF Mission Statement.

Our branch Christmas Party was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was so wonderful to see so many of us together enjoying the camaraderie and sharing a special meal after such a long-forced hiatus. Taking a shift from the usual fare, this year's theme featured a Traditional Holiday menu with catering from Honey Baked. The after dinner interactive rendition by participants of the 12 Days of Christmas led by Fiora was hilarious and provided some exercise after the big meal.

The Next General Meeting is on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to keep the fire burning by attending our first meeting of the new year.

Auguri per un felice 2022,
Diane Restivo

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

Branch 380 held its first general meeting indoors since the beginning of the pandemic. We celebrated with a Christmas party. It was great to be together in the parish hall again. We had a small group, but we are looking forward to larger gatherings in the future. We presented our pastor Father Michael Rocha with a check for \$1,000 for the parish. Anne Interrante put together beautiful cookie plates for each guest to take home.

We are eager to plan more service projects and activities for 2022.

Branch 380 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's blessings.



Br. 380, Father Michael Rocha, Pat Mages and Ryan Interrante



Br. 380, Anne Interrante's Cookie Trays



Br. 446 Our members enjoying dinner at Guiseppe's Restaurant.

San Bernardino **Upland** **Br. 446, Saint Anthony**

Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant in Upland was the site of Branch 446 festive Christmas Dinner. We enjoyed wonderful food while having the opportunity to meet up with old friends. This was our first opportunity to be together in almost two years! It was a joyful time for all of our members to laugh, talk and re-connect. During the evening we gave away raffle prizes and also played a lively game where

everyone received a Christmas ornament. A special guest of honor was Father Ned O'Donnel from Saint Anthony's Church. We were joined by our six new members from the Galeazzi and Ricci families. The event was planned by Trustee Tony Santorufo, Sentinel Anna Reyna and Secretary Betty Cavanaugh. Our District Mentor, Nan Judge, contributed the beautiful table decorations and some raffle prizes. Orator Paula DeStefano gave a beautiful heart-felt opening and closing prayer. We look forward with hope that the New Year brings us many opportunities for all of us to be more active in the ICF !

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



Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

We are excited to report that our Annual Christmas celebration and trip to the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA) was well attended and a big hit. Rich, our docent, spoke about the history of the Italian Hall and the many contributions Italians made to the Los Angeles region. We continued our celebration at the San Antonio Winery where Dominic provided us with a wine tasting and tour of the Winery. We learned a lot of new information about how the wine is made, bottled and stored. We enjoyed lunch together at the Winery, then completed our day with a trip through the gift shop and the wine store. It was wonderful spending the day together, getting to know each other, and sharing ideas for future ICF events.

The Board continues to meet every month to plan our upcoming events for 2022. We look forward to meeting together again in person at the church. Be on the lookout for our upcoming events calendar.

On behalf of the Board, we want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!
Stephanie DeRaddo, President



OAKLAND

East Bay District Council

Things are moving on as the new year begins, here's hoping that 2022 is kinder than 2021 was. Plans are in place and the invitations are out for our Installation of Officers on Jan. 16th. The Crab Feed is still bumping along, but running into more problems each week, this could be the year there was no crab!

Tonight, we were able to enjoy our Christmas Party @ Buon Appetito. It was nice to get together again and bring in the holiday season. Lisa and Melody made favors for us and we held a drawing for Pat's basket, which Lisa won!

Hope to see more of you at Installation. In the meantime, try to stay healthy and happy.
Pat Grasso
District Sec,



East Bay's Pres. Lisa toasting the group.

East Bay: Getting reacquainted after so long.

Alameda**Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie**

We are planning our annual Polenta Dinner for Saturday, February 12. The format, of course, will depend on Oakland Diocese et al. protocols. We will address the dinner again at our monthly meeting on January 6. Details, including the full menu, prices and reservations, will appear in the February Bollettino. We do know that chef reliable Ben Ratto will cook a delicious meal. Save the date and watch this space.

We held our first in-person membership meeting in 21 months on December 2. At the meeting JoAnn Dorn, now our treasurer was presented with a plaque for her many years of service in many different capacities to the Italian Catholic Federation and especially to Branch 10. Also, at the meeting we presented membership pins to three new newcomers, Father Joseph Pathyil, mf, the pastor of our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great of Alameda; Father Joel Jores, mf, parochial vicar; and Steve Cressy, who responded to the recruiting pitch of his friend and our outgoing president, James McGee.

We are in the process of building our Branch 10 webpage. It will contain several historical photographs as well as current information regarding the Branch.

Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni has taken charge of sales of ICF 2022 calendars. We hope to be able to sell our full allotment of 25—at least.

All of our officers are looking forward to taking their oaths at the January 16, 2022, District Installation. Attendance on District-wide basis should improve, since, for the first time since at least 2013, the Installation does not conflict with the National Football League conference championship games.

John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity

Fremont**Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi**

Happy New Year!! I hope the start to 2022 finds you all healthy and happy. God bless you all as we look forward to a safer and healthier year ahead!

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.

The East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed is tentative to be held at St. Philip Neri Hall on Saturday, January 22nd. For more information/reservations, call President Fran at (510) 887-1509. (This may be a "drive-through" to-go event, and the feed may be held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley...)

We will also be having a fabulous restaurant fundraiser on January 25, 2022, at Strizzi's Italian restaurant in Fremont between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a wonderful dinner and help to support our various charities!

BINGO!!! Our Spring 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 start to 2022!
Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President*



Branch 215 officers at Corpus Christi Church honoring past members

Livermore**Br. 285, St. Filomena**

Our calendar sales are selling exceedingly well. Many members are buying for their friends and relatives.

We were so happy to have Judy and Dave Well-beloved, who recently moved to Oregon, come and celebrate with us at the Mass of Remembrance and Dinner. We look forward to more visits with them in the future.

Our branch recently donated to the Providenza Fund to the memory of one of our members, Bob Butler.

It was wonderful to get together again for our very popular Christmas Party at Pasta's Restaurant in Pleasanton. The food was delicious and many thanks to Patty, Carolyn, and Elaine for making this event a great success.

Members have been very generous in donating to St. Michael's Holiday Grocery kits and the CCOP Giving Tree.

We are very excited to announce our officers for 2022:

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Cardinalli and Carlotta Schauer

First Vice President: Patty Brick
Second Vice President: John Cardinalli

Financial Secretary and Treasurer: Elaine Meier

Secretary: Virginia Williams

Trustees: Shirley Koenig, Pat Brick, Anna Yocham, and Janet-marie Petrie
Sentinel: Toni Manzetti

Orator: Kathy Elm

Chaplain: Father Filiberto Barrera

With Covid regulations changing regularly, we still hope to have our Bingo and Dinner fundraisers either drive thru or in person.

We are all looking forward to attending the Installation of Officers and co-chairing with Fran La Torre from Fremont Branch 215.

We continue to pray for our sick and convalescing members and friends.
Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Carlotta Schauer
Co-Recording Secretary

Castro Valley**Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace**

We have had our 2nd face to face meeting, this time it included Lisa's most delicious Minestrone soup and election of officers.

Our new officers are also our old officers as all agreed to remain in their same positions. As a reminder this is the current roster: Pres., Mike Miraglia; 1st vice Pres. Leonard Rossi; 2nd vice Pres. Margaret Speranza; Sec. Patricia Grasso; Fin. Sec. Albert Proietti; Treasurer Lisa Crudo; Orator Maria Ruggeri; Trustees; Melinda Klever, Dorothy Giammona and David Taddei; Sentinel Cassani.

Thank you all for serving again in 2022!

Since December is so busy, we will not meet again until January. We do hope to see you at Mass celebrating the birth of Jesus, the true meaning of Christmas.

Until our January meeting, be safe and healthy.
Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.



Happy New Year!
May 2022 be a **BLOODY** good year!

Consider a life-saving New Year's Resolution:

- 🩸 Donate Blood (you can donate every 56 days).
- 🩸 Plan a Blood Drive.

For More Information;
Laurice Levine: 360-860-2023
or LLevine430@aol.com

American Red Cross:
<http://www.redcross.org/give-blood>

Vitalant Blood Donation
<https://www.vitalant.org/>

or search on your favorite browser for a local blood bank.

Love From,
The Live to Give Committee

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy 2022 to all from the Contra Costa District! Here's what's been happening with us this past month:

The District Christmas party was held on Dec 10 at Rocco's in Walnut Creek. Thanks to Roberta for chairing the raffle and decorating the venue. Also, thanks to all the CC branches and members for raffle prize donations: Roberta for the \$100.00 gift card, and Rocco and Patty for additional door prizes. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The annual Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday January 22 at the Galileo club in Richmond. Father Larry Young will celebrate a mass, followed by the installation, social and a fabulous Italian luncheon. Thanks to Walter Costa for arranging this event with the Galileo Club. All members and guests are welcome to join us, even if they are not being installed. Come enjoy a time of prayer together, great fellowship and a delicious lunch!

Our District will host the annual Bishop's Day mass and luncheon with the East Bay District in 2022. More details will be forthcoming.

Our district elections were held at our last meeting. All 2021 officers were re-elected for 2022 with the addition of Jim Jarrett who was elected Second Vice President. Committee chairpersons will be appointed at a later date.

Wishing all a joyful New Year filled with hope and blessings!
Diana Mackinson,
First Vice President
Contra Costa District

Crockett Br. 13, San Martino

Happy New Year one and all! Didn't this season pass quickly! Though we wait for the Magi to reach the manger, we wind down our celebrations and revel in the grace and blessings of Christ's birth. And, I was thinking: God chose to make His entry into this world through the holy space of a woman, to enfold Himself inside a woman, to drink of a woman, and be held, nourished, and cared for by a woman. I feel certain the wise men then and those now acknowledge the careful selection of Mary as the mother of God, and all women who are called to the ministry of giving birth to absolute miracles such as was on Christmas. Happy birth-ing days!

We celebrate our patron, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton January 4, the Epiphany and Feast of La Befana on January 6, and we also celebrate the 2022 officers which just so happen to be the same as the 2021 officers as many of you may also find in your branches,



Members from various ICF branches in California attended the wedding of Convention Director Roselynn Jarrett to Aaron McNeal in El Paso, Texas in December. Pictured here are nine with the groom and bride. Fun was had by all. Back row: Perry Shurko and Jordi Ramos, Mary Cook, Aaron McNeal, Roselynn McNeal, Patty Jarrett, Jim Jarrett. Front row: Lisa Crudo, Melody Klever, Ken Marshall, Lucy Fiore, Elizabeth Marshall

The ICF Contra Costa District Christmas Party. Thanks to Patty Jarrett for organizing. Members from todos Santos, Pleasant Hill, Crockett & Martinez were there.

who will be installed on January 22. Thank you to all these dedicated members to keep the branch moving forward.

For Branch #13, our New Year begins on Thursday, January 20 at 7:30 PM in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center. Invite a friend to come to one or all of our nine annual meetings. Dues are payable the first of the year, so please bring your account up-to-date if you haven't already done so.

Ciao for now, Mary Cook

Martinez Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

Good news! It's beginning to look like we may soon be able to meet together again in person (keep your fingers crossed.) At the time of this writing, we have not yet held our Christmas Open House, but I am confident that it will be a success due to the efforts of all who helped with this event (especially the ladies who made the delicious appetizers) Thank you to all our members and officers for your continued hard work and support.

With not much new to report, I am reprinting the list of suggested New Year's Resolutions published last year.

In 2022, I will:

- 1) Offer to drive another ICF member to the monthly meetings if they don't drive or don't drive in the dark.
 - 2) Purchase an ICF Calendar.
 - 3) Attend at least 5 monthly meetings.
 - 4) Invite/encourage someone to become a branch member.
 - 5) Attend Mass before each monthly meeting
 - 6) Volunteer to help with at least 1 ICF meeting, project, or event.
 - 7) Donate a prize/cash for one of our raffles or bingo.
 - 8) Run for one of the officer positions (Really, we'd love to have you!)
 - 9) Step up to be one of our Convention Delegates.
- And most importantly,
- 10) Show grace and patience in my interactions with others during difficult times.



Santa's Elves Pauline Cardoza and Dee Carone making Holiday favors for our members for Branch 14, Crockett for their Holiday Open house. Happy Holidays and a Healthy 2022 to all.

Please reach out to any members who may be alone, ill, or in mourning. Simple cards, phone calls, and prayers mean the world to those in need.

Wishing you joy and peace in the New Year!
Blessings,

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

Happy New Year 2022. Hope that this year is filled with good health, peace of mind, love and all that each of you need.

We enjoyed the District Christmas party held at Rocco's Italian Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Our dinner was delicious, which was followed by a free raffle. The prizes were donated by the branches and members. We also had a raffle for a 100.00 dinner gift card. That was donated by Roberta. The District made some money from the Frank Sinatra auction. The winner was Norene De Luca from the Concord branch.

We have one 2022 ICF Calendar still for sale. Call Patty if you are interested. The donation is \$25.00 and \$ 5.00 of that stays with our branch.

We will take part in the District Installation of officers. This annual event will be held at the Galileo club in Richmond on Saturday January 22. We will have Mass, the Installation, social and lunch. You should have your invitation by now. Please RSVP to Patty by calling 925 957 6457. This is not just for officers. Family and friends are welcome.

Please send your dues payment in for this year. The statement with the amount was mailed to each member.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday January 2. Invitations have been mailed with the details. See everyone then.

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

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Capo D'Anno

I hope this finds you counting your blessings for being able to be together with your family and friends. At our November meeting, we donated a lot of toys for Toys for Tots through the Marines. Sergeant Victor Runsewe collected them and was happy with the amount donated for needy children. Thank you, members, of #214 for your generous donations. We also had CC Kelly with her collections of purses, scarves, socks, hats, etc. for sale for wonderful Christmas presents and a fun shopping experience. She donated 20% to our club from the profits.

We enjoyed a wonderful time at La Veranda restaurant in Clayton on December 5th for our branch's Christmas party. Roberta did a lovely job decorating the tables with colorful red bows on the napkins, and we each got a salami. The food was delicious, and people were happy with the raffle



prizes of cute stuffed Santas or a bottle of wine. There was a delicious cake for dessert too.

We elected our officers and were happy everyone accepted their positions for another year.

We are happy to report that Mikey Marshall is out of the hospital after spending 4 months mostly on a ventilator. We wish him prayers and a speedy recovery.

Ron Artale is home from the hospital after a long stay following a fall. We are sending healing prayers for him also.

At our next meeting in January, we are installing 5 new branch members and are looking forward to accepting more applications so we can plan future fundraisers and donate to needy charities.

I wish you all a Buon D'Anno. Let's pray 2022 is a better, healthier year.

Felice Anno Nuovo
Norene DeLuca



Br. 214 members involved in meetings

Danville Br. 352, St. Isidore

Voted the best fundraiser ever, our October Christopher Columbus ~ Italian Heritage Dinner Dance was tons of fun & a great success, supporting our annual charitable contributions. Chef Belleci catered an outstanding dinner of antipasti, salad, pasta & chicken parmigiana, while dueling accordion players - including our own Dan Sartori, with George Campi - were met with (loud) impromptu singing, yes - some in Italian. Our favorite dance band trio, with member Kyle Vallone jumping in on the harmonica, and live auction kept everyone entertained into the night, making this party one for the books! We also celebrated Monsignor Cardelli's 91st Birthday - complete with birthday cake sparklers! Thank you, again, to all members who jumped in to set up, decorate, man the bar, serve, clean up and make this an overall night to remember.

After all of that hard work in October, we opted for a simple November dinner meeting, with pizza & pumpkin pie. It's great to see our membership continue to grow, as the purpose of our organization is shared, and relationships are nourished. We were grateful to be able to finish this year in-person, with a special Christmas dinner. Chef Russ' raised the bar, with pasta, cioppino & sour dough bread. Festivities also included a white elephant gift swap, a little bingo and a sing-along, too! Again, many thanks to all members who worked so hard this year to help our Branch survive - and thrive! Watch for your membership dues statement - and save Monday, January 24th for our annual Crab Feed!

We hope all enjoyed a very blessed Christmas season with family & friends and are ready to embrace a New Year filled with happiness and good health!

Felice Anno Nuovo!
Branch 352

(Check out next page for additional photos.)



Br. 352, Italian Heritage Dinner

Your ICF Website Photos Are Needed

The Public Relations Committee is looking to add an area within our website with photos from our various branches and districts.

These photos can be from a recent event, special occasion or from one of your member's birthday, anniversary, gradua-



tion or new addition to the family.

The photos need to be clear and bright with a high resolution. The photo will need to be sent electronically to editor@icf.org with the

following included in the email:

- ICF Website Photo
- Branch or District name
- Title of the photo, such as John Doe's 95 Birthday, Branch 999 Dinner Committee etc.

The photos will be reviewed by the Public Relations Committee and if approved added to the ICF website in the new area. The photos will be updated periodically throughout the year. Our hope with this

added area is that it will get more of our members and others to visit the website on a regular basis and to promote a sense of family throughout the Federation.

*Sincerely,
Leonard Zasoski, Jr.
Public Relations Committee
Chairperson*



Br. 352, Dancing the Night Away



Br. 352, Monsignor's 91st Birthday



Br. 352, Dan Sartori & George Campi on Accordion

Just a few updates to share with you...

In early October, our branch sponsored a "Virtual Baby Shower" in support of the Respect Life Ministry. We raised over \$2,000 and delivered three truckloads of diapers and infant clothing to the Sacramento Life Center. Although it was a first for our branch, this shower will most likely become a yearly event, due to the enthusiastic response from our community.

Our October branch meeting was hosted by Angela and Frank Di Grande and Cathy and Art

Rasmussen, who prepared a yummy polenta dinner. After dinner, nominations were accepted, and our 2022 board was voted in. Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped up to offer their time and talents.

Later in October, our Harvest Bake Sale was a great success, bringing in over \$1100.00.

Al and Janet Smith cooked a delicious ham dinner for our November dinner meeting. Afterwards, attendees were given a glimpse into the many events our branch is planning in the upcoming year.

Our Christmas party, catered by the Old Spaghetti Factory, was a festive evening with friends, food, and holiday cheer... What a wonderful way to end 2021!

*May the Lord bless us and guide us in 2022! Happy New Year!
Ciao! Anne Finn*

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. Tanti auguri per un Felice Anno Nuovo!

The December membership meeting was held on December 12 and, because we were celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexican food was served at lunch. The gathering was purely social, and everyone had a great time!

The January meeting is set for the 9th at 1:00pm. Look for details via your email. New ideas were presented during the Officers' meeting. Some fun activities are planned for Branch 442.

Circle Saturday, March 26 for our next Tea. Plans are in the works now. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Joan. Ticket sales will begin in February. Make your plans for a fun afternoon.

E allora, ci vediamo quando siamo piu' tardi,

Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Happy 2022!! Our first event of the year is the return of 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 dining and we hope it will be a great success. The menu includes: ½ chicken, polenta with meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert, wine, or so-das. Pasta is available on a pre-order basis only with your reservation. For more information or reservations, call me at 916-508-1199. Parish Covid restrictions will be followed. Be sure to wear a mask.

Buon Complianno to Branch members with January birthdays: Lee Bennett, Barbara Davidson, Matthew Ebert, John Gabri and Dante Mazza. Have a great day!!

Ciao, Janine

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

A big thank you to all who helped and all who bought tickets for our December Take Out Christmas Dinner. Although things did not look like it did in past years, we were able to have a successful event thanks to your continuing support of our branch.

By now you should have received your dues renewal for 2022. Please return your renewal to Bridget Piziali as soon as possible. The board is working on planning many fun monthly meetings and events and we hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please give Bridget a call at 530-906-0634.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Br. 438 is happy to be back in full swing after a trying past year and a half. It's so wonderful getting together once again with our dear friends and St. Clare family.

SANTA ROSA District Council

As predicted last month, we did have our quarterly end of year meeting at the home of our new President Denice DiGirolami. Our usual agenda was followed with 9 Officers present and a lovely lunch! We did discuss scholarships and it was noted that only 1st year applicants can qualify for 2nd, 3rd or 4th years. Our Installation dinner may take place in February 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Healdsburg at St. John's church. As the branches open up, I will keep you informed of their activities. Don't forget our Bolletino jumps ahead one month...next month will publish other branch dinner activities. After that we are in early summer and there is Wine tasting and a golf tournament. Will keep you posted!!
*Intanto, Vi auguro un BUON NATALE.
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording-Secretary
Santa Rosa District Council.*

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francisco Di Sales

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's! We're looking forward to resuming in-person events, this year.

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

February 5: Polenta Dinner in the Gym. Price: \$20.00 per person. \$10.00 for children under 12. Please call Carmen and Lauren for reservations: 707-595-3111. This will be our first in-person event in almost two years. Make your reservations, early, as we expect to sell out. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for happy hour. We will have our famous raffle, also!

April 8: Fish Fry. More details coming soon. Mark your calendars!

More information about these events will be in upcoming eblasts. We look forward to seeing everyone in person. Everyone should have received their 2022 dues notices and branch calendar. Please send in your 2022 dues, soon! The success of Br. 52 is based upon your continued membership. Updates to the calendar will be sent via eblast.

Happy New Year! - Lauren

Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Annunciata

Dee Dee has agreed to stay on as second vice-president and she and George will continue to set up for our meetings with love and joy! And...we have a slate of officers!!! It was a struggle, but we got there! Lovely Claudia Cuneo will step down as President and Patsy Buchignani will step up. Claudia and Ken Cuneo will spar over being Orator; both wanting the job, we decided to let them both have it and let them work it out between themselves! Phyllis Cianno, refusing the nomination for president, agreed to stay on as vice-president as will Margaret and Ron Brown, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively; Ron agreed to shoulder his position after firm commitments of back-up in his absence. Our sentinel is



Br. 75, Faithful, daily Mass attendees Dee Dee and George Bovone are chatting with friends and bringing their special brand of friendship to others!

Diane Heckenberg/Barbara Covello. Our Trustees remain in place and my memory does not serve me at the moment as to who they are.

Our next meeting is a pre-Christmas party/ugly sweater/gift exchange and steal/ hors d'oeuvres, and spirits/and gifting to families of Father David's choice.

Our hero, past mentor, Bob Aquistapache, has agreed to stay with us and help us in any way he can. We need his verve and special ICF knowledge. Thank you, Bob!

Merry Christmas from our branch to yours! - Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Greetings to all!! Reading last month's article to *Bollettino* I realized I forgot to mention and to wish all of us quella bella Festa de Natale. It is difficult to think ahead 1 month. So, I will continue with the month of December. Hanukkah ends December 6,

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance and the 25th is Xmas Day followed by New Year's Eve. Continuing to deal with Covid throughout the year made for some difficulty in getting back to our normal routines. Let us hope that 2022 is a kinder year for all of us.

Sonoma will be meeting 12-13 at Fr. Robert's Hall in Sonoma. I have heard positive comments from our President Ken Marshall and hope to see some results when I attend this Board OR Branch meeting. I wish them well. In the meantime, I urge all of our members to attend and support the ICF Agenda.

This is more than a Social Organization but a continuing tribute to our Italian heritage, whether you are from the South or North. Remember that!

*Tanti Auguri
Marilyn Sylvestri, Recording Secretary*

Petaluma Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear Members,

Sadly, we have lost another member. Alice Ribizzo was one of the founding members of our Branch and her passing represents a great loss. Please include her and all our deceased members in your prayers.

Several members have inquired regarding a possible get together. At St. James the pastor has been allowing us to meet in room 9 but doesn't want any food on the premises. The board has opted for a Sputino in January. It will be held at my house on the 2nd Monday. We will hold our regular meeting at 2:30 pm followed by a social hour. Rather than charge as we do for the soup, we ask everyone to bring a plate of small bites. They can be

sweet or savory. If you wish to attend, please call Lucy Spingola and give her the number attending by Wednesday, January 5th.

Many New Year wishes to all. May this be a year filled with good health and peace for all of us!

Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

Our Dec. meeting was opened with a prayer by Orator Shannon.

The Quilt raffle drawing will be held Dec. 19 along with a bake sale. Pre-orders for the bake sale were taken on the previous weekend.

We targeted February 27 for our first take-out Chicken Polenta dinner. It will be presale of 150 tickets only. Jars of sauce will also be sold. Members stay healthy – we need your help!!

As per our Christmas tradition in the past, a Panettone will be given to members 90 yrs. old and older. Linda will purchase it. Blessings to Doris!

The Branch officers for 2022 are as follows:

Chaplain – Fr. Fabian Nwokorie;
Pres. - Linda Spallino;
Vice. Pres.- Rosemary Melendy;
Recording Secretary – Anne Eanni;
Financial Secretary – Michael Dal-Porto;
Orator – Shannon Rohrbach-Gier;
Trustees – Pete Stagnoli, Barbara Vanni, Toni Green;
Sentinel – Alfred Eanni; Branch Deputy – Rosemary Melendy.

Deputy Joe encouraged the branch members to read the *Bollettino* for suggestions to increase membership. He invited us to join the SuperBowl Peanut Butter & Jelly campaign for Betty Chin. After the holidays, donations tend to drop. Collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly helps her feed hungry individuals. Drop your donation in the box provided.

The Buffana was again cancelled. We will celebrate when we can again return to our previous activities!!

Christmas gifts will again be given to Fr. Frances and Fr. Fabin.

*A happy and safe New Years to our members, family and friends!
Rosemary*

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Although the Eureka branch had to cancel our Colivas Memorial Scholarship spaghetti drive-thru dinner, the appeal for funding for the 2022 round of scholarships was successful in collecting \$1585 as of early December. The scholarship competition will proceed as usual. Please contact Jerry Colivas or Gene Senestraro for the

application.

Fr. Bernard d'Sa gave our branch permission to hold our biscotti sale after the masses on the weekend of December 18th & 19th. The first \$150 earned was placed into our Branch checking account to pay current and overdue bills and the remainder was donated to the St Bernard/Sacred Heart Parish discretionary fund.

At our November meeting a motion carried to revive the Bette Chin Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition in January. This collection drive helps Betty build up

the supply of sandwich making materials for the winter months. This year we will try to widen the competition to parishes in Arcata, Fortuna, and Ferndale.

January and February birthday wishes to Jerry A. Colivas!

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our December 6th Christmas Party will be one to remember. Starting with Marc Bisio serving Egg Nog and Bill Pisenti leading us in Christmas carols to Tom Nguyen serving Panettone, it was wonderful. President Linda Sherman thanked Tom and Carol Saska for preparing and serving the dinner, Louie and Nancy Azevedo for providing the Egg Nog, Miria Garfagnoli (Linda's mother) for donating two Afghans, and Bob and Kathy Acquistapace for donating the Panettone.

President Linda gave a special thank you to Lynette Lucia for her wonderfully successful See's Candy fundraiser. Lynette also prepared the scalloped potatoes for our Christmas dinner.

Many thanks for the VERY generous donation of toys collected at our Christmas Party for the Family Support Center. When Bob Acquistapace contacted the Center to arrange to drop off the toys, he was told they already had all they needed. After checking around, he found that toys could be donated to Life Pregnancy Services and the North Pole Fire Brigade Toy Drive, (Gold Ridge Fire Department), both in Sebastopol. Good job Bob!

Two important dates for your calendar:

1. District Installation on Saturday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Church in Healdsburg
2. Saturday, March 5th for our Chicken Cordon Bleu Fundraiser. Get your tickets NOW!

On February 7th we will have our meeting in the Parish Life Center at 6:00 p.m. followed by our Valentine cookie exchange and Bingo.

We welcome 2022 and pray that our members are blessed with good health in the new year.

Buon Capodanno -- Gail Bong-Azevedo

FRESNO

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

Our Branch 39 has been very busy this month. Our biannual Biscotti Sale and Tree decorating at our local museum both within a week.

Maryellen Mazzei and Janet Pugliese got us off with measuring, mixing, cutting and baking over 500 dozen biscotti. We made 6 varieties including plain, anise, cranberry, chocolate chip, brandy and almond.

Our traditional Italian Biscotti Sale is well support by our members and community.

The local historical museum, Merced County Courthouse Museum invites organizations to decorate a tree depicting their organization.

This year our members again participated with a tree decorated with the Italian Flag colors, red, white and green.



Br.39, Our ICF Christmas Tree at Merced Courthouse Museum. From left to right Ruth Redondo, Laurel Mc Gowan, Ann-Marie Bondini and Loretta Symes



Br. 39, Biscotti dough being portioned out and rolled into logs. From left to right Micheal Beluomini, Chris Martin, Jan Lorenzi, Pat Marvulli



Br. 39, Preparing to cut Biscotti for second baking is from left to right co-chair Janet Pugliese, Sister Rachel Monteil and David Mazzei



Clovis

Br. 250, Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Birthday greetings to December celebrants Isabel Ronzano, Cynthia Silva, and Glory Spatafore!

On November 10, we lost our beloved President, Jeanette Shriver who passed away at age 92. Jeanette served as Branch President since 2004 and was a dedicated servant of the Lord and could always be counted on to help others. Please refer to her obit in this issue.

Please pray for the following members who are ill or home-bound: Mary Beth Mueller, Verona DeLuca, and Glory Spatafore.

Our Branch had its Christmas Party December 7 and had a good turnout. We enjoyed the many delicious snacks and Santa handed out lottery scratchers. Rich Zanarini reported on the results of the promotion with Cool Hand Luke's. The Branch's share of this promotion exceeded expectations. We acknowledged Rich and Mary's efforts in making the promotion such a success.

Shirley Mitchell reports that her grandson, Jacob Pizzo, is home on break from Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida, where he is studying law. He will be home for a month.

Before closing out this year and entering a new year, your editorial staff wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, and Healthy, New Year! We also leave you with the following thought for the month:

"Two thousand years have come and gone, and

*Still the Christmas star shines on,
Its light as bright, its hope as true,
Its glory old, yet never new."* (Anon)

Ciao,
Your Editorial Staff from #250



Jeanette D. Shriver (Tito)
April 4, 1929 – Nov. 10, 2021

Jeanette was born in Healdsburg CA. to Josephina & Charles U. Gambetta, the youngest of 5 children. Jeanette married Allen Shriver in Reno, Nevada April 4, 1947. They started raising their 5 children in Healdsburg, CA. then moved to Fresno, CA. in 1959. Jeanette was well known at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for her volunteer work, teaching catechism, working the carnivals, and helping the many clubs she belonged to. Jeanette worked for Clovis Unified School District, starting in the kitchens, working her way up to cafeteria manager and retiring after 35 years as a Supervisor in the District Office. She also helped start the Tarpey Neighborhood Association. Jeanette was happiest being around her family, watching her birds and her cat, "Play". She will be greatly missed by her children, Francis, Greg, Norman, Alice & Laurie, along with 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Jeanette is preceded in death by her husband Allen.

Services will be in April 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity are appreciated.

Deadline
for February Issue
is January 10th.
Send articles and photos:
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ICF Branch 250, Clovis enjoying a Christmas get together

MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Happy New Year, Tutti. The singer Beyonce once said, "In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year's. Let's make it ours." Though we all have had our struggle with this Covid 'thing' we are blessed to still be here; we still have one another. Though we have attempted several times to get together, to eat together, to laugh with one another, to share wine and hot toddies, it has not come to fruition. But one day soon it will happen. Keep the faith and watch for notices and updates in this new year. In the meantime, I have included several photos of Branch 21's past events. Reminisce with them. Enjoy them.

May God continue to bless us, to keep us in good spirits and good health. We give thanks.

Patty Morelli
Secretary Branch 21

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

May we ring in the New Year 2022 with a lot of Happiness, Health, Blessings and Prosperity.

"The Best is yet to come" Frank Sinatra

Congratulations to newly elected officers - 2022 of Branch 36- Monterey Santa Rosalia.

President- Elaine Valentine

1st Vice President: Eddie Leonard

2nd Vice President: Antonia Ruccello

Recording Secretary- Sandie Russo

Correspondent Secretary- Annamarie Stanton

Treasurer- Emily Higuera

Financial Secretary- George Leonard
Trustees- Bob Bianchi, Turie Cavaliere, Joe LoManto.

Orator- Jane Gasperson

Sentinel- Elizabeth Panetta.

I very honored to be the President of Branch #36

Through the years - all of you brought me closer to my Italian Heritage. My mother's parents were from a little village call Provvidenti Campo Bosso Italy. My father parents were from Pico Azores Island, Portugal - I was raised in San Juan Bautista in a Portuguese community. I have met so many wonderful members of Branch 36 and consider you all family to me.

December 6, we had over 250 members and guest at our Christmas dinner. Three course dinner was served;



Br. 21 Calamari Dinner



Br. 21 - GROUP SHOT - 2015

family style green salad, chicken Florentine cacciatore served with ravioli and dessert. We all enjoyed the Mike Marotta band making our event special, playing all our favorite Christmas songs.

It nice to see everyone in the Christmas spirit.

We are saddened to report Peter Bruno recently passed away. Our condolences to be wife Angie and their family. May he Rest in Peace.

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous New Year of believing,"
-Sarah Ban Breathnach.

New Beginnings,
Elaine Valentine
President
Branch 36 Santa Rosalia

(Check out next page for additional photos.)



Br. 21 - 90 Year Olds' Festa



Br. 36 Christmas Party

Br. 36 Christmas Party

Castroville

Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

Happy 2022!

I would like to begin this entry with announcing the elected members who will be on the board for 2022: President, Cindy Stefani; 1st Vice President, Kevin Cortopassi; 2nd Vice President, Vera Doris; Treasurer, Leonora Barlow; Secretary, Ashley Stefani; Trustees, Linda Grier, Susan Carbonel, and Stefani Cortopassi; Orator, Art Carbonel; and Sentinel, Amber Souza.

Our branch would like to ask for prayers for the family of Eva Mae Sigala who passed away on November 25th, 2021. Eva Mae was a wonderful friend to all and will be truly missed.

We are in the planning stages of the Installation Mass and luncheon that will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th.

Congratulations to Carrie Holbrook who won our calendar drawing. As well as a big happy birthday to our January baby: Leonora Barlow. This will unfortunately be my final entry. However, I am excited that Stefani Cortopassi will be adding some new flair and excitement to our branches' monthly updates for me! I am grateful for this opportunity and appreciate the understanding of this year's sporadic entries. Things these past few years for everyone have been up and down, but I am optimistic that things will get better or continue to get better. As my grandma used to say,

*"Better days are coming."
Cheers to better days to come,
Natalie Carbonel*



Br.36. Father Jerry and Antonia Ihnot



Peter Bruno 6-2-1931 to 11-19-2021



Br. 291 2022 Officers celebrated the Christmas season at the Madonna Inn. Back row L-R: David Sanchez, Abby Gallagher, Kathleen Sullivan, Joe Franco, Ellen Bavaro, Laura Vopatek, Theresa Aston & Keely Sanchez. Seated L-R: Joanna Van Blaricom, Pete Gallagher & Throck Scudder.

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

Happy New Year everyone. Our first meeting at Aptos Resurrection Church is set for January 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. The business meeting will be followed by a social hour and potluck dinner. President Franklyn Lopes will be sending you dates and times for the meetings for the rest of the year. Fish Fry dates are still being worked on by the parish. Many thanks to Father Romeo, as well as parish staff members Karen and Jolene who have been so helpful in making the transition.

The following officers have been elected for 2022:

President: Franklyn Lopes
1st VP: Vittorina "Vicky" Howell
2nd VP: Richard "Rick" Kotila
Recording Secretary: Deanna Musler
Financial Secretary: Marie Mungai

Treasurer: Jane Kotila
Orator: Bruce Dunn
Trustee: Ken Olson
Trustee: Dottie Smith
Trustee: Heidi Ambiel
Sentinel: Bryan Stow

Welcome to the new members on the Board—Rick, Bruce and Bryan. Special recognition goes to departing officers Ken and Loretta Reaves. They have been an integral part of our branch for many years.

Please pray for our member Maureen



Br. 36 Christmas Party, Rose Della Sala and Elaine Valentine, President

O'Neil, who has been hospitalized for several weeks with Covid. Thanks to Dan Casagrande for keeping us informed about her progress. Pray also for Sylvia Beccaria who sustained an injury in a fall at her residence. Finally, let's remember Nancy Olson, Barbara Jayet, and Don Robinson who are dealing with ongoing health issues.

With best wishes for a healthy and happy 2022

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Happy New Year! Let's pray 2022 will be the year we are finally "back to normal" and eliminate this COVID-19 virus!

Br. 291 celebrated a very nice Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn in early December. We enjoyed delicious food, fun raffle prizes and the gorgeous decorations at the Madonna Inn. This year our entertainment was provided by Fr. Masseo's El Padrecito Ministries Folklorico dancers, and we were treated to Fr. Masseo singing his hip-hop version of "The Little Drummer Boy"! Big thanks to Joanna Van Blaricom and her committee for doing such a great job putting this party together each year!

Our Lenten Fish Frys will be here before we know it! Our "Mardi Gras" fish fry is on February 25th, followed by our five Lenten Fish Frys beginning on March 4th. Many of our members (including the youth who

help out at the dinners) are excited to work at the fish frys once again. In addition, our parishioners and local community will be happy to be able to attend these popular fundraising dinners. Our last fish fry was two years ago this.

Br. 291 recently lost a wonderful member and sweet lady, Gayle Quain. Gayle passed away peacefully with her son and daughter at her side. She will be greatly missed. Please keep Gayle's family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear mother and grandmother. Please continue to keep all our members in your prayers who may be experiencing illness, pain or loss at this time.

Here's wishing everyone a very safe and healthy 2022!

Keely Sanchez

Recording Secretary



Fr. Masseo entertained Br. 291 with his hip-hop rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy" during the Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn.

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Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

I am pleased to let you know that Alexandra Kidd, who received four years of scholarship assistance from the ICF, will receive her undergraduate degree from Marquette University in the spring. In addition to her studies, Alexandra is a member of the ICF Gift of Love Committee. Alexandra is the granddaughter of Grand Sentinel Teresa Helfand and her husband Cory, and she is also a member of Br. 392 in Chicago.

Alexandra has overcome fierce competition and is one of the few candidates to be accepted into the Marquette Dental School starting in the fall, 2022. We are very proud of her achievement and want to thank all of the members of the ICF who helped her in meeting her goals!

Teresa and Cory Helfand



Br. 392's Alexandra Kidd

SAN JOSE

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Gilroy

Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

On November 15th Branch 28 had our traditional Thanksgiving dinner meeting with our traditional cooking crew of Dave Peoples and crew. A dinner of turkey and trimmings in a communal setting with branch members. Our customary first step into the Holiday Season. Thank you, Dave and crew. The response to our St. Joseph's Family Center Holiday fundraiser for families in need has been astounding. To date Branch 28 has raised \$4,940 for this wonderful cause. This year Br. 28 participated in the Diocese of San Jose Layette Program. Baby items and monetary donations were given at a drop off location in Sunnyvale. Included in the items were two beautiful homemade receiving blankets

made by board member Mora Taormino. Thank you, Mora. Past Br. 28 President Gennaro Filice on behalf of Br. 28 delivered a \$500 gift card to St. Joseph's Family Center under the ICF "Gifts of Love" program for St. Joseph's to select that family with special needs.

Installation of officers for the Branch Boards will be held on January 8, 2022, at St. Mary Church, Los Gatos. For the first time in two years there will be changes in Board members and positions. In a personification of dedication and commitment Diana Berry will come back as President of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation.

As we continue to commemorate Branch 28's ninetieth year we look back at the first Bishop's Day held at St. Mary's in Gilroy, and Bishop DuMaine's reception at the Gilroy Elks Lodge.

*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

Possa la tua vita essere come il buon vino,
Gustoso, nitido e chiaro.

E possa migliorare ogni anno che passa

May your life be like Fine Wine,

Tasty, Sharp & Clear

And may it improve with every passing year.

The past two years have been certainly a challenge. We've lost members to death, Dom Norcia, Bob Cowan, and John Rocchio. We have members who are sick and members who have moved. We've had to take on the challenges of self-quarantine and masks, but we have tried to stay together through phone calls and e-mails.

Our Branch Christmas Party was lots of fun. Thanks to all who participated.

Our 11th Annual Christmas Open House was a great success. We have some very generous members and friends. Again, the money collected will go to the ICF Scholarship Fund.

This year our branch is hosting the Holy Trinity of events; The District Installation of Officers, Bishop's Day and District Christmas Party. Thanks to you all in advance for your help. A very special thanks to Donna Pfaff and her crew who took over the Installation on January. Michelle always gives up her birthday for the ICF but this year was a milestone and we took her on a trip!

Our new goal is to have our meetings either on a week-end at lunch or early afternoon. If you have a preference e-mail me.

Remember your Dues are Due.

*Thanks again for your support and
May God Bless you All!
Denise Antonowicz, President of Br.
184/Grand 1st Vice President*



Bishop Pierre DuMaine was honored at a Gilroy Elks Lodge reception and dinner following the Bishop's Day Mass. Pictured with Bishop DuMaine are Elise Marsalli, Larry Marsalli, and Tom Carr, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 28 President



Bishop visits Gilroy Br. 28- The first Bishop's Day in Gilroy was held on April 13, 1986. Bishop Pierre DuMaine gave Mass before nearly 500 people in St. Mary's Catholic Church, then greeted parishioners.

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



Past ICF Branch 28 President Gennaro Filice presents Graciela Ramirez of St. Joseph's Family Center with a \$500 gift card to be given to a family in need



Br. 184 Marks Roberts Fairy



Br. 184 Open House



San Jose Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

As we look towards 2022, Branch 191 is winding down our activities. On Dec 5th, St. Frances Cabrini held our SCVD Christmas Party. A Pot Roast Lunch (by Tony's & Alba's) was served to start the festivities of the Day. A Sing- A-Long was directed by Jim Jones to get us all in the holiday spirit. A raffle ended the day with many happy prize winners. The holiday spirit is alive from our district members!

Please don't forget Installation of Officers on Jan 8th, 2022. Mass will be at St. Mary's, Los Gatos at 11am; Luncheon at 3 Flames Restaurant at 1pm. Reservations are due (with entree choice) 12/29/2021; Checks made out to branch 191 and sent to Aldine Grisenti. Please make plans to attend.

We look back on 2021 with great amazement of what we humans have endured. We have been poked with needles, wore covers over our faces, and have been told to isolate. Stay away from the ones we love. Yet we used our technology to overcome our distancing. Zoom for meetings became the feature of the day. Bring your own drink, grab a chair, and have a meeting 6 feet apart. These trials made us more inventive, creative, and stronger each and every day. The strength and Faith each of us have, has allowed our branch to survive.

Look forward to the New Year with strength, wisdom, and courage from our Heavenly Father. He will guide us along the way.

A New Future in 2022
Shirley Catania
sentinel

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Here is a question to think about from our 2021 advent book, "Now is the time, preparing the way of the Lord." "What might Jesus be calling me to do in the coming year to imitate his loving concern for others?" Think!

At our November meeting we had a wonderful over the top yummy free Thanksgiving dinner hosted by our board as a thank you and welcome back from Covid. Doors were open for safety. We don't need another welcome back. Covid!! Stay away!

We elected our 2022 Br.368 board: Pres. - Mary Ridi, First VP - Joyce Robba, 2nd VP - Ron Sanchez, Recording Secretary - Robyn Schlice, Financial Secretary - Bill Gecco, Treasurer - Tina Souza-Dutra, Orator - ED Wendler, Trustees - Jerry Opp, Avis Erkel, Cathy Orlowski. Ann



Branch 191 members at SCVD Christmas Party



Branch 191 Persimmons at Andy's Orchard Morgan Hill



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Br. 368

Schlice will be our new Heritage person. A big thank you to Noreen Gillio for her years of service as our heritage person. Installation of officers will be on January 8th at St. Mary's in Los Gatos, at 11:00 AM. Lunch will follow at the Three Flames at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$45.00 each. At our Christmas meeting on Dec.15th, we had a Catered Holiday Dinner and dessert party. Members brought socks to be given to the shelter. Please pray for Paul Butler & Barbara Ruffner. January meeting will be a Soup Dinner. Please Save the Date for our Goodwill event on April 29, 2022.

Happy New Year!
Peace be with you,
Tom Myers

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Happy New Year to all our dear members and friends!

Although we did not have a Christmas celebration with members in December, our branch presented our annual donations to the following: St. Martin's Parish and Food Box Program, ICF's Gifts of Love, St. Vincent de Paul, Layette Program, and Sacred Heart Nativity School. We also presented gifts to Father Saju and Father Gener for their continual love and support.

ICF celebrates the feast day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, our Co-Patron, on January 4.

Remember to send your 2022 membership dues to Tina Rossi, who sends out invoices in January.

Looking forward to sharing prayers and laughter in 2022. Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Happy New Year!
Janis Patellaro



Branch 191 Camille Orlando wins service award

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2021 is the following:

Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.

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

The State limit for the tax year ending 2021 is the following:

Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.

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

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

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2022. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

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

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

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2021. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,
Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy New Year !

Thanks to all who helped organize our Christmas Holiday Party on Monday, 6 December.

There was plenty of Food and Fellowship, and a Good time was had by all. It was nice to see the many smiling faces, (when our Masks were off for Photos and the Meal).

Installation of Officers will take place at Saint Mary's Los Gatos Saturday, 8 January @ 11 a.m. with Mass followed by lunch at Three Flames at 1 p.m.

Our next Blood Drive will be held Sunday, 6 March from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. using the Stanford Mobile unit outside the Farana Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 the Lord Bless us all
in the New Year !*

Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Al Chanteloup, Steve Richey, and Dori Blefari.

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

Our Christmas party was organized and led in prayer by member, Gloria Subocz. We ate at 'The Longhouse' in Gilroy. Giovanni Foggia provided each of us with their fresh persimmons for our holiday baking. Tommy Palmer gave us an update on his new Restaurant and Deli coming in January, it is 'Palmerino's' and will be on Main Street here in Morgan Hill. A big thank you to Gloria and Giovanni for a fun evening. A good time was had by all!

This year our branch participated in The Layette Program of The Italian Catholic Federation. Our donation was baby clothes.

Our president, Giulia Gallego and member, Pam Sharp attended the S.C.V.D. Christmas Party at St Francis Cabrini in San Jose. A wonderful lunch was provided by Tony and Alba's Pizza and Pasta. After lunch we sang Christmas Carols. Our Raffle prize given was a lovely basket from Andy's Orchard. A very enjoyable day.

*Sylvia Ritchie Sorci
Charter Member,
Branch 435*



Br. 408 ladies



Br. 408 Blood Drive



Br. 445 Luncheon at Palermo's



Br. 445 Second 2021 in person meeting



Br. 445 Members & Fellowship

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Our 'Sandwich/ Lunch Ministry', which began 4/2020 to help feed the homeless during the pandemic, has been dubbed/named 'Contemplatives in Action'. Branch member Bill Perry shared that the name was taken based on the motto 'our prayer is an action, and our action is prayer'. As of the end of November 2021, 8,800 sack lunches have been provided to the needy through this ministry!

Thank you to all who supported our annual See's Candy Sale. We grossed \$2,552 in sales with a profit of \$585. A suggestion has been made to use our candy sale profits to buy a case of 48 hats, scarves, gloves and a case of 48 fleece blankets for the needy. We will most likely vote on this at our December Luncheon and Gift Exchange.

Our Br. 445 officers for 2022 are:

Chaplain - Fr. Chris Bennett; President - Jim Falcone; 1st VP - Janie Falcone; 2nd VP - Jan Stumhoffer; Recording Secretary - Jean Cosentino; Financial Secretary and Treasurer - Phil Lang; Orator- Amelia 'Emily' Corral; Trustees - Chic Cannon and Kathy La Scola; Sentinel- Lorraine Sellarole; Branch Mentor- Jim Jones. Thank you to all for being willing to guide us during 2022. Installation of officers will be on January 8th at St. Mary's in Los Gatos: mass 11:00 a.m. followed by installation of officers. Optional lunch will follow at Three Flames restaurant in San Jose.

Beginning in January 2022, our monthly General Meeting will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Parish - see you all January 22nd! Perhaps we can plan to go out for lunch after the meeting(?)

Happy January Birthday wishes to: Linda Roncò, Chic Cannon, Kathy La Scola, Donna Pfaff and Me!! Buon Compleanno!!

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

STOCKTON

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

Slowly but surely, I am being dragged into the computer age. Due to the meeting day being a holy day of obligation and all the other circumstances our president Antonella set up a Zoom meeting for after mass. With a lot of help I made it thru the meeting okay.

St. Stanislaus Branch 48 will be hosting the Bishop's Bourse luncheon in 2022. Please save the date Sunday July 31, 2022. There is a 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Stanislaus Maze Blvd. Church and the luncheon will be at the community center across the parking lot from the church at 12:00 noon. More information will be in the Bollettino each month and invitation will be sent out in a timely manner.

We are looking forward to our St. Joseph's Table Celebration March 20, 2022. It is always a great time to get to visit with friend we haven't see for a while, have some delicious food and an afternoon of fun after with our mystery raffle.

We hope that everyone has a Blessed and a Wonderful New Year with their family and friends.

Stay healthy and safe.
Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

A New Years' greetings from Branch 82. Buon Anno, amici!

The year 2021 has simply flown by. While we are still taking precautions in our monthly meetings and social outreach, it has been blessed year for our new branch. We held our 2nd Annual Bocce and Dinner event in August. Plans are already forming for next year

This December, our Branch has celebrated its 3rd Anniversary commemorated with mass in our honor. Members of the group gathered during Mass, then had a wonderful lunch at the Hollywood Café.

Several new members have joined Branch 82, due to our Ministry Day outreach in November, as well as through the loving efforts of those already in the group. One potential new member attended our charcuterie board instructional meeting this month. What a perfect day to join us!

We elected to not hold our Annual Polenta dinner this December. With the busy schedules of our members and holding our Bocce Dinner event later in the year, we did not want to rush our preparations. Not to worry, next year our popular event will return.

All ICF members are welcome to join us. Details on when the event will be held will appear in the Bollettino. The same will be done for our next Bocce Dinner held over the summer. Email us at icfstanne@gmail.com for details before the event.

We wish everyone a happy, safe, healthy, and blessed New Year. Many blessing to you,
Amanda Moberly
Corresponding Secretary

Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

A delicious prime rib dinner, with home-made ravioli (of course), veggies and salad by Chef Tony, featured Branch 139's annual Christmas meeting at Cucina Queirolo. It was followed by Anna Mello's popular apple dessert.

The following Branch officers were elected for 2022: President – Birdie Nieri; First Vice-president – Ida Queirolo; Second Vice-president – Olivero Oliveri; Secretary – Anna Mello; Treasurer – Michelle Harmon; Sentinel – Ed Fichtner; Orator – Colleen Alfieri; Trustees – Linda Bertuccio, Yvonne Chimenti and Paula Beck.

Central Council member Dante Galeazzi announced that there would be no formal Installation of Officers for the Stockton District in January due to the Covid protocols.

Outgoing President Jim Alfieri's excellent leadership during the long Covid pandemic was recognized.



Br. 82, The finished Charcuterie Board



Br. 82, Jen Whiting demonstrates how to make a Charcuterie Board

Even though Chef Tony remarked that he enjoyed having our monthly meetings at his Kitchen in Lathrop, we look forward to eventually returning to St. Anthony Parish facilities in Manteca.

Ciao,
Mariano

Happy New Year &
Here's to new beginnings!
The best is yet to come!



Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season, and we hope for a healthy 2022 for all.

Thanks to all who have been attending the recent take-out dinners this past year, we were able to send a number of charitable donations to St. Bernard's Church and to seminarians at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park. We also presented small gifts to the dedicated volunteer workers who do not accept payment for their hours of work to facilitate these dinners. Thank you one and all!

Scholarship applications are being accepted beginning January 15, 2022, with a deadline of March 15th. Contact Annette Elissagaray for forms and instructions.

One more thank you to this past year's Branch 390 board of directors who have all opted to remain in their current positions on next year's 2022 board. Your service is appreciated.

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch through pictures on our website: www.icfbranch390.org. Be sure to check out the added attraction of our HERITAGE section - If you haven't sent Steve yours yet, send them please! The newsletter on our website would love to hear from you!

Our prayers and sincere condolences to Lorraine Foster and her family on the death of her husband Marvin Foster who passed away recently. They have been members of our branch since 2009. May he rest in peace.

Stay healthy, happy and safe.

*Ciao,
Betty Hollars*



Happy New Year e Buon Anno from Branch 395

ICF BRANCH 390 NOVEMBER WALK-UP TURKEY DINNER Tracy, CA



Turkeys are out of the oven

Stuffing and potatoes

Mix the salad



Cranberries

Gravy is almost ready

Let's put these plates together



Members lined up at the door

Time to pick up the dinners



A "rinfresco" after our Italian mass on October 3 with Branch 395 members and our Chaplain, Fr. Mark Wagner.

A New Year's Prayer

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins, We come to You and ask for Your blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year.

We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

AMEN

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Well goodbye 2021 and welcome 2022! We still feel the Christmas spirit and fellowship of our Branch holiday gathering last month. A big GRAZIE to our fabulous cooks, Pat Beglau, Geof Lin-Cereghino, Bob and Linda Langone, and to Jo Weber for organizing the event.

Installation of our 2022 new officers looked a little different this year, but their enthusiasm to get started in their roles was the same.

Our annual fundraiser will also look a little different this year, but just as delicious. Mark your calendar, for Thursday, February 10th. Branch 395 will be having their first Drive-Thru-Dinner at Presentation Church in Stockton. No reason to cook that night when we will do it for you. For details and tickets call me at 209-938-8942.

All the members of Branch 395 would like to wish you a very Buon Anno and Happy New Year. May 2022 be healthy, filled with lots of new ICF members and many opportunities to give to back.

*Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Br. 449, Guardian Angels

CF Branch 449, Santee, California held its first benefit dinner to support the Cooley's Anemia Foundation on November 13, 2021. The Italian Feast consisted of two penne pasta entrees, Caesar salad, garlic bread and assorted cheesecake options for dessert. The evening's entertainment was provided by our very own Miss Santee, Althea Valdez. Other activities included a silent auction, a 52/52 drawing, a photo booth and music during the dinner. Of the \$3,000 raised, proceeds will benefit the Cooley's Anemia Foundation as well as other Branch 449 Charities. Thanks to our vice president, Debbie Reid for chairing this event and the entire branch for working to make it a huge success!

*All the best,
Helene McGowan
Corresponding Secretary
Guardian Angels Italian Catholic
Federation, Branch 449*

RENO

Reno Br. 135, St. Albert

Our Bishop's Dinner was held Sunday evening, December 5, 2021. This dinner gives us an occasion to honor our Bishop and to present him with monetary gifts to fund the education of the Seminarians of our diocese and money for a TV Mass that is aired on a local TV Channel every Sunday morning.

We welcomed 22 members and guests that enjoyed an excellent dinner. Special thanks goes to Bob and Suzanne Capurro and Rachael and Bobby Ferrari who prepared a delicious dinner of Chicken Marsala, pasta, green beans, salad and profiteroles for dessert. Nancy Telliano prepared the appetizers.

Special guests attending the dinner included Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, the newly installed Bishop of the Reno Diocese; Father Honesto Agustin, pastor of St. Albert the Great Church; and Father Patrick Klekas, Parochial Vicar of St. Albert the Great Church; and Grand First Vice President of Central Council, Denise Antonowicz was also in attendance.

The gifts from Branch 135 presented by President Charlyne Pacini were a gift of \$1,000 to Bishop Mueggenborg for his Seminary fund and a gift of \$300.00 for his TV Mass ministry. Denise Antonowicz presented a check of \$1,000 from Central Council's Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund for the education of the Seminarians of our Diocese.



Br. 449 Italian Feast fundraiser for Cooley's Anemia

Our 2018 Central Council Scholarship winner, Julia Frediani (U.NEV-Reno) daughter of Treasurer Ron Frediani and his wife Romi, was awarded a fourth year scholarship, congratulations!

Our branch lost two long time and active members, Bob Ferrari passed away in August 2021 and Frank Brunelli passed away in November, 2021. They will be greatly missed. Please pray for the repose of Bob's and Frank's souls and keep their families in your prayers.

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2022.

*Happy New Year!
Charlyne Pacini*

*Tanti auguri di Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!!!
Nancy Telliano
Financial Secretary, Branch*



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