



BOLLETTINO

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Come Take A Swing at ICF's Charity Golf Tournament Weekend

The Ways and Means Committee is happy to announce something NEW. Our Charity Golf Tournament will be held in Santa Rosa, and we are adding Saturday activities for those that would like to make a weekend out of it!

So, come and join us in the beautiful wine country for a weekend. We will start out with a tailgate breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Bennett Valley Golf course, tournament at 10 a.m., and a catered dinner at St. Eugene Becker Hall after the tournament. On Saturday morning, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. for wine tasting or antiquing and at 12:30 p.m. we will get together for a boxed lunch overlooking Lake Sonoma. What a great way to start the summer. Come join us for the tournament or the whole weekend. and get the summer off with a great start.



Italian Catholic Federation

20th Annual Central Council

**CHARITY
GOLF**

TOURNAMENT

**Tailgate Breakfast
Starts at 9AM**

**Tournament
Starts at 10 AM**

**4 Person Scramble
Range Balls**

Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3330 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

**Friday
JUNE 24
2022**

**Catered Dinner by
Sweet T's Restaurant
at St. Eugene
Becker Center
2323 Montgomery Dr
Santa Rosa, CA**

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$170 includes:
**Continental Breakfast, 18
holes of Golf with Cart and
Banquet**
Deadline Friday, June 17
After price per Golfer \$180
Banquet only: \$50

Make check (\$170 per Golfer - Banquet only \$50 per person) payable to Italian Catholic Federation (write Golf in memo line). Send check & attached form to ICF - 8393 Capwell Dr., Ste. 110, Oakland, CA 94621 no later than JUNE 17, 2022 - After June 17 cost is \$180 per Golfer

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.ICF.ORG - 1-888-ICF-1924

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Per Hole

Hole Sponsorship

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Wording on Sign

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**ICF Central Council Ways and Means Committee
in conjunction with the Golf Tournament invites you to either
Wine Tasting Tour or Antiquing
Saturday, June 25, 2022 to join us at either**

**Wine Tasting in the World Famous
Dry Creek Valley**



OR

**Antiquing in the quaint shops around
Healdsburg Plaza**



Itinerary

9:30 a.m. All meet at St. John's Church, corner of Matheson and East Streets in Healdsburg.

Wine Tasters follow each other to Amisat Vineyards.
Antiquers can either walk to Healdsburg Plaza from the Church or drive the few blocks.

10:00 - 11:30 Private Tasting at award winning Amista Vineyards overlooking the vineyards of the Dry Creek Valley. A discount For wine purchases will be offered.

12:30 p.m. Antiquers & Wine Tasters will meet at the Warm Springs Dam Recreation Area for a Boxed Lunch. Stay after lunch and enjoy the Visitors Center or drive to Lake Sonoma Overlook

Cost (includes Box Lunch)

Wine Tasting	\$65 per person
Antiquers	\$25 per person

Page 2 is your reservation form and box lunch choice.
Return completed form and check made out to Italian Catholic Federation
no later than June 17, 2022 to
ICF Office 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621

See page 11 for reservation form

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Include photo captions with your
article submission.

Please keep your submission positive
and informative.

**Deadline for the May issue
is April 10, 2022.**

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

Thank you!

Rejoice! It's Easter!

Carmen Kilcullen, Member--Apostolate/Charity Committee

This year, Easter falls on April 17.



After the 40
days of fasting
and repentance
during Lent, ev-
eryone is happy
to celebrate Eas-
ter. The word,
Easter, probably
derives from the
Anglo-Saxon
goddess of
Spring known
as Estre. In Ital-

ian, the word for Easter is Pasqua. In
Spanish, the word is Pascua.

Easter celebrates the Resurrection
of Jesus. It is the beginning of the
liturgical year and extends for 50 days
to Pentecost. It is the most important
day of the Church year and all Chris-
tian movable feasts, and the entire
liturgical year is arranged around
Easter. Easter is celebrated on the first
Sunday following the first full moon
after the spring equinox. This date
for Easter was decided, after much

discussion, by the Council of Nicea in
the year 325. However, the Orthodox
Churches use the old Julian calendar
where March 21 is replaced by April
3rd. There has been discussion as to
a possible world-wide agreement on
a consistent date. No resolution as of
yet.

Different countries of the world have
their own Easter customs. There are
too many to mention in this article,
but references to them can be found
on the internet.

In the United States, we have customs
such as Easter egg coloring, Easter
egg hunts, Easter bunnies, new spring
clothes, etc. I remember when I was
growing up, we always had new
clothes to wear on Easter morning.
Shopping for Easter clothes was an
important ritual. I believe this custom
has faded away.

Here's to all of you--best wishes for a
very happy and joyful Easter from the
Kilcullen house to yours!

Carmen Kilcullen



Cooley's Corner International Thalassemia Day

By Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS



International Thal-
assaemia Day is
celebrated annually
on May 8th. Since
1994, The Thalas-
semia International
Federation (TIF)
has devoted this
day to raise aware-
ness globally;

educate the community and decision-
makers about this severe blood
disease; and highlight the lifelong and
challenging journey of patients who
are living with thalassemia. It is also
a time to remember all of the patients
who have suffered and passed away
too soon. On this day we renew our
promise to keep working until the final
cure for thalassaemia is found.

Each year The Thalassaemia Inter-
national Federation (TIF) chooses a
theme for International Thalassemia
Day and organizes events in order to
raise awareness to patient groups, the
general public, officials, healthcare
professionals, and industry (Pharma
and Bio-Tech).

The ICF should be celebrated on this

day (and every day) for the countless
contributions they have made to the
thalassemia community. By adopt-
ing Cooley's Anemia as the National
Charity in 1982 and donating over
\$2,000,000, the ICF has been instru-
mental in funding research that has led
to lifesaving therapies; technology that
has eased the burden of painful liver
biopsies; sponsored over 20 Christ-
mas parties for patients and families;
assisted patients and families who do
not have the means to pay for their
necessary medications; flown count-
less patients to specialty care centers
for treatment; educated the commu-
nity; donated lifesaving blood through
the Live to Give Committee's Annual
Blood Drive; and the list goes on.

If you would like to do something
special during the month of May and/
or on May 8th consider the following
ideas:

- Reading more about the Thalassemia
International Federation serving the
global community: <https://thalassaemia.org.cy/>

- Donate blood at your local blood
bank in honor of thalassemia (direct

donation to a thalassemia patient is
NOT possible – but we always need
blood in the supply chain).

- Call a thalassemia patient and
encourage them to keep on truckin'.
Chronic illness is tedious and isolat-
ing. Knowing others care is lifesaving
and with a chronic condition the need
for encouragement is ongoing.

- Donate to the ICF Cooley's Anemia
Fund.

- Invite a speaker to a branch meet-
ing or event (in person or zoom) to
educate your members on the ICF's
National Charity, Cooley's Anemia.

- Be grateful you are part of an orga-
nization, the ICF, that is so dedicated
to philanthropy and is changing and
saving lives for those with thalassemia
and beyond. YOU do great work every
day. We are so grateful!

For more information on thalassemia
or questions please contact:

*Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, Thalas-
semia Patient*

360-860-2023

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Membership Matters

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

Spring is in the air! Hello and a very happy April to you all. The flowers are blooming, masks are coming off, things are opening and getting back to a somewhat normalcy again. Branches are having in person meetings and events are happening once again. Ahhhhh!

Spring is the season of hope, newness and, rebirth. Last month I spoke of the importance of having a membership drive in your branch. We must keep this going and it's up to all of us to make sure that we drive up our membership numbers. We can't let the membership numbers drop any further.



So, we must all put on our CAN-DO attitudes. Yes, we CAN, should be our outlook now. There are no more excuses. You CAN meet, you CAN gather and you CAN have events. You need to be proactive and clever. No more negative Nancy's or Nick's (Sorry Nancy and Nick). We need to pull ourselves out of the doldrums, raise our sails and move forward.

One thing we should be doing is making calls to those members who cancelled or dropped out and see if we might be able to get them back on board again. Having activities or events and fundraisers might spark some interest in them.

So, your homework for this month is to get some new members. Try to raise your membership numbers by at least 10%. Good luck on your assignment

Till next month, have a Blessed and Joyous Easter.
Perry Shurko, Membership Chair



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SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION

Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

We are in the Lenten Season, a time of reflection. For years we were told to give up something we like for Lent; but I think what we could be doing is give of ourselves...be nicer...embrace those around us. I think that can be more difficult than giving up something you like.

God gave us his Son; we celebrate that event at Christmas. His son Jesus gave up his life for us. He showed us the right way to live and treat one another. With his death he shared with us our redemption and everlasting life in the resurrection. What greater love is there?

When someone says four letter words you think of the bad ones, the ones you should not be saying. Turn that around and think positive and live them (well some more than others) here are just a few...love, like, nice, work, play, good, live, life, safe, feel, cook...wine!

The shut down of our lives the past two years has done us no favors. It seems with the lack of socialization, people are more fearful and sometimes negative and unpleasant. I am so happy that we are coming out of the darkness and once again embracing life and sharing wonderful moments with family and friends. As I mentioned in the recipe article a birthday/retirement party was given for Bob Basuino. It was so wonderful to see people I have not seen in two years. A special treat was seeing Past Grand President Jim and Past First Lady Janice Jones. It was their first outing in a social gathering in two years. Jim was looking rather rakish sporting a mustache and goatee!

I again encourage you to start having your Branch meetings and possible events/fundraisers as your parish allows. Many have been or are starting to have fundraising dinners ToGo. Maybe you are not yet comfortable to attend and that is okay, because the day will soon come that you will be ready to physically join in.



Mid-February, we had our Central Council meeting and that evening celebrated Past Grand President Vince Piro with a Testimonial in Merced. Denise Antonowicz did a beautiful job with the planning and execution of the event. Leonard Zasoski, Jr. MC'd, sister Debbie Piro talked about life with Vince and Vince's wife Robyn with her kitchen crew cooked a delicious dinner. The best part of the day for me was my dear friend Kathy made the trip with me, much to everyone's surprise and delight. Kathy is improving daily, there are aches and pains, a lot of physical therapy and there will be for a while, but she is pushing through everything with an amazing outlook on life.

On behalf of Central Council and ICF members, I thank Deacon Karl for volunteering to serve as Guest Spiritual Director for the past few months. We welcome Father Christopher Bennett to the role of ICF Spiritual Director in May and we look forward to being enlightened by his guiding message



Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of March 10, 2022)

Branch 352

Branch 449

John and Terry Giannetto



San Mateo District's Annual Chaplain's Night 2013 with Branch Chaplains, Branch Presidents and Central Council Members in attendance.

Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi
Grand President

HAPPY SPRING!!!

This past weekend, I went to a birthday/retirement party for our Past Grand President and my friend Bob Basuino given by his wonderful children.



The event was a feast for the eyes and the stomach. One room had a charcuterie 6 foot by 3 foot table. What a masterpiece, with paths of many yummy cold cuts, cheeses, crackers, fruits, olives and anything else you could think of. Graced on the two back corners were a baked brie and meatballs. The dining room hosted the sweets table with delicious homemade delights. The cucidata (Fig cookies) were excellent. Bob informed me it was the recipe I shared in the November 2017 *Bollettino* (Made me proud). But like all cooks he put his touch and added dried cherries and raisins...a great addition to the recipe.

Another must have recipe for your holidays, or any day for that matter, were the cannoli cookies. Bob gave me a few at Christmas time with the recipe. I was saving it (the recipe not the cookies) to share this Christmas with you, but I can't wait. And if you are wondering, they get two thumbs up from my nephew Tony!

Cannoli Cookies

COOKIE DOUGH INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup unsalted pistachios
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 ¼ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 8 ounces whole milk ricotta, at room temperature
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips

GLAZE:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk, plus more as needed
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

DECORATIONS:

- Crushed pistachios
- Candied cherries, variety of colors

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a food processor, put the pistachios and chop until coarsely chopped, 15-20 seconds. Transfer to a small bowl; set aside.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
4. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the granulated sugar, butter, vanilla, cinnamon and orange zest. Beat for about 5 minutes on medium-high speed until fluffy.
5. Add the egg and ricotta. Beat again on medium-high speed to combine.



6. Add the dry ingredients, a little at a time and beat on medium-high speed until a dough forms. Mix in the pistachios and chocolate chips.
7. Using a Tablespoon, take a piece of the dough and roll into balls. Place 2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheet.
8. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. The bottoms of the cookies should be slightly brown. Cool completely before glazing. Makes about 48 cookies.
9. To make the glaze: in a medium bowl, mix together the confectioners' sugar, milk and vanilla until a smooth glaze forms. Add less milk for a thicker glaze or more milk for a thinner glaze. Spoon the glaze over the cookies and decorate with chopped pistachios and candied cherries, as desired.

I might even consider adding chopped candied fruit to give it the nice flecks of color. A lot of great flavors going on in this cookie. Enjoy!

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.

HAPPY EASTER!!!
Buon Appetito!

Italian Catholic Federation

2022 Central Council Election

The Central Council is the governing body of the organization.

Members keep the Catholic spirit intact and assure the integrity and continuance of the Federation.



Expand your commitment to the ICF as a Central Council Member. Candidacy is open to Members in all Branches. The age cap has been eliminated and it is no longer required to be a Convention Delegate to run.

Campaign Process:

- Submit your candidate application, Bollettino entry and a headshot photo to the ICF office by August 1. (Firm deadline)
- Optional full page yearbook ad is due to the office by July 1. (See yearbook information).
- One poster (maximum size 24 X 36) may be displayed in the designated area.
- Each candidate will be provided with one table at "Meet the Candidates." In lieu of hospitality rooms, this is your sole campaign area at the hotel to utilize if you wish to distribute flyers and campaign favors. Food and beverage related favors (including candy) are not permitted in our hotel contract. You may decorate your table avoiding balloons or confetti. Candidates are responsible for table cleanup following the Friday night festivities.
- To maintain fairness, campaigning is not permitted during registration, sessions, activities, on the ICF Facebook page, or in the Bollettino (other than your candidate entry).
- Campaign speeches will be held during the Saturday session - two minutes per candidate.

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

- Honor the ICF By-laws, Rituals and Central Council Statutes.
- Attend Central Council meetings and the annual convention. Travel is reimbursed.
- Serve and participate on the Central Council committees to which you are appointed by the Grand President.
- Support and promote all ICF programs.
- Inform the ICF office of any serious problem pertaining to the Branches and Districts throughout the Federation.
- Serve as a Special Representative at events at the request of the Grand President.
- Attend your Branch and District meetings, providing leadership as needed and assisting with ICF protocol.
- Keep lines of communication open between Branches, Districts and the Central Council.



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

I, _____ / _____
Name City/State
wish to be a Candidate for Membership to the Central Council.

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

Signature of Candidate Date

Signature of Branch President Date
(or alternate) submitting the name of
the above Candidate for nomination.

This nomination application is to be postmarked by August 1st, 2022. Email and fax are also acceptable submission methods.

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the Bollettino Editor by August 1st. Email admin@icf.org and editor@icf.org. Submissions should include a clear photo.

Note:

Candidates should wear proper business attire at all convention business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.

For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director, Rose McNeal at (925) 381-4709.

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary
Scholarship Fund Donations*

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Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Br. 45
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Elvia Balatti	Officers/Members of Br. 161
Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli	Officers/Members of Br. 10

GET WELL WISHES:
Tilly Spagnolo Jim and Janice Jones

THANK YOU TO OUR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT:
Vince Piro Mike and Marcie Rossi

WELCOME TO OUR I.C.F. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:
Reverend Chris Bennett Joan and Jerry Delfino

IN HONOR OF:
Regina Coeli Br. 6 Current Members Officers/Members of Br. 6

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY:
Bob Basuino Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr.
Bob Basuino Aldine Grisenti
Bob Basuino Marie Mungai

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT:
Bob Basuino Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr.
Bob Basuino Marie Mungai

*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.



In Loving Memory (Report as of March 10, 2022)

Barbara Ferguson	Branch 007	Antonina Prestifilippo	Branch 139
Mary L Pagni	Branch 014	Robert R Mc Allister	Branch 154
Jean M Seeba	Branch 031	Eugenia E Traverso	Branch 154
Evelyn Nieto	Branch 032	John B Campanile	Branch 173
Loretta J Peters	Branch 054	John P Rocchio	Branch 184
Rose M Lavezzo	Branch 127	Richard Grimes	Branch 432
Alice M Indelicato	Branch 139		

Gifts of Love Donations (Report as of March 10, 2022)

The Delfino Family Crab Feed Officers/Members of Br. 218 In Memory of Phillip Gargano Marc, Kelly and Madeleine Teglia In Memory of Leonore Armanino Kelly, Marc and Madeleine Teglia In Memory of Antoinette Fraschieri Joan Delfino In Honor of the 70th Birthday of Bob Basuino	Joan and Jerry Delfino In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Harold Fuentes Joan and Jerry Delfino In Honor of the 96th Birthday of Bob Osorio
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Noi Vogliam Dio

Noi Vogliam Dio, ch'Ei ci protegga
Ch'Egli ci guida sul boun sentier,
Se nella lotta Ei ci sorrega,
Sara' del male vintoil poter.

Sorge da queste squadre-il grido della fe'
Noi vogliam Dio, che'e' nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Re
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e'nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Re.

In questa terra libera e forte
Portiamo il fervido nostro vigor.
Pronti a difender, nobil coorte
Di Cristo il nome che chi sta cuor

Sorge da queste squadre-il grido della fe'
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio ch'e' nostro Re
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Padre
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'e' nostro Re



Br. 28 reminds members of the Official Italian Catholic Federation song sung during the installation of officers.

Welcome to New Members (Received as of March 10, 2022)

Cindi Erickson	Branch 014	Ford C Mills	Branch 209
James A Areias	Branch 031	Edward J Miranda	Branch 332
Janice M Areias	Branch 031	Donald M Torre	Branch 332
Catherine M Bertao	Branch 031	Michelle M Torre	Branch 332
James J Bertao	Branch 031	Joan Benson	Branch 352
Debbie Izoco	Branch 031	Heba Rayan	Branch 352
Mitch Izoco	Branch 031	Joseph A Cavazos	Branch 362
Nate D Marciochi	Branch 031	Michael Iacovitti	Branch 362
Palmer Post	Branch 031	Rosie Sapia	Branch 362
Diane Johnson	Branch 033	Roberta C Williams	Branch 391
Ron Johnson	Branch 033	Mary Amitrano	Branch 392
David R Mask	Branch 033	David Fuller	Branch 432
Donna T Mask	Branch 033	Carlos Galvis	Branch 432
Linda A Salles	Branch 039	Margarita Galvis	Branch 432
Rick L Castelanelli	Branch 082	Eleanor B Valenti	Branch 432
Margaret A Foley	Branch 082	Michael F Valenti	Branch 432
Ana C Di Leva	Branch 115	Luci Fisher	Branch 438
John M Dimond	Branch 115	Sally M Fong	Branch 438
Michelle Downes	Branch 115	Irene Perez	Branch 438
Louise M Garcia	Branch 115	Dorothy L Flores	Branch 443
Filomena Peyton	Branch 115	Joan Gomes	Branch 443
Carmen Uzeta	Branch 115	Frances Hokanson	Branch 443
Wilmoth C Harmon	Branch 139	Martha Morales	Branch 443
Donna L Cornejo	Branch 179	Lee E Olson	Branch 443
Ron D Cornejo	Branch 179	Mary K Olson	Branch 443
Thomas A Kelly	Branch 179	Dr Art Saenz	Branch 443
Marianne E Nicosia	Branch 179	Diane Zorick	Branch 443
Jennifer Klem-Myers	Branch 184	Mark Zorick	Branch 443
Dolores A Tesconi	Branch 198		

Book Review: *Biographies of Mother Cabrini*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, a co-patron saint of the Italian Catholic Federation, was born in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano in the province of Lombardy, northern Italy, on July 15, 1850. She was a major benefactor for Italian immigrants in the U.S.



By the time of her death in 1917, Mother Cabrini had established 67 schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the U.S., South

America and Europe, and her order numbered in the thousands.

She is the first naturalized US citizen to be declared a saint (July 7, 1946).

There are several biographies and novels of her interesting and inspiring life. However, many of them are out of print or in limited printings. (Check amazon.com for many titles.) Here are a few titles still in print along with the publisher's description.

Immigrant Saint
Prentice Hall (original publisher)
Literary Licensing, LLC
(October 15, 2011)
By Pietro Di Donato

To this day, Di Donato's 1960 *Immigrant Saint* is the historically accurate, definitive biography of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini), the only American Saint in the Catholic Church (born and raised in Italy - naturalized an American citizen in 1909). Since its publication, *Immigrant Saint* has



long been a reader's classic combining fast-paced, factual journalism with soaring, breathtakingly beautiful and poetic prose.

Di Donato is the author of *Christ in Concrete*, a classic Italian-American novel about the immigrant experience.

God's Messenger: The Astounding Achievements of Mother Frances X. Cabrini: A Novel Based on the Life of Mother Cabrini
Barbera Foundation
(January 11, 2018)

by Nicole Gregory

Children were her life, and God's messenger Mother Frances X. Cabrini dedicated her entire life to caring for poor Italian immigrants who sought refuge in the slums of New York City in the early 1890s. A devout champion of education and proper health care for the poverty-stricken, Cabrini forged a path of survival for young children by building schools, orphanages, and hospitals—not only in the United States, but also throughout Europe and Central and South America. With an acumen for business and a desire to help, Mother Cabrini chiseled away at a problem others refused to see. Years after her death, Mother Cabrini was named Patron Saint of Immigrants because of her unwavering work for those who needed her.



Mother Cabrini: Missionary to the World (Vision Books)
Ignatius Press (August 1, 1997)
by John Lawn and Frances Parkinson Keyes
Illustrated

In 1946, Francesca Cabrini was canonized as the first saint of the United

States. This *Vision* book for 9 to 15-year-olds tells the exciting story of this missionary from Italy who came to America to spread the Faith. She founded a new order of nuns, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, to teach the Faith and work with the poor in our country. She was a tireless missionary who crossed the ocean 37 times to expand her order across the world to France, England, Spain; in Central and South America; in the United States from coast to coast including New York, New Orleans, Denver, Seattle (where she took the oath of U.S. citizenship) and Chicago, where she died in 1917, a saint of our time.



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini: Cecchina's Dream (Encounter the Saints, 20)
Pauline Books & Media
(June 1, 2005)

by Victoria Dority and Mary Lou Andes, Barbara Kiwak (Illustrator)

Here is the inspiring story of Mother Cabrini. The first American citizen to be declared a saint. As a child growing up in Italy, she dreamed of one day becoming a missionary. But how—and where—God's plan for her finally came about was a surprise, even to her! Written with authority by two sisters of the Order Mother Cabrini founded, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, this exciting book will introduce children to one of our most beloved American saints.



Message of the Holy Father Pope Francis for Lent 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all”. (Gal 6:9-10)



Mother Cabrini Shrine

Carmelo Sabatella, LAADC Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee

MAY YOU ALL HAVE

A HAPPY EASTER

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

The Mother Cabrini Committee is currently discussing a joint Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon with Saint Francis Xavier Church on Sunday, November 13, 2022 in celebration of the 75TH Anniversary of the Feast of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Please let me know if you can join us in this once-in-a-lifetime event. This will be the first time ICF and SFXC will co-host this celebration together.



SAVE THE DATE

Exhibit 2022 “Woven Lives: Exploring Women’s Needlework from the Italian Diaspora” Exhibit hosted by the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles now open through October 2022. Several items from the Mother Cabrini Chapel collection are on display at IAMLA. Please visit this Exhibit and email me your comments.



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,
ALA, President
ICF LAADC
Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
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Exploring Genealogy--Part Two

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson

Grand 1st Vice President

Here we go. Here's part two of this three-part series. Just a side note: I received a call from Anthony Alioto, a member of Novato's branch, who gave me some insight into what else can be done to find out about your



family history in Italy. He mentioned to me that a lot of times our ancestor left Italy and property that they owned. This property has never been claimed.

The children of emigrants may still be able to reclaim their ancestor's property according to Italian Succession law and a partial list of Unclaimed Properties is available. So, check it out. Who knows, you may own property in Italy. The following is one web-site you can check: www.mytalianfamily.com/resource-center/finding-family-property-italy.

Do I really want to get involved with a genealogy project?

The very first decision when getting involved with a genealogy project can be the hardest. It can be a balancing act where you could either end up flat on your face or be off to a good start. This decision is to actually determine if you are willing and able to expend the time, energy, and resources needed to achieve your goals. The time spent and the costs involved could potentially get out of hand but by setting your goals correctly they are much easier to keep under control.

To get ready for the first step start out slowly by doing a little crawling first. Since you are the one that sets those goals, you first need to know what some of the objectives are that you could create for yourself. Do not set yourself up to fail. It is better to

start off with smaller goals which you can change over time rather than to be going at full speed when you hit your first brick wall (it happens to everyone). The resulting decisions after your first setback could be that this was a stupid idea and may lead to you quitting altogether or you could end up overwhelmed by tons of data and end up burning out prematurely. To survive long term, you just have to keep everything in the correct perspective. If you decide to pursue your family history research, there are two critical items (which are described below) that you should address as soon as possible. After that you can take all the time in the world to set appropriate objectives and readjust your goals as necessary.

What goals can be set when starting a family history?

The very first goal can be one of the easiest, one of the most rewarding, and is actually the most important. The first step is a **critical** step because time is running out and you may only have a short window of opportunity to complete this step. Preserving memories, documents, and photographs has to be your number one priority. All the other goals can be slowly and progressively added as you become more and more interested and confident when researching your family's history. It is important to remember that this endeavor can take the form of a pastime, hobby, a passion, a calling, a vocation, a career, or a legacy and if kept in the correct perspective it can be quite rewarding. Once the **critical** steps are taken care of, you can relax and enjoy your new endeavors.

Even though the natural urge when starting a genealogy project is to jump right in and start collecting names of as many ancestors as possible, **you should somewhat resist this urge**. It can become very addictive and getting those names identified, collected, and organized in a website like familysearch.org or a software program can start to consume much more of your

time than you anticipated and this also has the disadvantage of obscuring an important issue.

An alternative approach when starting out is to initially record your ancestors back only 2 to 4 generations and then record all the descendants from each of those identified names. The next step is to identify those people who are still living and try to contact as many as possible. Your aim is to collect as many copies as possible of documents/photos and record their memories while these people and objects are still available. Remember that people do not live forever, that memories are fragile and can be forgotten, and that documents and photos may get destroyed or passed on to someone else so that you may never see them again.

Searching through the online data for information back 5 to 10 generations may seem to be the appropriate goal and in and of itself may feel rewarding but what happens later when you say to yourself that I wish I had talked to my Aunt before she passed away or that I wished I sat down with my Uncle before he started losing his memory. Set your first objective to be one where you collect as much of

the available information (documents, photos, and memories) while you still can. The online information is interesting and valuable, but you have to remember that the same information will still be there months or years from now and there may be more information that is available the longer you wait. That data is not a time sensitive issue so it should have a lower priority while talking with those that may not be around later or recording information that may soon be forgotten should be the highest priority. This perishable information may actually hold the clues that make it possible to find the 10 generations in the first place. Setting the right priorities will give you the best chance at success.

Lots of information and things to do but remember this is not an end of our stories but the beginning of an adventure. An adventure that might take years to complete but, in the end, you will have a valuable story to share. So next month we'll go into collecting and storing documents and photos and learn how to build a small network of family and distant cousins to collaborate with.



Gifts of Love Program Next Review of Applications Occurs in June, 2022

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are wishing everyone the Peace and Joy of Easter and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in June. 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. 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.

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 Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org.

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

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

*God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand*

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Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, KLJ, MME, Grand Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2022. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee

for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary, revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original bylaw followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale

for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are un-constitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point, the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Grand Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention, the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention, the adopted bylaw change is immediately effective.

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

By now you should have received the Italian dinner invitation which will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. If you did not receive the invitation, please contact President Vic Arnaudo at 650-755-1369. We hope you can join us for dinner!

Happy Easter to all Branch 1 Members and their Families!
Kind regards
Diana Cresci

San Francisco
St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Buona Pasqua to all of our members and their families.

To those of our members celebrating a birthday in April—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please stay well. We love all of you and miss you!!

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO District

Colma
Br. 19, San Vincenzo De Paoli

With the Easter upcoming, we look to a new beginning of our branch.

We are just starting to hold meetings and like Jesus gathering his disciples, we are slowly gathering our members back together.

I’m grateful for the advice from our Grand President, Deborah Rodondi and in helping me organize our communications with the branch members.

We had a meeting in February at my house for all the members that could make it and voted to give a first year ICF scholarship.

In April we will be having a “Soup Night and Night of Reflection” date to be determined.

We are currently limited to our

members only at events at the Parish. We hopefully will be up and running more events in the future.

May each one of you have a Blessed Easter.
Donald Simon -Branch President

Burlingame
Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are happy to report we can now resume our monthly meetings starting on Thursday, March 10th. The St. Joseph Table and potluck dinner will usher in our first meeting as we look forward to a healthy 2022.

We are working on our two main events for 2022: Pedro Tournament held at O.L.A. gym on 4-23-22, 5 games of 8 hands each. Buy in is \$40.00 which includes Lunch – (Lunch only \$15) PEDRO TOUR-NAMENT begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Emails will be sent out to those who are interested. Payments should be sent to Dorene Campanile, 1620 Howard Ave., Burlingame. CA 94010. Deadline: 4/16/2022

Our 2nd major event will be the Ravioli Dinner on June 26, 2022, so stay tuned for details in the following months.

For March we are not only honoring St. Joseph but also St. Patrick as we can't forget the Irish!

Please continue to pray for the sick in our Branch and those in other branches along with the people in Ukraine. Members: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager, Kathy Trevisco & Family from Branch 19 and Roberta Franchini from Branch 213.

God Bless,
Roz Emery

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
3/1	Jerry Delfino	368	San Jose, CA	\$50
3/2	Antone Chicca	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
3/3	Mary Krouse		Diablo, CA	\$30
3/4	Deborah Rodondi	19	So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/5	Brian James		San Carlos, CA	\$30
3/6	Rina Austin	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
3/7	Judy & Dave Wellbeloved	285	Klamath Falls, OR	\$30
3/8	The Michael Cordich Family		Glendora, CA	\$30
3/9	Fr. Tom Czeck		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
3/10	Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger		Tucson, AZ	\$30
3/11	May Fraga		Fresno, CA	\$30
3/12	Sacred Heart Church		Fresno, CA	\$30
3/13	Most Reverend Jaime Soto		Sacramento, CA	\$30
3/14	Steve Mariorenzi	237	Carson, CA	\$30
3/15	Sam Taylor		Chico, CA	\$30
3/16	Yvonne Farrington	214	Concord, CA	\$30
3/17	Cookie Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$50
3/18	Yomaira Arreola		Modesto, CA	\$30
3/19	Christina Orofino	111	Montebello, CA	\$50
3/20	Connie Gatto	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
3/21	Pat Martinelli	82	Lodi, CA	\$30
3/22	Wendell Barnes	413	Angels Camp, CA	\$30
3/23	Mark & Robyn Garibaldi		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
3/24	Art & Suzanne Dykzeul	390	Ripon, CA	\$30
3/25	Gloria Cardelli		San Mateo, CA	\$30
3/26	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
3/27	Eva Perata	258	San Francisco, CA	\$30
3/28	Ken & Audrey DeFrank		Grand Island, NE	\$30
3/29	Tom Myers	368	San Jose, CA	\$30
3/30	Lorraine D’Elia	213	Daly City, CA	\$30
3/31	Vincenzo Veneziano	111	Montebello, CA	\$30
SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG				



Millbrae
Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao and happy Easter!! We hope that you have plans to get together with your family in safety and love. Our numbers of infections are currently low so let us pray that any new variants are of little consequence and do not throw a monkey wrench into our plans.

As of our submission deadline, we have not yet selected the winner of our "Ossobuco Dinner for Two" drawing. That happens this weekend. But our members have been quite enthusiastic in their response: some have entered multiple times! This is very encouraging considering that we haven't met since March 2020. My sincere thanks to everyone who participated.

We have decided to do an in-person meal/meeting event, consisting of KFC, desert, and wine. It is scheduled for NOON on Saturday, June 4, 2022 on the Parish Hall patio adjacent to the kitchen. As

Saturday is not our usual day for meetings, I am letting everyone know well in advance. This will give us a chance to gather in a safe & familiar environment. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

We pray that all ICF Members stay healthy and have plenty of support. Let us also pray for the people of Ukraine who are facing desperate times, and for their brave fighters in their darkest hour. And, who knew that the president of a nation would actually stay in his country and fight these days? Famous words: "I need weapons, not a taxi!"

Ciao a tutti!
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary

MARIN

Larkspur
Br. 161, St. James

Our deepest condolences to the family of Elvira Balatti who passed away on February 23. She was a member of our branch for over 30 years. Always with a smile on her face, she will be missed by all.

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues.

As Lent draws to an end, we look forward to the celebration of the Easter season and the new beginning that it represents.

April Happy Birthday wishes to Sylvia Gardin-Fredrick.

Wishing all of you the peace of the Easter season and continued good health. Hope to get together soon in the meantime stay well.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.
Buona Pasqua a tutti!
Ciao,
Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary

Novato
Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

It is such a blessing and joy that we are able to meet once again. After being sidelined in January and February, our Branch was ready to welcome back our members, and enjoy the wonderful camaraderie of our ICF family.

Both the March and April dinners were well attended. We honored our Dads for the Feast of St. Joseph, and the Easter Bunny brought eggs filled with surprises in April. It was a pleasure to acknowledge all of our guests celebrating their birthdays in January, February, and March, a total of 29, with most in attendance.

We are especially happy to announce that our Branch voted to contribute a First Year ICF Scholarship, and to make a donation to the International Rescue Committee through the Ukrainian Consulate to assist with the humanitarian crisis in that country. Thank you to all our members, who always respond with amazing generosity and concern for our community and beyond.

Auguriamo a Tutti una Felicissima Pasqua! Happy Easter to All!

LOS ANGELES
ARCHDIOCESE
District Council

Hello! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of the year. Lent is winding down and we are moving into Holy Week.

Last month some of us from the Central Council attended the Religious Education Congress, as the ICF once again had a booth there. There was plenty of networking and visiting with the thousands of other Catholics from around the area and the country. Let's hope that this event will bring more exposure, members and even a few new branches to the federation.

Another event was our district installation. Thank you to St. Raymond parish for hosting, as well as to the caterer, Park Place Catering for the great food, and thank you to all of our district members who took out of their Sunday to make the trip out and celebrate.

We will be having a district wide general meeting soon, all of the info will be going out soon on when, where and time

I would like to wish all of you a very Blessed Easter.

Perry Shurko, District President.



Branch 332 Birthday Honorees - Buon Compleanno

Los Angeles

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Buona Pasqua a te alla tua famiglia!

Happy Easter to you and your family!

NBr 67 member Francesca Taylor visited the hometown of Mother Cabrini in Codugno Italy earlier this year and returned with a tablecloth and napkins originally fabricated by and utilized by Mother Cabrini and Her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the early 1900s until her death in 1917. The above tablecloth and 12 napkin service will be available for viewing at the Mother Cabrini Chapel Open Houses in Burbank on June 12th and September 11th from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

CF National Branch 67 is a virtual branch that reaches out to members and non members who do not have an ICF in their area and would like to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

Visit ICF.org and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at ICFNationalBranch67.org and complete the application process.

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

Please keep 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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SAVE THE DATE*



Members Francesca Taylor and Eugene Salandra are working on a special musical program at St Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. For more information, please call 626 372-7812.



South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

Happy Easter to You And Your Family!

The ICF Branch 108 18th Annual Wine Tasting Event was held on February 26,

2022 and was live-streamed with minimum in-person contact; A first for Branch 108. Members and parishioners joined the event by purchasing

tickets, picking up their Charcuterie package and Raffle Tickets and joined the 18th Annual Wine Tasting Experience at home via Live Stream and Zoom. Participants were introduced to the wines by Vintners who shared their experience, process, and contents of each of the wines sampled. Congratulations and thank you to Co-Chairs ICF Members Christy and Gina who were the Master of Ceremonies of the event. Thank you also to Vintners from Keystone Winery, Vitale Vineyards, PNP International Wine Tasting Experience, Violinist and Mandolinist from Ted Falcon

Music, Donors from 3rd Generation Antiques for the Wine Dunker Biscottis, D'Aquino Wine Imports for Raffle Items and the ICF Wine Tasting Event Committee members who decorated, staffed and volunteered their support for this event again this year. Thank you also for Holy Family Church Technical advisors who provided production, direction, sound, lighting and camera support throughout this event. Thank you all for making this a very well received and successful event.

SAVE THE DATE

Woven Lives Exhibit: "Exploring Women's Needlework from the Italian Diaspora." Now open at the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles through October 2022.

We continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of the present crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former members, family members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

*Keep safe and stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA,
Past President
ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812*



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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

Review the five award opportunities and complete the application. There is one shared application available for all categories. The deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is May 1. Previous year's nominations are eligible for resubmission.

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

The highest award bestowed by the I.C.F. is presented at the Saturday Night Convention Banquet. The recipient may be of any religious denomination and shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors 2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man 3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities. A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award at the Saturday night banquet. A \$1000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award will be presented during the Sunday General Session to an outstanding lay member of the Federation. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

The I.C.F. Family of the Year is recognized during the Saturday General Session. This award honors an I.C.F. Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A \$500 donation will be made to the family's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a member (39 years or younger) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and possesses the enthusiasm, talent, energy and vision to become a leader who will guide the Federation in the decades ahead. The recipient will receive this award during the Saturday General Session. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's I.C.F. charitable program of choice.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nomination Year: 20____

Award:

- ____ Pope Saint John XXIII
- ____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
- ____ Grand President's
- ____ Family of the Year
- ____ Young Adult Leadership

Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Please include with this application:

- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #/City: _____

For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

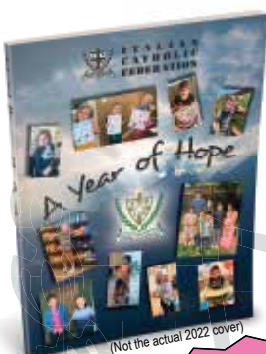
Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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Statement of Endorsement:



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2022 Yearbook

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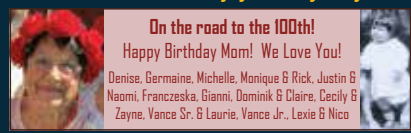
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On the road to the 100th!
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Successful Entry Tips

- Create a NEW entry this year
- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use COLOR in your entry
- Submit Celebration entries for your members and their achievements

You Need COLOR!

The full-page entry for Branch 111 looks great in the 2021 book! (See page 67.)

So much more impactful than black and white would have been.

Please consider color for impact.

The ICF Convention Yearbook is:

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no later than **June 17, 2022**

BOXED LUNCHES

Costeaux gourmet boxed lunches include a delicious sandwich, sweet treat, seasonal fruit salad, kettle chips, along with mayonnaise and mustard on the side. Bottled water is also included.

SALAMI

Ciabatta roll, dry salami, house made pesto, tomato, lettuce, jarlsburg cheese

Quantity: _____

TURKEY

Croissant, roasted turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato

Quantity: _____

VEGETABLE

Multigrain roll, grilled vegetables, roasted red bell pepper, goat cheese, house made pesto, lettuce, tomato

Quantity: _____



Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address, City, State & Zip _____

Phone#: _____

Number of Guests Antiquing @ \$25 per person _____ Total: _____

Number of Guests Wine Tasting @ \$65 per person _____ Total: _____

Information (Flyers, Forms, Contracts, etc.) on the Convention Yearbook has been sent to the Branch and District Presidents.

Montebello

Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table!

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer Phillip Pace Jr. scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other ICF charities.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, April 24, 2022—the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. Come and join us for this special mass!

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A Presto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Buona Pasqua a tutti! Happy Easter! We hope all our members are doing well and are looking forward to spring and summer activities.

Thank you to all who attended mass in honor of St John Joseph of the Cross on March 5th. It was so nice to see everyone.

There is still room available on our fundraiser trip to Laughlin. Join us for 2 NITE stay at the Aquarius Casino May 1st returning on May 3rd. \$165 double occupancy

\$225 single occupancy. Please call Pauline Iacono for reservation 310 832-0563

Mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco will be held on Saturday May 7th at 5:15 p.m. mass. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Lady.



Br. 111 - February Meeting & Dinner



Br. 111 - February Meeting & Dinner



Br. 111 - Officer's Installation



Br. 111 Birthdays- Frank & Francesca



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross. A mass took place on March 5, 2022 in his honor followed with an outdoor reception. St. John Joseph of the Cross was born in Ischia, Italy on August 15, 1654 and died on March 5, 1734. Many branch members trace their roots to Ischia. [See more branch photos on the next page.]

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Rosa Curci. Rosa joined our branch in 2011. She will be missed.

Save the date! Our annual Parish Fiesta will be held on Friday July 15th thru Sunday July 17th Our branch will host the meatball and sausage sandwich and pizza booth. Volunteers will be needed.

Thank you to all who have paid this year's dues. Dues payment can be brought to next general meeting or mailed to Pauline Iacono 1072 w 8th St San Pedro CA 90731

Please attend our next general meeting on April 21st at 7:30 p.m. in parish center.

Please pray for all our members who are ill, deceased and in need.

Anita Trujillo, Treasurer



San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the feast of St. John Joseph of the Cross.

Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

For our February meeting, Branch 179 hosted St. Dorothy's seminarian Tommy Green for an informal evening regarding his road to the priesthood. It was a huge success. There were approximately 100 people in attendance, including our confirmation class, and parishioners from Tommy's current parish assignment at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Rowland Heights.

Our ministry was extremely proud to be serving so many in its mission and charitable workings. The branch costs for sponsoring this program were minimal in comparison to the positive impact made as an active ministry at St. Dorothy Church. Nothing but positive comments were received; and we hope there will be new members as several were interested in joining.



Br. 179, Seminarian Tommy Green



Branch 179 Members with Tommy



Pictured L to R. Sentinel Raul Acevedo, Leila Acevedo, Emy Mannarelli, Branch President Mark Mannarelli, Second Vice President Diane Restivo, and Immediate Past President Al Restivo

Claremont Br. 319, Our Lady of the Assumption

Happy "Hoppy" Easter

March was eventful for all.

On the 6th we had a non-traditional installation at St Raymond's, mass and lunch...many branches are still slowly getting going so there were not all the officers present. We congratulate the incoming officers that were there.

On Mar. 18-20 was the Congress in Anaheim. The ICF was there with an information booth manned by CC members and local district officers. That weekend was also the St. Joseph's Tables. Many branches were having them. Ours was just for food and cash donations this year, more traditional next year.

The church is starting our 75th Anniversary in March to go thru October ending with the Fiesta. More fun activities to follow.

*Keep safe and God Bless you all.
Andrea Linn, Pres*

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello and Happy Spring to you all. It's so nice to be able to gather together again. Last month we celebrated St. Joseph Day with an impromptu altar. We displayed St. Joseph in the church and decorated around him with flowers and other traditional decor. We

also collected donations and handed out fava beans. All of the proceeds went to providing scholarships for our St. Raymond 8th graders who need it the most.

St. Raymond played host to the L.A. district installation mass and luncheon. About 80 members gathered to celebrate and get installed. Our pastor, Fr. Sam Ward celebrated mass and led us in our opening prayer.

Bingo is back! We will be having bingo again. Please join us on Sunday April 24th at 12:30 p.m. for a pasta lunch with bingo right after. Tickets are \$20 and that includes lunch and bingo.

This year our branch will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in the ICF. Plans are under way for our big celebration

We had 2 lucky winners from our branch in the calendar raffle. Alice Rose in January and Chuck Gugliuza in February — congratulations!

Convention raffle tickets have gone out. Remember that for every book of tickets sold, we get to keep \$10.

Our April branch meeting will be on Thursday April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick room, I hope to see you all there.

At this time, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Blessed, Joyous and Happy Easter. Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia! He is Risen.

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

Branch 374 representatives attend LA District Annual Installation of Officers Mass and Luncheon held at St. Raymond Church in Downey, California.





Branch 446 members at our March meeting at Graziano's Restaurant.

Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 is excited to be back together again with our members. We had a Sunday afternoon get together on March 6th and we are planning two more on April 3rd and May 15th.

We had a very successful cannoli sale on March 20th in lieu of our annual St. Joseph's Day dinner and we may hold another one close to Mother's Day. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 3 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone continue to pray for all of our members.

God bless.



Br. 446, Sentinel Anny Reyna welcomes recently installed members Martha and Carlo Galeazzi.

it simple for this year. Prayerfully and hopefully, we will have a grander event in 2023!

SAN BERNARDINO

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Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Prior to 2020, the Diocese of San Bernardino allowed our branch to meet in the classrooms at our home parish site. Until we receive permission to return, we are holding our monthly meetings at various Italian restaurants in the area.

In March, we welcomed two new members: Martha and Carlo Galeazzi during a luncheon meeting at Graziano's Restaurant. We were happy to welcome our District President, John Guerin, once again. We discussed our plans for our first Saint Joseph's Day table. Branch members committed to baking over 60 dozen cookies for our event! Our table will have a 5-foot-tall statue of Saint Joseph that we will surround with flowers. Additional tables positioned in the shape of a cross will hold all our baked items for sale. We have 1,000 Saint Joseph holy cards to distribute for free to all the parishioners who visit our table. Because this is our first time creating the Saint Joseph Table, we will keep

Oakland

East Bay District Council

We had our first live District Meeting the last day of Feb., hosted by Br. 10; it was so nice to see each other live, and thanks to Br. 10, to enjoy treats and companionship.

Each branch present reported on fundraisers they are planning and ways to try to retain membership. Some are things we enjoyed in the past and some are new, come check them out. There was also interest shown in reviving our quarterly Mass and a contact was set up for this.

The downside of the meeting was that we had to postpone our Polenta Fund Raiser until the fall; we are looking at Oct. possibly Heritage weekend. This could be the start of a celebration of Columbus Day or Italian "heroes" of the ICF.

During the remainder of Lent let us keep in mind those less fortunate than us and pray them.

*A Blessed and Happy Easter to All.
Pat Grasso, District Sec.*

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We are about to wind up our very popular Fish Fry Dinners, which have been conducted on Friday evenings at Saint Philip Neri Church following Stations of the Cross. A total of 75 drive-through guests were served on Friday, March 4. We were unable to conduct the dinners in 2021 because of the pandemic.

We are looking forward to three more of our annual events. We hope to celebrate our 96th anniversary as a branch with a dinner on May 14. Information regarding menu and price will follow in the May *Bollettino*. Other functions are a barbecue on Saturday, July 16 and our ravioli dinner on Saturday, October 15.

We voted at our March 3 meeting to donate \$100.00 in memory of Monsignor Cardelli to the Providenza Fund. Sir Luigi was a long-time member of our sponsoring parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great. James McGee, our president in 1985 and again in 2021, mowed the Providenza lawn as a teenager.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*

Fremont

Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy April!

I hope your Lenten journey has been blessed and fruitful. Have a wonderful and blessed Easter!

A big thank you to our super branch mentor, Dave Madej, for your guidance, encouragement and support!

Also, thanks to everyone who helped out and who purchased dinners at our drive-through tortellini dinner on April 2nd! It was great seeing everyone!

Please join us for our Branch 215 Bingo Luncheon on Thursday, June 23rd! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall!

We will be sending out more information in the coming months. (Call President Fran at 510-887-1509 for more info...)

Also, our branch is working to hold another restaurant fundraiser, this time at the delicious Strizzi's Italian restaurant in Fremont! The event will be in July and as we get closer, more information will be available.

*Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President*



Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

At our Carnivale themed social meeting, we enjoyed ourselves by mask making, playing Mardi Gras bingo, great prizes and looking for a baby in a decorated cake. Finding a baby indicates prosperity for the coming year. It was a very popular gathering. Many thanks to Patty, Toni and Virginia.

On March 11th at St. Augustine's Church, members of our Branch led the parish in the Stations of the Cross. It is a time to reflect on the true meaning of Lent.

We had a fun and successful meeting on March 27th. Phil La Scola spoke on the life and music of Frank Sinatra. We had our traditional St. Joseph's table where members contributed non-perishable foods which we donated to St. Vincent DePaul for their Easter baskets for the needy.

On March 30th we had our fundraiser at Sidetrack Restaurant in Pleasanton. They have a wide variety of small plates, sandwiches and salads. It was well attended and very successful.

On April 8th our monthly social meeting will be at St. Charles in Livermore. The Knights are putting on a delicious fish taco meal. What a wonderful way to get together and have a prepared meal.

We are always looking for volunteer opportunities to help out in the churches or in the community.

Prayers and thoughts are with the Ukrainian people in these tumultuous times.

Looking forward to the Holy Triduum and the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

Blessings, Kathleen

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

We have not yet had a live Branch meeting but are working on it. So far via Zoom, we have talked about trying to set up a calendar for what we can do to entice members back to our meetings. Should we change days, times, venues??? These are all things we will need input on from our members. We would like to see more involvement.

In the meantime, we are sad to report the death of two of our members' brothers. Our Pres. Mike Miraglia's brother, Tom's, funeral was held March 5th, thank you to all who attended. We are waiting to find out when our member Al Bronzoni's brother, Larry, will be laid to rest. Larry was well known around the Parish as he was the manager of a local market and supporter of our dinners. May they rest in Peace.



Br 285, Carnivale themed meeting

We encourage all to get their special dates and happenings included on the ICF calendars. These need to be submitted by May 1, 2022; the prices are between \$10.00 for one and \$20.00 for 4. Something to think about.

*May you all have a Blessed and Happy Easter,
Pat Grasso,
Branch Sec.*

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Blessed Easter to all from the Contra Costa District!

Plans are under way for the Oakland Diocese's annual Bishop's Day Mass and Luncheon. Branch 13 Martinez will host this event. The Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Martinez. And the reception will be held at a local hall. Walter Costa is working with the bishop's office to secure the date. More details will be forthcoming.

Please save the date for our next district meeting on Wednesday May 4 at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant party room in Martinez at 7:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend, and we should have at least 2 delegates from each branch. Presidents, have you selected your branch's district representatives yet? There will be a free raffle for all those in attendance.

We extend best wishes to Addie Beppler, one of our District officers who is moving to Southern California. Addie has been devoted to our district for several years. We will miss her and hope she will visit us often. Good luck, Addie!

The ICF membership committee would like to recommend that each branch hold a membership drive this year. Also, remember to put a write up in your parish bulletin from time to time and in neighboring parishes in your area. If your parish has a school, you can send a flyer or brochure home with the students about the ICF.
*Augurando a tutti una buona Pasqua!
Diana Mackinson,
First Vice President
Contra Costa District*

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Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

free·dom: /'frēdəm/ noun

the human right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint; absence of subjection to foreign domination or despotic government.

"An innocent man tortured, murdered, and buried in a tomb. Three days of breathtaking grief. Three days of hopeless silence. Three days of painful waiting. Then, in the pre-dawn hour, a group of mourning friends reach the tomb, and the stone covering it has been pushed to the side and the space emptied. They initially assume their friend's body has been stolen by his executioners, but their despair soon becomes momentary disbelief, and then breathless exhilaration when they are given the news by two strangers—that their beloved friend is among the living. They rush to tell the world the unthinkable news: He is not dead, He has risen!" -Pavlovitz

"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Romans 6:18

As we rejoice over our freedom from sin and death this Easter remembering the actions of the son of God, let us continue to pray fervently for those whose freedoms to live have been compromised and/or forcefully removed by those with no concern for human life. Let us pray for peace in our world especially in Ukraine and Russia.

Branch sponsored blood drive at St. Catherine of Siena, Sunday, May 29, 2022 from 8am to 2pm.

*Ciao for now,
Mary Cook*

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

I think we can all agree with the English Philosopher Bernard Williams who stated, "The day the Lord created Hope was probably the same day he created Spring."

Separated by circumstances we could not control; we've been stuck in a sort of 'social winter' where we missed out on so many opportunities to gather together. Still, during this time, we continued to have hope. This Spring, (and more importantly this Easter season), our hopes again have been realized...

Make Note! May 10th will be our first in-person meeting in what seems like forever. We hope to see you all for 'Taco Tuesday'. We'll serve our famous tacos with all the good stuff and nachos too! Dinner is at 5:30 (\$10.00) with our branch meeting to follow. Father Leo will be having Mass at 5:00, and it would be great if we could fill the pews! (Please try!)

It's with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mary Pagni. Mary was a long-time member and a truly beautiful person. Her kind and inspirational spirit will be greatly missed. Please pray for Mary and her family.

Get well wishes go out to Roni Jimenez who is currently on the mend, and to all of our ailing members, friends, and family.

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, especially Jim Thomas and Crew, and 'The Ladies who Make the Cookies'. You all did a great job!

*Enjoy the gifts of Spring, and Happy Easter to All!
Blessings ~ Helen*

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Members,

Happy Spring to all. Hope this finds everyone happy and healthy.

I would like to thank our members for renewing their memberships for this year. Our financial secretary has informed me that all but one member has renewed. If that comes in, we will be at one hundred percent retention. Please remember to invite your family and friends to join our branch. It is always nice to gain new members. And on that topic, we welcome a new member, Aaron McNeal. He is the new husband of our member Rose-lynn.

I have mailed save the date cards for our next meeting date. And you will receive your invitation in the mail with all the details soon. We will set up carpools. So, Let Patty know if you will need transportation by calling 925 957 6457.

We have an opening for a delegate to represent us at District meetings. The meetings are held in Martinez at the Round Table pizza restaurant party room. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4th at 7 p.m. Let Patty know if you are interested. Guests are always welcome as well.

Be sure to check out what our other branches have coming up. You may wish to attend one of their meetings or events. You can read the information in the *Bollettino*. And unless done, join the ICF Facebook page.

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

*Have a happy and blessed Easter!
Your President and friend,
Patty*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Ciao,

I hope everyone is in good health.

I hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. We are going to have our meeting, but no food is still not allowed. We miss the delicious food prepared by our members.

We are now able to have our monthly meeting indoors which is so nice to be able to see our dear members in person. We had an installation of 6 new members in our branch on February 17th. We welcome our new members. Hopefully we can plan many fundraisers for the year.

Easter is April 17th. How nice we are able to celebrate with family and friends once again on this holy day.

We are looking forward to having our 55th anniversary lunch at Zio Fraeddos on Saturday March 12th. Around 34 members, family and friends are attending. This should be a fun time. Good food, door prize and raffle prizes.

Our annual tea is tentatively scheduled for May 7th. We hope we are able to be allowed to bring food in by this date.

We pray for the victims in Ukraine for this terrible war. Please pray this ends soon,

*Stay safe and healthy.
Buona Pasqua
Norene DeLuca*

Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

Since we have thoroughly enjoyed being back together again, Food seems to be a consistent focus in this Branch. While we recovered from our January Crab Feed coma (the best crab dinner ever - thanks again, all!), we celebrated our February dinner meeting with comfort food – Sausage & Peppers! Chefs Russ & Kyle, with



Br. 352, Kyle Vallone & Russ Belleci, making Sausage & Peppers.

help from Patty & Marsha, had the kitchen humming and a very good time was had by all ~ we even had a few guests become new members!

March rolled in with our celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We moved our meeting to the beginning of the evening, so that all could enjoy dinner, followed by each other's company. Yes, it was corned beef & cabbage, but a little side dish of pesto pasta added to keeping it Green! We've also started to collect members' cities of origin, mapping them to their respective areas of Italy. Be ready for some member-participation activities to come, based on our members' regions represented!

Our "Festa Primavera Family Dinner Dance" will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Bring a friend and plan to join us for another fun-filled event! Dust off those dancing shoes as Ken Cooper's "AKA Trio" is back – and sure to keep us all entertained into the wee hours. The Dinner Menu: antipasti platter, insalata misto, penne marinara and chicken piccata with green beans and dessert. Doors open with Cocktails at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm. Seating is limited. RSVP Deadline is Friday, April 15th. Email marbo2000@yahoo.com for an informational flyer and reservations. Let's pack the room!

While we are very grateful for the freedom we enjoy and the lives we sometimes take for granted, let's continue to pray for peace in our world.

*Ciao,
Branch 352*

Brentwood

Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thank God it looks like we can see the light at the end of the COVID 19 tunnel.

The February Branch 432 meeting was great. We could see the faces of our members for the first time in almost 2 years. Nobody seemed to have gotten any older, because of the stress of all the things we have been going through due to the virus. Thank God.

We almost had 100% of the membership attending this last meeting. Again, we had to put off the dinners, which are part of our regular monthly meetings. But it looks like we may meet, greet and eat together again in March.

We have approved our annual budget though, we had to trim our costs a little. But, with the potential fund raisers we discussed including a Car Show, Candy Sales, Wine Tasting and a Mystery Dinner Theater Show, we may be refilling the coffers again and increase our scholarship awards.

Finely, it looks like thing will be returning to normal!

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Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Our meeting on March 20th, celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph, our patron saint. During the meeting, a video of the history of Bocce ball in Martinez was shown as part of the program. We shared a delicious pot-luck lunch and again welcomed some new members.

The Oakland Diocese Bishop's Day will be held in Martinez, hosted by St. Catherine's Branch. A date has not been decided as of this writing. State attenti per la notizia!

Christ the King Parish will be sponsoring Winter Nights this year during the month of April. Diana, our beloved President, will be sending more details as we get closer to the event. The format will be a little bit different this time because of the pandemic, but nonetheless, your help will be needed for this activity.

In early June, the parish will resume with the long-standing, ever-popular festival. The dates are June 3 and 4. The Salami Toss booth will be sponsored by our branch. Tanto divertimento!

Our Anniversary Dinner will take place in the fall, but a date has yet to be decided. More to come.

Lastly, please sell your convention raffle tickets. Our branch will realize \$10 from each book that is sold.

Hope to see you at the Afternoon Tea on April 30 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

*Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,
Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*



Br. 442, New officers were installed at our meeting.



Br. 442, Members enjoying lunch.



Br. 442, Members enjoying lunch



Br. 442, Our delicious King Cake.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Now that COVID numbers are improving in our area, the Board has been looking forward to and discussing events for our branch. We are excited that we will have the chance to once again meet in person! We are hoping to have an Appreciation Dinner in May and an Appreciation Dinner in June. We would love to see you at ARD Park in July for a picnic and are hoping to have bingo in October. Also, we would love if you would attend our monthly meetings at St. Teresa's on the second Saturday of each month. We would like to have a short program after the meetings and would love as many members as possible to participate.

Convention raffle tickets are now for sale. Each book is \$20 and our branch gets to keep \$10.

Please contact MaryAnn Mikles at (916) 759- 8466 if you would like a to purchase a book.

*Ciao!
Pam Andersen*

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Branch 438 is happy to introduce several new members to our roster. We welcome Carol Younger, Carol Barnett, Peter Gemellaro, Luci Fisher, Eddie Goff and Sally Perez Fong. We're always happy to grow our ICF family.

St. Clare Church recently suffered a small fire, but luckily it was immediately contained, and there was only minor damage to the Church. Unfortunately, the Church has been closed for the clean-up process, so Masses have been moved into the Morris Center. Thank you to Fr. George and Fr. Innocent for officiating over Masses and providing live stream services during this time.

Our February meeting started off with a delicious pot-luck dinner. There was quite a spread and, needless to say, no one went home hungry. Attendees filled out surveys to help improve our monthly meetings. We also reviewed the fundraisers and events coming up later this year.

Our next event is the Soup Supper, which we are hosting on March 18th. ICF members will also lead the prayers for the Stations of the Cross, immediately following dinner.

Due to the Church fire, our St. Joseph Table has been postponed until April 2nd and 3rd. Don't forget to stop by and pick up some of your favorite goodies.

We offer special prayers for peace in our world and for those impacted by war, especially the people of Ukraine.

*Wishing you all a blessed and joyous
Easter!
Until next time...
Anne Finn*



SANTA ROSA District Council

Welcome to April although the contents speak for March. Did I mention last month that our next Council meeting will be on 3-20-22? If in fact I am in error, I still have time to e-mail the other Presidents in our Northern Region. It would be a pleasure if all our Presidents could attend.

Did I mention the notable dates in March? March 1st is Shrove Tuesday, and it is also Donut Day. Ash Wednesday is past but Daylight Savings on the 13th brings us into Spring with more light. Coming up is St. Patrick's on the 17th and the 20th is the Spring Equinox.

I am looking forward to our Council Meeting which will be held at St. Eugene's @ 2:00 p.m. Please attend... we appreciate all our members keeping up to date with their individual branches.

*Regards,
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording-Secretary*

Healdsburg

Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Monthly Mass: Saturday, April 30 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

April 8: Fish Fry. If you haven't made your reservations, call Carmen and Lauren: 707-595-3111 by April 3. The event is close to selling out! Price: \$45.00. Pre-purchase tickets, only.

May 24: Tuesday. We're thinking of having a Mother's/Father's Day Dinner. Please read the Eblast for more information.

Happy Easter!
Lauren

Cloverdale

Br. 75, L'Annunciata

This little one talking things over with Santa last Christmas, is Alexandra, and she belongs to Esther Hernandez, one of the newest members of our branch. Her grandpa sings in the choir and she pops out of her pew after Mass runs up to the choir, hops up on the organ bench and has us teach her the last few notes of the song we just sang! We love her so much! I hope she becomes the youngest member of the ICF!!!

In addition to Esther, we've added Enid Brame, a lovely senior citizen with a British accent and last month, Patrick Houston, who is, I'm sure, stirring up fun and mischief in Mexico.

Our next stop is a St. Patrick's Day Dinner meeting. Lucky us! Our third Thursday March meeting lands right on the day! Bob Aquistapace, Ernie Giampoli and Armand Caturegli are serving up corn beef and cabbage and Cookie Allen, Chris Caturegli, and Dee Dee Bovone are turning the hall into a St. Patrick's Day land of fun. Let me guess! Methinks the color scheme be green!!!

We will return to Citrus Fair tradition and plan a sit-down dinner of Chicken & Spaghetti on April 23rd. We will share the event and it's proceeds with The Knight's. It's chairman, Ken Cuneo is an ICF member and a Knight! Perfect!

What's also perfect is God's love!
Love from our branch to yours!
Patsy Buchignani

Sonoma

Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Hello from Branch 103 in beautiful Sonoma! We continue to build our membership and invite anyone from



Br. 75, Alexandra, and she belongs to Esther Hernandez, one of the newest members of our branch

the Sonoma or Napa Valley's to reach out to us to join our membership. More information can be obtained by emailing: icfsonoma@gmail.com or calling our President, Ken Marshall, at 415-377-0021.

Our pasta dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd (our first dinner in two years!) and is open to ICF members and members of our parish community. It will begin with drinks & appetizers at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm (salad, pasta, bread and a dessert). You can dine in or pre-order a takeout meal and the cost is \$15 per person. To make reservations or pre-order call Lisa at 707-996-5573.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, April 11th at 7pm in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see many new faces.

Buona Pasqua
Lisa Galli-Galetto

Petaluma

Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear Members,

Our heart goes out to Madeline Lavezzo on the death of her sister, Rose. Until recently both sisters were very active members, helping at all our dinners and preparing the Blue books for distribution at Church. Keep them in your prayers.



Br. 198, District President Dennice DiGirolamo initiates from left: Deloras Leras, Marilyn Ward, Diana Tomczak, Terri Jenkins, Mary Gosiak, Joan Reiland, Katherine Lazzini, Angie Comalli and George Gosiak.

You should have received the request for the bakeless bake sale. Thank you to all who have returned them to Margaret and a reminder to do so to those who have not.

Good news! The hall at St. James is now available for dinners but with some restrictions. We hope to hold our chicken cacciatore dinner in May. Lots of details to work out so watch for details in the next newsletter.

Praying for a Happy and Blessed Easter for all of you and your families!
Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata

Br. 144, St. Mary

It is with great pride that I report the success of two recent projects. St. Mary's won the Supper Bowl peanut butter and jelly collection for Betty Chin who feeds the homeless. We collected 476 pounds of the 1729 pounds collected. St. Mary's is a very generous parish.

Our second project, our first Take-out Chicken Polenta dinner was extremely successful! We have received phone calls reporting on the delicious food, generous portions and the efficient take-out system!!!

Thanks to cook Pete Stagnoli and his crew and to Alfred and Anne Eanni for the take-out system which created such a successful dinner. A big thank you to all who worked on Saturday and Sunday. We could not have accomplished it without you. Our next take-out dinner is tentatively planned for Sept. 11.

Convention tickets have arrived. Rosemary will distribute the tickets. Twelve tickets for \$20.00. Ten dollars of that stays with our Branch. Sell! Sell!

Our Anniversary Dinner is planned for April 23. Our caller will notify you of the details. Mark your calendar.

Tony Gonsalves shared a video on the dedication of St. Mary's Church in 2001. We will watch it for the last 15 minutes of each meeting. It's wonderful to see parishioners that we have lost and those that are still with us. My, have we changed!!!

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all.

Rosemary

Eureka

Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Betty Chinn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition was a huge success: 1,729 pounds of PB&J was collected. This year's champion is St Mary's Church of Arcata with 476 lbs. collected.

Two of our Eureka branch members, Marian Griffin and Suanna Rowell, wasted no time putting the PB&J to use: the local Secular Franciscan Fraternity (Brother Juniper of the Redwoods Branch of which they are members) began making sandwiches with our donated peanut butter the week after the collection ended.

We are looking forward to an anniversary dinner for the first time in two years hosted by the Arcata Branch #144 on Saturday April 23rd.

Please contact Gene Senestraro or Jerry Colivas or jerry.colivas@yahoo.com for applications for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship applications. Applications must be post-marked or emailed by April 15th.

Santa Rosa

Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Italians thank the Irish for St. Patrick's Day as 60 of us enjoyed a Corned Beef dinner at our last meeting. Our thanks to Ernie Giampaoli, Mike Milano, and Marc Bisio for preparing and serving the delicious dinner.

District President Dennice DiGirolamo initiated our new members at our March meeting and congratulated our Branch for getting new members and hosting such a wonderful dinner.

President Doreen is now selling tickets to our May 7th dinner. Only 100 tickets will be sold so buy your ticket NOW!

As our Church celebrates the Easter holiday, let us all give thanks to the risen Christ and the many benefits we have received.

Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Gail Bongie-Azevedo

Sebastopol Br. 209, St. Michael

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. We are planning to have our first general meeting in April. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., and we will provide a free meal for our members. It will be nice to see everyone again!

We have been having board meetings to keep our branch operating, and to take care of our commitments. Special thanks to Mia Del Prete for working on our scholarship committee. We will be announcing the recipients next month.

We have the 2022 raffle tickets available to purchase, \$20.00 for a book of 12 tickets. This drawing is done at the Convention. Last year Nancy Stedman won \$1,000.00. To purchase your tickets, contact Lorraine Vannetti.

Also, we have had two winners in the daily calendar cash drawings. William Segale won \$30.00 in January, and Pam McAlvain won \$50.00 in February. Woo hoo!!!

We would like to acknowledge our oldest member Sylvia Hughes, she is 104, and our youngest member Ford Mills, he's 5 months. We are always looking for members...of any age to join our fun group! Please send in your dues and thank you for supporting our branch.

As always, we will continue to pray for our sick members, and cherish our memories the ones who have passed.

*See you soon,
Pam McAlvain
President*

FRESNO Bakersfield Br. 33, San Luigi

Branch #33 is happy to report we are back meeting at our home parish, St. Francis of Assisi!. While we have met in restaurants and had Zoom meetings, it is a great feeling to be meeting at the Parish again.

February we celebrated Valentines Day, with our Chaplain, Fr. Theo, leading us in prayer. We are planning for a corned beef cabbage dinner in March, prepared by member Elsie Collins and her daughters, Diane and Donna. Both Diane and Donna, and their husbands, joined ICF that evening so it was a great Valentines celebration!

We were excited to learn that Branch #33 placed 1st in Branches with 46-70 members with regard to calendar sales! Thanks to our calendar sales chair Michael Cerri, and his worthy assistant, Nicolette Eyherabide Thomson! Your hard work is appreciated, and thanks to all the members who purchased calendars.

We mourned the recent loss of member Josephine Del Papa, but rejoiced the

news that member Nicolette Eyherabide Thomson is expecting.

We continue to pray for the end of COVID, and the health of all members.

Che dio vi benedica!

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

We were blessed at our March meeting to have three religious in attendance. Deacon Rayburn led a prayer service to begin the evening. Father Robert, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, led us in an opening prayer. And our own Sr. Rachel led us in a blessing for the meal.

Chris Martin, Branch President, reported that we had over 500 visits to our Facebook page. She encourages members to submit posts that were relevant to our mission to the page.

During March as part of our Lenten observances, Branch 39 sponsored Stations of the Cross Friday on the 11th and Sunday Coffee and Donuts on March 13th at St. Patrick's.

Our April Biscotti Cookie Sale has Biscotti Sale has 240 orders pre-sold. Sales are limited to 400 sales. If interested in reserving cookies, please contact Janet Pugliese.

We had a wonderful Corn Beef and Cabbage meal prepared by Maryellen Mazzei and her talented kitchen crew.

Vince Piro

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members. Our first meeting of the year was on March 8 at St Agnes Mission Church. Bernie Squeo treated us to a delicious traditional Italian meal of corned beef and cabbage. Members brought salads and enough desserts to put us into a diabetic coma.

Our new Board is: President Jay New-some, 1st VP Giovanni Muliganni, 2nd VP Ed Girado, Treasurer Susan Mencarini, Recording Secretary Cynthia Oliphant, Corresponding Secretary Debby Jorgensen, Trustees Bernie Squeo, Larry Pricolo, Tim Solipaso, Orator Nick Dilido, Sentinel Russell Renna, Past Pres Antoinette Pecora, Enforcement Leonard Garber.

Committee appointments and District Council meeting attendees were chosen. Antoinette reported that St Anthony School facilities are still closed to non-school clubs. She also reported that she will find out if District Meetings will resume.

Giovanni Mulliganni is working on another Tahoe Joe's type fund raiser but perhaps at another venue.

Carolyn Romersa made a generous pledge to donate the proceeds from the sale of an heirloom bedspread to help the club treasury. She encouraged other members to consider a similar gift.

Special guest Fr John Merit joined us for dinner and gave an impromptu

interview for the position of Club Chaplain. He speaks Italian so what's not to like?

Please keep Paul Soligian, Angie & Nick Dilido, Carolyn & Jim Landy. Cynthia Oliphant's father, and all other members who are ill in our thoughts.

Everyone is encouraged to call and if possible, meet with members. It is important to keep the social connections alive.

Reminder: membership dues are due now. Delinquent members may receive a visit from Leonard.

Next meeting: April 12, 2022, St Agnes Mission Church. This will be a Board/General meeting.

MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST

Santa Cruz Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Buona sera, Tutti. It appears that we are all still doing pretty good after months and months of Covid restrictions. Our March meeting was a successful celebration of Mardi Gras and more than 30 members attended. A nice time was had by all, and we thank Rosa Radicchi, Heidi Ambiel, Cindy Schuette, and Maria Loiacono for the fun & delicious food. We hope to continue with more festive get-togethers, so stay tuned. In the interim, our General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month starting at 4:30, at Holy Cross Hall. They're informative & fun...and a chance to see folks you haven't seen for a long while.

Spring is here and that's the time for our annual No Bake Sale fund raiser. This is a good chance for you to make a contribution and also designate where you would like your donation to go. So, watch for the information in the mail.

Did you know that April 10th is the Feast Day for Pope Gregory VIII? He became Pope in 1572 and is the creator of the Gregorian calendar, which most of the world uses today. The Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian calendar which Julius Caesar had established in 46 B.C. Caesar's calendar was determined to be too long and did not match the seasons of the year, nor the moon's cycle. The new calendar positioned Easter so as to come a bit later than previously. So, thanks to Pope Gregory, we can celebrate the blessing of our Lord's Resurrection in Springtime and Sunshine. Happy Easter to you all.

*Patty Morelli
Trustee- Branch 21*



June Serrano & David Canepa Branch 36
Lenten Dinner

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

An Easter blessing to you and your family. May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

Lenten drive-thru takeout dinners, continues at Elk's Lodge, 150 Mar Vista, Monterey.

Dates: April 1, April 8, and April 15. \$20.00 per dinner. Tickets are available at MontereyICF.org or purchased at check-in station. We thank all our members and our community for supporting us by participating in our Lenten Takeout dinners. We thank all our volunteers and appreciate all their help you give us during our Lenten Dinners. Also, thank you for the students from San Carlos School, that also helped us, along with their parent. A special thank you to Andrew Clark, our student coordinator and Pickup station.

May 20, 2022, we will be having Scholarship Night dinner-meeting at San Carlos Hall at 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

We are saddened to report that Nino Palma and Jennie Rouch recently passed away. Our condolences to their families. May they both Rest In Peace.

*Please continue to pray for our members that are ill, hospitalized, or homebound. Also, prayer for World Peace.
Buona Pasqua,
Elaine Valentine
President Br #36*



Jennie Rouch Branch 36
Aug. 18, 1940 to Feb. 20, 2022



Anthony Palma Branch 36
Feb.-24,-1927 to Feb.-20, 2022



Micheal & Kristen Leonard Branch 36 Lenten
Dinner

More Br. 36 photos on p. 20



Kitchen Crew Branch 36 Lenten Dinner

Capitola Br. 227, St. Joseph

Members at the March meeting enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner prepared by Sharleen Hedgpeth assisted by Mary Harrison. Darrell Harrison graciously filled in as bartender.

The April 8 spaghetti dinner will be take-out only and can be picked up at the Aptos Resurrection Hall. In addition to spaghetti, dinner includes grilled red snapper, Caesar salad, rolls, and dessert. Reservations should be made with Marie Mungai by April 4. Prices are \$20 for adults and a family price of \$50 for two adults and two children under age 12.

Please pray for Ken Reaves who is in very serious condition after a fall from his truck. Ken and Loretta were in the process of moving to their new home in Arizona when tragedy struck.

Our condolences to Fran Boczek on the passing of her husband Lou. Lou joined our branch in 2005. We will miss his outgoing personality and booming laugh. His funeral is on May 28.

Prayers also for Jim Smith, who is home after a short hospital stay; Franklyn Lopes, Sr., who is dealing with several health issues, Elsa Cardenas, who suffered a fall; and for Elizabeth Rafietari on the unexpected passing of her brother.

A big thank you goes to Kurt Schaarschmidt and the Schaarschmidt family for the generous donation of \$5,000 to establish a scholarship in honor of their parents Carl and Barbara.

Our branch was pleased to participate in the Rose Ceremony at the Schaarschmidt and Maureen O'Neil funerals. It is a lovely tribute to our departed members.

Buona Pasqua,
Deanna Musler, Secretary



Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Br. 291 had a very busy March serving our Fish Fry dinners on Friday nights. We have two more dinners on the first two Fridays in April. The response from our church and local community has been great and everyone is so excited to have the popular ICF Lenten Fish Frys back! We are offering one- two- and three-piece delicious fish dinners, starting at \$10, that also include fries and our famous homemade coleslaw. Plus, we have our popular dessert table where diners can choose a sweet treat for a small donation, and our bar offers beer, wine, soda and bottled water for purchase. Our parish hall is open for indoor dining, plus we always offer "to-go" dinners. There is still time to join us on April 1st and 8th at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande for a delicious fish dinner, so please join us!

At our March 27th General Meeting, we celebrated our St. Joseph's Table. Members generously donated non-perishable food and household items to fill our table. All items collected from our St. Joseph's Table were then donated to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program, that serves those in need in our local community.

Please continue to keep all our members in your prayers who may be experiencing illness, pain or loss at this time.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Blessed Easter!
Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

April showers bring May flowers—and the long-awaited beauty of springtime. But wait, then we have the itchy drips and sneezes of hay fever, and mosquito bites, and shiny new poison oak leaves waiting for an unsuspecting hiker. There always seems to be a back-and-forth balance

to this wonderful life of ours.

Branch 354 is looking forward to meeting together for the first time in months. We will meet this Friday, March 11th to discuss the progress of the Parish kitchen repairs, upon which will depend future pasta dinners. We will also discuss the possibility of once again parking cars at the Mid State Fair in July, which is a service to our community and a profitable fundraiser.

Our Spanish group will be selling their annual Lenten fish taco dinners this Friday which we will enjoy during our meeting. Thanks to all of you who cook and serve.

We wish you a heartfelt Alleluia this

Easter because God's divine Son Jesus suffered his Passion for each of us. May our Easter be filled with remembrance of His infinite love.

Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary

SAN JOSE SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

As of this writing Branch 28 is looking forward to our first in person dinner meeting to be had in some time on March 21st. Now that we have had our primer of zoom and face time we are looking forward to that fraternity of social interaction and connection. The outstanding duo of member cooks, John Matteucci and Vince Saso will be the maestros of this complimentary dinner. Thanks to you both for getting us out of the starting gate, and we look to our co-patroness Elizabeth Ann Seton, and co-patroness Frances X. Cabrini to keep the track clear.

Now that we seem to be getting back on the road again, please wear your ICF membership pin and keep with you your ICF membership card so that you will be eligible for that raffle prize drawing and the cumulative cash prize pin drawing.

The board is looking at resuming our charitable fundraising events and has tentatively scheduled for May a bake sale. If you would be interested in assisting in this event, please contact Diana Berry at 408-219-2223. And if you would like to share your baked goods or homemade candy and jams/jellies please inform your designated caller.

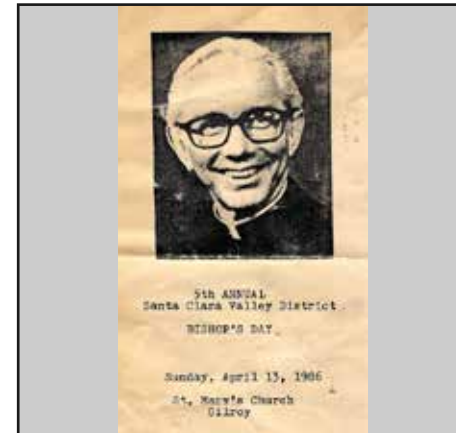
As we begin our charitable fundraising the end goal is the charitable giving. Here is Branch 28's list of recipients:

- Gifts of Love
- St. Joseph's Family Center
- St. Mary Parish
- St. Mary School

- Bishop's Burse
- Cooley's Anemia
- Diocese Layette Program

"The purpose of the organization is to bring persons of Italian ancestry together and promote patriotism and perform works of charity." – John G. Roffinella, First President of ICF Branch 28

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice



Br. 28- Bishop's Day brochure for first Bishop's Day at St. Mary's Parish in Gilroy on April 13th 1986 officiated by Bishop Pierre DuMaine.



Br. 28.- Vince Saso, left and John Matteucci doing the cooking.



Br. 28- John Matteucci front, and Vince Saso, at home in the Elks Lodge kitchen preparing pasta sauce



Br. 354, Celebrating Yvonne's birthday: Don Maddalena, Gina Cashmore, Lucy Olson, Esther Lombardi

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

I'm using our article space for something more important. Here we thought that the pandemic was the worst thing that could happen, and then the Ukraine was invaded, and the fear of war is again in our minds. But this time a vaccine can't be made to help us. We just need to keep those souls in our prayers.

I found the following prayer for the Ukrainian people:

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.

Today, we weep over Ukraine.

We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.

We weep for those cowering in basements.

We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.

We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.

We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.

We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.

May the Holy Spirit give us the will-power to turn our tears into action also.

May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen
Shchaslyvoho Velykodnya i nekhay Boh prynese myr v Ukrainu.

Happy Easter and may God bring peace to the Ukraine.
Denise Antonowicz, President



San Jose Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

Breakfast is Ready!! Our first Saturday Breakfast Meeting was held on Feb 26th. We enjoyed a delightful meal and had a productive meeting after breakfast. A big Thank You to all who participated in this new meeting adventure, and all who purchased raffle tickets for our basket drawing.

Our next General Meeting, March 26th, will be our St. Joseph's Day Celebration. We will have our meeting first, and then enjoy a traditional linguine with clams lunch. We continue with our Lenten observation of meat free during this holy season. A dessert will be featured after the meal. Please come celebrate the tradition of St. Joseph with our branch members.

ICF will be preparing soup on March 23rd for SFC soup night, Chicken vegetable and minestrone. Due to Covid restrictions, soup will be in containers, to be taken home or eaten at SFC. Sign - ups are on the SFC website to participate.

Pasta in a Box Dinner ... What is that you ask? Another fundraiser for Branch 191, specifically for our SFC 8th graders /ICF Scholarships. A box with pasta, sauce, salad, bread, and dessert will supply a family of 4 an evening meal. We will also sell extra sauce to order "to go" as well, for your future meals. This will take place on April 30th, a drive thru pick-up at 4 30pm - 6 30pm. Cost \$40. Watch for the flyer to order your dinner. An easy Saturday night meal!

As we reach the end of our Lenten Season, we will celebrate with a Palm Sunday Mass, April 10th, at 8am at SFC: Followed by Breakfast. Please place this event on your calendar. This event will culminate the End of our Easter Celebration.

Please continue to keep our sick and infirmed members in our prayers.

Buona Pasqua
Shirley Catania
sentinel



Branch 191 Happy Retirement Bob Basuino

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



Branch 191 Happy times for Bob Basuino



Branch 191 breakfast prayer

San Jose

Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Please see a photo of ICF officers with Fr. George after their installation of officers in January. Yum, Yum, crab feed was a huge success! Total profit was \$7,000. Thank you to all that volunteered. Joyce Robba, Kim Cadigal and many other ICF members worked hard to make everything perfect. The crab, salad, bread and ice cream were all wonderful! All 300 dinners were picked up by 7 p.m. on Saturday. Please see pictures of ICF members in the kitchen preparing the food.

As Covid fades away, our functions will be inside Avila Hall. ICF at Santa Teresa is back, after our Covid break. With Covid on the run, our first post Covid board meeting was held on March 5th. Discussions covered ICF calendar, nominations for convention scheduled for June 5 to 16 in Las Vegas, budget, survey results, socials, fundraising, men's barbecue in June, no April meeting, and many other items. Board will follow calendars from the past for the coming year.

Next member meeting is scheduled for March 16th. Please Remember Barbara and Bill Ruffner, and their family in your prayers. Bill and Barbra are back home. Save the date, April 29, 2022, for our Goodwill Event, Garage Sale. Jerry & Joann Opp will be organizing the event.

Have a meaningful Lent, and as Fr. George said on the first Sunday of Lent, let's work towards filling our 'cups' with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation for ourselves and others, and a good dose of kindness, gentleness, and love.

Thank you,
Tom Myers

San Jose

Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

We hope you all had a Happy St Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day!

In March, ICF hosted Stations of the Cross at St. Martin's, which were led by fourteen of our dear members. It was a lovely experience as we gathered together through this rare opportunity during Covid. Thank you, members, for leading the group in prayer.

Thank you to Al and Diana Vallorz for providing our March Drive-Through Fundraiser. The delicious meal, which included Tony and Alba's Polenta and Sausage, along with Salad and Dessert, was a great success! Also, we continue to thank our wonderful members who took time during their busy schedules to volunteer.

It was announced in the *Bollettino* that our Branch 391 was awarded third place for selling forty 2022 ICF



Branch 368, install officers



Br.368, crab feed Cheryl Sanchez, Rosa Traina, Joyce R., Cathy Orbowski, Noreen Gillio, John Gillio



Br.368, Tom Myers and Robin Hayr at Crab Feed



Br.408, ICF Servers @ Parish lenten soup

calendars. Thank you, Tina Rossi, who continues to chair the calendar sales for our branch and thank you members for purchasing them.

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter!
Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale

Br. 408, Resurrection

Buona Pasqua- Happy Easter to All!
This Easter kicks off the yearlong 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Resurrection Parish.

Our first Parish Celebratory Event will be our first Post Pandemic Pancake Breakfast.

Our ICF Branch will be leading the Charge in the Kitchen for this Event.

We look forward to learning of our ICF Scholarship winner for 2022

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! We look forward to transitioning to inperson Meetings.

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

Lenten Soup Serving and our March Blood Drive



STOCKTON

Modesto

Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We made two steps forward and now we had to take one step back. We cancelled the St. Joseph's Table Celebration out of caution as it was felt it was a little too soon to have a potluck. We hope to make it bigger and better next year.

I hope you have a save the date on your calendar for the Bishop's Burse July 31, 2022, at 12:00 noon at the Community Center 1416 Maze Blvd. There is a 10:00 a.m. Mass if you wish to attend. The luncheon is just across the parking lot from the church. There will be more detailed information in the upcoming *Bollettinos*.

We will have our regular Bake Sale in front of the church May 7th and 8th. Biscotti, Cake, Nut breads, Lemon pies and etc. This is our main fund raiser so your support will be appreciated.

Masses are being said for our two members that recently passed. Mass for Martha Gelsomini is March 27, 2022, and Patty Bertolotti is April 3, 2022. Both masses will be at the Maze Blvd. Church at the 8:00 a.m. mass.

Masses for our deceased members will be May 8, 2022, and June 12, 2022 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Best wishes to all our members and their families for a Blessed and Joyful Easter!
Stay healthy and safe.
Cecelia McGhee



Br.408, Al Chantelope at Blood Drive

A BLAST FROM THE PAST (2014)



Branch 390 Celebrating our Italian Heritage with all the branch children. (That're all grown up now. Can't wait until we have our inhouse meeting again.)



Branch 395 welcomes four new members. Benvenuti!



Stockton

Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

March was a busy meeting. Our officers were officially installed, and we hosted a Soup Supper and had a wonderful turnout. Attendees donated over \$100 which was donated. We continue to support the 7 seminarians in our Diocese with a little something for Easter. Please help seminarians in your area. They appreciate any help.

Mark your calendars because Festa Italiana is back! It will be held Sunday June 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds.

Buona pasqua and Happy Easter to all! Alla prossima, Mary Ann.



Branch 395, 2022 officers are officially installed.



Br. 413, Soup Supper

Angels Camp

Br. 413, St. Patrick's

This is the month we will all say that Christ is risen! Alleluia!! We hope that everyone will enjoy the Easter season with family and health.

Attendance was very good for the Valentine's Dinner in February. Our branch made a little money to put back into the coffers, and then be able to give scholarships and something to the bishop for the seminarians. Those who attended said the food was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and it seemed that no one wanted to end the night too quickly.

On March 4th, we had our Soup Supper for all those who attended the Stations of the Cross. It was well attended, and we just barely had enough Clam Chowder to feed everyone. One of our cooking members, Dwayne Brown, made the Clam Chowder, and everyone agreed that it was delicious.

The St. Patrick's Corned Beef sandwiches hadn't taken place yet, so I will give an update in the next *Bollettino*.

We ask God to protect our ICF families and friends with health and a strong faith. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for all of you.

*Ciao, Annette Pachinger
Correspondence Secretary*

Tracy

Br. 390, St. Bernard

We again thank the folks who attended our take-out dinner last month and a special thanks for those additional donations. We appreciate that you support our various charities that will continue to serve those in need. We received so many thank you cards from the seminarians expressing their gratitude for our year-end contributions to their tuition, room and board

Our parishes are in dire need of priests and donations go a long way in training these wonderful men.

We continued our monthly take-home dinners in the month of March which featured corned beef and cabbage and all the usual trimmings. Realizing that we hadn't had that menu for many years, we received an overwhelming thank you for bringing it back. Thanks again to Mike and his crew for a splendid meal.

Our Thursday, April 28th dinner meeting will feature "Italian Heritage Night" - menu to be announced.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family of Miriam Avila who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

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!

*Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao, Betty*



A Concert of Sacred Music

Journey to Easter

Vocalists with Organ and Chamber Ensemble will sing in Italiano, en Espanol, Latin and English

Musical selections for young, old, and in between.
Join us for an evening of inspiration and fellowship.



Saturday, April 9, 2022
7:30 PM
St Peter Italian Catholic Church
1039 N Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Santa Prisca, Taxco, Mexico

Free Admission.
Suggested donation for St. Peter's Church and San Conrado Mission.

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Pandemic precautions per LA County Health
Required proof of vaccination or negative COVID test results within 72 hours of the event. Masks required.





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Plan to attend our National Convention!

Enjoy the culture of New Orleans in Las Vegas!

In addition to participating in the general session, workshops, masses and award banquets, savor an Orleans style experience between ICF activities. The Orleans Resort & Casino features many dining options, bowling, swimming and a movie theater. The hotel is located 2 miles west of the strip and offers bus transportation to the heart of Las Vegas. Bring the family along to celebrate faith, family, fellowship and fun at the 2022 ICF Convention in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada!

Be on the lookout for additional details on the ICF Facebook Page, our website and in the Bollettino.





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Sunday, May 15, 2022

Casa Italiana
1051 N Broadway Ave, Los Angeles 90012
Doors open 1:30 p.m.
Opera Performance 2:00 p.m.
Supper served 3:15 p.m.
No host Bar will be open

Adults \$46
Seniors 60+ \$34
Youth 18 & under \$22

*Includes both Supper & Opera
*Tickets on Eventbrite & OI website
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The Ways and Means committee present the 2023 "Daily Raffle theme"



You can help make the calendar special!

List special family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, any special event! You can also include Branch and District events

Mail information and checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Dr., Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Please also e-mail information to
admin@icf.org

Price Schedule

\$10 - one name/event
\$15 - 2 names/events
\$20 - 4 names/events
(additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above)

Example: \$30 - 5 names/events @ \$20 + \$10.00 or \$40 - 8 names/events @ \$20 + \$20

Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2022



Of course we hope you will enjoy what we have in store for the beautiful saint and feast-filled calendar for 2023, but in addition you will also have the opportunity to purchase the "Daily Raffle" ticket by itself for \$25.00 (that's 365 chances to win!)

