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.

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage

TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!
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, everyone is happy to celebrate Easter. The word Easter, probably derives from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring known as Estre. In Italian, 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 Christian 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 Thalassaemia Day is celebrated annually on May 8th. Since 1994, the Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) has devoted this day to raise awareness 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 thalassemia is found.

Each year The Thalassemia International 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 adopting Cooley’s Anemia as the National Charity in 1982 and donating over $2,000,000, the ICF has been instrumental in funding research that has led to lifesaving therapies; technology that has eased the burden of painful liver biopsies; sponsored over 20 Christmas parties for patients and families; assisted patients and families who do not have the means to pay for their necessary medications; flown countless patients to specialty care centers; 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:

- 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 isolating. 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 meeting 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 organization, 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:

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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

Grand President’s Monthly Message
Deborah Rodondo

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)

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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 the cannoli cookies. My friend Bob gave me a few at Christmas (the recipe not the cookies) to share 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

**GLAZÉ:**
- 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 more 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!**
IN MEMORY OF:
- John Campanile
- Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
- Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
- Timothy Lawrence Nolan
- Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli
- Regina Coeli Br. 6 Founders and Past Members
- Elvia Balatti
- Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli

DONATED BY:
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tomasello
- John Collins
- Officers/Members of Br. 45
- Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
- Officers/Members of Blessed Sacrament District
- Officers/Members of Br. 6
- Officers/Members of Br. 161
- Officers/Members of Br. 10

GET WELL WISHES:
- Tilly Spagnolo

THANK YOU TO OUR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT:
- Vincent Piro

WELCOME TO OUR I.C.F. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:
- Reverend Chris Bennett

IN HONOR OF:
- Regina Coeli Br. 6 Current Members

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT:
- Bob Basuino
- Marie Mungai

In Loving Memory (Report as of March 10, 2022)
- Barbara Ferguson
- Mary L Pagni
- Jean M Seeba
- Evelyn Nieto
- Loretta J Peters
- Rose M Lavezzo
- Alice M Indelicato
- Antonina Prestifilippo
- Robert R Mc Allister
- John B Campanile
- John P Rocchio
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The Delfino Family Crab Feed
- In Memory of Phillip Gargano
- Marc, Kelly and Madeleine Teglia
- In Memory of Leonore Armanino
- Kelly, Marc and Madeleine Teglia

In Memory of Antoine Fraschieri
- Joan Delfino

In Honor of the 70th Birthday of Bob Basuino

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Harold Fuentes
- Joan and Jerry Delfino

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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). 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 it’s 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*
Barbara Foundation
(1981)
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 13-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)*
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 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.

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

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**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.

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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)
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.myitalianfamily.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 adjust 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 start to record your dreams? I think the most striking thing about our ancestors is that many of them have never been mentioned to their family and distant cousins to collaborate on them.

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 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.

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If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davidh02005@live.com.

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Gifts of Love Program
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Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

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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 by-laws 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 by-law followed 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-constitutio nal, 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.

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 TOURNAMENT 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 branch-es 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

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.

MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

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SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG
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.
Los Angeles
Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

Buona Pasqua a te alla tua famiglie!
Happy Easter to you and your family!

NBr 67 member Francesca Taylor visited the hometown of Mother Cabrini in Codogno 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 multicultural focusing on Faith, Family, Fellowship and Food.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members 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
C 626 372-7812
E Cas1810@aol.com

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 Raffe 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


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.

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award**

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the human condition. The recipient will receive this award at the Saturday night banquet. A $1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient’s charity of choice.

**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.

**Family of the Year 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.

**Young Adult Leadership Award**

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.

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**Reserved for the I.C.F. Convention Yearbook**

**YOU Are Needed!**

Show us your celebrations. Let us celebrate your joys and successes with you.

**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

**Artwork Deadline**

JULY 1st

**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.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2022 Yearbook**

**Send completed form & Check made out to Italian Catholic Federation to the ICF Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 no later than June 17, 2022**

**Reservation Form**

Boxed Lunch & Wine Tasting or Antiquing

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**Statement of Endorsement:**

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District: ___________________________

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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 Philip 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.

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. A mass took place on March 5, 2022 in his honor followed by 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.]
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.

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.
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 3rd from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

Oakland

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 for 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.

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 Bepler, 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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Br. 285, Carnivale themed meeting

Br. 13, San Martino

Martinez
free·dom: /ˈfrēdəm/ 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 5am to 2pm.

Ciao for now,
Mary Cook
Easter to All!

Enjoy the gifts of Spring, and Happy Cookies’. You all did a great job! Crew, and ‘The Ladies who Make the Dinner, especially Jim Thomas and ported our Corned Beef and Cabbage bers, friends, and family.

Jimenez who is currently on the Please pray for Mary and her family. beautiful person. Her kind and inspi-

ing 925 957 6457.

brs. So, Let Patty know if you are interested. We may be refilling the coffers again and increase our scholarship awards. Finely, it looks like thing will be returning to normal!

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.

**Ciao,**

Patty

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**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 inspi-

rational 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**

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**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 delici-

ous 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 fund-

raisers 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 Frae-

dos 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

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**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 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 respec-

ve areas of Italy. Be ready for some member-participation activities to come, based on our members’ regions represented!

Our “Festa Primavera Family Din-
ner 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 interna-

tional 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

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**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 bud-

get 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.

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Happy Easter!
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. Tantò divertimento!

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

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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.

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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

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.

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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 grandmother 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 Bramy, a lovely senior citizen with a British accent and last name. Her grandpa sings in the choir and she belongs to Esther Hernandez, one of the newest members of our branch. Her grandmother 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!!!

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.

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!
Dennie DiGirolamo

Eureka
Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Betty Chininn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition was a huge success: 1,729 pounds of PB&J were 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 postmarked 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 Chris and the many benefits we have received.

Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

Sonoma
Br. 103, St. Sebastian

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

Buona Pasqua a tutti,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo

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 contest for Betty Chin who feeds the homeless. We collected 476 pounds of the 1,729 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
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 was 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. Wooooo!!!

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

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**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 and cabbage dinner in March, prepared by Maryellen Mazzee and her talented kitchen crew.

**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 Newsome, 1st VP Giovanni Muligani, 2nd VP Ed Girado, Treasurer Susan Mencarini, Recording Secretary Cynthia Oliphant, Corresponding Secretary Debbi Jorgensen, Trustees Bernie Squeo, Larry Piccolo, Tim Solipaso, Oraor 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 Mulligani is working on another Tahoe Joe’s type fund raiser. He is also looking for members to consider a similar gift.

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 phases of the moon in its 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

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**MONTEREY CENTRAL COAST**

**Santa Cruz**

**Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorsso**

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 Radicechi, Heidi Ambiel, Cindy Schuette, and Maria Louciano 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 peasant goal 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.

**Micheal & Kristen Leonard Branch 36 Lenten Dinner**

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

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**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, continue 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.

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**April 2022**

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Capitola
Br. 227, St. Joseph

Members at the March meeting enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner prepared by Sharleen Hedgpath 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 Apts Resurrection Hall. In addition to spaghetti, dinner includes grilled red snapper, Caesar salad, rolls, and dessert. Reservations should be made with Marie Munigai 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, please 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 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- Our 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.

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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 their families, 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.

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Buona Pasqua

Shirley Catania

sentinel

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**St. Mary**

**Br. 184, Los Gatos**

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 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 4:30 - 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.

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**San Jose**

**Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini**

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sentinel

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**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 andBranches.

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.

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

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**Branch 191 Happy Retirement Bob Basuino**

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**Branch 191 breakfast prayer**

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**Branch 191 Happy times for Bob Basuino**
San Jose
Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

Please see a photo of ICF officers with Fr. George after their installment 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, sales for our branch and thank you for transitioning to inperson Meetings. Thank you Sandra! We look forward to learning of our ICF Branch will be leading the Charge in the Kitchen for this Event.

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Next member meeting is scheduled for March 16th. Please Remember Barbara and Bill Ruffner, and their family in your prayers. Bill and Barbara 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 Vallorza 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 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.

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I hope you have a save the date on your calendar for the Bishop's Bake Sale 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.

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

STOCKTON
Modesto
Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

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Stay healthy and safe.
Cecelia McGhee
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 though pictures on our Website: www.icfbranch390.org. Be sure to check out the added attraction of our HERITAGE section - If you haven’t sent Steve yours yet, send them please! The newsletter on our website would love to hear from you!

Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao, Betty

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.

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 sandwich 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

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Journey to Easter

Vocalists with Organ and Chamber Ensemble will sing in Italian, 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 Pulita, Town, Mexico
Free Admission.
Suggested donation for St. Peter's Church and San Conrado Mission.

Produced in collaboration with St. Peter Italian Church, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 67, and Opera Italia I.A.

Price includes driven per LA County Health
Required proof of vaccination or negative COVID test results within 72 hours at the event. Mask required.

Tickets on Eventbrite & OI website
Youth 18 & under $22
Seniors 60+ $34
Adults $46

Includes both Supper & Opera

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

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!)