



# BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



## Ukraine Relief Fund

The recent Russian invasion of Ukraine in an unprovoked war began on February 24, 2022. Homes and buildings have been damaged or destroyed and, sadly, many lives have been lost. Millions of Ukrainian citizens are fleeing their homeland to nearby countries to escape this devastation and seek refuge. We also offer our prayers to those citizens who must stay behind or are unable to leave.

The Federation has decided to start a relief fund for the people who are being devastated by the events in Ukraine. \$500.00 has already been donated from the Central Council to start the fund. We encourage all Branches and Districts to donate to this relief fund to help the people who are being affected. Private Donations from Individuals are also welcomed.

Please send your donation to the ICF Office - 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621. Please make all checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and write Ukraine Relief Fund on the memo line. We will in turn gather all donations and send one check to The Propagation of the Faith Office for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The deadline for donations is July 1, 2022, so we can forward the money on. Your donations will help with the international mission to respond with aid for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine in coordinating the relief efforts for food and other aid items, shelter, counseling and re-building, etc.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for those who are being impacted by the terrible tragedy of war and for peace to come to our world.

If you have any question or comments, please contact the ICF office at 1-888-423-1924.

**"In God, no act of love, no matter how small,  
and no 'generous effort' will ever be lost."  
-Pope Francis**



*Plan to attend  
our National  
Convention!*

Enjoy the culture of New Orleans in Las Vegas!

In addition to participating in the general session, workshops, masses and award banquets, savor an Orleans style experience between ICF activities.

The Orleans Resort & Casino features many dining options, bowling, swimming and a movie theater. The hotel is located 2 miles west of the strip and offers bus transportation to the heart of Las Vegas. Bring the family along to celebrate faith, family, fellowship and fun at the 2022 ICF Convention in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada!

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



TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!

## Women Saints Who Were Also Mothers

Carmen Kilcullen, Member--Apostolate/Charity Committee

Since May is the month in which Mother's Day occurs, I thought that we could focus on some women saints who were also mothers. There are actually quite a few mothers who are either Blessed or a Saint. I am going to present a few.

**Elizabeth Ann Seton** (1774-1821) was actually born an Episcopalian but converted to Catholicism after visiting Italy and observing the beauty of Catholicism. She married a doctor and

had five children. After her husband died prematurely, she started a parochial school for girls in Baltimore. She also founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in 1809. She is especially remembered for establishing the parochial school system in America. She is a co-patroness of the ICF.

**St. Gianna Molla** (1922-1962) born in Italy, was a wife, mother and doctor, specializing in pediatrics. She used her medical skills to help moth-

ers and babies. When pregnant with her fourth child, it was discovered that she had a fibroma tumor. She was faced with a decision to have an abortion in order to save her life. However, with her commitment to the dignity of human life, she chose to have the child. She passed away a few days later, reminding us of the importance of life.



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Include photo captions with your  
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Please keep your submission positive  
and informative.

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

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

*Thank you!*

In Memoriam - The following was Msgr. Cardelli's Easter Message  
first printed in April 2020. Starting in June, Father Chris will be sharing  
a monthly message as the new ICF Spiritual Director



We look forward to Easter with great  
joy and excitement! Jesus, after three  
days in the tomb, rises to life. Alleluia!  
May the celebration of the Easter sea-  
son bring us closer to God and dimin-  
ish the stress and fear we may have  
of the Coronavirus and other serious  
world conditions. In truth, it is a time  
to rejoice because Jesus loves us and  
loved us so much that He died on the  
Cross to redeem us. He gave His life  
so that we may live the eternal life  
with Him in Heaven.

What a wonderful act of love it is to  
give His life for us! He is the second  
person of the Holy Trinity who be-  
came man. He is divine and human at  
the same time. His extreme suffering  
was real and it hurt, really excruciat-  
ingly, to the point of death.

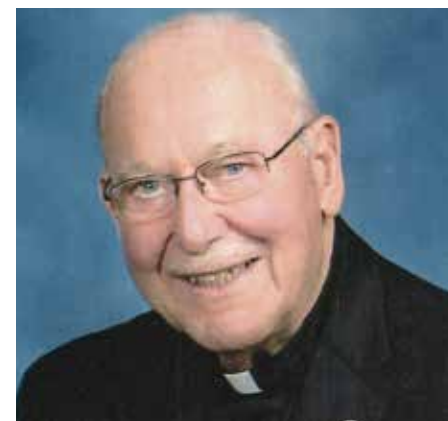
**This is the ultimate act of love.**

How do we respond to that? We  
respond by loving Him back with  
an honest promise to follow His  
commandment to love Him and our  
neighbor.

***Love the LORD your God with all  
your heart and with all your soul and  
with all your mind. This is the first  
and greatest commandment. And the  
second is like it: Love your neighbor  
as yourself.***

**(Matt. 22: 37-40)**

Yes, to love everyone—even those  
whom we do not like. It is easy to  
love someone we like. There is an  
emotional attraction to those people  
we like.



Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
ICF Spiritual Director

However, it is REALLY difficult to  
love someone we don't like. Some-  
thing we don't think about very often  
is that love is an act of the will. It  
is not just the surge of affection we  
feel when we see our loved ones, our  
children and grandchildren or our  
longtime dear friends.

Jesus didn't die on the Cross just for  
those who loved Him. No, He died  
for everyone—even those who don't  
love Him. His love is unconditional  
love! His resurrection proves His  
love for us. His resurrection proves  
His divinity. It is a time to rejoice!

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

91st  
Annual  
National  
Convention



Labor Day  
Weekend  
September  
2 - 4

Location: The Orleans Hotel & Casino

4500 W Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103

Direct: (702) 365-7111

Reservations: Visit [orleanscasino.com/groups](http://orleanscasino.com/groups)

Group Code: AIC2C08 clarification: aic2c(zero)8

Reservations Line: (800) 675-3267

Rates: For rooms with one king or two queens with one to two guests...

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Sunday 9/4 \$69 + tax

Monday 9/5 \$39 + tax

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Parking: Complimentary

Note: Rate available until July 31 or sold out. After July 31, reservations will be accepted at the best available rate.

Las Vegas International Airport: 5 miles

Uber/Lyft/Taxi: Approximately \$20 one way

Hertz Rental Car: ICF year-round 'business' discount. Receive up to 30%. Discount Code 2173699

Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.

To ensure non-delegates have a name badge prepared, please inform your branch that you are attending the convention. They will include you on the guest list.



Convention updates are visible first on Facebook - Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation

Also look for convention news in the *Bollettino* and at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

"Our room rates were recently discounted. If the rates for the nights you are staying do not match the rates on this flyer, please check back to reserve your room as the hotel needs to update their website."



# Membership Matters

Perry Shurko  
Membership Chairperson

Hello, fellow ICF members. This is a great time of the year — May! Spring is in full bloom; we celebrate our wonderful mothers and our beloved mother Mary. Last month I gave everyone an assignment, to hold a membership drive. How's that coming along? By now, we should all be having in person meetings and events. We are in post Covid, so there shouldn't be any excuses. Our membership numbers have seemed to at least flat-lined for now, which is a positive sign. I know that in my own branch we've picked up six new members this year. That's



about a 20% increase for my branch. I would love to hear your own branch success stories. What are you doing to increase membership? Have you reached out to those members who dropped out to see if they might come back? Tell me about your membership drive experience? Let's share our success stories with each other. I'd love to post them in future articles. Summer is right at our back doors. For some, it's a quiet time in our parishes and branches. Let's make sure we keep communication active during the slower summer season. So, let's keep moving forward and keep the fire alive in all of us. For all of the mother, grandmothers, mothers in law, stepmothers and all mother figures, a very Happy Mother's Day to all of you. God bless you for all that you do.

*Sincerely, Perry Shurko*  
Membership Chairperson

## Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of April 9, 2022)

Branch 31  
Branch 417  
Bob Basuino  
Get Well Wishes for Mike Cannady



## A Blood Donor's Tale: It All Starts with Just One Pint

Lou Mages  
Live to Give

To this volunteer, as a young person learning about the need for blood, it seemed to be cool to share a part of one's body. Up to that point, restrictions had come into play due to young age, but once the thought of the piercing needle passed, the donation journey began. Now, twenty-four gallons and counting donated in various parts of the country, the journey continues. Along the way, one could be selected to give blood specifically to a matched recipient, or in an emergency when the need is immediate, only a screen separates the donor and recipient. As a side benefit to donating blood, donation centers provide health information, like your vitals, temperature,

pulse, blood pressure, and blood quality. In addition, after a donation, the center offers donors information on their cholesterol levels and antibodies. A family member took a phlebotomy class to learn how to draw blood. For the final exam, students needed someone on which to perform their procedure. With years of experience as a blood donor, needle sticks were not a problem. The volunteer helped with the family member's final exam and three other classmates' final exams. The volunteer graciously allowed all four students to conduct the procedure on both arms and hands. Talk about giving back! The need for blood continues to increase. However, there is only one source, people like you. So please consider a donation. Invite friends, family, and young family members, for whom you may need to grant permission. As a young person, remember that it was a cool thing to do for this volunteer. Twenty-four gallons later, it's still cool.



# Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

May is the month we celebrate mothers. From the Blessed Mother Mary to our mothers and those women who have influenced our lives. I have been blessed with some amazing mothers in my life. My mom loved, guided, nurtured, and encouraged me: she was my dear friend later in life. My maternal grandmother (nonnie) Eva taught me to sew, embroider, crochet, can, cook, bake, garden, and do your chores in the morning so you could take a break in the afternoon for those favorite soap operas and visit family and neighbors. I lost my paternal grandmother (Nona Rose) at an early age, but what I remember is that she was a loving and caring person and loved her family... of course, my aunt tells me what I liked was the big "beautiful" freezer in the house and the ice cream inside it. With the early passing of Nona Rose, my aunt Rosemarie (Rodondi) Gregori became the matriarch of the Rodondi clan. She taught me the importance of family, keeping us connected with phone calls, and gathering annually. The same could be said for my great aunt Roma on my mom's side of the family; she also made a point of annual events for the family, which allowed us to know all our cousins; better yet, they were held at the Rod and Gun Club in Livermore, CA where us kids could run wild. For the eighteen years I lived in Virginia; I had a southern mom (Jean). She was a strong lady who taught me to stand up for myself. More importantly, how to make the proper flower arrangement, funeral spray, corsages, and bows, and not to forget--entertain southern style! Today I have all the mothers in ICF. All the friends I have made, because of the ICF, I feel that their mom's are a little bit mine also. THANK YOU to all the ladies in my life. Even though I may not say it enough, you are very important to me, and I love you!



Remember, it is not just your mother you should be celebrating this month but all the women in your life. I hope some of you accepted my challenge at the beginning of the year and have submitted nominations for the convention awards to the ICF office. We will be selecting the award winners at the June Central Council meeting. Speaking of the Central Council meeting, it will be on June 11 at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., break from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for a box lunch from Togo's for \$15. The meeting will resume at 1 p.m. and usually ends around 4 p.m. Then some of us go to dinner at a local restaurant. I encourage you to attend a meeting and see what goes on. It is also helpful to attend if you are thinking of running for Central Council. You can see and hear what goes on in the Federation and the ICF committees. It will also allow you to meet the Central Council members. If you think you are interested in running for Central Council, several issues of the Bollettino will have the process, responsibilities, and the nomination application. Feel free to contact Central Council members and discuss it with them. We are always happy to help you and answer your questions. Finally, we are very excited about this year's convention. We have mixed things up a bit and think you will enjoy what we have come up with. You will be hearing more about the convention in this and future issues of the Bollettino. The Orleans in Las Vegas is ready to welcome us.



Mom June Rodondi  
Past officer of Br. 19 Colma

*Hope to see you there.*  
*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

## Live to Give Blood Drive Donations

(Received as of April 9, 2022)

- |                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Br. 82 Blood Drives' Donors: | Joseph Van Steyn              |
| Lisa Fugazi                  | In Memory of Robert           |
| Tanisha Heil                 | Carl Maggio                   |
| Susie Kirsten                | In Memory of Pete Barth       |
| Angela Lewis                 | Eva Ochoa                     |
| Patty Litts                  | To Help Save Lives            |
| Patricia Martinelli          | John Godi                     |
| Karen Rosson                 | Get Well Wishes for Ria       |
| David Stinson                | Holdaway                      |
| Anthony D. Vaccarezza        | Velda Redmond                 |
| Alisa Dennis                 | In Memory of Stacy Carpenter  |
| In Memory of Earl and Myrtle | Ann Grout                     |
| Cathcart                     | In Memory of Larry Carlstroem |
| Mary Ann Maggio              | Kirsten Locke                 |
| In Memory of Pete Barth      | In Memory of a Family Member  |
| Patty Litts                  | Ryan Streyle                  |
| In Memory of Louis           | Get Well Wishes for Jen Wood  |
| D'Alessandro                 |                               |

# Italian Catholic Federation

## 2022 Central Council Election

**The Central Council is the governing body of the organization.**

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



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

### Campaign Process:

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

### Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



# Welcome New Members (Report as of April 8, 2022)

<b>Branch 036</b> Robin Clarke Anthony G Davi Gerald D Griffin Carolyn Orr	Bob Bua Samuel Clarke Helen B Fujita Alfonso Marin	Abigail Clarke Anita J Davi Carolyn Griffin Rocio Galeazzi Marin
<b>Branch 067</b> <b>Branch 072</b> <b>Branch 075</b> Raul Arreguin Patrick R Houston	Patty Barrett Aaron J Mc Neal Robert Acquistapace Enid E Brame	Robin Nadalini  Kathi Arreguin Esther M Hernandez
<b>Branch 103</b> <b>Branch 108</b> <b>Branch 111</b> Katherine Huerta Elsa Wadzinski Tony Wadzinski	Deborah A Geske Brian Doerning Priscilla J Araiza Rosa Ortiz Joey Wadzinski	  Jacob Diaz Kathleen R Rabago Judd Wadzinski
<b>Branch 139</b> <b>Branch 198</b> <b>Branch 214</b> <b>Branch 227</b> Angelo De Bernardo Mary Harrison	Irma A Prestifilippo Diana Tomczak Patricia Scott Louie Albanese Rita De Bernardo Sharleen E Hedgpeth Maryann M James	Michael K Prestifilippo   Lenae F Colombini Darrell Harrison Deb Michelotti Pauline Kirk Debbie Brusatori Marge R Jackson
<b>Branch 285</b> <b>Branch 332</b> Patricia A De Renzo Clifford C Vattuone <b>Branch 342</b> Kayleen L Pena Zairy J Pena	Barbara J Bagileo Alva Falla Jennifer B Woodall Angel J Pena Maria D Pena	   Emilio A Pena Samuel Pena
<b>Branch 352</b> Louise J Fortayon Mary A Saladino <b>Branch 362</b> <b>Branch 379</b> Joseph V Mastroni	Marietta R Di Maggio Pierre A Fortayon Eileen M Weston Christina Ladd Angela V Mastroni	Vincent S Di Maggio John W Komara  Catherine S Mastroni
<b>Branch 380</b> <b>Branch 392</b> Carlo Bossolo Rosaria Lo Forte <b>Branch 406</b> <b>Branch 438</b> <b>Branch 442</b> Sandra Lione <b>Branch 444</b> Romolo Zulli	John Brancato Nancy Biondo Enza (Vincenza) Bossolo  Gina James Eddie Jean V Goff Daniela Franchini Deborah White-Moura Cameron A Johnson Tiziana Zulli	Sam Biondo Ginaluca Giacone  Nancy Shanafelt Veronica Furtado Damien A Johnson

# Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations\*

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## IN MEMORY OF:

Reverend Monsignor Daniel Cardelli  
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Maureen O'Neil  
Louis Boczek  
Louis Boczek  
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Franklyn Lopes, Sr.  
Michael Cannady  
Michael Cannady

Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Franklyn Lopes, Jr.  
Robert Basuino  
Robert Basuino  
Mike and Marcie Rossi  
The Kilcullen Family

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Bob Basuino  
Bob Basuino

Larry and Carmen Kilcullen  
Lauren Kilcullen

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



## CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

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

I have been nominated by \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.  
Branch No. City

Signature of Candidate Date

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

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

## Central Council Nominee Profile

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

Candidate entries to be included in the Bollettino, must be emailed to both the ICF Office and the Bollettino Editor by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Email [admin@icf.org](mailto:admin@icf.org) and [editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org). Submissions should include a clear photo.

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

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

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

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

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.



All Branch Presidents should mention the program at their next meeting. Also, publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF Web site ([www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)). Applications should either be mailed to the

ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org).

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

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

*God Bless You,  
Teresa Helfand*

## Gifts of Love Donations (Report as of April 9, 2022)

Officers/Members of Br. 291  
In Memory of Gayle Quain  
Barbara Firpo  
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of  
Harold Fuentes

Joan and Jerry Delfino  
Get Well Wishes for Michael  
Cannady



# Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand President

## HAPPY SPRING!!!!

Here in the San Francisco Bay Area, we have been having some beautiful weather. It has been a time to enjoy the garden and the outdoors. This recipe is all about the outdoors and picnics. I got this recipe from my niece Cindy. It is effortless to make and messy to eat. Enjoy!

My testers for this recipe were the ICF Central Council Executive Committee members. At the April meeting, plates went into the kitchen clean. So, it passed the taste test. I am embarrassed to say that I made an apricot pie (from my last year's crop of fruit) for dessert and we got so engrossed in our meeting it cooked too long. The crust was very brown---my first thought was to toss it---but they all had a piece and enjoyed it. My advice is put the timer on....



**NOTE:** I sometimes cube the meat and pan fry it (sear it) before putting in the slow cooker. I will also sauté the onions.

Once cooked, I will take the meat out of the sauce and shred it. Then I will spoon out some of the fat floating on top of the sauce and discard it. Put the meat back in. If necessary, add more BBQ Sauce and seasoning. Cook a little longer for the flavors to meld.

**Variations:** Use ketchup, pineapple juice, brown sugar, molasses, garlic.

Always serve with coleslaw. In the south, when serving this, the slaw goes on top of the BBQ in a nice roll.

This is the easy version of Pulled Pork...otherwise you would be tending and smoking the pork roast for 8 to 10 hours on a smoker, then shredding and seasoning it.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at [drodondi@comcast.net](mailto:drodondi@comcast.net) or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any.

If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**  
*Buon Appetito!*

## Barbecued Pork (pulled Pork) in the Slow Cooker

- 2-3 lb. boneless pork roast, cubed (I have also used bone in--whatever is on sale)
- 2 onions, chopped
- 12 oz. bottle BBQ (bold flavor) sauce
- ¼ cup honey

A little liquid smoke (a splash)  
Liquid smoke is strong, so be gentle when using it

A little Tabasco sauce for a kick (optional--if you use a spicy bold BBQ this step may not be needed)

salt and pepper

Place meat in slow cooker. Add onions, BBQ sauce and honey.

Cover. Cook on low 6 to 8 hours.

Use 2 forks to shred meat.

Serve on rolls with sauce.



## In Loving Memory (Report as of April 8, 2022)

Paul F Quilici	Branch 021	Gayle P Quain	Branch 291
Mary Jane Vierra	Branch 025	Jens E Wagner	Branch 291
Nino J Palma	Branch 036	Florence Oefinger	Branch 332
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Jennie T Rouch	Branch 036	Caterina Maestrini	Branch 351
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Emilio P Minicucci	Branch 291	Bob Gudde	Branch 449

# Women Saints--Continued

Carmen Kilcullen

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## St. Margaret of Scotland (1045-1093)

was married to King Malcolm III of Scotland. They had eight children including St. Maud and St. David of Scotland. Margaret founded abbeys, worked for justice and for improved conditions for the poor. She died in 1093 and her relics were buried in a Scottish shrine. Her relics were later destroyed during the Protestant Reformation and the French Revolution.



## St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)

had a long marriage with a man named Ulf, to whom she was married for 28 years. They had eight children. Bridget devoted herself to her children, educating them to love the goodness of the world, to be tolerant and have compassion for the human spirit. She was an ideal mother, and for this reason, she is now the patron saint and mother of all Europe.



## St. Yangzhi Lang (1871-1900)

is a Chinese saint canonized in 2000 by Pope John II. She married a Christian man, became a convert and was a local model for Christian charity. She was martyred in the anti-Christian persecution during the Boxer Rebellion. Her enemies threw her into her house which they burned. Her husband recovered her remains and buried them. Her son, St. Paulus Lang Fu, was also canonized.



## St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli (1587-1651)

was the daughter of a Doge of Genoa. She agreed to an arranged marriage with a man who turned out to be a drinker and a gambler. He died after five years of marriage, leaving Virginia with two small daughters. After her daughters were grown, Virginia dedicated herself to taking care of the poor, the sick, the aged and abandoned children. She worked tirelessly for these causes the rest of her life. She is also known as the foundress of the institution of the Forty Hours' Devotion.



## Note:

I, myself, had a wonderful mother – intelligent, kind, loving and devoted to her family. I thank God for this great blessing.

Carmen Kilcullen

More information about women saints can be obtained on the internet.

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# Book Review: *Women of the Italian Resistance in World War II*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

After the fall of Mussolini, many Italians began a resistance movement against the Nazis and Italian fascists. As Stew Ross notes, "During the initial formation of the Italian Resistance, women comprised approximately half of the volunteers.



While every occupied country's resistance movements saw female participation, Italy's resistance activities were heavily influenced by its female partisans" (<https://stewross.com/women-italian-resistance/>). These women often became engaged in combat, carrying weapons for strikes and sabotage and more traditional roles, such as providing food, clothing, and medical supplies to the network. Unfortunately, after the war, as Stew Ross explains, "Women partisans were not given the same accolades that their male counterparts received. They were excluded from victory parades, and those few who did participate found themselves walking last and often were jeered at. Women just weren't recognized as 'fighters.'" However, several books hope to correct this by telling the stories of these brave and patriotic women. The following are publisher summaries of these books.

## *The Resistance Quartet* By Caroline Moorehead

Two of the books in Moorehead's Resistance Quartet focus on women of the Italian Resistance. (The other two are about resistance in France.)

Caroline Moorehead is the New York Times bestselling author of *Village of Secrets* and *A Train in Winter*, as well as *Human Cargo: A Journey Among the Refugees*, which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. An acclaimed biographer of Martha Gellhorn, Bertrand Russell, and Lucie de la Tour du Pin, among others, Moorehead has also written for the *Telegraph*, the *Times*, and the *Independent*. She lives in London and Italy.

### 1. *A Bold and Dangerous Family: The Remarkable Story of an Italian Mother, Her Two Sons, and Their Fight Against Fascism (The Resistance Quartet, 3)*

Members of the cosmopolitan, cultural aristocracy of Florence at the beginning of the twentieth century, the Rosselli family, led by their fierce matriarch, Amelia, were vocal anti-fascists. As populist, right-wing nationalism swept across Europe after World War I, and Italy's Prime

Minister, Benito Mussolini, began consolidating his power, Amelia's sons Carlo and Nello led the opposition, taking a public stand against Il Duce that few others in their elite class dared risk. When Mussolini established a terrifying and brutal police state controlled by his Blackshirts—the squaddristi—the Rossellis and their anti-fascist circle were transformed into active resisters.

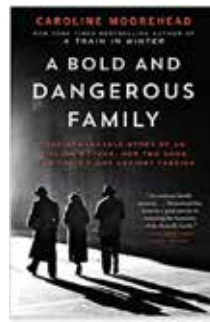
In retaliation, many of the anti-fascists were arrested and imprisoned; others left the country to escape a similar fate. Tragically, Carlo and Nello were eventually assassinated by Mussolini's secret service. After Italy entered World War II in June 1940, Amelia, thanks to visas arranged by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt herself, fled to New York City with the remaining members of her family.

Renowned historian Caroline Moorehead paints an indelible picture of Italy in the first half of the twentieth century, offering an intimate account of the rise of Il Duce and his squaddristi; life in Mussolini's penal colonies; the shocking ambivalence and complicity of many prominent Italian families seduced by Mussolini's promises; and the bold, fractured resistance movement whose associates sacrificed their lives to fight fascism. In *A Bold and Dangerous Family*, Moorehead once again pays tribute to heroes who fought to uphold our humanity during one of history's darkest chapters.

### 2. *A House in the Mountains: The Women Who Liberated Italy from Fascism*

In the late summer of 1943, when Italy broke with the Germans and joined the Allies after suffering catastrophic military losses, an Italian Resistance was born. Four young Piedmontese women—Ada, Frida, Silvia, and Bianca—living secretly in the mountains surrounding Turin, risked their lives to overthrow Italy's authoritarian government. They were among the thousands of Italians who joined the Partisan effort to help the Allies liberate their country from the German invaders and their Fascist collaborators. What made this partisan war all the more extraordinary was the number of women—like this brave quartet—who swelled its ranks.

The bloody civil war that ensued pitted neighbor against neighbor and revealed the best and worst in Italian society. The courage shown by the



partisans was exemplary and eventually bound them together into a coherent fighting force. But the death rattle of Mussolini's two decades of Fascist rule—with its corruption, greed, and anti-Semitism—was unrelentingly violent and brutal.

Drawing on a rich cache of previously untranslated sources, prize-winning historian Caroline Moorehead illuminates the experiences of Ada, Frida, Silvia, and Bianca to tell the little-known story of the women of the Italian partisan movement fighting for freedom against fascism in all its forms. At the same time, Europe collapsed in smoldering ruins around them.

## *Girls from the Italian Resistance Series*

by Siobhan Daiko

These historical romance novels by Daiko are based on actual events in Italy during World War II.

Siobhan Daiko is an international bestselling historical romantic fiction author.

### 1. *The Girl from Portofino*

In 1970, Gina Bianchi returns to the beautiful Italian resort of Portofino to attend her father's funeral, accompanied by her troubled twenty-four-year-old daughter, Hope.



There, Gina is beset by vivid memories of World War 2, a time when she joined the Resistance and her identical twin sister, Adele, worked for the Germans.

In her childhood bedroom, Gina reads Adele's diary, left behind during the war. As Gina learns the shocking truth about her sister, she's compelled to face the harsh realities of her own past.

Will she finally lay her ghosts to rest, or will they continue to haunt her and the family she loves?

### 2. *The Girl from Venice*

From Siobhan Daiko, international bestselling author of *The Orchid Tree*, comes *The Girl from Venice*, a gripping new romantic historical novel set in Italy during World War II and the present day.



Lidia De Angelis has kept a low profile since Mussolini's racial laws wrenched her from her childhood sweetheart. But when the Germans occupy Venice in 1943, she must flee the city to save her life.

Lidia joins the partisans in the Venetian mountains, where she meets

David, an English soldier fighting for the same cause. As she grows closer to him, harsh Nazi reprisals and Lidia's own ardent anti-fascist activities threaten to tear them apart.

Decades later in London, while sorting through her grandmother's belongings after her death, Charlotte discovers a Jewish prayer book, unopened letters written in Italian, and a fading photograph of a group of young people in front of the Doge's Palace.

Intrigued by her grandmother's refusal to talk about her life in Italy before and during the war, Charlotte travels to Venice in search of her roots. There, she learns not only the devastating truth about her grandmother's past but also some surprising truths about herself.

### 3. *The Girl from Bologna*

Bologna, Italy, 1944, and the streets are crawling with German soldiers. Nineteen-year-old Leila Venturi is shocked into joining the Resistance after her beloved best friend Rebecca, the daughter of a prominent Jewish businessman, is ruthlessly deported to a concentration camp.



In the spring of 1981, exchange student Rhiannon Hughes arrives in Bologna to study at the university. There, she rents a room from Leila, who is now middle-aged and infirm. Leila's nephew, Gianluca, offers to show Rhiannon around, but Leila warns her off him.

Soon Rhiannon finds herself being drawn into a web of intrigue. What is Gianluca's involvement with a nefarious far-right media mogul? And how is this man connected to Leila? As dark secrets emerge from the past, Rhiannon is faced with a terrible choice. Will she take her courage into both hands and risk everything?

## *Partisan Diary: A Woman's Life in the Italian Resistance*

by Ada Gobetti (Author), Jomarie Alano (Translator)

Ada Gobetti (1902-1968) was a member of the Italian Resistance.

Jomarie Alano is a Visiting Scholar at Cornell University's Institute for European Studies.



Ada Gobetti's *Partisan Diary* is both diary and memoir. From the German entry into Turin on 10 September 1943 to the liberation of the city on

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# Exploring Genealogy--Part Three

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson  
Grand 1st Vice President

Well, here we are at Part Three. Remember this has been just an overview of how to start to put together the story of our families; the history of what makes us the people we are now. The most important thing to



remember is that our research will open a world that was so different than what we've lived and yet so familiar in our traditions that they seem the same. So

good luck and happy digging. You never know who you'll discover but the journey to find them will be so valuable to you and your descendants, that alone will make it worth your time.

**Try a small project first to build some confidence.**

The time has now come that you have to interpret the data you collected in order to get the story right. Once you are confident in your facts, you can start the storytelling. Pick a single person (your favorite person) and tell a story about their life. You don't have to write a biography, just remember that this is about storytelling. The following are some suggestions.

- Start out with **Once upon a time** and tell where they were born, what it was like for them growing up, how they met their spouse, how they

r family started to grow, and how they spent their golden years.

**If your subject asks the question:** "Are you making a book out of me?" your answer could be: Yes, someday. Hopefully you can end your story with **happily ever after.**

- Give some background about where they were born and raised, especially if it was in a foreign country. That type of information may be new to the people reading your story. Also, remember that overcoming hardships in their life can become an important part of your storyline.
- **Build a family tree display** for your ancestor and include it as a part of your story. Several types of displays are currently available which include the standard pedigree chart, fan charts, portrait charts, descendant's charts, and so on. If using a descendancy chart, be more cautious about the information you include about living people.
- Add a "Credits" page for attribution when using free photographs taken from the Internet. This is also a good place to acknowledge the assistance of others (for their time, resources such as photos and documents, and any financial assistance) that helped you achieve this goal.
- Write a final chapter called "Research Summary: Chronology" describing your own adventures involved with the discovery of the information on which you based your story. It could be useful for others if they take an interest in genealogy and would also serve as a useful means of recording your source information.
- And finally, **dedicate the story** to all the loved ones that have passed before us by either creating a collage or a portrait page. Now you would have a short story worth telling and sharing with others.



# Vince Piro's Book Review -- continued

Continued from Page 7

28 April 1945, Gobetti recorded an almost daily account of events, sentiments, and personalities, in a cryptic English only she could understand. Italian senator and philosopher Benedetto Croce encouraged Ada to convert her notes into a book. Published by the Italian publisher Giulio Einaudi in 1956, it won the Premio Prato, an annual prize for a work inspired by the Italian Resistance (Resistenza). From a political and military point of view, the Partisan Diary provides firsthand knowledge of how the partisans in Piedmont fought, what obstacles they encountered, and who joined the struggle against the Nazis and the Fascists. The mountainous terrain and long winters of the Alpine regions (the site of many of their battles) and the ever-present threat of reprisals by German occupiers and their fascist partners exacerbated problems of organization among the various partisan groups. So arduous was their fight that key military events--Italy's declaration of war on Germany, the fall of Rome, and the Allied landings on D-Day --appear in the diary as remote and almost unrelated incidents. Ada Gobetti writes of the heartbreak of mothers who lost their sons or watched them leave on dangerous missions of sabotage, relating it to worries about her own son Paolo. She reflects on

the relationship between anti-fascist thought of the 1920s, in particular the ideas of her husband, Piero Gobetti, and the Italian resistance movement (Resistenza) in which she and her son were participating. While the Resistenza represented a culmination of more than twenty years of anti-fascist activity for Ada, it also helped illuminate the exceptional talents, needs, and rights of Italian women, more than one hundred thousand of whom participated.

**Women and the Italian Resistance: 1943-1945 (Women and Modern Revolution)**

by Jane Slaughter  
A study of women's participation in the movement to overthrow the Fascist regime, expel the occupying Germans, and rebuild a progressive and democratic Italy. The words of some of the Resistance women, taken from extensive interviews, describe their daily experiences as partisans. The author examines the motives for women's activism and the impact of their contributions. She then analyzes the degree to which women's involvement in the Resistance resulted in a political and feminist consciousness and female emancipation.

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4/4	Mary Jo Belli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
4/5	Tony & Janina Martinez		Salinas, CA	\$30
4/6	JJ & Lani Gianquinto	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
4/7	Josephine Parra		Modesto, CA	\$30
4/8	Linda Spallino	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
4/9	Mary Drobeck	362	Downey, CA	\$30
4/10	Kevin Phillips		Charlotte, NC	\$30
4/11	Esther Ramonda	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
4/12	Brad & Cathi Farber		Moraga, CA	\$30
4/13	David & Marianne Peoples	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
4/14	George Saitta	379	Huntington Beach, CA	\$40
4/15	Marquis McClure		Wilmington, CA	\$50
4/16	Kristy Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$50
4/17	Marie D'Asaro	403	San Mateo, CA	\$100
4/18	Pat Taormino	191	San Jose, CA	\$40
4/19	Patrick Madej	91	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
4/20	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
4/21	Steve & Carole Taylor	332	San Rafael, CA	\$30
4/22	Jeanne Giampaoli	39	Le Grand, CA	\$30
4/23	Pat Mages	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
4/24	Lila Vezzolo	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
4/25	Donna Di Grazia		Claremont, CA	\$30
4/26	Andrea Senge	438	Rocklin, CA	\$30
4/27	Ila Schoettler	27	Madera, CA	\$30
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## Branch Reports

### SAN FRANCISCO Area

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

Dear Members:

Wishing all Branch 1 Mother's a very Happy Mother's Day.

*Kind regards  
Diana Cresci*



#### San Francisco

##### Br. 258, St. Elizabeth

A big Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. We all owe them so much!!

To our members celebrating a birthday in May - many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Our sincere sympathy to the Serrato Family. Maria was a member of our Br. 258 for 50 years. She always came to our socials, when possible. We will miss you, Maria. God bless you.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

We have received our Convention Raffle Tickets. You will receive your tickets shortly in the mail. Please return your ticket stubs with your check as soon as possible. Our Branch keeps \$10.00 for each book of tickets sold. Thank you - Tante Grazie!!

It was so nice to see some of our members and friends recently at a luncheon.

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

*Ciao,  
Eva Perata, President*

### SAN MATEO District

#### South San Francisco Br. 7, Sacro Cuore

Happy Memorial Day South City!

The Branch Officers would like to thank all our members for their continued support in attending our functions during these challenging times. We especially are grateful to those who attended the February and April business dinners and those that assisted in making these functions possible.

Mark your calendars for our annual Cinco de Mayo dinner on Tuesday, May 10. This dinner has been a tradition at our Branch for the past 27 years and was started by our past president, Lola Migliore.

A belated Happy Birthday to Tony Bachle who celebrated a milestone birthday in April. Wishing him many more years to come.

*Keep in your prayers the families of long-time members Barbara Ann Ferguson and Eddyann Thompson. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

*FHR*

#### Colma

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

We are still limited to having our meetings with just our members but some events at the Church are starting to slowly open up.

Holy Angels School is having their annual Festival on May 7th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and if this goes well, I see the restrictions being lifted.

Deacon Jerald Geronimo, whom Branch 19 supported through his studies and a graduate from Holy Angels school, will be ordained a priest on June 4, 2022 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco at 10:00 a.m. It is very exciting to have Jerald take his final vows.

Wishing all mothers, the best on Mother's day and let's not forget the veterans on Memorial Day

*Donald Simon -Branch President*

#### Burlingame

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

We are looking forward to warmer weather and hoping for better health predictions for the rest of the year.

At our March meeting, members voted to give TWO first year scholarships in the name of Steve Martinelli (Lisa's husband and father of Michael and Jack—all long-time members)

Our second scholarship was named in memory of John Campanile (Dorene's husband Donna Cervelli's dad) – May they rest in peace.

If dues were not paid yet, please do so at your earliest convenience as there was a delay in sending out the invoices due to family's unexpected deaths.

Raffle tickets were sent out with our member newsletter and for every book of tickets sold our branch keeps \$10.00. \$2.00 per ticket (\$20.00) book of 12. Checks should be made out to ICF Branch 173 and sent to: Lori Clyne 30 Mounds Road #401, San Mateo, CA 94402 650-340-0456 no later than July 31, 2022 - PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE STAPLES.

Our May newsletter will include flyers for our May dinner and our Ravioli dinner in June.

For all our mothers still with us and those watching us from above we thank you for all you did in raising us and now realize it was not always easy! God Bless

Please continue to pray for those who are ill in our Branch and throughout the Federation: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager, Kathy Trevizo and family (Br.19) and Roberta Franchini (Br. 213).

*God Bless,  
Roz Emery*

#### IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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

Thank You,  
Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer



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

Hello from Branch 213

Our members gathered for March meeting to make plans for the future, feasting on a St. Patrick's theme with corned beef and other goodies.

Our most recent efforts have included celebrating St. Joseph. In past years, we held a "St. Joseph's Table" drawing many from St. Augustine's parish, and other ICF branches.

This year, our wonderful volunteers have put together colorful bags filled with snack and yes, holy card, Fava bean and much more. Again, this year these bags were placed in baskets, surrounded by loaves of bread...in a wonderful arrangement on the Altar. After Mass they were distributed to the parishioners. Several members participated in Novena leading up.

*Ciao,  
Victor Spano*



Br. 403 Ossobuco Dinner Drawing winners Rosemarie & Al Morando & guest, Mary Vella Treseler, enjoying the food.



Branch 213 made bags as a virtual St. Joseph's Table



Branch 213, Scenes from St. Augustine, Solemnity of St. Joseph

## Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

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

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

We have decided to do an in-person meal/meeting event, consisting of KFC, desert, and wine. It is scheduled for NOON on Saturday, June 4, 2022 on the Parish Hall patio adjacent to the kitchen. As Saturday is not our usual day for meetings, I am letting everyone know well in advance. This will give us a chance to gather in a safe & familiar environment. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

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

*Ciao a tutti!  
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding  
Secretary*

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## MARIN Area

### Larkspur

#### Br. 161, St. James

Our deepest condolences to the family of Luciana Buoncristini who passed away April 6. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter season.

May Happy Birthday wishes to Maria Aversa, Annette Bernardini, Eleanor Feeney, and Susan Gilardi.

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

#### TO MY MOTHER

By D.P.

When Jesus decided to send me  
From Heaven's skies of blue  
He searched the wide world over  
For a woman, kind and true---

Someone to love me always,  
Someone to keep me spotlessly new,  
One who would really want me---  
He wished His own Mother could do.

But then, at last, My Jesus found one,  
Who was as good as she could be.  
She had been waiting, yes, longing  
For a baby just like me.

So, He wrapped me in a fluffy cloud,  
Tied with a ribbon blue,  
And slid me down the rainbow,  
Yes, Mom---to earth and you.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Mother's Day.

Ciao,  
Anna Biggio  
Recording Secretary

## LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Hello and welcome to May. What a glorious month it is. We get to honor and celebrate our moms, wherever they are, and our beloved Holy Mother Mary. Please pray the rosary and keep Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers

We held a district meeting last month and discussed the new assignment for our district chaplain, Monsignor Cacciapuoti. He is moving over to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels as its new pastor. I spoke to Monsignor and he's ready to pass the torch onto a new chaplain. Thank you for all of your years of service to the LA district and to the Italian Catholic

Federation. You're always welcome to our meetings and events. We will pray for you in your new assignment.

The district will gather once again this month on May 7th to continue to discuss all of our district needs. This meeting is scheduled to be at Holy Family in So. Pasadena. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries before starting our meeting at 10 a.m. If you can't make it, please let me know and try to get a substitute.

Start thinking about this year's convention. We will be in Las Vegas at the Orleans hotel on Labor Day weekend. Make your plans now. I also want to see each branch send in their Apostolic reports this year. We need 100% participation!

Have a great month and stay safe. Thank you and we will chat again next month.

*Perry Shurko, LA District president*

### Los Angeles

#### Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

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

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

Visit [ICF.org](http://ICF.org) and select ICF National Branch 67 for more information. You are welcome to join us at [ICFNationalBranch67.org](http://ICFNationalBranch67.org) and complete the application process.

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

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

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President  
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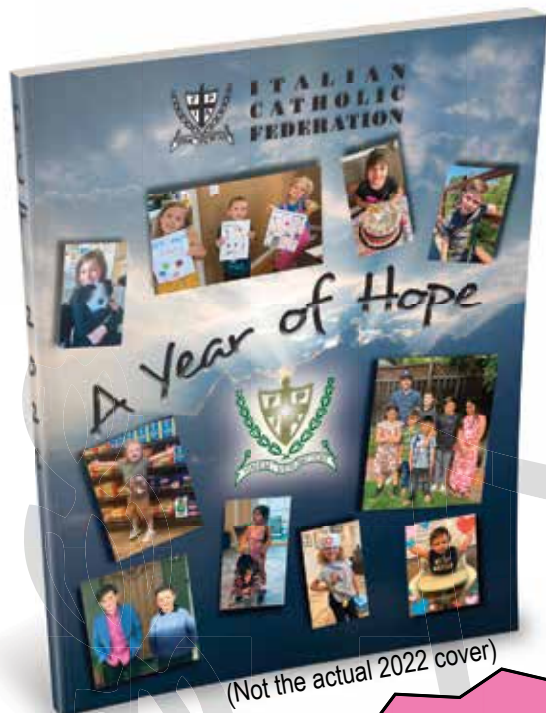
#### SAVE THE DATE

Gioachino Rossini's  
"L'Inganno Felice (The fortunate Deception)"  
opera and luncheon coming to Casa Italiana by the Burbank Chamber Music Society and Opera Italia in October 2022. Date: TBA. Call 213 248-2510 or email: [operaitalia.com](mailto:operaitalia.com) for more information.



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.





(Not the actual 2022 cover)

**Artwork Deadline  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

# ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2022 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

## Celebration Pages

**Births • Weddings • Graduations**

**Full color** 1/16<sup>th</sup> page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details.

**Let us all celebrate the joys from your year!**



**On the road to the 100th!**

**Happy Birthday Mom! We Love You!**

Denise, Germaine, Michelle, Monique & Rick, Justin & Naomi, Franceszka, Gianni, Dominik & Claire, Cecily & Zayne, Vance Sr. & Laurie, Vance Jr., Lexie & Nico



## You Need COLOR!

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

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

**Please consider color for impact.**

**The ICF Convention Yearbook is:**

- Collected & kept for years •
- Referenced by members •
- A visual history of your year •

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



**South Pasadena  
Br. 108, Holy Family**

Branch 108 held its General Meeting “under the tent” on April 10th. Members enjoyed the annual tradition of Gnocchi with Salsiccia (sausage) in a tasty marinara sauce. Members celebrated the April birthdays and the 70th Wedding Anniversary of long time ICF Members Norma and Ernie Anderson.

SAD NEWS: ICF Branch 108’s longtime member Ernie Anderson passed away Monday evening with his family around him. May he Rest In Peace. Please keep Ernie, Norma and family in your prayers.

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*

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

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, may you all enjoy a wonderful day, making lots of happy memories with your families.

Our May General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Fr. Dionisio Cachera, Carmelita Aguilera, Filomena Divincenzo, Nicolina Vieni, Mario Orofino, Leo Orofino, Vince Veneziano, Jess Noriega, Alfred Viera, Salvatore Canzonieri, Tony Wadzinski, and Salvatore Sorce. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!

We would like to thank Fr. Fredric Abiera, Pastor of St. Benedict Church, for his support for our annual St.



Br. 108, Meeting on the tent

Br. 108, Meeting on the tent



Br.111 St. Joseph's Table-with California Senator, Montebello Mayor and Council members

Joseph's Table, and for his wonderful Blessing of this year's St. Joseph Table, both in English & Italian, held on March 19 & 20, 2022, and all the individuals who volunteered their time and/or made donations to the Feast of St. Joseph's Table, and the various sponsors of the St. Joseph's Table, which helped to make it a successful event. Congratulations to all the raffle winners. We hope that you all enjoyed the great food, desserts, and fellowship time with everyone

We would like to welcome the following new members who recently joined our Branch: Kathleen Rabago, Katherine Huerta, Priscilla Araiza, Rosa Diaz and Jacob Diaz. Benvenuti!

Sincere condolences to Carmelita Aguilera and her family for the passing of her beloved sister, Presentacion Aguilera. May she Rest in Peace; we pray for her and for all our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless!  
Frank Salomone  
Branch 111 President*



Br. 111 St. Joseph's Table-Family & Friends



Br. 111 St. Joseph's Table-Friends Reunion Gathering



Br. 111-March Birthdays - Della, Margaret, Esterina & Tony



## San Pedro

### Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Thank you to all who attended our Harrah's casino day trip and who will be joining us on our Laughlin trip fundraiser. Your support is appreciated! Thank you to Pauline Iacono for coordinating these trips.

Please join us on Saturday May 7th for the 5:15 p.m. mass in honor of the Madonna Del Arco. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Lady. Let's keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.

Our general meeting will be held on May 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Up for discussion will be parish fiesta Friday July 15th thru Sunday July 17th. Our branch will host the meatball/sausage sandwich and pizza booth. Help will be needed.

Save the date August 20th Mass in honor of St John Joseph will be celebrated at 10 a.m. We are tentatively planning our traditional dinner dance. We will keep you posted.

This year's convention will be held in Las Vegas. Convention raffle tickets have arrived. A book of tickets is \$20.00. Our branch receives \$10.00 for every book sold. Please support this fundraiser.

Happy 90th birthday to member Rosa Vuoso. God bless you!

*I would like to wish all our moms and mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day!*  
Anita Gioiello Trujillo



San Pedro Branch 115 is very grateful to have (L-R) cantor Chris Feeney, and music director Gilleel Romano with their music and singing traditional Italian hymns at all Branch 115 church celebrations. Also pictured is long time member Tony Di Bernardo who also sang in the church choir for many years.

## Glendora

### Br. 179, St. Dorothy

St. Dorothy Branch 179 hosted our first ever St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 20, in our Parish Hall after two of the morning masses. We solicited help from the various ministries and parishioners at our church and were overwhelmed with the wonderful response of donations of baked goods and savory items. Our table was dedicated to the Families of the Ukraine, and with everyone's help we were able to collect \$2,344 to send to the Society for the Propagation of Faith/Ukraine Disaster through the Los Angeles Diocese/St. Dorothy Parish.

We also furthered our quest to grow our branch ministry, receiving a few interest cards and two new members. Our Table was so successful, we're already working on next year to be bigger and better!

**Deadline**  
for June Issue of  
*Bollettino*  
is May 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)  
*Share your stories and events with ICF members.*



Br. 179, St. Joseph's Table Celebration



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

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with our St. Joseph's Table. It was a phenomenal effort to put this together in one month and have it turn out so beautifully. Kudos to President Jerry for heading this up. Also, of significance is that this was the 50th year anniversary of our Table.

On other news, our May meeting, which will be in honor of Mother's Day, will be held at the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles. We will be having lunch there and a very short meeting. At this time, we are looking into a chartered bus to take members down there. There will be more detailed information per Jeane's newsletter.

Our sincere condolences to JoAnn Hudson on the loss of her husband, Jeff. Jeff was well known in the branch even though he was not an ICF member. And, from the branch and myself, a very happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

*Lolly M.*

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

Welcome to the month of May. Spring is in full bloom and so is branch 362. I hope you all had a glorious Easter and got through all of your Easter candy.

Last month we held a last minute Lenten fundraiser for Ukraine, a cause that's near and dear to me. I made about 200 pierogi and a couple gallons of vegetable borscht. We were able to raise \$300 that will go to help those in Ukraine. We also had our first bingo of 2022. It was so good to see everyone again and I know everyone had a great time. A pasta lunch was served, and we hope to be onboard for many more bingos for the rest of the year.

With only a couple of months left before the end of the fiscal calendar, we are hoping to have a couple more fundraisers before we hand out our donations to our parish, scholarship winners and charities. Please help when and wherever possible.

I want to wish all of our ICF moms a joyful Mother's Day to all of you. God Bless you!

*Till next month, stay safe and healthy.*  
*Perry Shurko, branch president.*



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

Effective July 1, 2022, our pastor and Branch Chaplain Rev. Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti will be taking on a new assignment as pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles, a rather awesome responsibility. Monsignor has been our spiritual leader since coming to our parish 12 years ago and is well-known for his charismatic ability to bring parishioners together as a family. He was appointed to his new responsibility by Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez to lead the Cathedral parish and staff. A special farewell Mass, followed by a reception will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 11 a.m. This popular Italian priest will be sorely missed by ICF members and all parishioners at St. Bede.

With Covid putting a damper on our momentum for our always successful St. Joseph Table events, branch leaders managed to generate great success this year making it possible to fatten our treasury and continue to make it possible to donate to our regular charities and scholarships. In addition, due to the very generous donation of \$5,000 by member, Benny Volpe, this amount will go towards our branch obligation to the Parish ANEW construction project. The table event, which exceeded past years, was ably led by Maria deSalguera. The Silent Auction was managed by First Vice President Phyllis Harb, assisted by Kris Jardino. Thanks also to Joel Wynton, for coordinating help from the Boy Scouts, and Karen Crisci for the exceptional floral display.

Coming soon:

The May General Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th will feature our scholarship recipients.

Summer Off-site Mass and Luncheon (TBA); Cabrini Mass and Luncheon, Sun. Nov. 13th

*Prayers for World Peace, especially for the long-suffering people of Ukraine.*

*Diane Restivo*



Br. 374, Maria deSalguera and her husband Sal are shown here leading the St. Joseph event procession.



Branch 380 Springtime cannoli sale

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

Branch 380 is busy with activities for Springtime. We held a very successful cannoli sale in March and will be having another one for Mother's Day. We also held another Sunday afternoon get together in the parish hall with bingo games, appetizers, and dessert.

It was nice to reconnect with friends! The next one will be held on May 6th at 6 p.m. in the hall, and we hope to see lots of members there.

We are sad to announce the passing of one of our members, Gladys Krantz. A donation has been made in her name to the Providenza Fund. She and her family are in our prayers, as well as all of our members.



# 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 spirit of Mother Teresa in the performance of works to better the human condition. The recipient will receive this award at the Saturday night banquet. A \$1000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

## 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

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.

## YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

 <h1 style="margin: 0; display: inline;">ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0; display: inline;">AWARD NOMINATION</h2>	
<p><b>Nomination Year: 20</b> _____</p> <p><b>Award:</b></p> <p>_____ Pope Saint John XXIII</p> <p>_____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>_____ Grand President's</p> <p>_____ Family of the Year</p> <p>_____ Young Adult Leadership</p>	<p><b>Nominee:</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Address:</b> _____</p> <p><b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> (____) _____</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Branch #/City:</b> _____</p> <p><small>For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.</small></p>
<p>Nominations must be postmarked on or before May 1.</p> <p>Please include with this application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A maximum of three letters of endorsement.</li> <li>-Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.</li> </ul> <p>The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award at the June meeting. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the I.C.F. Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and admission to the Saturday night banquet will be provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediately families are not eligible for nomination.</p>	<p><b>Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> (____) _____</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> _____</p>
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**Simi Valley**  
**Br. 443, St. Gianna**

Branch 443 is back! We have had several activities to reconnect with our members. Even though our church hall remained closed until January 2022, Branch 443 had two meetings.

Last summer we had a potluck in our President Rita Downey's backyard. We even managed to have our annual Christmas party which was also held in President Rita Downey's backyard. This event was catered by Viva la Pasta and had a surprise—St. Rose's choir entertained us with some Christmas songs. Both of these events were well attended and allowed our members to reconnect.

When St. Rose's church hall finally reopened in February, Branch 443 had a meeting in February where we manage to add six new members to our family. We also had a meeting in March discussing the history of Lent and the significance of the number 40 in the Bible.

On April 22nd, we will have another general meeting that focuses on Italian Easter traditions.

Future events for Branch 443 include: our May meeting will focus on the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother; our June meeting will have us helping the Knights of Columbus with their Chili Cook-off; and our September meeting will be our yearly Bocce picnic.

To say that our branch was happy to reconnect is an understatement! We all enjoyed seeing each other again—finding out what we did during the pandemic and reconnecting with our Italian Heritage generated lively discussions, some laughs, and of course, an enrichment of our family ties.

**Manhattan Beach**  
**Br. 447, American Martyrs**

The Board is delighted to report that we were able to host a very successful St. Joseph's Table this year in the Welcome Center at O'Donnell Hall. Several members participated in setting up the St. Joseph Table, donating baked good and flowers and helped host the St. Joseph Table at various times throughout the weekend. Thank you all for your donations and support! Many parishioners stopped by the St. Joseph Table and purchased

homemade marinara from Grandma Mary (thank you so much!), baked goods from the Board and many other baked goods donated from our community of corporate sponsors and donors. Several people joined our group and several more were added to our list of those interested in joining Branch 447.

\* See the attached photos of our event.  
Our next event will be held on Friday,



Br. 443, ICF Dec 21 Christmas



Br. 447, Mary Roberti, Financial Officer



Br. 447, Rich Romano with Father John Barry



Br. 446, St. Joseph's Day Table with the set-up crew: From the left: Thomas Bracuto, Anna Reyna, Danny Centurioni, Nan Judge, Dominico and Gina Ricci, Tony Santorufo, Betty and Kevin Cavanaugh.

April 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Kateri Room at O'Donnell Hall. It will be a pot-luck dinner with drinks and appetizers starting at 6:30 p.m., dinner at about 7:00 p.m., followed by dessert and Bingo! Everyone always loves a good Bingo game!

In May we are planning a Mother's Day celebration at Pizza Coast Hiway in Redondo Beach. It will be a fun event where we honor all our women members. In June we will be having a Father's Day Bocce Ball Tournament and picnic at the Hermosa Beach Lawn Bowling Club.

More information about all the-seevents will be available as the events draw near.

*We look forward to seeing everyone soon!*  
*Ciao,*  
*Stephanie DeRaddo, President*

(see next page for additional photo)



St. Joseph Table in the Welcome Center



Br. 447, Monica Rossi, 1st Vice President





Br. 447, Stephanie DeRaddo, President w/Joana Brown, 2nd Vice President

## Oakland

### EAST BAY District Council

Our last meeting was via Zoom and well attended, but not as much fun.

It seems to be the beginning of the East Bay anniversary season. Both Br. #343 and Br. #10 are planning celebrations; Br. #343 in April and Br. #10 in May.

Branch activities are picking up starting with Br. #215's Bingo Luncheon.

Hopefully all will stay healthy so these activities can continue.

*A Very Happy Mother's Day to all the Ladies!*

*Pat Grasso,  
District Sec.*

## Alameda

### Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We will celebrate the first 96 years of Branch 10 with an anniversary luncheon on Saturday, May 14. The outdoor site will be the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The event begins at 12:30 p.m. The menu is antipasto, salad, pasta with pesto, pork roast, vegetable, dessert and wine. The price is \$40.00. For reservations, you can contact first vice president Gina Foster, (510) 995-8141, fosterfamily625@gmail.com, or secretary Jeanette Zugnoni,

(510) 523-8005, jeanette@zugnoni.net. Reservations are due by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

We concluded our series of six Lenten Fish Fry dinners on Friday evening, April 8. We averaged 65 meals per night and transported unsold dinners to homeless persons at an encampment on the nearby Oakland-Alameda Estuary. Many thanks to chefs Jim Lee, Virginia Wegener, Ken Dorrance and Bob Lubeck and to helpers Terry Greig, Elena Serles, Peggy Dorrance, Ernie Poggi, Sheila Ewart, Jeanette Zugnoni and especially Brendan Ijor. Brendan, a student at California State University, East Bay has worked in our kitchen for several years.

It turns out that Karen Harrington, our financial secretary who designs the flyers for our events, in fact designs flyers for two branches. Our branch mentor, Fran LaTorre, mentioned at our meeting of April 7 that Branch 215 used Karen's format as a template for the flyer for its very successful drive-through Tortellini Dinner of April 2.

*John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity*



Deadline  
for June Issue of *Bollettino*  
is May 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
editor@icf.org

## Fremont

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

Happy May! I hope your month of May is off to a great start! Remember that May is the Month of Mary, so take some extra time to pray to our Mother. (A Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!!)

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 soon...

(Call President Fran at 510-887-1509 for reservations!)

Also, our branch is working to hold another restaurant fundraiser. The event will be in July. As we get closer, more information will be available.

*Blessings for all the people of  
Ukraine!*

*Dio ti benedica,  
James Francis McGee  
Vice President*

## Livermore

### Br. 285, St. Filomena

As days turn warm, thoughts turn to getting together with friends, barbecues, and celebrations. One holiday that is coming up is honoring mother on Mothers' Day. This quote by St. Theresa of Lisieux says it all:

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart  
of God is the heart of a mother."*

Best wishes to all mothers and grandmothers. You truly are God's masterpiece.

At the Frank Sinatra themed March meeting, Phil LaScola presented a mostly unknown side of Sinatra's life emphasizing his generosity, works of charity (especially to disadvantaged children), and patriotism. It was inspirational and a different take on the singer's life. St. Joseph's table was included. Kathy Elm spearheaded this successful charity drive. All the donations went to St. Vincent de Paul.

Our fundraiser at SideTrack Restaurant was successful and another way for us to get together with friends. This type of fundraising is easy on the membership, offers the reward of a dinner out, and helps our Branch fiscally. Thank you, SideTrack!

We are blessed and encouraged at the attendance at our recent meetings. Not only are the members happy to spend time together again, but we have attracted an encouraging number of new members.

New members will be honored in May at a tea at Charles and Elaine Meier's home. There have been 10 new members within the last year. They are special to us, and we want to welcome them.

We remember our members who are ill: Joe Buonsante, Charles Meier, Ed Rocca, and Mary Grubbs. They and their spouses are held in our heart.

*Happy Mothers' Day!  
Elaine Meier*

## Castro Valley

### Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Although we have not been able to have a meeting, the officers have been busy via Zoom.

Currently we are selling tickets for our 43rd Anniversary which we will celebrate on Saturday April 23rd with a Ham dinner. It seems that the members, as well as parishioners, are looking forward to it as the response has been good. So Happy Anniversary Branch #343!

*Happy Mothers Day to All  
Pat Grasso,  
Branch Sec.*



Br. 285. Sinatra Presenters Phil &amp; Claire LaScola



Br. 285. St. Joseph's Table Kathy Elm, Elaine Meier



## CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to all from the Contra Costa District:

We are happy to report that all eight of our branches are meeting in person again. Also, many branches are planning fundraisers and events. Remember to read the articles from our local branches in the *Bollettino*. You may wish to attend some of their events.

Everyone should begin to prepare their Apostolic Reports for this year which are due on June 30. Please submit to our Apostolic chairperson Anne McEntorffer at [armac2@comcast.net](mailto:armac2@comcast.net). Thank you in advance. In the past, our district has had 100 percent participation, so let's keep this tradition going!

Our next District meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4th at the Martinez Round Table Pizza Restaurant party room at 7:00 p.m. Every branch needs to send representation in the form of your president and a delegate. We will discuss our events for this year including Bishops Day being hosted by the Martinez branch. We will have our committee reports as well. Also, since one of our trustees has moved, we will have an election for her replacement at this meeting.

We would like to wish all the ladies a very joyful and blessed Mothers' Day. Not only do we want to acknowledge our moms who have experienced biological motherhood, but also, we wish happiness to all the women in our lives who have been generative and life-giving in the many ways they have blessed us! Happy Mothers' Day to you all!

*Diana Letizia Mackinson  
First Vice President, Contra Costa District*

### Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

The gift of life. There are so many gifts that give life. April is designated as National Donate Life month with organ, marrow, eye, and tissue donors. In May we honor mothers who gave us life. We honor the Blessed Mother who gave us her son's life so we may have eternal life. There's also National Do Something Nice for your Neighbor Day; and June 14 is World Blood Donor Day besides Flag Day besides Tom Cook's birthday. The gift of life.

We are aware of thalassemia and the need for life-sustaining blood transfusions to those who live with the disease. There is a constant need for blood right now. If you are a donor, seek out a drive and give the gift of life.

There are two events that focus on the gift of life approaching: Branch#13's Blood Drive in memory of Molly

Widner and in honor of Eugene Dizon, on May 29; and, Memorial Day, May 30 when we remember those who gave the gift of their lives in service to our country.

Please make an appointment to join us at St.-Catherine-of-Siena, 1125 Ferry Street, 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. With the help of Laurice Levine, Ken Marshall, Cheryl Trott of Vitalant, and you, we will reach our 34 appointment goal.

Visit: [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org), use code #3183863 to sign-up. Questions? 415-470-1808 or 925-229-2665.

Join us doing something nice for your neighbor by celebrating with a blood donation. We will thank you--the life savers--and wave flags high on Memorial Day and Flag Day.

*Ciao for now  
Mary Cook*

### Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

As the weather warms, many of us are planting our summer vegetable gardens. I recently read that the Italians are responsible for one of our most prolific crops, the zucchini. Apparently, the variety we grow today was developed in Italy and introduced to the United States by Italian immigrants in the 1920s. We love them in the beginning of summer but can't seem to get rid of them toward the summer's end. This year, I plan to give away some extras at our monthly meetings. So, if you find yourself on the receiving end of an unwanted zucchini, you can thank the Italians!

We send our get well wishes to Wanda Abbonanza and Flora Orsi. Both ladies could use a cheery call or note as they heal. We're thinking of you, and hope you feel better soon!

Don't forget about our May 10th meeting. Mass begins at 5:00, followed by a taco dinner at 5:30 (\$10.00) and our meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you!

This is also a great time to reach out to those members we haven't heard from in a while. Donna can let you know of someone who might need some gentle coaxing, reminders, or assistance to attend again in person... just let her know that you'd like to help.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms, Mommies, Mamas, Grandmas, Nanans, Nonnies, Aunties, Godmothers, and those in our lives who are like mothers to us. It's not an easy job, and you all deserve to be celebrated!

*Blessings,  
~Helen*



# BLOOD DRIVE



Because of you,  
life doesn't stop.

## Italian Catholic Federation Branch # 13 Blood Drive

In Memory of Molly Widner and  
In Honor of Eugene Dizon

Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:15 am - 1:00 pm

Bloodmobile: St Catherine of Siena  
Parish Office Parking Lot  
1125 Ferry Street, Martinez Ca 94553



To make an appointment, visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org). Use your unique blood drive code: **3183863** or contact:

ICF Contact: Mary Cook, [ICFBranch13martinez@gmail.com](mailto:ICFBranch13martinez@gmail.com), 925-229-2665

Vitalant Contact: Cheryl Trott, [ctrott@vitalant.org](mailto:ctrott@vitalant.org), 415-470-1808



These are the guys, Derek, Jim, Jon and Dennis who cooked the delicious Corned Beef for Branch 14 Crockett.



Paulina Rabbach and Sophia Urban passing out dinners at our Corned Beef drive thru cute helpers from Branch 14, Crockett



Father Leo came to help the ladies From Branch 14, Crockett stuff our meal bags.



Branch 14, Crockett, Great job preparing our Corned beef plates for take-out.



## Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

Hope all of you are happy, healthy and enjoying the spring.

I am happy to report that our next meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon May 1. Watch for your invitation with details of the location and time. Convention raffle tickets will be distributed. They will be mailed to those not at the meeting. Our branch keeps half the proceeds. We will discuss and vote on our convention delegate to this year's convention. It will be held in Las Vegas at the Orleans hotel. All are welcome. Roselynn will be joining our meeting as she will be in town. Hope many of you can make it.

The District meeting will be held on May 4 at the Martinez Round Table Pizza Restaurant party room. Join us if you can at 7 p.m. and see what is new with the District. All our welcome.

Wishing all the Moms, Grandma's, Great Grandma's, Godmothers and pet Moms a happy Mother's Day. You may remember when we had our queen picked as well as our king around Mother's Day. The queen would wear a robe and tiara. The king wore a cape and crown. If you were picked as a queen or king. Tell us about it. It is part of our history. We have many traditions that we can share memories about.

*That is all for this time, As we say in Pittsburg, Sempre Avanti  
See you soon,  
Your President and Friend,  
Patty Jarrett*

## Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

Since the January meeting was cancelled due to the Omicron variant, our February meeting was the first meeting of the year.

As we aim to get back to some sort of normalcy it is important to have your input and feedback. Our main goal is to get back to hosting our two fundraisers. We hope to do this as Covid restrictions are lifting.

The club calendar is available and will be at the next meeting. Please pick one up.

*We hope to see you soon! Stay safe.*

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Br. 214, The officers at our 55th anniversary lunch.



Br. 214, Our St. Joseph's table

## Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

Buon Giorno

By the time you get this *Bollettino*, you would have already celebrated Easter. I hope everyone was able to be with their families and loved ones.

Some exciting news about our Branch #214. We celebrated the 55th anniversary of our club. We met for a beautiful lunch at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. We had 33 members attending the event. The tables were decorated with beautiful flower arrangements and little chocolate Easter bunnies. There was a raffle for 4 prizes which were gift certificates to restaurants and bottles of wine. The door prize was won by Chris Androtti who gave it to her mother.

We had a St. Patrick's Day dinner at Cauche Hall and St. Josephs Table for our meeting. Good food was enjoyed by all. We are now able to have food at our monthly meetings which we are so excited about.

We discussed the upcoming Pasta/bin-go which will be held for our members, families of members and friends. It is on May 7th.

Exciting times ahead if we all stay safe and healthy.

Pray for the sick and loved ones we have lost and pray for the victims in Ukraine.

*Con Affetto, Norene DeLuca*

## Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

*Spero che abbiate passato una Buona Pasqua!*

May is here, and in looking back at this past month, Branch 442 hosted a lovely tea on April 30, held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Celebration Center. Carole Delucchi-Padlo was our chef. She has been at the helm of this event for several years – always with a great crew in the kitchen and lots of help for months before, in selling tickets and preparing the baskets for the raffle. As usual, the tables looked beautiful with so many lovely colors and themes. Thank you, ladies (and a few gentlemen) of Branch 442, for all your preparation in making this a beautiful annual event.

Our branch will be participating again this year in the parish festival. The dates are Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. We will be sponsoring the Salami Toss booth. There is still time to volunteer to help with this fun event. Please contact Ann Consul if you can help. She would like to "hand over the reins" to another member and would love to hear from you. Don't be shy – she will help you with all the details.

Let's not forget the annual convention which will be held in Las Vegas on Labor Day weekend in early September. Please continue to sell your raffle tickets and turn your money and ticket stubs to Teri (me) as soon as possible.

Please remember that our branch profit\$ from the sales of these tickets, too.

Lastly, our anniversary dinner will be held on September 17 in the Christ the King Parish gym. Plans are already in the making for this event. Please contact Diana, our President, if you can assist in making this a fun and successful evening.

In closing, Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in Branch 442 and throughout the Federation. I hope you have a delightful day!

*Allora, non c'e' altro per ora.  
Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi,  
Teri Martinucci Hurlbut*



## BLESSED SACRAMENT District

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

We are so excited to be having our first in-person event in over two years! We will be having our Member Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, May 21st at St. Joseph's Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. By now you should have received a call from our calling committee asking what you will be bringing to our potluck dinner. We hope you will be able to join us as we dine together, install new members, honor members for their service to our branch and award our scholarship winners. If you have any questions, please call MaryAnn Mikles at (916)759-8466.

We will be having our Corporate Mass at St. Joseph's Church on June 5th. Our branch members will attend the 9:30 a.m. mass together and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend. After mass, we will have no-host lunch together at Sizzler.

Please contact MaryAnn Mikles if you have any questions or would like to RSVP for this event.

*Ciao!*  
*Pam Andersen*

**Roseville**  
**Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi**

Spring greetings from Branch 438! We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

We've had a busy few weeks! On March 18th, Branch 438 prepared and hosted the Lenten soup supper, followed by the Stations of the Cross. It was a special evening of food and reflection.

Our recent St. Joseph's Table was a great success, bringing in \$1,700! We're so blessed to have such a generous Parish. We'd like to commend Yvonne Perry for chairing this event and thank the many bakers and volunteers who offered their goodies and time.

Our April dinner meeting has been rescheduled for April 29th. Laurice Levine, a Thalassemia International Federation Patient Advocate, will be our guest speaker for the evening.

Branch # 438 will be hosting our Parish Spaghetti dinner on May 14th. Mark your calendars for what is sure to be a fun event, full of good company and delicious food!

Also, in May, our monthly dinner meeting will be hosted by the

Aguilar family, who will be preparing a traditional Cinco de Mayo dinner. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards funding our delegates to the ICF national convention.

As we approach Mother's Day, we remember our dear mothers who have passed away and we pray for all mothers, present and future, that they be guided by the loving hands of Our Lady.

*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Ciao!*  
*Anne Finn*

## SANTA ROSA District Council

Greetings and Salutations!! I regretted not being able to attend our Quarterly meeting in Santa Rosa but living without transportation is not allowed. Thanks to the secretarial expertise of Dennice Digirolamo and Lucy Spingola I felt as though I was amongst you all. Hopefully at our next quarterly meeting I will be able to produce. Within a few weeks I will e-mail the minutes to all who were not present that day.

In the meantime, Santa Rosa District Council is sponsoring a spiritual event on Sunday, May 22, in Santa Rosa, St. Eugene's Cathedral. What a wonderful activity to herald Summer and to give thanks for future outdoor social gatherings. Invitations have been printed and mailed and what a beautiful agenda. Thanks, Bob!

Let's have a full house!! Looking forward to seeing all our members there, especially our neighbors from the North. Lest I forget, our next District Council Meeting will be on June 26 at the home of Carmen Kilcullen. Already getting prepared.

*Until next month,*  
*Marilyn Sylvestri*  
*Recording-secretary*

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

Thank you to everyone who came and who helped at our Fish Fry on April 8. Our first in-person event in two years was an enormous success! It was wonderful to see everyone in person, again.

**Upcoming Events:**  
Tuesday, May 10: Monthly Meeting. 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory  
Sunday, May 22: ICF Monthly Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 24: Mother's/Father's Day Dinner. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner to follow. The meeting will be short. Price: \$10.00 per person. Children under 12: \$5.00. Mom and Dads over 80 are complimentary. Please call Carmen and Lauren 707-595-311 for tickets, beginning May 10. Come

and celebrate our Mothers and Fathers at dinner! We hope to have our scholarship winners at this event, also.

Friday, June 24: Calling all golfers! The ICF Central Council is having a Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Price: \$170 for golfers. \$50 for dinner, only. Dinner will be at St. Eugene's and will be catered by Sweet T's Restaurant. Details can be found in the *Bollettino* or call Lauren.

Saturday, June 25: Wine Trip to Amistata Winery and picnic lunch at Warm Springs Dam. \$65.00 includes private wine tasting and box lunch from Cos-teaux Bakery. Details elsewhere in the *Bollettino* or call Lauren.

*We hope to see members at these events.*  
*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Lauren Kilcullen*

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

These 2 characters, Ernie Giampoli, and Bob Aquistapace stirred up mischief in the kitchen and the best corned beef and cabbage dinner you could ever hope to eat!

We're moving forward to a drive-thru Chicken/Spaghetti dinner during Cloverdale's Citrus Fair weekend and are hoping people will drive over, pick up our dinners and opt for tickets in a 50/50 raffle. All hands are on deck to help with the event and Ken and Claudia Cuneo held a planning party at their home. Great fun was had by all who attended!!! It will be a great way to continue to resurrect our branch after a very sleepy 2 years!

We, of course, will be walking with Our Lord next week as we commemorate His Passion, death and Resurrection. To think that He died so we might live is both too terrible and wonderful to comprehend!

*Have a Happy and Holy Easter!*  
*Patsy Buchignani*



Br. 75, Ernie Giampoli, and Bob Aquistapace

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

Time for a branch membership drive! Let's spread the word about our wonderful organization and see if we can start driving our branch numbers up.

Convention raffle tickets are now available, the branch receives half

of the amount we sell. If interested, please email: icfsonoma@gmail.com or call Lisa at 707-996-5573 to make a purchase.

To those of our members celebrating a May birthday – Happy Birthday and may you have many more years of much happiness and good health.

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

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see many new faces.

*Happy Mother's Day*  
*Lisa Galli-Galetto*

**Petaluma**  
**Br. 127, St. Vincent**

Dear Members,

Margaret sends a big thank you to all our members who have contributed so generously to the bakeless bake sale. If you have not returned your funds to Margaret and wish to do so it is not too late.

Our branch has scheduled our chicken cacciatore dinner for May 21st, Saint James Hall starting at 6 p.m. If you are interested, the tickets are \$25 sit down and \$20 take out. We are limited to 70 people in the hall, so you need to call Lucy 707-769-1245 ASAP

The Santa Rosa District Council is holding their annual spiritual event on Sunday, May 22 at St. Eugene's. The cost is \$10 to be paid at the door. The event includes Mass, rosary and guest speakers and concludes with a barbecue. Any branch member interested may contact me at 707-481-8784.

*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Dennice DiGirolamo*

**Eureka**  
**Br. 145, St. Ambrose**

St. Joseph Table at St Bernard Parish in Eureka returned this year. Held outdoors in the courtyard between the church and the parking lot many people were overjoyed to see our beautiful display of baked goods and religious items for them to take home. (We even received compliments for our selection of Irish soda bread.)

Thank you to all who baked and baked for the event. And thank you to new member Mary Wheeler for donating many religious items collected during her trips to Italia in past years.

We plan to have a pizza night dinner meeting on June 14th to celebrate our Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship recipients and their families. Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with pizza potluck following at 6:00 p.m.



## Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our first fundraiser will be held on May 7th, and we will report on the hoped-for success in the next article.

The scholarship dinner will be held on July 11th and the winners, and their families will be invited to attend.

Lynette Lucia was very successful in the Easter See's Candy sale with a net profit of just over \$200.00. Thanks to all who bought candy.

The District will hold its religious event at St. Eugene's on Sunday, May 22nd. Mass at 12:00 p.m. with the program and BBQ to follow. Only \$10.00 payable at the door, but you must sign up at the meeting on May 2nd.

We hope everyone had a Happy and Holy Easter.

Say a special prayer for those in the Ukraine. They need our prayers NOW.

*Fraternally,  
Gail Bonggi-Azevedo*

## FRESNO District

### Madera

#### Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

Greetings to all Members!

Hoping that all had a fruitful Lenten season and enjoyed a blessed Easter celebration. As springtime marches on in the San Joaquin Valley, this is the time to revel in the temperate weather, while anticipating the arrival of the coming summer!

Our branch has continued to meet for monthly dinners, with the March meeting held at Pedro's restaurant, and the April meeting at St. Joachim's church for a "Brown Bag" affair. At each gathering, the members have been focused on a discussion of the format and content for ongoing meetings and activities. Please keep an eye out for the 2022 convention raffle ticket books and consider purchasing and/or selling some to help our branch's fundraising goal.

Please pray for peace in the world, and especially in Ukraine. As the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, once said: "One day, the people of the world will want peace so much that the governments are going to have to get out of their way and let them have it."

*Ciao,  
Mary Keitz*

## Los Banos Br. 31, Santa Lucia

Hello again from Branch 31, I hope you all had a great Easter! Back in February we had our annual Polenta Dinner/Drive-Thru. This was the first dinner we've been able to have since COVID and it was a huge success. As always, the food was delicious, the raffle prizes were awesome and the dessert was perfectly sweet! It was nice to be able to get together again. Thank you to all the members who helped that weekend.

Its springtime and after two years of being cancelled, Los Banos was able to hold the May Day Fair again and it was so much fun. Scholarships were also due, and we were pleased with the amount of applications we received. Winners should be announced soon for the class of 2022. Summer is coming and the weather is heating up, so everyone stays safe.

Our next meeting will be our summer potluck. It will be held on August 20th at 6:00pm at the home of Rick and Terri Post. Keep an eye out for more information coming in the mail. May God bless you all!!

*Ciao,  
Giona Boffa*

## Fresno Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

Hello and Happy Spring to all. It is so wonderful to finally be able to meet in person, enjoy the company of our compatriots and begin planning our year ahead and the Convention. Kicking off with a Membership Drive on Palm Sunday with a bake sale, bacon wrapped grilled hot dogs, carne asada tacos and refreshments after our 3 Masses. So, refreshing to see so many parishioners mingling, children chasing each other and playing on the Church lawn. We are almost back to normal, we pray!

We pray all ICF members stay healthy and well and let us all keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers. Especially their brave and courageous leader, Volodymyr Zelensky.

Happy Birthday wishes to all our April members and peace and blessings for a very Happy Easter.

*Ciao,  
Sally M Caglia  
Recording Secretary*

## Bakersfield Br. 33, San Luigi

Branch 33 was glad to be meeting back in person again. See photo of the happy bunch.



Br. 32, Monica Ficher, Lupe Avila, Mike Caglia, Erna Bonetto, Evelyn Lopez, Elaine Lencioni and Isidra Murillo



Branch 33 is "thumbs up" about meeting at St. Francis Parish again!

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

On April 11, our members gathered at Clovis Cemetery to bid farewell to our beloved, late president, Jeanette Shriver who served as our President from 2004 until her passing. A reception followed at the Elks lodge. Her obit was published in a previous issue of the *Bollettino*.

Belated birthday greetings to Kathy Christensen, Kimberlee Lee, and Alice Reyes. April celebrants are Jennifer Campopiano, Mary Beth Mueller, and Mary Zaranini.

Our March membership meeting was led by "interim" President, Rich Zaranini. A permanent president is still needed. Delicious casseroles were provided by LeAnne Lavagnino, Linda Stockwell, and Mary Zaranini.

Remember these words from that famous Philosopher, Angelino, who said "Anche Nel Pollaio Stretto, Cante Felice Il Galletto." (See end of article for translation).

Let Rich know if you have ideas on how to celebrate Br. 250's 50th anniversary. This hallmark deserves a big celebration!

Thanks to everyone who renewed their membership for 2022! At last report only 3 members are yet to renew.

English translation of the Philosopher's words, "The rooster sings happily even in a small chicken coop."

Thought for the month:  
"Make the most of quiet hours,  
Let your heart be calm and still..."

*Believe today that God will send a gift  
To bless you....and he will" (Anon)*

*Ciao,  
Angelo Lavagnino*

## Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members. Good news! Life "may" be returning to normal. Our Church Liaison, Antoinette, has informed me that we can resume meeting at St. Anthony School Hall. The kitchen is also open. We had to move our meeting night to the second Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, May 11th will be our next meeting at St. Anthony Social Hall. Barring any new outbreaks.

More good news. We have a date for Sausage Sandwich sale: May 21 and 22. Please volunteer. Or else.

Even more good news: Fr. John Merit is our new club Chaplain. I have sent a welcome letter and informed him of our new meeting day and place.

Our last meeting at St. Agnes church was April 12th. I thank St. Agnes church leadership for hosting our club this past year. And I thank Russell Renna for reserving the Hall. As always, a big thank you to Bernie Squeo and his kitchen crew for continuing to provide meals.

Please send your dues.

I hope to see ALL of you at the next meeting. Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony School Social Hall.

*Jay Newsome*



CENTRAL COAST  
District

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

Buon giorno! Happy May and Happy Mother's Day! There is an Italian quote that says: 'Amor di Madre, amore senza limiti'. We hope that you have a nice day celebrating La Mama. We're happy to see more folks coming to the General Meetings and therefore helping to plan more events. On May 10th, there will be a Mexican Enchilada dinner that will be either 'dine in' or 'take out'; you choose. Please call Rosa Radicchi for more info and reservations.

Though it might seem a bit early, we are already pitching our 2022 ICF Convention held over Labor Day weekend in Las Vegas. If you're interested in being a delegate, please let us know. Also, the Convention raffle tickets booklets are now on sale at \$20 each. Contact Monica Crowley to buy a chance at winning some great prizes.

Frankly Lopes is putting together material for an ICF 100th Anniversary memory book. If you have any old ICF photos or old clippings to share, Franklyn would be happy to see them.

In closing, we are sad to hear of the passing of Pauline Raffaelli, wife of Angelo. She will be missed. We send prayers for her family.

Our next General Meeting will be on May 3rd at Holy Cross Hall. Appetizers and socializing will start at 4:00 p.m...so we hope to see you there!

*May God continue to bless us, one and all.*

*Patty Morelli  
Trustee- Branch 21*

Hollister  
Br. 26, Santa Barbara

(See picture below.)



Harry Hill, Hollister Br 26 President, donating \$1,100 to Dr Rachel McKenna, Principal at Sacred Heart Parish School, proceeds from a pasta fundraiser.

Monterey  
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Mother's Day Blessing  
"May the LORD bless and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you His favor and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Thank you for your support, during our Lenten take out dinners at the Elks Lodge. Thank you to all our volunteers that helped during our seven Lenten dinners. We appreciated all your time and dedication. Thank you to our membership and our community for supporting us during all our Lenten dinners. Proceeds will go to our church, scholarships, and our community.

May 20, 2022: Scholarship Night / Dinner-Meeting. Location will be at San Carlos Hall at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be posted closer to the date. Scholarships will be presented to our honored High School Seniors students. We also will be awarding Achievement Awards to two 8th grade students from San Carlos School.

June 17, 2022: 91st Anniversary/Initiation of Branch 36. More details to come.

Congratulations to Dante Galaezzi, for being appointed as Branch Mentor for Branch 36. Thank you, Sandie Russo for being our acting Treasurer.

We are saddened to report that Marie DiMaggio recently passed away. She has been our member for 39 years. Our condolences to her family. May she Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for all our members that are ill, home bound and for all their special Intentions.

A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend.

*Happy Mother's Day,  
Elaine Valentine  
President Br #36*



Elaine Valentine with Dante Galaezzi, Branch 36 Mentor



Phyllis Nicholas and Lillian Mika Branch 36 Lenten Dinner



George Mika Branch 36 Lenten Dinner



Marie DiMaggio 1928-2022 Branch 36

Castroville  
Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

First of all, I would like to apologize to our members that had April birthdays, Vera Doris and Gino Greer. I failed to meet the cutoff for last month's Bolletino and so failed to wish them both a happy birthday. I hope your birthdays were wonderful.

I would like to wish our May birthday members, Allison Barlow, Susan Carbonel, Mazie Rodriguez, Rosella Salarpi, Ashley Stefani, and Marie Tonus, Tante Auguri a tutti!

One last celebration: Art Carbonel would like to wish his wife of 35 years, Susan, happy anniversary. They were married April 25, 1987, at Madonna Del Sasso Church.

Since we will be celebrating Mother's Day this month, I found this poem I would like to share:

*Mom  
It's so amazing what a little word  
can do -  
It fills the heart with warmth and  
love  
That lasts a lifetime through*

*Happy Mother's Day to all of you  
beautiful ladies out there!  
Stefani Cortopassi*

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## Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph's

Members at the April meeting enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner prepared by Liz and Mike Rios. Liz' homemade tiramisu was a special treat. There were 50 members in attendance, and it was so nice to see some faces we hadn't seen in a long time.

The April 8 spaghetti and fish take-out dinner was a success with 101 meals sold. A huge thank you to the coordinator, Sharleen Hedgpeth. She put in a great deal of time and effort in advance preparations which made the event run smoothly. Through it all she was efficient and pleasant. Thanks also to the members who helped: Franklyn Lopes, Rick and Jane Kotila, Nancy Harrold, Mary Christensen, Marie Mungai, Heidi Ambiel, Margaret Margo, Linda Calciano, Cecelia Sellers, Mary Harrison and Deanna Musler.

Our message last month had an incorrect date for Lou Boczek's funeral. It will be held on Thursday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

Ken Reaves has been released from the ICU and is in a critical illness recovery hospital in Arizona. His daughter reports that he is a strong person and a fighter, but still needs our prayers. Feel free to give Loretta a call. She needs our support also.

Get well wishes and prayers go to Maureen Benito who fell and broke some ribs.

Our next meeting is May 15 and Sharleen will be preparing the meal in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Hope to see you all there.

*Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and nonnas out there.*  
*Deanna Musler, Secretary*



Branch 291 held 6 Fish Fry dinners this Lenten Season. We could not do it without the help of our dedicated members who worked very hard each week, while having some fun, too



## Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Br. 291 survived the Lenten Fish Fry season! It was so wonderful to finally be "back to normal" after a 2-year hiatus and host the popular ICF Fish Frys for our parish community. The response from our parishioners and local community was great and our bank account is building back up so

we can once again make donations to our church ministries, favorite charities and support our Branch Catholic education programs. Thank you to all our members (and even some non-members) who showed up each week to help make the Fish Frys a huge success! We could not have done it without you! Plus, a BIG shout out to Pete Gallagher and Joanna Van Blaricom who run the Fish Frys each week and put in countless hours making sure everything runs smoothly!

We recently welcomed new member, Amy Spain, who jumped right in and helped each week at our fish dinners! We have other interested future members, who decided to join after attending our Fish Frys. (Editor's note: 12 years ago, while enjoying a Br. 291 Fish Fry, I listened to the little voice in my head telling me to join the ICF!)

Our Branch held our first Dinner Meeting this year—a spring-themed meal prepared by Joanna Van Blaricom and Keely Sanchez at our April meeting. We decided earlier this year to have a Dinner Meeting each quarter and Business Meetings the other months.

*Wishing all the moms out there a very happy Mother's Day!*  
*Keely Sanchez*  
*Recording Secretary*



Branch 227 April Meeting



Branch 227 April Meeting



# CHICAGO District

**Chicago**  
**Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia**

After two years of inactivity due to COVID -19, Branch 392 was again able to host the St. Francis Borgia Church – Annual St. Joseph’s Day Table and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The Father Stokes Parish Hall was adorned in the traditional red and white. At one end of the hall, to welcome ICF members, parishioners, and friends, a small altar was set-up with a beautiful St. Joseph statue surrounded by colorful flowers, fruit, breads, and “biscotti.” In the center tables were decked out with red coverings and flowers. At the far end of the hall a buffet offering tasty Italian dishes and the scrumptious customary “zeppole” awaited for those partaking in the celebration. Father Joe Mulcrone’s uplifting words welcomed all and blessed the “tavolata”. Over 250 individuals gathered for the good food, memorable time and enjoyable conversations.

Thanks to a dedicated committee the event was a huge success. “Grazie mille” to all the individuals, restaurants, banquet halls, bakeries, delis, shops, and companies for their time, delicious entrees, crispy bread, cookies, paper goods, and generous monetary gifts. Their continued support and contributions resulted in a bountiful table and a successful fundraiser for the St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church.

A special thanks goes to the team of hard working ICF volunteers and friends for setting-up the hall, serving the food, helping with the bake sale, and staying for the clean up.

St. Francis Borgia Church thanks everyone for making the fundraiser a huge success!  
*Happy spring to all!*  
*Aurora Pensa*



Br. 28 - Member Elia Scettrini standing behind her self-decorated and baked Easter sugar eggs.



Br. 392 St. Joseph’s Table



Br. 28 - Vince Saso, front and John Matteucci taking care of the pasta and sausages at our March complimentary dinner meeting.



Santa Clara Valley District President Bob Basuino presents a plaque to past District Mentor Jerry Delfino for his 11 years of service to the district

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

**Gilroy**  
**Br. 28, Santa Maria**  
**Ausiliatrice**

The March 21st complimentary dinner was comprised of pasta and sausage and dessert of biscotti and vanilla ice cream. Members enjoyed the normalcy of our membership card raffle prize drawing won by Marshall Evans, our member pin cash drawing won by Geraldine Meacham, and a raffle of three Easter sugar eggs decorated and baked by member Elia Scettrini.

A bake sale fundraiser is scheduled for May 15th at the Parish Youth Center. Your designated caller will provide you with details of the event. If you are interested in volunteering or donating baked goods or your homemade jams/jellies, please contact President Diana Berry at 408-219-2223.

David Cox, Executive Director of St. Joseph’s Family Center attended our March 21st dinner meeting and thanked Branch 28 for their generous giving at our Holiday fundraiser. He explained how the number of families in need dramatically increased the last two years.

In regard for member fortitude during the recent challenging times the Branch 28 Board adds these words to the adjacent “Certificate of Appreciation.”

Branch 28 would like to extend its deepest gratitude and heartfelt

“thanks” to you for extending your efforts and time in service to assisting in Branch 28’s mission of charitable giving. It is members like you that are essential to this fraternal organization and its purpose. What you do is fundamental to Branch 28’s goal of doing good. You are a wonderful, indispensable, and beautiful part of Branch 28 of the Italian Catholic Federation. With love, and appreciation, Branch 28’s Board.

*Peace and God Bless,*  
*Kim M. Filice*

See next page for more Br. 28 pictures





David Cox, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Family Center thanking Br. 28 members for their generosity regarding the Holiday fundraising event.



Br. 191, CF Leadership at District Meeting SCV



Br. 28 - Certificate of Appreciation for all Branch 28 members.

## St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

Happy May and Happy Mothers Day to all our Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers and any women in our lives who we learned from. May God bless you all.

Our branch is blooming again just like the beautiful blossoms in our area. We've had two fundraisers. A big thanks to Kathy Winkleman who sponsored a fundraiser for us in April and St. Mary's who let us have a drive thru Spaghetti Dinner in May.

Convention is coming and this year it's Las Vegas. Hotel rates are very reasonable and it's a great program. You can attend whether you're a delegate or not. Convention raffle tickets have been mailed out and those that sent them back before May 1st are eligible to win the Hawaiian Goodies Basket besides the great prizes from the ICF.

We need to keep our members in our healing prayers. We have many who are in need some who have share with us their needs and other who suffer in silence.

In May we will try an evening meeting back at Church.

Buona Festa della Mamma! Grazie di essere sempre al mio fianco con tanto amore e tanta dolcezza.

Ciao,  
Denise Antonowicz, President

## San Jose Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

In last month's *Bollettino*, I mentioned our preparation of our St. Joseph's Day Celebration. It was a lovely homage to our patron and father figure Joseph with Father Paolo giving the opening prayer at our altar. A hearty Thank you goes to our chief, Bob Basuino, for such an authentic celebration. (We even had freshly made sfingi). Thank you to all who participated, helpers and eaters alike.

As this *Bollettino* goes to the printer, we celebrated our Palm Sunday Mass/Breakfast on April 10th at SFC. A frittata, breakfast side dishes were served, along with some great friendship. It is nice to be able to meet and participate in our social activities again.

A fundraiser is in the works for Branch 191. A Pasta Box, containing pasta, sauce, bread, salad, wine, and dessert can be a real treat on a busy



worknight. This can be purchased for \$40, a great deal for a family of four. Pick up on 4/30, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at SFC. You can also order additional sauce for future meals. Deadline to order is 4/25. Contact Debbie Piro at (408) 306-9244.

As the summer months approach, we are planning future meal ideas for our general meetings. In May we plan to have a tea to honor our Mothers, while in June our Dads will be our focus, with a possible outdoor BBQ/Meeting. Stay in touch with members and check with the *Bollettino* for further details.

May we keep all of our sick members in our thoughts and prayers, and blessings from God for a healthy recovery.

Ciao,  
Shirley Catania--Sentine



Br. 191 St. Joseph Day Altar



Br. 191, Bob Basuino Getting ready for St. Joseph Day Celebration



Br.191 St. Frances Cabrini--St. Joseph'sTable





Br. 368, Soup Dinner and Stations of the Cross

**San Jose**

**Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila**

Please say hello and welcome our five new ICF members. Tom and Sharon Bouska, Judy Scally, Zach and Kathy Schroder. Sunshine lady Avis Erkel thanks all for praying for ICF members: Paul Butler, cancer free, Barbara Ruffner, has returned home with in-house care, Pat Cordich, hip surgery, and David Pinto.

ICF says thank you again, to all those that made our Santa Teresa Drive Through Crab Feed a great success! For our March meeting a St. Joseph table was served with a meatless Lasagna. Robyn Shilic helped us understand the meaning of St. Joseph's table. Joanne & Jerry Opp and John & Noreen Gillio are chairing our Community Garage Sale and White

Elephant Sale on April 29th 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone can buy a spot to sell your items. The money made will go to Goodwill of San Jose. Board members Ed Wendler, and Tina Souza-Dutra are temporarily on leaves of absence. Anne Cordoni is covering for Tina. If you would like to help cover Orator temporarily, call Board President Mary Ridi.

The soup dinner on April 1st was great. Lots of good soup and conversation. Stations of the Cross followed the dinner at the church using the new beautiful wood carving stations from the holy land. Check them out. Wow. Tom Myers was Br.368's \$30 calendar winner for March. Tom will buy you a coffee if you ask. The May 11th 6:30 meeting is at the Bocce Ball Courts at Almaden Lake.

*Hope you had a Happy Easter,  
Tom Myers*



Br. 368, Soup Dinner and Stations of the Cross

**San Jose**

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

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter!

It's that time of year again when Tina Rossi will be mailing Convention raffle tickets to members to sell and/or purchase. Cost is \$20 for 10 tickets of which \$10 stays within our branch as part of our fundraising. Thank you, Tina, for your hard work.

The ICF has started a relief fund for the people of Ukraine in addition to asking for prayers for them. Members can send checks to Steve Lencioni, who will send one check from Branch 391, or you can donate directly to the ICF office in Oakland. For additional information, visit the ICF website at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org).

If you would like to learn more about Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, our co-patron saint of ICF, read the reviews of biographies of Mother Cabrini, which were listed in Vince Piro's April 2022 *Bollettino* article.

*Wishing all our Mothers a Happy and Fun Mother's Day!  
Janis Patellaro*

**Sunnyvale**  
**Br. 408, Resurrection**

Happy Mother's Day to our Mothers!

The Parish Anniversary Celebratory Post Pandemic Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. It was very good to serve our Parishioners once again

Our ICF Branch lead the Charge in the Kitchen for this Event. Saint Vincent de Paul

We look forward to learning of our ICF Scholarship winner for 2022 as the selection was delayed to just before Easter since we lack candidates.

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

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

**Morgan Hill**

**Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria**

Hi folks,

The renewal of St. Catherine Church seems to be moving right along. Part of our progress was the submission of the Calendar of Events 2022 our President, Giulia Gallego, organized. It appears we will soon have our beautiful church for worship.

For us it will mean we can once again use our O'Donnell Center venue for our Board, Monthly Dinner, and Fundraiser meetings.

Our branch donated 400.00 for the ICF First Year Scholarship program. We are also sponsoring a 500.00 Scholarship for Anthony Carpene, He is a Junior at University Nevada, Reno. His Major is Environmental Science.

Catherine Ellis, Helga Brooks and Joanne Gitner attended Father Chris Bennett's Lenten Series, "The Doors Into The Sacred". It was enjoyed by all.

Several members of our branch participated at the Polenta and Sausage Fundraiser for St Martin of Tours, Branch 391. The food from Tony and Albas was excellent as usual!

Like all branches we have had our share of illnesses in the past two or three years. We are happy to report member, Gloria Subocz is home recovering very well from her illness. Please continue your prayers for all members.

Once again, a heartfelt wish for all to have a wonderful family and friends Easter celebration!

*May Gods light shine upon us.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Sorci,  
Charter Member, Branch 435*





## San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration.

March 19th was a triple celebration for Br. 445: our 3rd general meeting since the start of the new year; first quarterly mass at Transfiguration Church followed by St. Joseph's Table Blessing and Dinner. Transfiguration's Pastor Fr. Tito Cartagenas led our group in prayer and blessed our modified St. Joseph's Altar. Everyone enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship.

Our newest member, Marti Rao, was introduced on March 19th and even won our raffle prize!! Welcome Marti!!

Many thanks to our Br. 445 members, other Santa Clara District ICF branch members, family, friends and parishioners who helped support our Spring See's Candy Sale and Mother's Day Boxed Cookie Fundraiser!!

Proceeds from these two events will be used toward funding the Bishop's Burse and our Outreach Lunch Ministry.

It was reported at our March meeting, that our Outreach Lunch Ministry had distributed more than 10,000 sack lunches to those in need since the program began in April 2020!!

Many thanks to our Br. 445 Chaplain Rev. Christopher Bennett. On April 2nd, Fr. Chris presented an afternoon Lenten Reflection "The Doors into the Sacred" to our Branch members, District ICF members and friends of ICF. We are always appreciative of his support, insight and direction. We wish him well in his new role as Spiritual Director of ICF.

Happy May Birthday wishes to members Gretchen Pearce and Barbara Howell!!

Happy Mother's Day to all!!

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

[See photos left out of April issue]



Br. 445 Members Joe & Marie Adragna Sharing Candy and Cookie Fundraiser Information with Parishioners



Br. 445 - Rev. Tito Cartagenas Leading Members in Prayer



Br. 445 Assisting Lenten Rice Bowl Program



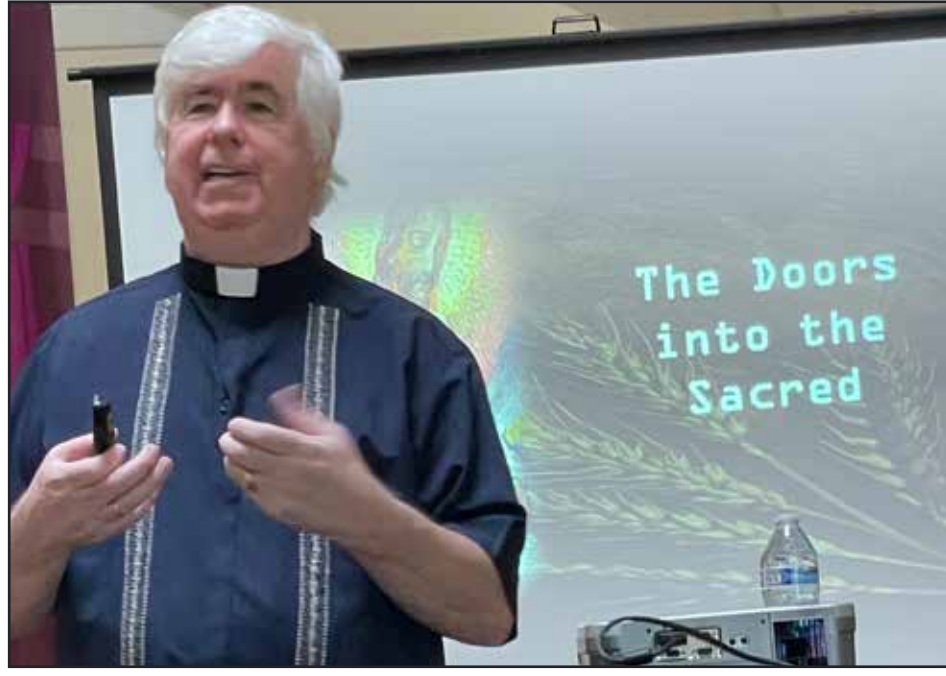
Br. 445 - St. Joseph's Table Celebration



Br. 445 Lunch Ministry exceeds 10,000 sack lunches!



Br. 445 - Welcome to Our Newest Member - Marti Rao



Br. 445 Rev. Christopher Bennett - Lenten Presentation

## STOCKTON District

### Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We are slowly getting back into a routine with a few changes along the way. We had to cancel our St. Joseph's Table, but we will be doing our Bake Sale at the Church. We have had calls from members of the parish asking when we will have our bake sale.

They were happy to know that we will have our regular Bake Sale in front of the church May 7th and 8th. Biscotti, Cake, Nut breads, Lemon pies and etc. This is our main fundraiser so your support will be appreciated.

We will celebrate our Mothers at our May 11, 2022 meeting but will not have a potluck just individually wrapped snack items.

I hope you have a save the date on your calendar for the Bishop's Burse July 31, 2022, at 12:00 noon at the Community Center 1416 Maze Blvd. There is a 10:00 a.m. mass if you wish to attend. We have asked for the Bishop to say the 10:00 a.m. mass. As soon as we have more details, they will be in the *Bollettino* and passed on to the branches. The luncheon is just across the parking lot from the church.

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

A Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers.

*Stay healthy and safe.  
Cecelia McGhee*





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

Greetings to the new Spring!

We leave the darkness of winter to enter the new, bright season before us, we are reminded of leaving the darkness of the tomb with Jesus Christ and His redeeming love. This darkness seems longer, considering all we have endured, but now we can truly embrace our calling of bringing the love of God to our communities. Branch 82 has welcomed this challenge with open arms. Our second celebration of the St. Joseph's Table during the March meeting filled us with joy, friendship, and purpose.

Deacon Karl Welsbacher led an amazing discussion on the symbolism of St. Joseph, Christ's earthly father. Next year the celebration will take place in the church to spread this important message to the whole congregation. A special thank you to Julia Baumbach for her family's donation of a St. Joseph statue. Grazie mille, Julia.

In partnership with the American Red Cross, Branch 82 helped welcome donors to the Eagle's Lodge in Lodi for our yearly Blood Drive Event. This event helps raise both awareness for Thalassemia and the ever-pressing need for blood donations nationwide. 35 units of blood were collected.

Our April and May fundraiser is a delicious meal at Brick House in Lodi. By contacting a member of Br. 82, you can enjoy a multiple course meal with family. Tickets are \$20, can be purchased now, and all money goes to causes supported by our Branch. Contact Patty Litts or any member of the Branch for information, date of event will follow next month.

Contact Elisa Moberly if you would like a copy of our beautiful monthly newsletter.

May's meeting will have a guest presenter, Mary Rineda, from the Italian School of Stockton. She will be sharing information about the Italian program and teaching us Italian!

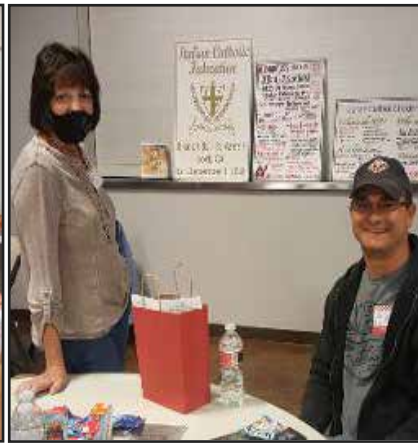
## Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Italian Heritage Night has traditionally been every April so Italian Spaghetti and Meatballs were featured at our dinner on April 28th. Why do we call them Italian...because the hands that make these dinners have the awesome heritage of their ancestors guiding them in their efforts. Many thanks and a round of applause for the hard-working kitchen crew headed by Mike Bacchetti.

Awards for this year's first-year scholarships were sent to Bailey Gualco daughter of Grace and Danny Gualco and grand-daughter of Mary and John Gualco, and to Kayla Guzman, daugh



Deacon Karl Welsbacher teaching members about St. Joseph and the Holy Family



LuAnn Casey, Branch 82 Trustee, and donor at March Blood Drive



President Patty Litts, Treasurer Elisa Moberly, Clare, Jeanette, Rich, Suzanne, and Margaret (not pictured) decorate at the Salvation Army Hope Harbor for Easter.



Branch 82 celebration of St. Joseph's Table, members enjoying dinner together.



Branch 82 celebration of St. Joseph's Table, members enjoying dinner together.

ter of Stefania Guzman, grand-daughter of Lucy Orsi and great-granddaughter of charter members Steffano and Norma Galanti. Congratulations to these recipients - well deserved! Keep up the good work ladies, we are very proud of you!

Branch 390 is having a membership drive! Lots of new families have been moving to Tracy so we encourage current members to get the word out there to all the Catholic folks to join our warm and friendly family. We hope for the next generation to carry on with the traditions we all cherish.

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch though pictures on our Website:

[www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org).

HOW EASY IS THIS? Soon Steve will be sending out forms that you can just fill out and return to him and you will be added to our HERITAGE section! Hope to hear from you!

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

## Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

May is a month of graduations. Congratulations to all the ICF families who have junior high, high school and college graduates.

The Festa Italiana will be held Sunday June 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. General Admission- Adults-\$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Kids 12 and under free with an adult. For more information call 209-957-7277.

Our branch will be hosting the June Stockton district meeting on the 24th. Looking forward to having the district together and sharing what we have all been doing.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other -Mother Teresa

*Alla prossima,  
Mary Ann*





## SAN DIEGO District

### San Diego Br. 449, Guardian Angels

#### Lenten Soup Supper

Guardian Angels ICF Branch 449 prepared the Lenten Soup Kitchen before Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18.

The table featured 8 different "meat-free" soups from Shrimp Bisque and Vegetarian Chili, to classics like Creamy Potato and Minestrone.

The dinner raised over \$180 which will benefit the Guardian Angels Catholic Church community food outreach program.

#### Valentine's Dinner To Go Re-cap

The Guardian Angels ICF #449 held a Valentine's Lasagna Dinner-to-Go on Saturday, February 12. We would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the dinner such a success as well as everyone who purchased a dinner.

On Saturday, February 26, Melody Ciaravino, Dinner Chairperson presented Ayla Grazier, GA Youth Minister, along with members of the Young Adult/Youth Group, a check in the amount of \$618.35. ICF takes pride in holding events that supporting worthy causes, especially those involving the spirituality of our youth. If you would like to attend an Italian Catholic meeting, please contact, Debbie Reid at 619-548-2864.



Branch 446 St. Joseph's Day Table with the set-up crew. From the left: Thomas Bracuto, Anna Reyna, Danny Centurioni, Nan Judge, Dominico and Gina Ricci, Tony Santorufo, Betty and Kevin Cavanaugh.

## SAN BERNARDINO District

### Upland Br. 446, St. Anthony

Our branch had a very successful Saint Joseph's Day thanks to the team effort and baking skills from our members. We created an altar with a 4' tall statue of Saint Joseph that we surrounded with flowers.

At the donation box, we gave away holy cards and fresh fruit. We offered biscotti, pizzelles, loaf cakes and a variety of Italian cookies for sale. The parishioners were VERY generous with their donations, and we completely sold out of all our home baked items! This was a wonderful fundraiser for our branch, and we were able to give a sizeable donation to our Youth Ministry.

On Friday, April 8, our members were instrumental in leading the Stations of the Cross, through the direction of our Trustee, Tony Santorufo. The evening included first and second year

Seminarians that chanted the hymns and took turns with our members in leading the prayers and readings. It was a beautiful event made extra special with photographs projected in the church of actors recreating scenes from the Passion. Saint Anthony's Parish has a theater Ministry that performs the Passion Play annually.

Thankfully, we are now able to hold our meetings in a classroom in the church hall. We look forward to our bocce tournament as well as playing card games during our upcoming meetings.

# Get ready for ICF Convention -- Labor Day Weekend!

## Italian Catholic Federation 2022 Member Recognition

Sunday, September 4 at 12 noon

The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas

### Italian Buffet Menu

Caesar Salad with Parmesan & Croutons  
Caprese Salad  
Penne Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes, Artichokes & Onions  
Roasted Garlic Sausage & Peppers  
Chicken Picatta  
Steamed Vegetable Medley  
Ciabatta Rolls  
Tiramisu Cake and Mini Cannolis  
Iced Tea and Coffee



Delegates included with registration  
Non-Delegates: \$50 adults \$25 ages 4-10

## Let the Good Times Roll at the ICF Convention

Friday,  
September 2  
1:30 pm  
Orleans Hotel  
Bowling Alley

Bring your socks!

Wear a fun bowling shirt if you wish.

RSVP By August 15 using the branch reservation form.

\$20 includes: 3 games of bowling, ball and shoes

Consider lunch at one of the hotel restaurants prior to bowling.





# Reservation Form



## Boxed Lunch & Wine Tasting or Antiquing



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



### BOXED LUNCHES

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

### SALAMI

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

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### TURKEY

Croissant, roasted turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### VEGETABLE

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

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

See last page Bollettino for event details

# Saintly Saturday Banquet

"Consult not your fears, but your  
hopes & your dreams."  
-Saint Pope John XXIII

"Faith in action is love and  
love in action is service."  
-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Italian Catholic Federation  
invites you to the annual  
convention banquet, honoring  
the recipients of our  
Saint Pope John XXIII and  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta awards.

### Banquet Menu:

#### Berry Delicious Salad

Spring mix, berries, bleu cheese crumbles, sliced apples  
and pecans with a strawberry balsamic vinaigrette

#### Filet Mignon

with a merlot reduction, served with vegetables

#### Limoncello Cake

Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Tea

(Other beverages available at the no-host bar)

September 3, 2022

6:30 PM No-host Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

The Orleans Hotel

Please use the branch headcount  
form to make your reservation.

### Delegates

Included in Registration

\$70 Non-Delegates

\$25 Children 4-10

(Chicken Strips, French Fries and Fruit)

Suggested Attire: Semi-formal

### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2022 CONVENTION EVENT RESERVATIONS AND NAME BADGES

Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Please use additional sheets, if needed. Also include names of guests not buying event tickets.

	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Friday Bowling \$20	Friday Dinner \$70 Children \$35	Saturday Dinner \$70 Children \$25	Sunday Lunch \$50 Children \$25	Total
Delegate 1				included	included	included	
Delegate 2				included	included	included	
Delegate 3				included	included	included	
Delegate 4				included	included	included	
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Children's meals are for ages 4-10. Ages 3 and younger are complementary. Make note of child's entrée above. Friday and Sunday's meals are the buffets. Saturday's dinner is chicken strips, French fries and fruit. Note that outside food and beverage is not permitted in event space.

**Clergy:** Saturday's lunch is included for all Clergy. Diocesan Chaplains' - Friday and Saturday's dinners are included as well as Sunday's Lunch. Branch and District Chaplains are a Branch/District expense.

Clergy Title	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Friday Bowling \$20	Friday Dinner \$70	Saturday Clergy Luncheon Hosted by CC	Saturday Dinner \$70	Sunday Lunch \$50	Total
					included			
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-Make check payable to ICF Central Council.

-Submit this form by August 15 to ensure your members are seated together.

-Cancellations received by August 26, will be refunded. Respectfully, we cannot issue refunds after this date.

Total Check:

# ICF CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022  
THE ORLEANS HOTEL, LAS VEGAS

### 6:30 PM

Meet the Candidates  
and no-host cocktails

### 7:00 PM

Dinner, followed by the  
Opening Ceremonies,  
featuring the ICF's National  
Charity presentation to  
Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia.

**Delegates included with  
registration**

**Non-delegates:**

\$70 adults

\$35 ages 4 - 10

RSVP on the reservation form.

### SUGGESTED ATTIRE

Mardi Gras; Dressy Casual;  
Purple, Green & Gold

### ORLEANS STYLE BUFFET

- Spinach Salad with chopped egg, red onions and feta cheese with a warm country bacon dressing
- Creole fried mushroom salad with shallot vinaigrette
- Creole tomato salad
- Red & green coleslaw
- Roasted pork loin with a peach-cherry chatney
- Creole seasoned flank steak with a merlot wine sauce
- Roasted tilapia in a Cajun crayfish sauce
- Red beans & rice
- Maque choux vegetables
- Cajun scalloped potatoes
- Dessert: Bread pudding with whiskey sauce, Pecan Pie and Meyer lemon cheesecake
- Iced tea and coffee



**Italian Catholic Federation**

20th Annual Central Council

# CHARITY GOLF

**TOURNAMENT**

Tailgate Breakfast Starts at 9AM

Tournament Starts at 10 AM

**4 Person Scramble Range Balls**

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

**Friday**  
**JUNE 24**  
**2022**

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

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$170 includes:  
Continental Breakfast, 18  
holes of Golf with Cart and  
Banquet

Deadline Friday, June 17  
After price per Golfer \$180  
Banquet only: \$50

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

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

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**2022**

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

**\$100**  
Per Hole

**Hole Sponsorship**

A professionally made sign will be made and placed at the hole of your choice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wording on Sign**

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your checks payable to:  
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament  
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Name	Handicap

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

Wine Tasting in the World Famous  
Dry Creek Valley



Antiquing in the quaint shops around  
Healdsburg Plaza



OR

**Itinerary**

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

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

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

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

**Cost** (includes Box Lunch)

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

Page 2 is your reservation form and box lunch choice.  
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