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88th Festa Italia to Return to the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on September 9-11, 2022

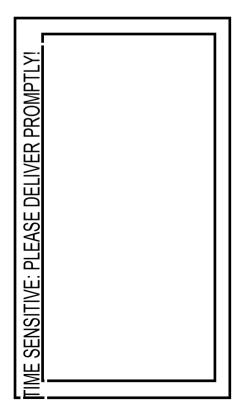
Save the date for the 88th Festa Italia, celebrating Monterey's Italian heritage and cultural traditions. Join us for this special festival honoring the local fishermen of Monterey, both past and present.

This popular family friendly free event shares the sights, sounds, food and culture that make the Italian experience so special. It is a celebrated festival each year drawing locals and visitors from the Bay Area and beyond. It features three days of authentic Italian cuisine, great music, dancing, fun and friendship. The delicious flavors of Italy are enjoyed by attendees with tasty food offerings (for purchase) including Calamari, Steak and Sausage Sandwiches, Pasta, Arancini, Cannoli and more, as well as wine, beer, sodas and water. There is also an array of Italian and Festa Italia-themed merchandise as well as vendors selling crafts and more.

The first Festa Italia in Monterey was celebrated in 1933 when a statue of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Sicilian fishermen, was donated to the San Carlos Cathedral. Sicilian fisherman would pray to their patron saint for a safe journey and bountiful harvest.



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Festa Italia - Pasquale Esposito performing at 2019 event

Saints who were Fathers

Carmen Kilcullen, Member--Apostolate/Charity Committee

Last issue, I presented some saints who also were mothers. Continuing on that theme for June, when we celebrate Father's Day, I thought I would show a number of saints who were devoted fathers.



St. Thomas More – 1478-1535) St. Thomas was a very learned person, having been educated at the best schools in London and at Oxford where he studied law. He was married twice and had four children. He was a dot-

ing father and saw that his children were properly educated. Thomas was elected to Parliament and became well-known for being an honest and effective politician. King Henry the VIII



took a liking to Thomas and made him Lord Chancellor. However, their relationship became strained when Thomas objected to Henry's policies against the Catholic Church. Thomas was eventually imprisoned in the Tower of London and the king ordered him beheaded in 1535. He is remembered as a person of great integrity.

St. Stephen of Hungary- (975-1038)

He was born a pagan but was baptized at the age of 10. At 20, he married Gisele and had one son, Emeric, who preceded him in death. He desired to convert the Hungarians to



Christianity and established laws favoring Christianity over paganism. Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him King of Hungary in 1001. Stephen was devoted to the Virgin Mary and had a number of churches built in her honor. He is recognized for his work for the Church during the remainder of his life. He and his son were canonized together in 1083.

St. Ferdinand the III - (1198-1252) In 1217, Ferdinand became King of Castile in Spain. In 1219, he married Beatrice, daughter of the King of Germany. Together, they had seven



children. Ferdinand's priorities were the propagation of the Faith and the liberation of Spain from the Saracens with whom he had continued wars.

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 Ukranian 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

Go to p. 22 to see Ukrainian pysanky eggs painted by Br. 29! Member, Throck Scudder. Eggs were raffled off to raise money for Catholic Charities Relief Services to help Ukrainian refugees.

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

Thank you!



Message from our New Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

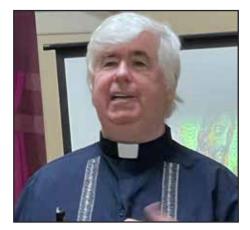
I write to you to let you know how excited I am to have been appointed as the Spiritual Director for ICF. I have always enjoyed being a part of ICF at Santa Teresa Church and at Church of the Transfiguration.

I know we are all sad to have lost Msgr. Dan Cardelli. I certainly cannot replace Msgr. Cardelli. He was a wonderful Chaplain and a great priest. While I cannot walk in his shoes, I can do my heartfelt best to fulfill the role of Chaplain and offer spiritual support and guidance.

I have always appreciated, as well as, supported the varied and wonderful, good works that the ICF does in promoting our faith and family life, in helping seminarians, providing scholarships, and doing other charitable works. As your Chaplain, I will be available to guide your ICF Chapters in the life of faith and to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with you. I am excited and looking forward to collaborating

with you to fulfill the goals of the Italian Catholic Federation and to be your Chaplain.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, some say that Pentecost is the birth of our Church and that may very well be. But it is certainly the celebration of Christ commissioning and sending forth the disciples—and all of us—to evangelize by spreading the Good News to all people and nations. Just think, 2000 years ago it all started with the apostles and a small number of dedicated disciples being sent by our Risen Lord and now there are an estimated 1.2 billion Catholics in the world (2.3 billion if you count all our Christian brothers and sisters). How could such a thing happen except for the Holy Spirit? As we celebrate our openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in and through our lives, Pentecost is an invitation to choose to share our love, to choose to move into action, and to choose to be a risen presence to others. Remember that the spirit of the Lord is upon us, which came to the first disciples at



Father Christopher Bennett ICF Spiritual Director

Pentecost, and is still at work in the Italian Catholic Federation.

As we celebrate this great feast of the Church's fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, how have we been a sign of the Holy Spirit to ICF families, in our world, and among people of faith everywhere?

May the winds of Grace blow gently upon you, and Blessings fall softly upon your days.

> Blessings Fr. Chris

Clinical Trials: The Basics

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

Clinical trials are studies on human subjects designed to answer questions about medical research and interventions including treatments such as new drugs, devices, or procedures.



Clinical trials are also conducted to obtain information about known interventions that require further study or to learn how to prevent the development or recurrence of a disease.

Investigators, usually led by doctors, design a research plan (also called a protocol), with the goal of information on safety and efficacy. In order to run a clinical trial, the investigator must obtain approval by the appropriate health authority such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States as well as the hospital ethics committee called the institutional review board (IRB). Clinical trials can cost millions of dollars and are therefore sponsored by a government organization such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or a pharmaceutical/biotechnology company. They also vary in size; they can involve a single research center or multiple centers, in one country or in multiple countries. Only 10% of all

drugs started in human clinical trials become approved drugs.

There are four phases in a drug clinical trial. According to the FDA, the phases are described as follows:

Early Phase 1—a pre-trial information gathering or exploratory phase to assess whether or not a drug affects the body.

Phase 1—focuses on safety and looks at any adverse effects caused by a new drug or treatment. This phase usually involves a small number of healthy volunteers.

Phase 2—focuses on the effectiveness of a drug in people with particular conditions. The participants on the study medication or therapy will usually be compared to participants who are given a placebo, which is an inactive substance. Safety continues to be evaluated during this phase.

Phase 3—involves more participants from various populations and continues to study safety and effectiveness of the therapy when given in different dosages and sometimes in combination with other medications.

Phase 4—occurs after the FDA has approved the drug to go to market and continues to assess safety, efficacy, and optimal use.

Eligibility factors include age, medical conditions, and stage of disease.

Inclusion criteria allow someone to participate in a clinical study, while exclusion criteria disqualify someone from participating in a trial.

There have been many studies involving thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia) that have improved patients' longevity and quality of life. Before government grants were more common, the ICF was been instrumental in supporting medical research for thalassemia.

To learn more about current research in thalassemia:

https://tinyurl.com/yeyjyh4v Resources:

National Institutes of Health U.S. National Library of Medicine: ClinicalTrials.gov:

https://tinyurl.com/2p8p84rp Wikipedia

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Cooley's Anemia
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Membership Matters

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

So, my branch has picked up about 8 new members so far this year. How did you do it you may ask? Well, honestly, they came to us looking for



something to do. Now that the pandemic has pretty much disappeared, people are looking for activities they want to participate in things

People want to belong and share their ideas and have fun again. Are any of you experiencing the same thing?

We've talked about membership drives the last couple of months. Have you held one? Do you have applications available at your events? Do you post your

fundraisers and meeting information in your parish bulletin, on Facebook, and in your mass announcements? You should be if you're not doing it already.

Membership is a key asset to the federation. Signing up new members is important but also keeping and maintaining membership is just as important. I would love to see our membership numbers start rising again, wouldn't you?

Try to stay active during these summer months when things tend to slow down. Picnics at the park, BBQ's and bocce tournaments and fun summer activities.

So, keep up the good work out there. Stay positive and we all benefit from the good works of the ICF.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads. Enjoy your day.

> Perry Shurko Membership Chairperson

Live to Give: A Blood Donor's Perspective

By Karen Rosson Br. 395 Orator

Stockton District Mentor and 2nd VP

It was a dark, quiet Halloween night when we received the phone call in the year 1970. Dad had passed away three years prior and I was attending Junior Collège living at home with my Mom and brother. The call was from the Delta Blood Bank asking for our immediate blood donation. There was a crisis and our blood type was urgently needed. Without question Mom and I drove downtown and donated our blood. Why? "Because blood donors save lives," my mother replied. Losing Dad as a teenager was beyond my comprehension. But understanding the need to give back to those who suffered from blood loss was a no brainer.

Don't we all know someone that is scheduled for surgery? Or a cancer patient who needs transfusions? Or that person with Thalassemia who depends on blood for another day on this earth? That Halloween night was the beginning of a very simple but important appointment that I try to keep on a regular basis. What a simple process! Walking into an office filled with employees delighted to see you for your blood! A simple questionnaire which can be completed electronically, a blood pressure and temperature check, and a simple prick of the finger completes preliminary steps to the "giving lounge chair" as I refer to it. The nurse loves to see my veins as they protrude from my arms. No problem hitting my veins with the needle. And for a short 15 minutes, as I squeeze the "dog bone," my blood fills the bag that

rocks back and forth. The needle is removed, I'm wrapped with neon tape, and excused to the juice bar to fill up on liquids. I've spent one hour out of the day helping save a life. And this can be repeated every 8 weeks.

As I write this today, the American Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood donation crisis in over a decade. 25% of blood donations come from college and high school blood drives, which are no longer taking place due to the COVID pandemic campus closures. It's so critical that doctors are having to choose who will receive blood. This should not be an option. Only 3% of the population qualified to donate blood are doing so. Giving blood during the pandemic is safe. All precautions such as masking and social distancing are in place.

So, I conclude with this... A blood donor gave my 91-year-old neighbor one last infusion before she died last week. A blood donor gave my friend Ada a treatment during her emergency surgery last year. And a blood donor continues to serve my friend Laurice Levine as she receives her vital treatment for Thalassemia. Blood cannot be manufactured. ... so off I go to the blood bank!



Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

 ${f J}$ une is here! With June I think of sunshine, flowers, BBQ's, picnics, graduations, Father's Day, the anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation and my birthday!

Congratulations to all our graduates out there. Graduations are an exciting time; you are transitioning from one level of education and growth into another. You may also be leaving some friends, as you go your separate ways, but new friends will be made. The bonds of friendship are strong ones and will stay with you a lifetime. What I have appreciated through my life are my friends from school who to this day I still get together with. We are actually trying to plan a milestone get together this year---could have to do with birthdays---always a fun time. Even at work, Sister Joan, who works one day a week with me, was my freshman English teacher (and my class was the first class she ever taught) at Mercy High School in Burlingame.

Many Districts and Branches are also thinking BBQ's and picnics. After 2 years of not being able to gather, they are excitedly planning outdoor summer events. The thought of BBQ also triggers thoughts of my dad and Father's Day. My Dad was no cook, but he loved to BBQ. We had a BBQ pit constructed of bricks in the backyard (I think everyone in my family had one). I can still see Dad out there tending the food and enjoying the fresh air. When Dad was grilling chicken, he would put the gizzards on the grill also. Us kids would hang out with him to get these tasty treats and dad graciously let us have them leaving none for himself. Now my maternal grandfather (Joe) believed that BBQing had to start with a major fire display then settle down before putting the food on. The poor mandarin tree next to the BBQ pit suffered some intense scorching thanks to Nono's need to use flammables to get the right fire intensity. My paternal Nono (BJ) also loved to BBQ and I have pictures of him in his business suit doing just that. Thank you to my dad (Ed) and my grandfathers for



their love and the beautiful memories they have given me---I love them more than I can say. Thank you to

all the dads out there---for all you do for your family, your extended family and us!

Let us also celebrate our Founding Fathers this month, Father Albert Bandini and Sir Luigi member of Branch 19 and a past officer. Providenza who



Rodondi. He was a

had the vision to see the need for the Italian Catholic Federation as an organization to bring Italians together in their faith and heritage. Happy 98th Anniversary ICF! Because of their vision, the size of my family has grown, and my faith and heritage are strong. Thank you to our Founding Fathers and all of you for being a strong part of this organization and striving to keep us motivated and moving into the future.

Do not forget our 20th Annual Golf Tournament on June 24th at Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa. If you do not golf, that is okay. Come to the delicious banquet being catered by Sweet T's (my nephew Tony will be there and he gives Sweet T's 2 thumbs up)!

The Central Council will be selecting the Convention Award winners at the June 11th Central Council meeting (being held at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley). We will also be reviewing any by-law changes that will be presented at convention for the delegates to vote on. By now you should have voted on who will represent your branch at convention, so remember to get their names and registration into the office. Also remember to get in the sponsor names and names for the convention memorial mass and ads for the souvenir book this month.

Plans are being made for some fun events. We are looking forward to a GREAT convention---SEE YOU AT THE ORLEANS IN VEGAS!!!

> Laissez les bon temps rouler!



Welcome New Members (Report as of May 9, 2022)

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	Madeline Lucas	Leo F Signorotti
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	Amalia A Modena	Joyce Toste
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Kevin Romano

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In Memory of Luciana
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Marlene Farber
In Memory of Elvira Balatti

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

***A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 332 - Novato. ***

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



Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi

Grand President

Happy summer!!! Happy fathers Day!!!

Time to get those BBQ's out and start grilling. Although I must say, I BBQ and Smoke year-round. This recipe is not about the BBQ, but it is a blend of fresh flavors that screams

outdoors and fresh produce. It can be used as a side dish, an antipasto, bruschetta, toss on pasta and anything you can come up with. If you read my recipe articles, you have probably guessed that I like eggplant. The eggplant was something I did not experience growing up. My family never cooked it—probably because it was a Southern/Sicilian staple. My first-time making eggplant was about 20 years ago. I Googled it and read all the "how to" information—about slicing and salting and stacking with a weight—then rinsing and squeezing the excess moisture and salt out. That was a joke—it ended as a mangled glob that went into my compost. I have since learned that even the skin is okay to leave on and forget sweating the eggplant with salt and weights.

This is a popular Sicilian Dish. I hope you enjoy it!

CAPONATA

3 pounds eggplant – I used 2 large ones

8 crisp celery stocks, cut into ½ to ½ inch slices--the leaves are okay to use

4 pounds firm, meaty tomatoes—I used 8 vine ripened tomatoes, romas are meatier— In a pinch, I can use canned diced tomatoes

1 pound white or yellow onions – I used 2 large yellow onions

4 Tbls. olive oil, plus what you used in the roasting pan (about 2 Tbls.)

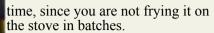
4 Tbls. tomato paste – makes for sweeter flavor

½ cup red wine vinegar

1/3 cup sugar – or about 2 Tbls. honey ½ cup capers

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to highest temperature. While it is heating up, brush a rimmed baking pan with olive oil. I also drizzled olive oil on and tossed the eggplant for a better coating of olive oil. They say to remove the skin in alternating stripes. I leave it all on—cut into ½ inch cubes. Put into pan/cookie sheet. Toss in the olive oil and roast in a 400 degree oven for about 25 minutes or a 500 degree oven for about 15 to 18 minutes. This uses so much less olive oil and frees up your



Take the cut celery and put into boiling water for 2 minutes to blanch it. You still want it to be a bit crisp. You can also add it when cooking the tomatoes, rather than blanching it first.

Cut the tomatoes (I do not peel my tomatoes) and scoop out the seeds, then dice. Also, cut the onions in ½ inch dice. Heat 4 Tbls. olive oil in a large skillet or sauté pan over low heat. Add the onions. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened (about 10 minutes). Stir in the tomatoes and paste, season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 10 minutes to let the tomatoes cook down. Add the vinegar, sugar, capers, eggplant and celery. Stir and let simmer for several minutes allowing to thicken and blend the flavors.

Taste and add more vinegar, salt and pepper to your satisfaction. This is an intensely flavorful dish. It can be served warm, room temperature or cold. Can even be frozen for a short period of time.

Other items: red bell pepper, ½ cup raisins, ¼ sliced green olives (without the pits please), pinkie finger size gherkins (also known as cornichons) sliced



I thought of adding Italian seasoning and garlic, but I think it would lose it's wonderful fresh flavor by being weighed down with too many spices. Of course, pepper flakes for a little heat may not go wrong. Like many recipes you adjust to your palate.

Grab some good French bread or sourdough and enjoy.

Hoping you might like to share some of your specialties or the family recipes that have been handed down with the members of the ICF. Send them to me at drodondi@comcast.net or mail to the ICF office, include a story if any. If you have questions send them also, I may not be able to answer them, but we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find what you are looking for.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!
Buon Appetito!

Father Saints--Continued

Carmen Kilcullen

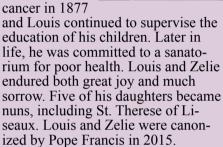
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In important towns, he founded bishoprics, reestablished Catholic worship, built churches and founded hospitals and monasteries. He belonged to the 3rd Order of St. Francis and, as such, was buried in the habit of the Order when he died in 1252.

St. Louis Martin – (1823-1894)

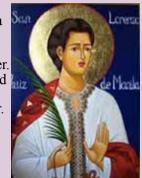
Louis was born into a military family.

He desired to join a religious community but was disappointed in this attempt as was his future wife, Zelie Guerin. They married in 1858 and had nine children. Zelie died of cancer in 1877



St. Lorenzo Ruiz – (1600-1637)

Lorenzo was born in Manila to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. He married and had two sons and a daughter. Early on, Lorenzo was unjustly accused of murder.



Together with a number of companions, Lorenzo traveled to Japan where they were soon discovered and subjected to horrible tortures. They were put to death by being hung upside down and allowed to hang for three days. In 1987, Pope John Paul II canonized all of them. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr.

Much more information can be found on the Internet.



Note:

As I write this, I am reminded of my father – an uncomplicated man devoted to his family, a man of great integrity, respected by all. Sadly, in the last years of his life, he suffered from macular degeneration, which he endured with great patience. -Carmen Kilcullen

More information about saints can be obtained on the internet.

In Loving Memory (Report as of May 9, 2022)

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Book Review: Branded: How Italian Immigrants Became "Enemies"

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

Branded: How Italian Immigrants Became "Enemies" During WWII

By Lawrence DiStasi,

Sanitizer Publication, 2016. 312 pp.

This is a reprint of a previously reviewed book, but one that I think is important enough to revisit.



In Branded:
How Italian Immigrants Became
"Enemies During
WWII," Lawrence DiStasi
provides a historical study of how
Italian immigrants, many of
them law abiding

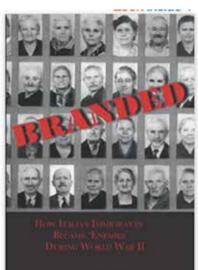
and productive residents of the United States, were branded as "alien enemies" during The Second World War. It also serves as a reminder of how prejudice combined with fear can lead to a stripping away of the most basic of human rights.

During WW II, the United States government branded many Italian immigrants as "alien enemies." This allowed the government to impose several levels of restriction—internment, evacuation, exclusion, general restrictions - on these otherwise loyal residents. For most of these "alien enemies," this meant evacuating their homes - often on the coast - and moving to cities and towns more inland; in other cases, people were interned since they were considered a more serious threat to the government. As DiStasi points out, however, these Italian-Americans were "branded" not because of anything they had done but rather because of a possibility that they might do something

treasonous during the war. The restrictions were placed on these Îtalian-Americans often because of their associations with ethnic social clubs or because they were seen as sympathizers of Mussolini, a once popular figure in the United States. They were "branded" and faced restrictions because of their associations not because of their actions.

Branded is a chronological account that begins with the government's preparations for war, which included creating lists of potential Italian immigrants who were deemed threats to the government. The book then gives a thorough accounting of what happened to the more that 600,000 Italian immigrants stigmatized as "enemy aliens," who faced various repercussions, including restrictions. The book also provides a post-war conclusion.

While a few books have been printed on the subject, for example, DiStasi's own Una Storia Segreta, few have been as complete and thorough as this latest history. DiStasi divides the book into seven chapters, each focused on a different topic, such as War and General Restrictions, Internment, Evacuation and Curfew, and Exclusion. In each chapter, the reader is provided with not only facts and details but with personal stories and examples that provide a human face to this history. This is the most complete



general history book on the subject and serves as a reminder of the injustices people face even today - when we allow our fears rather than reality cloud our judgement.

The last chapter reminds us that such actions by our government have led to a preference for a cultureless society, in which Italian Americans (as well as other cultures) have lost much of their heritage, including their language. They became, as many immigrants do, "culturally neutral" or

it might be said that they were forced to become "culturally neutral" by the events of WW II and after. While some see this assimilation as a benefit that leads to unity, it might also be seen as the source of discrimination encountered by far too many Americans and a source of shame that many feel when they are different and do not blend in.

When asked why he has found this subject so engrossing, DiStasi comments that "...a few years ago, my daughter was looking into the possibility of getting Italian citizenship. In order to do so, she needed my father's birth certificate to prove that he had been born in Italy. I emailed a colleague in the Department of Homeland Security I'd consulted before and asked her if she could find the documents pertaining to my father's naturalization. And then came the shock: my father had become naturalized all right, but not until 1944! This meant that he had been, completely

unknown to me or any of my living relatives, an enemy alien during the war. I had in fact speculated that perhaps the older people in my family had been enemy aliens--my grandfather, or grandmother, or great aunt. But it turns out that my grandfather had himself become naturalized in 1928, and that was the problem for my father. My father apparently thought that he was covered by his father's naturalization, in a process called 'derivative citizenship.' The problem was, in 1928, he, my father, was twenty-six years old, several years too old to qualify for derivative citizenship (the cutoff age is eighteen). So, when the wartime came, my father was informed that he had to register as an enemy alien because he had never applied for citizenship on his own. Suddenly it became clear to me not only why we had rightly called our project Una Storia Segreta, but also what the underlying (one might almost say 'subconscious') reasons were for my persistent interest in this story."

DiStasi's Branded reminds us all that to remain silent or to forget allows injustice to repeat itself throughout history. It is a call for Italian-Americans to remember the discrimination many of our relatives faced in the past and to stand up against such injustices faced by others today. It is history at its best - purposeful and thought provoking.

Lawrence DiStasi has been the project director of the traveling exhibit Una Storia Segreta: When Italian Americans were "Enemy Aliens" since its inception. He is a past-president of the Italian American Studies Association, Western Regional Chapter. He is also the author and editor of several books on Italian American culture.



Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library

April 10th Open House was hosted by Sr. Regina and the Cabrini Companions. Several parishioners, teachers and the principal of Saint Finbar Catholic Church visited the Chapel where Sister Regina made a beautiful presentation on Mother Cabrini.

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

SAVE THE DATE

November 13, 2022 - Mother Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage and Luncheon at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Burbank Ca 91504. This year Saint Francis Xavier Church and ICF will cohost the 75th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's Canonization to Sainthood. For more information call 626 372-7812 or email: cas1810@ aol.com.

Additional DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini now available.



Sr. Regina with Chapel Open House visitor Geraldine Bromhead. Geraldine's son installed new deer resistant landscaping in the Chapel and Library planters as part of his Eagle Scout project. Geraldine installed screens around several plants to allow the plants to take root with minimum interference from foraging animals.

Your support is greatly appreciated.--Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF LAADC -- Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee E: cas1810@aol.com; C 626-372-7812

Habits of Highly Organized Genealogists: Your Ultimate Guide

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson

By Dana McCullough & Diane Haddad appeared in the October 2005 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.



Throughout the years, Family Tree Magazine readers continue to share their best advice for avoiding getting buried under mounds of research task

notes, family photos, vital records certificates, census page printouts, family tree charts and other records.

Here's a part of their ultimate list.

1. Clear your calendar first.

Decide once and for all that organizing your genealogy research is top priority. Set aside a block—or several blocks—of time to get the job done, then tell everyone you're busy and unplug your phone. This may seem like time better spent on research, but family information does little good when you've lost the piece of paper you wrote it on.

2. Take charge of paper files.

Photos. Birth, death, and marriage certificates. Printouts of census records. Family tree charts. Newspaper clippings. Paper documents can really pile up, but readers have several ways to tame that plethora of paper. One option is to use three-ring binders with plastic sheet protectors (look for those made of archival-quality materials and avoid PVC) and divider tabs. Plastic sheet protectors can store not only family group sheets and documents, but also cards, newsletters, CDs or DVDs and other mementos.

3. Designate a mystery-photo folder.

Put your nameless photos inside (once you've made headway on an ID, you can move the photo to the suspected subjects' folder). Attach a copy of each mystery shot to a photo-identification worksheet and keep them with your family files.

4. Go digital. To save space in paper files or create electronic backups, scan your documents and photos. There are many different scanners, printers with scanners, portable scanners and scanning apps available. To organize the digital files, consistency is key. Start your digital organization with determining a structure for the digital folders—typically this may be a hierarchy of surname folders. Under the surname folder, you could create a subfolder with an individual's first name; under that, you could use a naming convention that includes the record type (or even another subfolder for record type, such as Death Records, which may include an obituary, a death certificate and info from the Social Security Death Index). Remember to create a standard way to name your files, too. One idea is to put files in a surname folder, then name the files like this: First Name Last Name_Year _Month Date_ Record type.

Once you determine your structure and file-naming scheme, write it down and stick to it.

Use universal file formats such as PDF or JPG when you save files, too. For files not in a universal format, copy them and convert the copies so you can access the information no matter how technology changes or which device you use.

Now, that you have the tools, use them!

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chair & Grand 1st Vice President

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Festa Italia--Continued

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It is important that we remember our cultural heritage and pass it on to future generations. Festa Italia celebrates these traditions and keeps our stories, old and new, alive to ensure that our heritage is never lost. Everyone is welcome to join in at this fun, festive event!

www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org

Schedule At a Glance:

What: 88th Festa Italia held by the Festa Italia Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization; Festival Entry Cost: *Free*

Where: Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park, Downtown Monterey Entertainment:

Friday, Sept. 9th – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. The Money Band Saturday, Sept. 10th – 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

Music starts at 11:30 a.m. including:

- Pasquale Esposito, an Italian born American Tenor
- Anthony Lane Band
- Singers Erasmo Aiello and Dave Marzetti accompanied by Mike Marotta, Jr., Dennis Murphy, Dave Dally, Paul Tarantino, and Skylar Campbell
- Tarantella Dancers

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- Anthony Lane Band -5 p.m. -7 p.m.
- Chicano All Stars 7 p.m. 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11th – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Music starts at Noon including:

- Pasquale Esposito, an Italian born American Tenor
- Anthony Lane Band
- Singers Erasmo Aiello and Dave Marzetti accompanied by Mike Marotta, Jr., Dennis Murphy, Dave Dally, Paul Tarantino, and Skylar Campbell
- Tarantella Dancers

Weekend Master of Ceremonies:

David Marzetti (Singer/MC and also Host of the Shag Bag Radio Program on KION 1460 AM/101.1 FM and the Sundays with Sinatra Radio Program on KMBY 1240 AM/95.9 FM)

Bocce Tournament – Sept. 10th and 11th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park

Tickets are sold for raffles for a variety of prizes (need not be present to win)

Information: (831) 633-4444 or email mail@FestaItaliaMonterey.org

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5/3	Becky Vergano	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
5/4	Todd Jones		Flagstaff, AZ	\$30
5/5	Eloise Flanders	438	North Highlands, CA	\$30
5/6	Gail Gabbert		Tracy, CA	\$30
5/7	Mary Shimshock		Medina, MN	\$30
5/8	Ann Herr		Lock Havon, PA	\$50
5/9	Geoff P. Lin-Cereghino	395	Stockton, CA	\$30
5/10	Bill & Gina Borba		Moss Beach, CA	\$30
5/11	Marlene Farber	161	Greenbrae, CA	\$30
5/12	Gloria Young		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
5/13	Fr. Sijo Chirayath	45	Vallejo, CA	\$30
5/14	Carol Louise Silva	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
5/15	Rina Cassanego	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
5/16	Most Reverend Jose H.	Gomez	Los Angeles, CA	\$30
5/17	Ginny Perazzo	332	Novato, CA	\$30
5/18	Annette Elissagaray	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
5/19	Fr. Arthur Yabes		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
5/20	Debbie Mills		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
5/21	Geraldine McGrath	52	Hayward, CA	\$30
5/22	Nancy Silva	39	El Nido, CA	\$30
5/23	Tina Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
5/24	Andrea Berry		Gilroy, CA	\$30
5/25	Rose Moore	237	Gardena, CA	\$30
5/26	Ken Rozeboom		Crockett, CA	\$50
5/27	Dennice Di Girolamo	127	Petaluma, CA	\$30
5/28	Eugenia Lombardo		San Diego, CA	\$30
5/29	Gerry DeRienzo	417	Clovis, CA	\$30
5/30	Romie Frediani	135	Reno, NV	\$100
5/31	Kim Swertfager		Santa Clara, CA	\$30
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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

We held our first meeting since CO-VID which included an Italian dinner of pasta, chicken, veal and Dianda's pastries. A member surprised us with sharing his homemade white wine! What a treat! It was great to see our smiling members' faces while sharing a wonderful evening together! Thank you for all who were able to attend.

We wish all Branch 1 Fathers a very Happy Father's Day! Cordiali Saluti Diana Cresci

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

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

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

Please return your tickets stubs with your check as soon as possible. Our Branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. Tante Grazie.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Ciao, Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO District

Burlingame Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We are looking forward to our Ravioli dinner on June 26th in the OLA GYM. Our plans have been finalized as follows: \$35.00 adult and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. WINE will be included at the table during the meal. Please pass this info on to your friends and family to help us make our dinner successful.

Additional information: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. NO-HOST COCKTAILS 5:00 Dinner: Anti-pasta, salad, ravioli and dessert. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Donna Cervelli at 650-343-3790.







Br. 1, First in-person meeting since Covid-19

Our successful Pedro Tournament was held last month and thanks to the following who helped: Dorene, Mary Ann, Maria, Donna, Roz, Bea, Bob, Brenda and Luci.

Special thanks to Brenda Wemiz for making the arrangements for the Cinco de Mayo dinner in May.

Our next event will be the Convention September 2nd - 4th being held at the New Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Banquet held on September 3rd Saturday \$70.00. More details to follow at our next meeting.

If anyone wants to add a family member or friend to the memorial mass at the Convention, each name is \$5.00 and all names will be listed in the Convention yearbook.

Prayers are needed for those that are sick in our Branch and throughout the Federation: Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager, Kathy Trevizo and family from Branch 19 and Roberta Franchini from Branch 213.

God Bless, Roz Emery

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao and happy Father's Day! Now that our Moms have had their special treatment, let us not forget our Dads on June 19th. By the time you receive this report, we will have had our luncheon "social" on June 4th. This will have been our first "official" gathering since 2020 and I will report on the

outcome in my July report.

Some readers noticed a problem with our branch report in last month's Bollettino: It seems that our overworked editor mistakenly used my April report for the May publication but did include the correct photo and caption. I am just surprised at how infrequently these things happen! Those of you who get email from ICF will have received the correct report via email. The only important thing in there was the acknowledgement of our Osso Buco Dinner winners, Rosemarie & Al Morando, and a reminder to send in your \$12 for the KFC luncheon. The dinner was yummy and we had a wonderful time! We will definitely do this fundraiser again.

This month, I will be distributing the Convention '22 Raffle tickets. All members may enter and will receive their book of tickets with their next Newsletter, which will go out in mid-June. In order to meet our processing deadline, get them in by July 30th! Return your completed "stubs" and a check payable to "ICF BR 403" for \$20 to: Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. Remember, half of the proceeds stay with your branch and the cash prizes are pretty good too! No additional postage is required when returning the stubs & a check in the mail.

Finally, congrats to Branch 403 member, Marie D'Asaro for her calendar win of \$100 on April 17th.

It pays to buy a calendar. She could win multiple times during the year!

Ciao a tutti! Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary



Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

Thank you to everyone who has bought Convention raffle tickets.

June Happy Birthday wishes to Naima Chiappellone.

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

Walk a Little Slower Daddy

"Walk a little slower, Daddy" Said a child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps And I don't want to fall.

Sometímes your steps are very fast, Sometímes they're hard to see. So walk a líttle slower, daddy, For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, You're what I want to be; Then I will have a little child, Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, And know that I was true; So, walk a little slower, Daddy, For I must follow you."

Wishing all the fathers, grandfathers, living or deceased a very Happy Father's Day.

Ciao, Anna Biggio Recording Secretary



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



LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

There's a song called June is busting out all over. Indeed, it is. Summertime is upon us.

Congratulations go out to our district chaplain, Monsignor Cacciapuoti on his new assignment as the pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. He will now be working alongside Archbishop Jose Gomez. Monsignor has decided that it's time to pass the torch onto another, and so we are looking for a new district chaplain. Please pray for Monsignor on his new journey and pray that we are able to find a new chaplain soon.

The district met on Saturday May 7th at Holy Family, Branch 108, for our quarterly meeting. We discussed convention, Cabrini pilgrimage and Bishop Banquet plans as they are fast approaching.

Prayers are also needed as St Peters Italian Church is looking for a new pastor. I plan to attend the Central Council meeting on June 11th and then plan to attend the Central Coast installation the following weekend on June 18th

The LA district has sponsored a hole for the ICF golf tournament that will be held the weekend of June 24 - 25. Good luck to those golfers and I hope everyone enjoys their wine tasting and antique shopping.

I want to let you know that I have nominated Dr. Al Howard of His Nesting Place for the Pope St John XXIII award.

To all of the dads and grads, Happy Father's Day and congratulations too. Cheers!

Till next month, have a safe start to your summer. Sincerely, Perry Shurko, LA district president.

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

NBr 67 member Francesca Taylor geared up for and initiated Opera Italia's first OPERA+SUPPER event at Saint Peter's Italian Church's Casa Italia on May 15, 2022. This event brought OPERA, STORY AND SONG together with Italian Food, Beautiful Arias and The TELE-PHONE! (More on this event in the July Bollettino.)

New Member: On April 9th David Doyle joined the ICF NBr 67 General Meeting via Zoom. David is a Teacher and Coach from Akron, Ohio. David heard about ICF on the internet and wanted to join an organization that included the Catholic Church.



Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

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

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

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

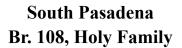
Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery. And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

Keep safe and Stay healthy, Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President ICF National Branch 67 C 626 372-7812 E Cas1810@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

Gioachino Rossini's "L'Inganno Felipe (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: operaitaliala.com for more information

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



Branch 108 will hold its annual picnic at Holy Family Church "under the tent" on Sunday, June 12, 2022, starting 2:00 pm. The annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ will follow on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 1:00 pm in Connolly Hall. Good food and games including Bocce and Bean Bag Toss. Bring your family, bring your friends. Call ahead and be counted. See you there!

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 E cas1810@aol.com







Branch 108 bocce ball

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our June General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 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: Elsa Wadzinski, Judd Wadzinski, Francisco Garcia, Gary Brougher, Anasofia Veneziano, Luciano Scorcia, and Franco Sergi. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Congratulations to Anthony G. Grimaldi from La Serna High School in Whittier who won the Branch's \$400 College Scholarship.

Also, we received applications and essays from St. Benedict School students, and we will be awarding two \$400 Phillip Pace, Jr. Scholarships to graduating students.

Recently our Branch also donated \$1,500 to St. Benedict Church, \$250 to the St. Benedict Spring Festival, which was held on May 20, 21, and 22, 2022, \$100 to St. Benedict School for their Casino Night fundraiser, and \$100.00 to St. Benedict Church to support the World Marriage Day celebration.

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

Ciao! A presto. Frank Salomone ICF 111 President



Br. 111, April birthdays



Br. 111, April Meeting



Br. 67. National Branch, St. Peter









San Pedro Branch 115 celebrated the Feast of the Madonna dell'Arco on May 7, 2022, with mass and procession at Mary Star of



Br. 111-Luncheon at park after Mass

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

Branch 115 is happy to announce our first year scholarship recipients for 2022. Congratulations to Paul Baccari grandson of members Maria and Paul Baccari and to Giovanni Boccanfuso son of member John Boccanfuso and grandson of member Filomena Boccanfuso. Both students attend Mary Star of the Sea High School.

Two additional scholarships were awarded from branch 362 in Downey to Carlo Weitzman, grandson of Branch 115 member Virginia Russo, and Nicholas Boccanfuso, grandson of Filomena Boccanfuso. Both students attend Palos Verdes Penisula high School. Congratulations to all!

Mass for St Anthony requested by our branch will be held on June 13th at 8 a.m. at Mary Star Parish.

Tentative turnaround trip to Morongo Casino is planned for June 30th. Check your agenda for details.

This year's parish fiesta will be held on Friday July 15 - 17th. Our branch will host the pizza, meatball and sausage sandwich booth. Many volunteers will be needed from making meatballs, to working in the booth, to setting up or tearing down all help will be appreciated. Please call Pauline Iacono to sign up 310 832-0563

Please join us on August 20th for our annual St John Joseph of the Cross mass and dinner dance. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. with a reception following. Dinner dance will start at 6 p.m. Prime rib dinner with all the fixings \$40.00. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Ciararmitaro Band.

To stay connected with our busy schedule please attend our next general meeting on June 16th at 7:30 p.m. in parish center.

Happy Father's Day to all Anita Trujillo

Glendora Br. 179, St. Dorothy

St. Dorothy Branch 179 in Glendora had their first normal meeting in quite some time. On April 21, members gathered in our Parish Hall for a delicious potluck and a game of Left-Right-Center. We welcomed new members Ron and Donna Cornejo, Marianne Nicosia, Jack and Patty Matteer, and Greg and Elaine Lima. The food was delicious, as usual, and the winners of the LRC game donated their winnings back to our branch! Thank you to all who made this a very fun and entertaining evening. We're all looking forward to next month's dinner and bingo!

God's blessings, Patricia Auriemmo Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Arcadia Br. 218, Holy Angels

Thank you to Scott and Teri Carrano and Jenni Hauge for the successful sandwich sale at the school picnic. June 12th is our general meeting which will be held at Marie D'egidio's home. Please watch for Jeane's newsletter for more information. The same day our junior ICF will organize a donut sale on the church patio. On other news, it was decided to make a donation to the "Gifts of Love' in honor of Joann Hudson's husband, Jeff, who passed away recently.

Everyone have a good summer and we will see you in September as there will be no meetings in July and August. And, a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads. *Lolly M*.

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Greetings to you all and we made it to June! Summertime is here, but there's no time to relax, not yet. We're just getting busy. We've picked up 8 new members so far this year and hopefully we can keep that going throughout the rest of the year.

Last month we held our first bingo of 2022. Even though it wasn't heavily attended, a fun time was had by all, and we are looking forward to the next bingo on July 10th. We were able to confirm and book the rest of our monthly general meetings for 2022.

We will now be meeting on the first Thursday of each month, in the hall, at 7 p.m. Food, snacks and goodies will be served at all meetings, so come hungry.

We had about 25 in attendance last month, and that was the most we've had in years. We are in the early planning stages for our branch's 40th

anniversary celebration. It will be held on Sunday August 7th beginning with mass at 12 p.m. followed by a reception in the hall.

I would like to wish all of the dads out there a very Happy Father's Day and to all of those who are graduating this year, congratulations!

Have a great start to your summer plans.

Sincerely, Perry Shurko, branch president.

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

After much anticipation, we learned that on July 1st, 2022, our new pastor, Father Jim Bevacqua, previously pastor of Holy Family in Glendale will become our new leader. He will be replacing Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti who, after twelve years at St. Bede has been re-assigned to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels as its pastor. While members and parishioners will miss Monsignor Antonio, we were excited to know that our new branch chaplain and pastor is also of Italian ancestry.

Ryan Francis Costa, a senior at St. Francis High School is the recipient of our \$400 branch scholarship this year. He and his family will attend our June meeting to receive his award. In addition, three St. Bede scholarships to 8th graders for essays, service, and music in the amount of \$1050 will also be awarded.

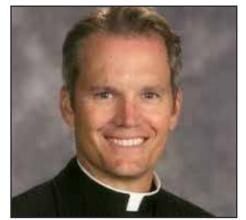
At our May board meeting our charitable budget was decided. It will include \$500 for Cooley's Anemia research, \$200 to help support Elizabeth House; \$200 to Gifts of Love, and \$500 toward the Seminary Burse. The Skidettes program will also receive a donation. We also voted to donate \$200 to the Central Council sponsored Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund.

Dates to Note: Next General Meeting-Wed. June 15th

Mother Cabrini Mass and Lunch-Sunday, Nov. 13th

Branch Christmas Party-Wed. Dec. 21st Parish Center

May all you wonderful dads enjoy a Happy Father's Day! Diane Restivo



Br. 374's new pastor Father Jim Bevacqua





Br. 380, Gregg Bruno and his daughter Samantha preparing the cannolis.



Br. 380, Anne Interrante sharing a story of her mother

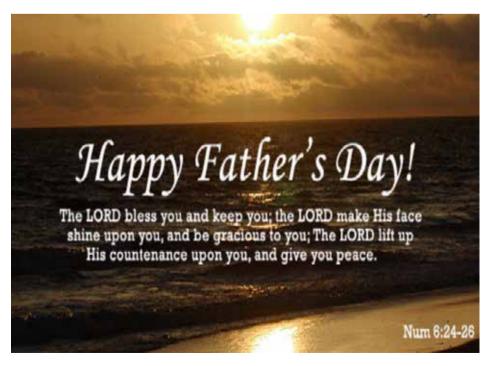
Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 held another successful cannoli sale for Mother's Day. The response from the parish was very enthusiastic.

We enjoyed a Sunday afternoon get together in April and a general meeting in our parish hall on May 6th. We celebrated our mothers by sharing fond memories of them and enjoyed a potluck dinner.

We are looking forward to another general meeting on June 3rd in the hall.

We are sad to announce the passing of longtime Branch member Vincent Oliver. Please keep his family in your prayers.



Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Branch 447 is happy to report we held our first General Meeting at American Martyrs since COVID! It was a Potluck Dinner and Bingo Meeting in the St. Kateri Room. We were extremely happy to reconnect with our current Members and met several of our new Members. Everyone brought delicious dishes that were enjoyed by all. After dinner and dessert, we played Bingo and five lucky winners won prizes. It was wonderful to spend this time together with our friends and family and we look forward to sharing more fun events with our members.

* See the attached photos of our event and our wonderful friends and family! Thank you to Joana Brown, 2nd Vice President for taking all the cute photos.

Our next event will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. 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. More information about our upcoming events will be available as the events draw near.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Ciao, Stephanie DeRaddo President







May Potluck Dinner and Bingo event at American Martyrs Branch 447.





SAN BERNARDINO

Upland Br. 446, Saint Anthony

Our May meeting involved music and games. We spent some time discussing the rules of Scopa and taught some members how to play the traditional Italian card game. We also made plans to have our first bocce event in June at a local park. We look forward to an afternoon of friendly competition.

We discussed the upcoming Ministry Fair for our Confirmation students and families. We hope to gather some memberships from that event.

Saint Anthony's parish hosted the French Boys Choir and many of our members attended the concert at the church after our meeting.

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

East Bay District Council

From the reports given @ our last meeting, it sounds like the branches have been working hard getting things up to speed and are busy planning for the future. We have upcoming teas to welcome new members and had success with their Lenten fish fry. Many branches are beginning to start restaurant sharing again as fund raisers.

We are planning our Quarterly Mass with our Chaplain, Fr. Mario Rizzo, on July 17th, at 9:30 Mass, followed by brunch/lunch at a nearby restaurant.

All branches are asked to send at least one delegate to the convention in September. Any By-laws changes need to okayed by the branch President and submitted now.

We are to supporting "a Hole in One" for the upcoming CC golf tournament.

Now is the time to say Happy Father's Day to all you fine men.

Congratulations to all graduates from 8th grade, 12th grade or college.

And a strong and fruitful spiritual life to all those receiving their 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Pat Grasso, District Sec.

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We are looking forward to hosting our annual barbecue scheduled for Sunday, July 17 in the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The festivities start at 12:30 p.m. The menu includes hamburger with a non-meat option, corn, watermelon, beverages and dessert. The prices are \$15.00 for adult members, \$20.00 for adult non-members, \$10.00 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children under 5.

For reservations, please contact Secretary Jeanette Zugnoni, jeanette@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005. Please send check payable to ICF Branch 10 to Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, Ca 94501.

We are proud to announce that graduating senior John Kohler of Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland has been selected as the winner of our \$400.00 college scholarship. John will be entering San Diego State University in the fall. John's grandmother, Paola Fratino, remains very active in ICF Branch 108, South Pasadena. John is the son of Christine Fratino and John Kohler, Sr. of Oakland.

We voted at our May 5 membership meeting to sponsor hole No. 10 at the ICF golf tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa on June 24. We are continuing our tradition of sponsoring our namesake hole.

John Zugnoni, Branch 10 publicity

Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy June!

I hope your month of June is off to a great start! Here's to a healthy and happy summer!

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! FLYERS WILL BE MAILED OUT SOON!

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

We will have another restaurant fundraiser in either July or August at Strizzi's restaurant in Fremont. As we get closer, more information will be available.

Blessings for all military, active and retired!

Have a Happy Flag Day on June 14th and don't forget to fly your flag!

Dio ti benedica, James Francis McGee Vice President

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

As summer begins, we are thinking about planning a Bingo Bash perhaps in July. Get ready all you Bingo Players!

We are proud that we were able to offer two scholarships to local, deserving students. Nicholas Carrano is from Livermore High School and Dario Roy Angelini Stewart is from Granada High School. Not only are they worthy recipients but they are also brothers of previous scholarship winners.

Welcome to our new members: Bonnie Blackmer, Barry and Michele Buckett, Dave and Mary Grubbs, Maryann James, Pauline Kirk, Toni Manzetti, Pia Murphy, Anna Raefield, Frank and Aurora Roselli, and Ann Suter.

Thank you to Kathy Elm for organizing our May meeting at St. Augustine. Members are encouraged to bring some favorite art to display. Besides sharing appetizers and browsing the art pieces, we are happy that one of our own priests, Father Fili will talk to us about La Virgen De Guadalupe, helping us in our adoration of the Virgin Mary.

Happy Mother's Day and blessings to all. Patty Brick, VP



Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Congratulations! Our 43rd Anniversary was a success. Grazie tante to our members, parishioners and Central Council members who joined us to celebrate. We can also thank our Cook, Lisa, with Margaret and Dorothy in the kitchen and Pat, with, Edward and Allison setting up and decorating the hall. A special treat was made by Cheryl M of Focaccia to serve with dinner!

We had a short meeting following the dinner where we sponsored a "Hole in One" for the upcoming CC golf tournament June 24th.

Pres. Mike reminded us that money and dates that we wanted on the ICF calendar needed to be turned into Lisa

We talked some about the Convention Labor Day Weekend, plane tickets are lowest now—time to make plans.

This is the month of many well wishes; Happy Father's Day to all who have shepherded us.

Congratulations to all those graduating from high school or college this June. And to all who are making their First Communion or Confirmation, welcome to your beginning steps in the Church.

Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy June to all from the Contra Costa district.

Relish the start of summer and spending more time outdoors enjoying time with family and friends and ICF members. Here's a brief update and some reminders for district members.

Each branch needs to send in the Apostolic Report to Anne McEntorffer at armac2@comcast.net by the June 30 deadline. This report lists the parish ministries each member is involved in.

Oakland A's aren't having an Italian Heritage Night this year. Your branch may want to attend the Giant's Italian Heritage night is on June 7. Purchase tickets on their website.

Plan to attend the annual convention in Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Information is in the Bollettino. Send the branch delegate registration forms into the ICF office as soon as possible. Everyone is encouraged to attend even if you are not a delegate. It's a lot of fun! Remember to sell your convention raffle tickets. It's an easy branch fundraiser since every branch keeps 50% of the profit of each book sold.

We hope to have the date soon for our annual Bishop's Day event. All

branches will be notified as soon as the Bishop of Oakland's office decides. In the meantime, please vote on your seminary donation and tally your members' spiritual bouquet offerings.

Our next District meeting will be Wednesday, June 29 at 7 p.m. at our usual location, the Martinez Round Table Pizza restaurant banquet room. Save the date.

We wish all fathers and grandfathers a blessed Fathers' Day and happy times with family on this festive day of celebration!

Diana Letizia Mackinson, Contra Costa District First Vice President

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

From a historical perspective, Christianity didn't start with Jesus' birth, death, or even His ascension. It started with Pentecost--fifty days after Easter--the day the "Holy Spirit" was in the room with Jesus' apostles and entered each of them. This laid the foundation for what would become Christianity. At His Last Supper, Jesus instructed His disciples to go out into the world to minister the sick on their own. It was at that point they became "apostles." The descending of the Holy Spirit caused them to speak in tongues suggesting they could now go into other parts of the world to preach their message. It also allowed them

direct communication with God. It's this event we recognize as the Birthday of the Church. Pentecost which shares roots with the Jewish holiday of Shavu'ot, isn't associated with feasts or elaborate traditions. It is a holiday marked in liturgical churches. Because the holiday's liturgical color is red to symbolize the apostles "tongues of fire" and also the "blood of martyrs," often parishioners will dress and decorate in red.

We also celebrate graduates/promotions from all levels of education, our Father who art in heaven, our fathers on earth, all fathers, Godfathers, and father figures. Just like our heavenly Father, every father should remember one day his children will follow his example, not his advice. He is the first man in his children's life, and probably the most influential. Let us remember, then, to walk in a manner worthy of God! Happy Father's Day.

Ciao for now, Mary Cook

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

See photos below.





Member from Branch 14, Crockett back to work for their first meeting after Covid. Taco Tuesday!! Mmm good.



Welcome back members, Branch 14 Crockett. Great dinner . Nice to see everyone again $\,$

91# Annual National Convention



Labor Way Weekend September

Location: The Orleans Hotel & Casino Reservations: Visit orleanscasino.com/groups 4500 W Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103 Group Code: AIC2CO8 clarification: aic2c(zero)8

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

Wednesday 8/31 and Thursday 9/1 \$39 + tax Friday 9/2 and Saturday 9/3 \$115 + tax

Sunday 9/4 \$69 + tax Monday 9/5 \$39 + tax Daily Resort Fee \$24.99 + tax. 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

<u>Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.</u>

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 quest 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.

ICF is Going Green!



http://eepurl.com/ **bLaMFb**



Welegate. Registration



Direct: (702) 365-7111

Reservations Line: (800) 675-3267

BRANCH NO	CITY:	DISTRICT:	
Individual Members as o	f March 31st:	Number of Delegates Required:	(see below)

The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the 2022 convention in fabulous Las Vegas!

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.Elections for delegates are to take place at a branch meeting before the registration deadline. For this year only, the Central Council has updated the delegate count. 100 or fewer members (full paying individuals): Minimum 1, Maximum 2 Delegates 101+ members: Minimum 2, Maximum 6 Delegates
Please review all convention flyers for details on hotel and event reservations.

Check for

Use additional sheets if necessary.	Date Arriving	Email Address
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2	 	
3	 	
4	 	
ALTERNATE DELEGATES:		
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Mail this form with registration payment of \$325.00 per delegate by July 1 to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capwell Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621. Late registration is \$350.

Delegate registration fee includes: Friday Opening Ceremonies Banquet, Saturday Saintly Awards Banquet, Sunday ICF Awards Luncheon, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and convention related expenses such as microphones and speakers for sessions and masses.

Branch Check No	No. of Delegates:	X \$325 (by 7/1) or \$350 (after	er 7/1) = \$
Signature of one Branch Office	r Position		Date

FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates:	Guests:	Total Attendees:	
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Sign up to Save-A-Life 11th Annual ICF Convention

Blood Drive

Friday, September 4th 8:00 am- 2:00 pm at the Convention Hotel

> Snacks--Prizes--Raffle Sponsored by:

The ICF Live to Give Committee

We must have 40 SIGN-UPS in advance to run the drive!

To Reserve a spot please Contact: Laurice Levine

LLevine430@aol.com or 360-860-2023











\$70 adults

\$35 ages 4 - 10

SUGGESTED ATTIRE
Mardi Gras; Dressy Casaal;

Purple, Green & Gold

RSVP on the reservation form.

•Red beans & rice

·leed tea and coffee

Magae choax vegetables

Cajan scalloped potatoes

•Dessert: Bread padding with

whiskey saace, Pecan Pic and Meyer Iemon cheesecake







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

Branch II.	City.		Districti		include names of guests not buying event tickets.			
	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
			Museum	Bowling	Dinner \$70	Dinner \$70	Lunch \$50	
			\$40	\$20	Children \$35	Children \$25	Children \$25	
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.

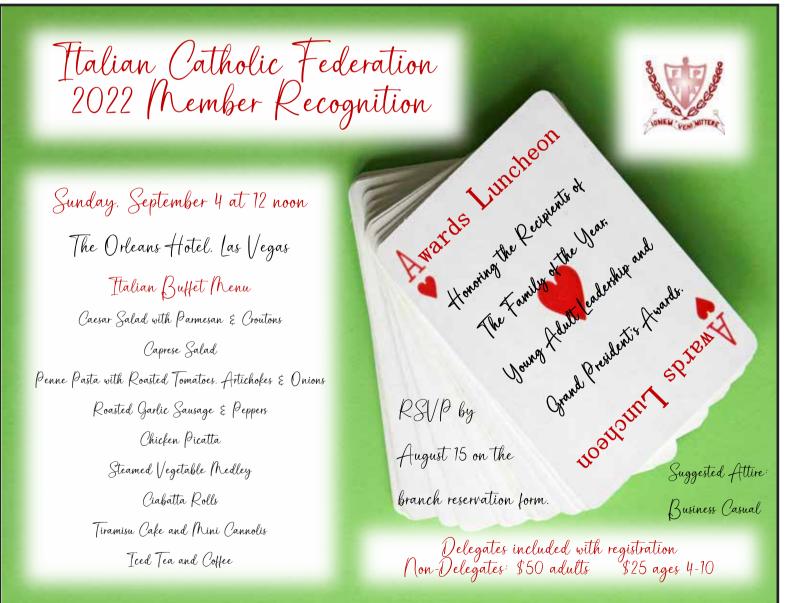
Clergy: Saturday's lunch is included for all Clergy. Diocesan Chaplains' - Friday and Saturday's dinners are included as well as Sunday's Lunch. Branch and District Chaplains are a Branch/District expense.

Clergy Title	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Thursday Museum \$40	Friday Bowling \$20	Friday Dinner \$70	Saturday Clergy Luncheon Hosted by CC	Saturday Dinner \$70	Sunday Lunch \$50	Total
						included included			

- -Make check payable to ICF Central Council.
- -Submit this form by August 15 to ensure your members are seated together.

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

Total Check:





Italian Catholic Federation 2022 Central Council Election

The Central Council is the governing body of the organization. Members keep the Catholic spirit intact and assure the integrity and continuance of the Federation.



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

Campaign Process:

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

Responsibilities of Central Council Members:

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



CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATON

I,/_	
Name C	ity/State
wish to be a Candidate for Membership	to the Central Council.
I have been nominated by	
Branch No.	
Signature of Candidate	 Date
Signature of Branch President (or alternate) submitting the name of the above Candidate for nomination.	Date

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

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

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.



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 chee Quantity: _

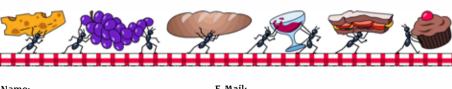
TURKEY

Croissant, roasted turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato

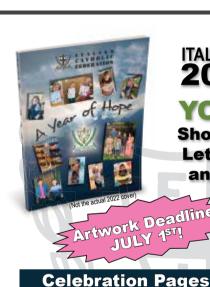


VEGETABLE

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



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Name:	E-Mail:	
Address, City, State & Zip		
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Number of Guests Antiquing	@ \$25 per person	Total:
Number of Guests Wine Tasting	@ \$65 per person	Total:



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2022 Yearbook

YOU Are Needed!

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

Births • Weddings • Graduations Full color 1/16th page celebration entry for only \$25. Includes a photo and details

On the road to the 100th!

Successful Entry Tips Create a NEW entry this year

- Tell us what you've been up to
- Use COLOR in your entry **Submit Celebration entries** for your members and their achievements

You Need COLOR!

The full-page entry for Branch 111 looks great in the 2021 book! (See page 67.) So much more impactful than black and white would have been. Please consider color for impact.

The ICF Convention Yearbook is: • Collected & kept for years • • Referenced by members •

A visual history of your year

Everyone spends money locally!
Sell commerical ads to the folks you spend your money with and get a 20% commission check.

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

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

Hope all of you are happy and healthy.

Our last meeting was held on May 1. We thank our hostess, Josie Leontini. Not only did she host, she had dinner delivered for all. Joann Thilgen brought dessert. The rest brought side dishes. Roselynne Mc Neal was in town, so she was able to attend. She shared how she is doing in her new home as a married women in New Mexico. Our mentor, Peggy Aiello Hagethey joined us and brought a guest. Maria Catanese Helburg. We voted to send one delegate to the convention. Everyone was encouraged to attend. We distributed Convention Raffle tickets and tickets will be mailed. We retain 50 percent of sales. A great way to make money. We missed those that could not attend. Hope to see them next time. Invitations will be mailed for our next meeting. Bring a friend. A family member or both.

The Oakland A's will not be hosting an Italian heritage night this year. We enjoyed going with the District in the past. Hopefully, next year.

The District will inform us of the date for Bishop's day. They are waiting to hear from the Bishop's office. Stay tuned for details.

We wish all the Dads and Granddads a very Happy Father's day.

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

Have a good month. Your President and friend, Patty

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying getting together with your friends and families.

On Saturday, May 7th we had a wonderful time at our Pasta/Bingo lunch.

We had a delicious lunch prepared by Norene DeLuca, Sandy Debrichy, Terri Di Loreto, and Diane Hasty. We made lasagna roll ups and meatballs. We had salad, made by Terri Di Loreto, main course, ice cream donated by Rick De Santos, cookies made by Linda Navin and biscotti.

We had raffle prizes and a special surprise gift won by Sue Giorgetti. We had a carry-on luggage door prize won by Beverly Flint. Various raffle prizes were won also.

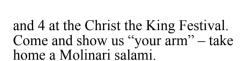
It was a very successful fundraiser enjoyed by all. The monies collected will help to send our representatives from our club to the Convention on Labor Day weekend.





Br. 214 Bingo Night





We will have another Mass and breakfast on July 31. Come and bring a prospective member. Plans are in the works now. Be looking for details via Diana's emails.

The Annual Convention will be September 2 -4 in Las Vegas. Please remember to sell your convention raffle tickets and return the ticket stubs and money to me (Teri) by August 10.

Our Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for September 17 in our parish hall. The planning committee is getting the ball rolling – you won't want to miss this delicious and fun evening! If you can help, please contact Juliette or Diana.

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Carole Padlo

PEA & ETIQUETTE MASTERCLASS

Br. 442, Member Carole Padlo shares her tea talents with the ICF by preparing homemade appetizers, scones, sandwiches, desserts & tea

Br. 214, raffle prizes

A thought for you — *Tempo perduto mai non si riacquista*. Make the most of your summer!! Stay well.

Ci vediamo quando siamo piu' vecchi, Teri Martinucci Hurlbut



Br. 442, The gentlemen served the ladies in attendance.



Br. 442, 3. Prize Table

We have been selling raffle tickets which are still available through our president, Roberta Healy.

We have been lucky at our branch with 3 winners in Jan, Feb, and March winning money from the calendar drawings.

We are looking forward to many more fun fundraisers in the future as we have had many new members join our branch.

Please take care and stay healthy and pray for this war to end and to find peace in Ukraine.

Ciao, Norene DeLuca

Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Happy Summer! June is certainly a busy month with graduations, Father's Day celebrations, our parish festival and weddings, too! We had a fun May members' meeting with a baseball theme. Some of the Board members made arrangements for us to enjoy hotdogs, chips and sodas for lunch and many of us even wore our favorite team's colors and swag. During the program, we initiated our new members, played Corn Hole and had "delle belle rissate!"

We will be sponsoring the Salami Toss booth again this year on June 3



Br. 442, Each table hostess decorated a table. Themes included: floral, olives, birds, sunflowers, apples, Christmas, cherries, Tiffany & Co. & more



Br. 45 Pres., Janine Orsi and 1st VP Tina Tallman at the St. Mary's Parish Ministry

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Our first event of the year after several delays was the return of our Chicken and Polenta dinner on Sunday, April 24th in Giovanni Hall. Everyone had a great time and we were so glad to get together again! Proceeds from the dinner go toward our branch scholarships.

Due to renovations now in progress in Giovanni Hall, we will not have any events until the Church Festival in August. Dinners and bingo are being planned for September and November so look for more information to come.

First VP Tina Tallman and I attended the Parish Ministry Fair in Giovanni Hall. The Fair was well attended by Parishioners, and we had many attendees signup for membership in the Branch. Welcome new members: CATHY BERTOLANI, LANNI BUTTERWORTH, ANDY & ELISE CAVAGNARO, ANDREA LUCAS and daughters MADELINE, CHARLOTTE, and JULIETTE. Joining at the dinner is LEO SIGNOROTTI. We're looking forward to your participation in our branch activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to ANTHO-NY ROSSOTTI, our ICF 1st Year Scholarship winner! Anthony will graduate from Jesuit High School and be attending USC Chico in the Fall. Much success, Anthony! Buon Complianno to Branch members with June birthdays: Lisa Bandaccari, Cathy Bertolani, Charlotte Lucas, and Ellie Ielati. Have a blessed day!

Ciao, Janine

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

A big thank you to all who attended and helped to prepare and clean up during our appreciation Dinner on May 21st. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces and be able to once again have an event in person. Everything was so delicious! Congratulations to Judith and Sabrina Hocking for being recognized for their contributions and service to our branch. Scholarship recipient names and photos of the event were not available before the publication deadline and will be submitted for the next Bollettino.

We hope that you all will be able to join us for our Corporate Mass on June 5th at St. Joseph's. We will attend the 9:30 mass and have lunch at the Sizzler in Auburn following the service. Please RSVP to Mary-Ann Mikles at (916) 759-9466 if you would like to attend.

Our Member's Picnic will take place on Saturday, July 16th from 11-3 at ARD Park in Auburn. A flier with all the details will be emailed to you soon and the calling committee will also be contacting you. We hope you can attend.

Ciao! Pam Andersen

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Br. 438 enjoyed a wonderful "baked potato bar", complete with all the fixings, at our April dinner meeting. It was great hearing about the events and fundraisers we have coming up in the next few months. We were also introduced to two new members. Welcome Roy and Yvonne Vanoni!

Our May dinner meeting will be a festive evening celebrating Cinco de Mayo. The Aguilar family will be preparing an authentic Mexican dinner, including Chile Verde and chicken enchiladas. Yummy! What a wonderful way to celebrate the many cultures that make up our ICF community.

On June 7th, ICF volunteers will serve as Placer County mid-term election poll workers at two precincts here at St. Clare Parish. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our various ministries.

Br # 438 is also excited to celebrate our 10-year anniversary at our Branch meeting on June 17th. Due to Covid, we had to put our plans on hold, so we're happy to finally come together and celebrate this special occasion. Dinner will be catered by the Macaroni Grill. Also, Laurice Levine has been rescheduled as our guest speaker for the evening. Mark your calendars for what is sure to be a special evening!

Save the date for our Parish Spaghetti fundraiser, which has been rescheduled for July 9th. Details will follow.

May the Lord bless all the wonderful fathers in our lives! Happy Father's Day!

Ciao! Anne Finn



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

SANTA ROSA District Council

Greetings!! We are now entering the month of June as far as this notice is concerned. Pay heed to our Charity Golf Event, Wine Tasting or Antiquing!!

It's all there. Enjoy the freedom!

Our next District Council Meeting is to be held on June 26, 2022, at the home of Carmen Kilcullen. Yours truly without regards to the date, was chosen to be a Delegate for the SOI Convention to be held in Anaheim. I have made the decision to attend but tonight will see Carmen and try to negotiate the date of the meeting. I am hoping that there could be some flexibility. My position warrants that I be there.

I hope that many of us are attending the #198 Fundraiser in Santa Rosa. Since we have all received Calendars, I expect us to be prepared. Since I have transferred to Petaluma from Sonoma I am now one of the "Petaluma

Girls" as I used to call them when they attended our dinners in Sonoma. I will be sitting with them tonite. As far as this issue is concerned, Petaluma is having their first dinner of the Season on May 21st at St James to be followed by Spiritual Sunday on the 22nd of May at St. Eugene, Santa Rosa. Let us all enjoy the b-b-q!!

Regards to you all and let us continue to attend as many dinners and special activities when possible.

Marilyn Sylvestri Recording-Secretary

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming events:

ICF Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Friday June 24: Calling all Golfers! The ICF Central Council is holding a golf tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Price: \$170 per golfer, includes breakfast, golf, and dinner. Dinner only: \$50.00, catered by Sweet T's Restaurant. Everyone is invited to the dinner. More information can be found elsewhere in the Bollettino or call Lauren: 707-595-3111.

Saturday, June 25: Wine Tasting or Antiquing Trip. Wine tasting at Amista Vineyard, followed by box Lunch form Costeaux at Warm Spring Dam. Or you can go antiquing in town and join us for lunch. See flyers in the Bollettino or call Lauren. Wine Tasting with lunch: \$65.00 per person. Lunch only: \$25.00.

Happy Father's Day! Lauren

Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Annunciata

Our April, Citrus Fair Chicken/Spaghetti dinner, drive-thru was a well-oiled machine! We served over 225 people with smiles and merriment! The barbecue crew out back, the inside chefs, the plate and bag artists, the car hops and 50/50 raffle barkers never really knew what the others were doing! It just worked! Fabulous job Ken Cuneo! You and Claudia know how to make work play and hard work turn into a playful event for The Good of The Order!

There are just too many people to thank so Thank you Thank you Thank You!!! Everyone!

On to the next... a June 5th wine and food pairing chaired by our very own MJ Dellaquila. She's a magician who turns any event into a thing of beauty and we love to help her do so!

I'm so grateful for our spirited branch!!!!

It will be a thing of the past by the time this goes to print. Maybe we'll see some of you there, anyway!!! Sending love your way!

Patsy Buchignani



Br. 75, Drive thru fundraiser

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. Anyone from the Sonoma or Napa Valley's are welcome to join our branch.

Convention raffle tickets are available, the branch receives half of the amount we sell. If wanting to purchase, please email: icfsonoma@gmail.com or call Lisa at

707-996-5573.

We continue to pray for our sick members and their families, our wish is everyone will be back to good health soon.

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

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see some new faces.

Happy Father's Day Lisa Galli-Galetto

Petaluma Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,

Our chicken cacciatore dinner was a great success. Thank you to all our members who attended and an especially big thank you to all those who helped make it a success! We are considering the possibility of having a pizza night before our August meeting which would be the second Monday, the eighth. It would cost \$10 and include pizza and salad. We are not sure how many members would be interested in doing that and in order to determine if it would be worth our while we would appreciate it if members who are interested would contact either myself or Lucy before the June meeting so we can make a decision at that time.

There will not be a meeting in July. Please continue to pray for Judy Spencer and for the good health of all our members. Happy Father's Day!

Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

President Linda opened the meeting. Orator Shannon led us in prayer. Roll call of officers was taken. April minutes were read and approved.

Mike and Joan DalPorto introduced their nephew as a prospective new member. A membership application will be filled out for the June meeting. We need to increase our membership. Talk up our wonderful ICF organization that does much to help our community, State, and world. Our branch is sending \$250.00 to help Ukraine through Catholic Relief Society. We support fire, earthquake, church and medical needs of others.

Barbara and Rosemary will attend the Convention in Las Vegas representing Br. 144 as delegates. They will investigate if flying or driving will be more economical. It was voted to place a branch ad in the convention Souvenir Book.

It is with great sadness that we have lost another ICF member, Pete Damassa. He was a regular behind the scenes worker at our Chicken Polenta Dinners. He will be missed!

On April 23, Br. 144 and Br. 145 met at the Marina for dinner to celebrate our 63rd Anniversaries. It was a gathering of 25 people. We were delighted to have Bob and Cathy Acquistapacie from Santa Rosa District join us. It was also special to have Irene Simoni of Br. 145 who is daughter of Br. 144's first President, Angelo Lavagnino (1959). A good time was had by all!!

After our May showers, enjoy the beautiful blooming flowers, shrubs and trees. God's creation is beautiful! *Rosemary*

Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

In conjunction with the K of C pancake breakfast the Eureka Branch hosted a religious items table at St Bernard Church on Sunday May1st and at Sacred Heart Church on May 8th. The successful offering featured a number of religious items available by donation and coincided with First Communion weekend. Thank you to Marian Griffin and Suanna Rowell for gathering and organizing the items. And thank you to new member Mary Wheeler for donating religious items collected during her trips to Italia in past years.

We will 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.

Our 2022 recipients are Emily Nalley of Arcata High School and Katherine Gearhart of Fortuna High School.





Br. 144 Arcata-Santa Rosa Dist. Branches 144 & 145 Anniversary Dinner (63 years)

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to our President, Doreen O'Rourke, for coordinating a very successful fundraiser on May 7th. It was not only a positive event, but everyone left in a happy state of mind.

President Doreen sends her thanks to our head cook, Tom Saska, and his helpers Carol Saska, Lynette Lucia and Thomas Nguyen. Thanks also goes to server Ryan McCalmont, bartenders Bob Acquistapace and Jim Cordray, the chairman of our raffle, Butch Bondi, and all those who helped set up the hall and attended the dinner. Also, thanks to the members who provided so many wonderful raffle prizes. They covered two tables!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The July Scholarship Dinner meeting will be held in the Brinker Room on Saturday, JULY 9th. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR CALENDAR!!! Hosted cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner with the scholarship winners and their families at 6:00 p.m.. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Let the calling committee know how many are coming.

There is still time to buy a book or two of raffle tickets. Only \$20.00 for 12 tickets and our Branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads! Ciao, Gail Bongi-Azevedo

FRESNO District

Madera Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

Greetings to all Members!

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the fabulous spring weather!

A big "thank you" to Jim and Joan Massetti and Marcia and Jennifer Valorosi for providing dinner at our May 10th meeting at St. Joachim's. We appreciate your kindness. Another reminder to purchase and/or sell some convention raffle tickets to help our fundraising goals.

Please plan to attend our next meeting on June 14th, at Di Cicco's restaurant. We will again be enjoying dinner together, as well as honoring three scholarship winners. Please also to continue your prayers for the people in Ukraine.

Ciao, Mary Keitz

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Branch 39, St, Cecilia. To celebrate our anniversary, we will be holding a special picnic celebration on July 19th at Lake Yosemite. The evening will begin with a special prayer service, followed by dinner and special games for children and adults alike, including a raffle, cake-walk, and face-painting. Mark your calendar and check the branch newsletter for more details.

Janet Dal Porto has reported that membership wants to go on a casino trips and other events. She is working with the bus companies to explore options, such as casino trips and a trip to the Italian Festival in Reno. Janet will get more details and present to the membership at a future meeting.

During our June meeting, we held a special memorial service for Father Andrew, former ICF Spiritual Director and friend of Branch 39. Deacon Chuck Reyburn led us in a prayer service followed by members sharing their memories of when Father Andrew used to visit Merced for special masses, Triduums, visitations, and events.

Vince Piro

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Happy Birthday greetings to Jeanette Couch and Linda Stockwell!

Our April meeting saw a nice turnout. We all enjoyed the delicious ham and beans with cornbread and delicious desserts. The meeting was followed by the annual white elephant gift exchange.

The Zanarinis report their grand-daughter, Sarah Diener will achieve her desire to teach with the Peace Corps leaving for Colombia, South America, on September 5. She will team-teach English to 6th-11th graders. She will return to the USA in November 2024.

Philosopher Angelino says, "Chi Da Retta Al Cervello Degli Altri, Si Puo Friggere Il Suo" (see translation end of article).

Members, mark October 23 on your calendars. This is when we'll celebrate Branch 250's 50th anniversary which was delayed due to the pandemic. The event will take place at Andiamo's in Clovis.

Reminder to sell the fundraising tickets to Cool Hand Luke's restaurant for dinner on June 5, and we need everyone's support in selling raffle tickets to the convention. These two fundraisers are essential for our Branch's financial needs!

Remember to pray for our members who are facing health challenges and are home-bound.

English translation of the above Italian quote:" He who abides by someone else's brains, can fry his own".

Thought for the month: "LORD, GUIDE MY THOUGHTS, AND GUARD MY WORDS, THAT ONLY GOOD WILL ESCAPE MY LIPS".

Ciao, Anselmo Aarp

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members.

Our meetings have resumed at St. Anthony Social Hall.

Our 2022 Branch Scholarship recipient is Giovanni Blanchette. Giovanni called me and sent a letter thanking our club for the scholarship and outlining his goals and ambitions.

Giovanni is a Memorial High graduate and will attend St. Mary's College majoring in business administration, finance and communications. He will also play baseball for the SMC team. His dream is to be a professional ball player. His backup plan is be a financial adviser to help people build wealth. Regardless of his future career path he wants to give back to his community by establishing scholarships. Giovanni said: "I truly believe that giving back to your community benefits more than those it directly affects. There isn't a better feeling than when you know you have positively impacted someone's life."

Let's all wish Giovanni a happy successful life. Jay Newsome

CENTRAL COAST District

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

Buon giorno, Tutti. We hope you are enjoying the warmer days. And Happy Father's Day! It's time to celebrate Dad. Someone once said, "A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow." So have fun with Dad!

It's been nice to see how many folks are coming to the General Meetings. It was reported at the last meeting that the No Bake Sale raised over \$2000. The monies will be distributed to Siena House, St. Francis' Kitchen, Holy Cross Church's Raise the Roof, the Food Pantry, ICF Providenza, Grey



Br. 36, Kitchen crew





Br. 36, Florence Cavalier, 5050 Lenten Dinner Raffle Winner

Bears, Boys and Girls Club, and the ICF National Charity Cooley's Anemia. Thank you, folks, for your much appreciated generosity.

As a reminder, Convention time is fast approaching (can you believe it?) and the raffle tickets booklets are now on sale for \$20 each. Contact Monica Crowley to buy a chance at winning some great prizes.

On June 18th, the Installation of ICF officers will be hosted by Branch 227 Aptos at Resurrection Church. You are all invited, and appetizers and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by June 13th to Roseann.

And now, it is with great sadness that we report the passing of our Branch 21 friend, George Kievlan. George and his wife, Betty, were fixtures at Branch meetings and events. We send prayers and good thoughts to the Kievlan family.

May God continue to bless us, one and all. Patty Morelli Trustee- Branch 21

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Father's Day to you, on your special day we remember you for all the blessing you have given to our lives, in so many ways.

Congratulations to Florence Cavalier, who won the 50/50 raffle during our Lenten dinners.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made our Lenten dinners a success. May 20, 2022: Scholarship Night

Dinner/Meeting: Congratulations to our graduates, awarded them ICF #36 Scholarships (\$1,000 each), Adam Bucholtz, Joseph Bucholtz, Giana Campo, John Campo, Isabella Cardinale, Catherine Compagno, Gianna Grammatico, and Bella Green.

Congratulations to John Campo in receiving \$400 First-Year Scholarship from Central Council.

Congratulations to three eighth graders awarded the Achievement Award (\$500 each). Samuel Clark, Sierra Pope, and Liam Rawson. Thank you, Scholarship committee, Sandie Russo, Antonia Ruccello and Annamarie Della Salla Stanton.

June 17, 2022: Br 36 91st Anniversary/Initiation Dinner/Meeting Dinner reservation \$10.00 members \$25.00 non-members. Must have a reservation online

MontereyICF.org or make your reservations with your caller. Menu to be determined. Need raffle items, contact Elaine Valentine 831-521-8026. MontereyICF.org

July 22, 2022: 85 and Over Party, complementary dinner to 85 years old and over members. \$20.00 members \$25.00 non-members. Entertainment provided. Menu to be determined. Annamarie Della Sala Stanton, chairperson.

August Western Night Dinner/Meeting--Date to be determined

Please continue to pray for our members that are ill, hospitalized, or homebound.

Love our dads Forever and always, Elaine Valentine Branch 36 President

Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

We had a very successful polenta feed on April 24th. It was wonderful to see the people in our community come out to support us and enjoy the delicious meal we put together. It was so successful that we sold out and had to turn some people away!

The members of Branch 51 would like to wish Nancy Ausonio, Fr. Pedro Espinoza, and Carrie Holbrook a very happy and blessed birthday. We would also like to wish all of our fathers a Happy Father's Day. May you be surrounded by the love of your families and friends.

Blessed is the Father who shares his heart, lives his faith, gives his time, and loves his Family. Proverbs 20:7

Stefani Cortopassi

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph's

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, members at the May meeting enjoyed a chicken enchilada dinner prepared by Sharleen Hedgpeth & Linda Calciano.

The following \$400 scholarships were awarded: 1st Year Scholarship: Andrew Morrissey, Aptos H.S.; In Memory of Otto Ambiel: Sophia Torrice, East Union H.S., Manteca; In Memory of Frank Locatelli: Ashley Mayer, Carmel H.S.; In Memory of Carl and Barbara Schaarschmidt: Charles Carter, St. Mary's H.S., Stockton

Our branch will host the Installation of Officers on Sat., June 18, at 11:00 a.m. in the Resurrection Church Hall. A reception will follow the Installation.

We are sad to report that on April 21 Ken Reaves passed away after extended treatment for injuries he sustained falling from his pickup truck. Ken joined our branch in 2004 & served as Orator in 2021 & on the Nominating Committee in 2018. He was a tireless & devoted member, especially active in the Fish Frys & the Annual Picnic. At every function Ken was there, often quietly working behind the scenes. His funeral was at St. Joseph's Church on May 25.

Bruce and Jean Dunn have requested prayers for their son, Dr. Michael Dunn, who is undergoing chemotherapy.

From Billy Graham: A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and granddads in ICF.

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

A member from Branch 291 recently raised close to \$500 for Ukrainian relief funds during a Lenten Fish Fry. Throck Scudder, who is very artistic, painted and raffled off over a dozen Ukrainian pysanky Easter eggs.



Br. 51, ICF Polenta feed Bethany bags



Br. 51, ICF Polenta feed Kevin

When the horror of the Ukrainian war was exposed, Throck knew she had to take action. Her paint brushes came out and she began painting the eggs, starting with a black background to represent the cloud of horror over the country. She then painted a cross in blue and yellow for the Ukrainians' faith and colors of their flag. The opposite side of the eggs featured sunflowers, the Ukrainian national flower. The red and white dots that circled the edge of each egg represent the blood that's been shed and the innocence lost.

At Br. 291's last fish fry of the season, the beautiful eggs were displayed and cash donations were accepted for Catholic Relief Services to help Ukrainian refugees. Donations ranged from $28 \, \text{¢}$ to \$20 and each donor was given one chance to win an egg. One of the eggs was won by a little boy who donated the $28 \, \text{¢}$, and two eggs were won by women who are members of local service clubs, who then decided to do the same thing for their club meetings, so Throck once again painted more eggs!

Throck does not want to take any glory for her beautiful eggs—she gives all the Glory to God! She reminds us that any God given talent makes one honor bound to develop and share it. Pray for Ukraine.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers we hold close to our hearts!

Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary



Br. 291 Member, Throck Scudder, painted dozens of Ukrainian pysanky eggs and raffled them off to raise money for the Catholic Charities Relief Services to help Ukrainian refugees



Br. 51, ICF Polenta feed DL Paul Susan



Br. 51, ICF Polenta Feed Art Amber



Br. 51, ICF Polenta feed Cindy Leonora



Br. 392, Sabrina D'Alessandro



Br. 392, Rico Antonio D'Alessandro



Br. 392, Luke Jackson



Br. 392, Alexandra Kidd

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Y'all come to Paso Robles' California Mid State Fair, "the greatest little fair anywhere." July 20th through July 31, members of Branch 354 will be parking cars so that fairgoers will have a safe and well-located place to park. You will find us just behind McDonalds' right across from the fairgrounds.

We are looking forward to installation of officers, June 18th, 11:00 a.m., hosted by Branch 227, Aptos. And great news! Fr. Roberto Vera has accepted the position of Central Coast District Chaplain, ICF. Welcome Fr. Vera! Thank you to Fr. Vera and all those who give their time and talents to keep this wonderful organization moving forward.

Our annual Pasta Dinner will hopefully take place in November pending the completion of the fire suppression system in our community hall.

We wish you all God's blessings for a healthy, safe and happy summer.

Yvonne Maddalena, Recording Secretary

CHICAGO District

Chicago Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

Chicago ICF Branch #392 is proud to announce that the following ICF members are graduating this spring.

Nicoletta Di Piazza is graduating from North Park College with a degree in Craft Design and is pursuing a career in her field.

Sabrina D'Alessandro graduated from New Age Spa Institute as an Esthetician and joined SDMD Aesthetics Chicago to pursue her career.

Alexandra Kidd is graduating from Marquette University with a B.S. in Biomedical Science & will be attending Marquette's dental school in the fall.

Luke Jackson is graduating from John Hersey High School and will attend University of Illinois Chicago, majoring in Industrial Design.

Anthony Kidd is graduating from Maine South High School and will be attending college in the fall majoring in Computer Engineering.

Rico Antonio D'Alessandro is graduating from Penoyer Middle School and will be a freshman in high school in the fall, potentially at one of Chicago's Catholic high schools. Proud Grandparents and ICF members Cory and Teresa Helfand (Sabrina D'Alessandro, Alexandra Kidd, Anthony Kidd); Concetta and Antonio Di Piazza (Nicoletta Di Piazza); and, Connie and Franco Caranfa (Luke Jackson) wish the grads the Best!

[See next page for more photos]



Br. 392, Nicoletta Di Piazza

Br. 392, Anthony Kidd

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Santa Clara, Br. 5, N.S. Assunta

Branch 5 was inactive during the pandemic, but its re-birth was celebrated on Saturday, May 21. Bob Basuino and Denise Antonowicz accepted the roles of President and Treasurer protemp. Bob cooked a Lasagna lunch for the group of 15 people who attended. Thanks also to the many members of the Santa Clara Valley District who came to show support.

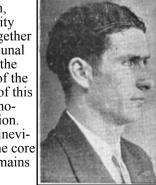
Logistics were worked out and the branch welcomed 5 new members. We all look forward to working, laughing, and eating together. That's all for now. Stay tuned to see what's next in the life of Branch 5.

Ciao, Denise Antonowicz

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

As of this writing Br. 28 plans on formally honoring our ninetieth-year anniversary at our May 16th dinner meeting. In our President's Message to members, we have been commemorating events from the past in flyers depicting Branch 28's first Convention in 1932 and Inaugural ceremonies in 1931. The

bonds of ethnicity, religion, and fraternity brought together by a communal meal were the essentials of the formation of this Italian Catholic Federation. Change is inevitable but the core mission remains the same.



Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catho-lic Federation

Br. 28 - John G. Rof-finella, Founder and First Br. 28 President.

• Promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values,

- Encourages apostolic and charitable works, and
- Celebrates our Italian heritage and all the heritages of our communities.

Thank you to Sam and Judy Bozzo and crew for the wonderful chicken and rice pilaf dinner provided for our April 18th dinner meeting.

On May 3rd, a 7:15 a.m. remembrance Mass was held at St. Mary Church for Br. 28 departed members. People we have grown to know and love, and they will be missed.

At the June 26th 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church Br. 28 President Diana Berry and assistants will provide information to the congregation regarding Br. 28's mission and an invitation to become a member.

A \$300 scholarship donation is being provided to two St. Mary School students, in honor of John G. Roffinella

Br. 28's first President, and founder. A man born of immigrant Italian parents in San Francisco and then migrated to Santa Clara and eventually Gilroy, where he was a staunch supporter and driving force of Br. 28.

Peace and God Bless, Kim M. Filice

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

First of all, a big GRAZIE to Kathy Winkleman and Gioia in Los Gatos for holding a fundraiser for our Branch. Kathy has a wonderful history of helping many branches in our district and thought the Italian Community in Santa Clara Valley. She is a kind, generous women who always has a smile and makes you feel like part of her family! Thanks to Kathy we were able to make donations to many of our Charities!

Our Branch had a "real" meeting at St. Mary's on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Our regulars were in attendance, and we discussed upcoming events and fundraisers. We are sending 2 delegates to the Convention this year, Donna Pfaff and Michelle Antonowicz.

We celebrated our Mom (Festa della Momma) both here on earth and those looking down from Heaven. This month we are celebrating Father's Day, (Buona Festa del Papa). In Italy it is celebrated on March 19 – St. Joseph's Day. Let's thank them for all they provided for us.

Please pray for all our members in need of our healing prayers!

Ciao, Denise Antonowicz, President



Br. 28 - A wonderful meal prepared by our wonderful cooks, Left to right: Mike Hughes, Sam Bozzo, Dave Peoples, and Judy Bozzo.



Br. 28 - Members Viola Carr, front, and Ardyce Swenson.



Br. 28 - President Diana Berry conducting business at the April 18th dinner meeting

San Jose Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

The month of May. Named after the Maia, the Goddess of Growth. We think of the Virgin Mary, and of course our own Mothers. Branch 191 will be honoring our Mothers at our General Meeting on May 28th. At the Mother's Day Social each of us will bring a picture of our Mom. Refreshments of tea sandwiches, fruit, and desserts will be served. Be sure to bring a teacup to enjoy the beverage of the day. We will also have a raffle basket, thanks to the basket committee of Esther and Aldine.

We are looking towards our convention to be held in Las Vegas at The Orleans on Sept 2-4. We also will receive our Convention Raffle Tickets at \$20 per book. The tickets provide two ways to be a winner: the purchaser or/and the seller. Two chances to win on each and every ticket. Please purchase one book at minimum and encourage other members to buy as well. Our ticket Chairperson, Frieda Flocchini, will be delighted to help answer any questions at (408) 377 5897.

The month of June has our Board Members planning our Father's Day Celebration. Discussions have been the possibility of an outdoor event in the Bocce Court. A BBQ for our dads will make an enjoyable event for all. Watch for further details in the newsletter, contact members, or read the Bollettino to be informed.

A Reminder, Keep Frieda busy...Buy your raffle tickets soon.

Please continue to pray for all of our sick and infirmed members.

Ciao, Shirley Catania, Sentinel



Branch 191 St Frances Cabrini, Pasta Box Fund Raiser in Progress...Ready to be Boxed



Branch 191 St Frances Cabrini, Palm Sunday Enjoyment...



Branch 191 St Frances Cabrini, Palm Sunday Breakfast

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

May was the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. May at Santa Teresa was dedicated to the Mental Health Ministry. There were stories in May's bulletin about saints who lived with mental illness. Hopefully you were able to read some of the stories. Please keep our healing members. Paul Butler and Barbra Ruffner who are slowly working at getting better and others who suffer in silence in our prayers. With Covid on the run, we need to change gears and get involved. Check out Branch 368's upcoming events. Our May board meeting was held outside in Mary's Garden. Our member meeting was held at Lake Almaden and included a picnic and bocce ball game. Lots of good mixing and fun. Sunday June 12th at 1:30 will be our men's BBQ held at Avila Hall. And, for your calendars: The normal ICF member's meeting is scheduled for July 13th and will be an Ice Cream Social, August 13th is the Rib Dinner fundraiser. All of these events will need volunteers if you are interested in helping.

Hope all mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers on June 19th.

God bless you and have a wonderful cheerful month,
Tom Myers

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



Br. 368 Mike Nunziata and other players.



Br. 368 Rose Traina, Lorraine Nunziata ready for picnic and bocci ball





Br 368 Robyn Schlice & Avis Erkel Grand Winners of bocci ball contest



Branch 391 JoAnn Schiro and Marcie Rossi May Dinner Meeting

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In May, President Mike Rossi welcomed back members during our well-attended dinner meeting in St. Martin's Community Building. We had not gathered together since October 2021. We were happy to see Sister Jane Garrison, who led us in our opening prayer.

Mike thanked Al and Diana Vallorz for providing our sandwiches. He also thanked Steve, Cathleen, and T.J. Lencioni, Marcie Rossi and JoAnn Schiro for set up.

Steve presented Branch #391's financial report, stating that financially we are in "very good shape."

Mike announced that the Sal Lipari Memorial Scholarship Award went to T.J. Lencioni, who will be attending Creighton University. Our branch provided two scholarship awards to Kayla Guzman and Bella Whetstone, both from Tracy, California.

Louise Vento presented a lovely portrait of her mother-in-law in her heritage report in honor of Mother's Day.

Our branch is seeking volunteers to serve on our "Calling Committee"—callers would only need to call a few people on a monthly basis.

Tina Rossi reminded us that Convention raffle tickets will be mailed to members. Cost is \$20 for 10 tickets of which \$10 stays within our branch.

Don't forget that the ICF has started a relief fund for the people of Ukraine. Members can send checks to Steve Lencioni, who will send one check from Branch 391, or you can donate directly to the ICF at www.icf.org.

In June, our branch will begin meeting every first Tuesday at 5:00 for dinner, followed by our meeting starting at 5:45. See you on June 7, 2022.

Wishing all our dads a Happy Father's Day! Janis Patellaro



Branch 391 Lencioni Family--Cathleen, Steve and T.J., May Dinner Meeting

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Many thanks to all those who supported the different phases of our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser! Thirteen of our Branch members came together for the final phase assembling the cookies into boxes while maintaining COVID protocol.

It was a seamless process and worked extremely well. It truly takes a village of committed members to volunteer their support and time to make a successful event happen! Much appreciation to all of you!

Our next event will be the May 15th Crowning of the Blessed Mother. Photos will be provided at a later date.

Our next Branch General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 18th at 10:30 a.m. We soon realized that this is an especially important date for our Branch as it is the 6th Anniversary of our Branch Inauguration! It has been a memorable six years. We look forward to continued times of fellowship, friendships and fun!

Happy June Birthday wishes are extended to members Jennifer Nisich and Joan Lang ... Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!!

Happy Father's Day to all ... and wishes to all for a wonderful summer!

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



Br. 445 Upcoming 6th Anniversary of the Inauguration of our Branch in 2016





Br. 445 First Branch Officers



Br. 445 Mother's Day Cookie Fundraiser Assembly Line



4389.Br. 445, Buona Festa della Mamma Cookie Fundraiser

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

The Stockton District Bishop's Seminarian Burse will be held July 31, 2022. Bishop Myron Cotta will officiate at the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 1200 Maze Blvd.

The Luncheon will follow mass, across the parking lot, at the Community Center 1416 Maze Blvd. at noon. There will be Appetizers, Tri-Tip lunch with all the trimmings and dessert

Branch 48 is asking that each of our sister branches to help with the dessert. There are usually eighty to ninety people in attendance at the luncheon so if each branch will bring enough dessert for fifteen to twenty people,

we should have enough dessert.

Adults \$25.00 Children under 12 years \$12.50.

Reservations should be made no later than July 25, 2022. Please send a check made out to Italian Catholic Federation, Stockton District, in the memo put Bishop's Burse.

Mail to the following address: Ida Queirolo, 18424 Queirolo Rd., Lathrop, CA 95330 or call her at (209)982-5710. You will pick up your tickets at the door.

If any branch or member is making a separate donation to the Bishop, please call Cecelia at (209)524-7866 so that you are added to the program.

Masses for our deceased members will be June 12, 2022, and July 10, 2022 at the 8:00 am mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Stay healthy and safe. Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Buona festa del papà

Happy Father's Day to all the dads! We celebrate you, all the hard work and love you give to your families and pray that St. Joseph looks down on you favorably this year. Following our first St. Joseph's Table celebration this year, Branch 82 has a new appreciation for the Earthly father of Jesus Christ. We pray that all fathers, in any capacity in your family, strive to do their best as leaders and protectors. A reminder that there will not be a June meeting.

May was a successfully busy month at St. Anne's. We held our Dinner Fundraiser at Brick House Restaurant and Lounge on May 10th, welcoming almost 100 guests and raising funds for our outreach projects. Thank you to Chris Whiting and Elisa Moberly for planning and preparing for this delicious, fun filled event. Speaking of deliciousness and fun—our May meeting was our Cinco de Mayo celebration! A feast of authentic Mexican food was selected from Casa Mexicana in Lodi. Grazie (gracias) to the St. Anne's family that owns the restaurant. Our meeting ended with Chris Whiting and Lori Johnston leading a demonstration on how to create homemade greeting cards. What talent our group is blessed with to receive one of these cards on every birthday!

Start practicing your bocce game! Our annual Bocce dinner is comingand we are set for a REAL competition. Tickets go on sale soon for our summer event. Details, prices, and location will be coming soon. Please contact Patty Litts for tickets as the time comes closer. Members, if you would like to help plan or work this event, we ask you contact an ICF officer.

Corresponding Secretary, Amanda Moberly

Manteca

Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

Since our branch is continuing to deal with parish meeting facilities issues, Presidente Birdie Nieri graciously offered her home for our April meeting.

We have invited Father Madhu Appanapalle to be our new chaplain.

Our informational article in the weekly Parish Bulletin has resulted in a number of prospective members. At least five new members are expected at our May meeting.

We are donating \$250 to help Noah Acosta, a young parishioner, on his Eagle Scout project at the parish office. He renovated an interior courtyard, resulting in a beautifully landscaped area, with a fountain and a statue of the Risen Christ.

Our annual BBQ and Bocce Tournament is set for June 5 on the beautiful grounds of Dino and Sharon Cunial's home. Once again, the festivities will be free to ICF members.

The reppresentati of Branch 139 at May's Stockton District meeting will be Presidente Birdie, Linda Bertuccio and Yvonne Chimenti.

We are grateful for Segretaria Anna Mello's contributions to this report.

Ciao, Mariano

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Monthly take-out dinners are continuing through June. We served roasted chicken, penne pesto and all the trimmings, including salad and desserts in May, which was another big success, thanks to Mike Bacchetti and his hard-working crew. Thanks to you all, including the worker bees who set up, packaged and stayed to help with clean up.

Our board met again this month and discussed one of our top priorities, which is a membership drive, focusing especially on the younger family members in our church. We were happy to read the letters from the scholarship applicants, who spoke fondly of their parents and grandparents who introduced them to our family-friendly group. They are our future, and we look to them with hope to continue the work started by our families. Meeting agenda also included continued scholarship donations, July Bishop's event, August picnic plans, and convention raffle tickets coming soon.

Congratulations to all our graduates here in Tracy. We are very proud of our family grads!

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

www.icfbranch390.org.

HOW EASY IS THIS? Steve is preparing forms that you can just fill out and return to him and you will be in our HERITAGE section! You can include family photos too. Hope to hear from you!

Stay healthy, happy and safe. Ciao, Betty



Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Hard to believe that we are halfway through 2022. Congratulations to all our graduates and their families.

Our Heritage talk last month was extra special. Members, Bob and Linda Langone shared their long-time friendship with Father Efrem. He was best remembered for his television masses which he personally created and produced for 43 years I n San Francisco. Well, he also was the priest that married the Langones. Check out their wedding picture in the Bollettino.

We will be hosting the Stockton District meeting on June 26. It is wonderful to be able to meet in person again.

Mark your calendars. Monday, October 3 will be the date of our annual Italian mass at Presentation Church. Consider bringing a group of your members and join us.

Our Branch was happy to donate to the Ukraine Relief fund. It is unimaginable what these people are going through. Please help if you can and keep them in your prayers.

Finally, let's wish all our ICF dads a very Happy Father's Day. Alla prossima, Mary Ann



Caption:Branch 395 members, Bob and Linda Langone married by the late Fr. Efrem

Angels Camp Br. 413, St. Patrick's

Hello to all our ICF families and friends! June has arrived and Pentecost Sunday with it!

This month we will congratulate all our graduates with a Baccalaureate Mass, and we have our BBQ Lunch to plan for in the month of July.

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

Ciao, Annette Pachinger Correspondence Secretary



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.



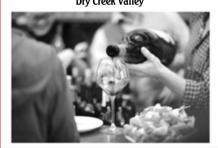






ICF Central Council Ways and Means Committee in conjunction with the Golf Tournament invites you to either Wine Tasting Tour or Antiquing Saturday, June 25, 2022 to join us at either

Wine Tasting in the World Famous Dry Creek Valley



Antiquing in the quaint shops around Healdsburg Plaza



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.

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

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

Cost (includes Box Lunch)

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

Page 2 is your reservation form and box lunch choice.

Return completed form and check made out to Italian Catholic Federation no later than June 17, 2022 to

ICF Office 8393 Capwell Dr. Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621



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