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Branch 403 enjoying their 6/4/22 luncheon meeting at St. Dunstan's patio.



Branch 446, Biagio, Tony, Tom, Gino, George playing



Branch 111 Celebrating Mass of the Living and the Deceased



Br. 445 Hostesses: Jean Cosentino, Kathy LaScola, Marie Adragna and Lorraine Sellarole.

The Great Arrival and the Dawn of Italian America

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson Grand 1st Vice President

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Traficante, Italian Sons & Daughters of
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The Journey

They scrimped and saved to buy a ticket to America and today they gathered in the village piazza about to leave everything familiar—family, friends, and loved ones. There was a group of families, single men, husbands, fathers, and sons. Amid weeping and hugs, promises were made to

send money home, and return soon, or send for them. Many, however, would never return, and some would never see families or friends again. But, in spite



of the anguish of departure, they were upbeat, hoping to find fortune, and a better way of life.

The Italians were leaving out of necessity and desperation. Four million Italians, many from the *Mezzogiorno*, the southern areas of Italy, emigrated to the United States between 1890 and 1920.

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Branch 447 Celebrates 4th Anniversary



Grand President Deborah Rodondi presenting to Branch 72 Pittsburg President, Patty Jarrett, a certificate and milestone gavel to honor the branch's 75th anniversary this year.

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Include photo captions with your article submission.

Please keep your submission positive and informative.

Deadline for the August/September Convention issue is July 25, 2022.

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Thank you!



Message from our New Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

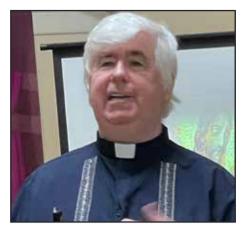
As we celebrate the Declaration of Independence this Month, those who signed the Declaration of Independence literally put their lives on the line. They were courageous idealists, who created a grand vision of how a country might be. Although, we have frequently fallen short of that grand vision, and as we have come to know, the founders were themselves also imperfect. However, their vision of a country based on freedom and equality can still be our dream as well. Their failings, as are ours, are forgiven by God. But of course, we should try to do better. All of us are children of God and all of us, irrespective of economic status, race, gender, and national origin, are loved equally and unconditionally by God, even when we fall short of perfection. Let us reflect on the freedom and equality we find in God and how we can emulate it and bring it to reality in how we love our neighbors as ourselves.

We, in the Church, should be in the forefront of the fight for freedom everywhere. The desire for independence has always been, and will always be, one of the deepest longings of the human heart. God placed it there; and no one has the right to take it away. But during all this, we must

never forget the counterbalancing truth of dependence. If at any time we begin to think of ourselves as totally free and completely independent, life has a way of reminding us otherwise. We're dependent whether we like it or not. I need you; you need me; and both of us together need people whom we have never seen, and they need us. And all of us together need God.

There is nothing else like the United States of America. Our constitution broke the mold for individual rights and a government without a royal sovereign. Pilgrims came here seeking religious freedom, and the right to free speech is a treasured liberty among the American people. As we celebrate this freedom, let us also remember to pray for our country. No matter what end of the political spectrum you fall on, we can always remember in prayer our nation's leaders and look for ways to advocate for peace, justice, and equality for us and for our neighbors.

Let us remember, especially, mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas in which 19 children and two teachers were killed, as well as their families. As we pray, lament, and shed tears, we must also demand that our elected officials find a balance between the constitutional right to bear arms and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Father Christopher Bennett ICF Spiritual Director

It is unfathomable that our children continue to bear the burden of indecision, inaction, and political cowardice

As we look to our political leaders to live into their responsibilities, we as Christ-followers must also live into our baptismal vows. We must seek the courage to speak out and act against hatred, against violence, against all the oppressive evils that swirl through our culture, already creating the conditions for the next mass shooting. We must work to create a world in which all people are valued as beloved children of God.

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

Blessings Fr. Chris

Life is so much brighter when we focus on what truly matters...

Mid-year Resolutions

Rosemary Cook, Member--Apostolate/Charity Committee

In Chicago it is often said there are two seasons: Winter and Construction. Once the weather warms up, scaffolding unfolds on every street corner and



the city comes alive with the signs of growth and change. I find this energy especially fitting for this half-way point of the year; a good time to reflect on progress made and recommit to further action. After the busy Christmas, Lenten, and Easter seasons, we settle into Ordinary time and take stock of how our prayer lives have evolved through those special periods, and how we might continue to deepen our faith going forward.

In these upcoming summer months, perhaps you have time to take on an additional spiritual goal, such as praying a morning devotional or saying a daily or weekly rosary. In your travels,

you may experience Mass with a new community in a different city or state, and be refreshed by celebrating in a new church.

Consider adding a book by a Catholic author to your summer reading list, or scheduling movie nights to watch films with Catholic themes. Longer days offer extended opportunity to spend time outdoors and connect with God in nature. You may even strive to continue abstaining from meat on Fridays, and get creative with vegetarian recipes at your picnics and barbeques!

As a graduate of Catholic schooling, staying connected with my faith through the summer months often includes some of these activities when class wasn't in session, and setting summer goals can keep us grounded in the present when the year is marching on.

In the first part of the year, we lay the groundwork for the good works we will accomplish, and I wish you all a fruitful summer in building upon those strong foundations to complete a few mid-year spiritual resolutions!

Rosemary Cook – Member, Apostolate/Charity Committee

Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2022)

Branch 209 Branch 391 Officers/Mei

Officers/Members of Los Angeles Archdiocese District

In Memory of Anthony Compagno Angelo Benassi

In Memory of Sharon Vanni Charlene Drobeck

In Memory of Ernie Anderson Michelle and Wil Harmon

In Memory of Geri Rogers



Membership Matters

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

Hello, Everyone! I hope you're enjoy-

ing your summer so far. I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Independence Day. sure to stay



few months our member-

ship numbers have held steadfast. I think is because branches are active and holding fundraisers and hopefully membership drives. Staying active and visible in the parish is one of the key factors to having a successful branch. You also need to make sure to work with the other ministries in your parish. I'm hoping for the day when our membership numbers start heading upwards again.

We will be having another workshop regarding membership at this year's convention. We will feature three different branches who showed signs of success even through the pandemic. So, what will it take to bring our branches back now that we are in a post pandemic atmosphere? If you have some ideas and stories, please be ready to share them at the workshop at the question-and-

I've received the invitation from Religious Education Congress for us to return next year. I'm hoping that we will be back and that it will be bigger and have more attendees than this year's. It will take place the weekend of February 23 to 26, 2023 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

I'll be attending the membership drive for our branch in Aptos the weekend of July 16 & 17. I know that Franklyn and his team are hoping for a big turnout of

Even though summertime is a time of the year when we tend to slow down and take it easy, we can't let momentum slip through our fingers. Go out there and do the best job possible and we will talk again next month.

> Have a great Fourth and May God Bless America. Perry Shurko Membership Chairperson

Responsible Beverage Service Act:

Beginning July 1, 2022, the Responsible Beverage Service Training Act will go into effect. The law requires that anyone who serves alcohol, manages servers, delivers alcohol, takes orders, or checks IDs at a business that serves alcohol on-site must be trained to serve alcohol legally and safely to the public by August 31, 2022. The law authorized the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to establish the Responsible Beverage Server Training Program (RBSTP). Under the program, every alcohol server and their manager must have a valid Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) certification from ABC.

The ABC is now requiring that one person who represents their organization complete a course and pass a test, "online is ok" as part of the Responsible Beverage Service Act. That person is issued an ID number and that number is required when applying for the license for any event where alcohol is served.

The website explains it all and has a short video on the application process. The individual who is certified must be in attendance whenever alcohol is served. So, the branches will have to choose someone to become a certified person.

Thank you to Branch 332, Novato, for bringing this to ICF's attention. Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

Grand 2nd Vice President.

Live to Give Blood Drive Donations

(Received as of June 10, 2022)

Evangelina Ochoa

Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

${\sf H}$ APPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Many of us come from family who immigrated to the United States looking for freedom and opportunity. Our families settled and formed communities; they celebrated life, family, faith and heritage freely together. My dad's



family settled in the San Francisco/ South San Francisco area, while my mom's family settled 45 miles away in Pleasanton, California. The Italian Catholic Federation reinforces and assists us to embrace these gifts our family gave us and to share them with others. As you celebrate the 4th of July, remember our families who carved our path to this moment; it is now in our hands to forge the path for our families' future. 98 years ago, Luigi Providenza and Father Albert Bandini gave us an amazing tool to preserve our faith and heritage in the Italian Catholic Federation. They gave us a second family in the members of the ICF. I thank ICF and my family for giving me all these gifts. It is our responsibility to preserve all this and move forward into the future. In the words of David Botta,

SEMPRE AVANTI!!!

Besides celebrating the 4th, it is vacation time for our students. This does not necessarily mean these are carefree days for our students entering their college years...many are making exciting plans to enter college and others are preparing to return to college. They are busy looking for assistance in paying for books and tuition. While our scholarship program is limited, it will assist in paying for a few books and supplies. It is not too late to donate to our program as we will be awarding the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarships in August. Did you know that the General Fund of the ICF allows for \$8,000 to help supplement the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year scholarship fund? Did you know that you can donate to the fund in honor or memory of individuals? Did you know that to qualify for these scholarships you must have received a first-year scholarship and there are funds for only a few students to get them? I would like to share with you a short story about my niece Ashley Rodondi. Ashley was awarded the 1st year scholarship, and I believe the 2nd, but after that there was just

not enough funds for any others. She appreciated what we could assist her with and has done an amazing job with her education. She graduated with a master's degree and went onto getting a job in cyber security at Disney World. With the assistance of Disney, she has received 2 more masters in her field. I believe she pinches

herself every morning knowing that one of her favorite places in the world is her backyard. Our scholarship program has helped so many students like Ashley in their quest for education and job opportunity. Thank



My niece Ashley Rodondi at her graduation receiving her 3rd masters from Univer sity of Southern Florida. A past ICF scholarship awardee

you for supporting this program. No donation is too small!

The Central Council met June 11th and selected the award winners for the 2022 ICF Convention. I wish to be the first to congratulate the winners; you will be able to read all about them in the August/September Bollettino.

Here are our Award Recipients:

Pope Saint John XXII

– Dr. Al Howard

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Father Masseo Gonzales, OFM Conventual

Grand President's

- Eva Stern – Branch 47 Mountain View

Family of the Year

Seppi Family – Branch 52 Healdsburg

Young Adult Leadership

Danielle Pachinger – Branch 413 Angels Camp

I also want to thank all of you who took the time to send in their names. Remember it is never too early to think about whom you might like to submit for next year's awards.

We are looking forward to a GREAT ICF CONVENTION---SEE YOU AT THE ORLEANS IN VEGAS!!!

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Book your hotel now for ICF's Annual Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend!



Welcome New Members (Report as of June 10, 2022)

Branch 001	Gino B Giovannoni	
Branch 005	Denise A Antonowicz	Germaine Z Antonowicz
	Marie A Antonowicz	Beatrice N Cunha
Branch 021	Mary Ellen Le Page	
Branch 028	Davis Napoli	Luca Napoli
	Quinn Napoli	Camille Reimal
	Larry Reimal	Larry Reimal Jr
	Rachel Reimal	Rebeca Reimal
	Daniel J Scettrini	
Branch 036	Adam Galinato	Heather Galinato
	Rachel Galinato	
Branch 039	Donna M Vaughan	
Branch 047	Daisy M Kemp	Stephanie M Kemp
Branch 052	Pamela Bacigalupi	Malcolm Barrack
	Monika Barrack	Lucca Derrico
	Nicole Derrico	Stella Derrico
	Tarrod Derrico	Cynthia Messina
	Vincent Messina	Aiden C Row
	James R Row	Katharine A Row
	Owen J Row	
Branch 067	David M Doyle	Jacopo (Jay) Rosso
Branch 082	Annie Wantz	
Branch 111	Gabriel E Macias	
Branch 144	Tony Gonsalves	
Branch 169	Debra L Fields	
Branch 218	Natalia Ricchiazzi	Paul Ricchiazzi
	Vanessa Ricchiazzi	
Branch 308	Betty M Zanoni	
Branch 352	Donna Armentano	Nick R Armentano
Branch 362	Juanita Franckowiak	Olga Franzoni
	Rev Samuel Ward	
Branch 368	Carol Bennett	Sharon D Bouska
	Tom F Bouska	Judy A Scally
Branch 395	Larry Stock	
Branch 406	Charlie Pescarolo	
Branch 438	Elias Gonzalez	Judy Gonzalez
	Carol Hamel	Janice Higdon



Scholarship Donations (Received as of June 10, 2022)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Bob Basuino In Honor of the 85th Birthday of Jerry Delfino

Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th

Larry and Maria Pricolo
In Memory of Nick and Angie
DiLiddo

Ed and Jo Bertaccini

In Memory of Everett Girotti
Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
In Memory of Angie and Nick
DiLiddo

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

Branch 209
Officers/Members of Br. 380
In Memory of Vincent Oliver
Larry and Maria Pricolo
In Memory of Dave Naninni
Maria Perna
In Memory of Celia Helfand
Cory and Teresa Helfand
In Memory of Iuliano Natale

Speedy Recovery Wishes for

Joan Delfino

Harold and Virginia Fuentes
Get Well Wishes for Joan Delfino
Officers/Members of Br. 403
In Memory of Ray Bianchi
Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
In Memory of Clotilde Costa
Adolfo and Carla Del Carlo
In Memory of Raymond Bianchi

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of Received as of June 10, 2022:

IN MEMORY OF: DONATED BY:

Helen Ruby Carles Officers/Members of East Bay

District

Fr. Andrew Colnaghi Larry and Carmen Kilcullen

Fr. Andrew Colnaghi Lauren Kilcullen

Fr. Andrew Colnaghi
Angela DiLiddo
Officers/Members of Br. 308
Nick DiLiddo
Officers/Members of Br. 308
Pilar Garcia
Officers/Members of Br. 362

Everett Girotti Jim and Janice Jones Everett Girotti Mary Rossetto Everett Girotti Bob Basuino

Wayne Jardine Giovanni and Nancy Corsi Joe Mikles Mary Ann Mikles

Richard Pellegrini Larry and Carmen Kilcullen

Richard Pellegrini Lauren Kilcullen

Arnold Pieri Officers/Members of Br. 161

Kenneth Reaves Marie Mungai

Kenneth Reaves Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lopes, Sr.

Kenneth Reaves Richard and Valerie Vote

GET WELL WISHES:

Arnold and Lois Pieri

Mary Cook

Roselynne and Aaron McNeal

Park Roselynne and Agron McNeal

Franklyn Lopes, Sr. Bob Basuino

HAPPY 90TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY:

ICF Br. 39 Officers/Members of Central Council

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

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

John A Valdez	Branch 007	Nick Diliddo	Branch 308
George R Kievlan	Branch 021	Charles Norton	Branch 390
Sharon L Vanni	Branch 028		
Sebastian M Billante	Branch 036	*Mike Bellinger was i	ncorrectly
Salvatore J Toce	Branch 036	reported last month as	deceased. We
Teresa Algee	Branch 169	are pleased that Mike	is still a part of
Angela Diliddo	Branch 308	the ICF and Br. 36 in	Monterey.

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2022 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Program

The 2nd - 4th Year Scholarship Applications have been sent out to the eligible students who previously won a 1st Year Scholarship and the letter requesting donations has been sent out to the Branches and Districts

The donation for a 2nd Year Scholarship is \$500.00, a 3rd Year Scholarship is \$600.00 and a 4th Year Scholarship is \$1,000.00.

The Deadline for Donations and Applications is August 1, 2022.

Please discuss participating in the program at your meetings by making a donation of a full scholarship, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well.

We also have the Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship to encourage and support majors in Italian Studies. The program offers two scholarships: (1) a \$600.00 Scholarship to a 3rd year university student and (2) a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to a 4th year university student

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



JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
6/1	Deborah Leary	281	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
6/2	Derek Phillips		Minneapolis, MN	\$30
6/3	Branch 213		So. San Francisco, CA	\$30
6/4	Marc Bisio	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
6/5	Stephen Grisenti	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/6	Sister Mario Raffaelli	91	Fremont, CA	\$30
6/7	Chris Grisafe		Mentone, CA	\$30
6/8	June Sohn	191	San Jose, CA	\$30
6/9	Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
6/10	Manuela Cavazos		Merced, CA	\$30
6/11	Melissa West		Merced, CA	\$30
6/12	Gwen Gorman		Salinas, CA	\$30
6/13	Dinah Mattos	332	Novato, CA	\$50
6/14	Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$50
6/15	Cathy Kelly		Gardena, CA	\$30
6/16	Branch 91		Oakland, CA	\$30
6/17	John Caito		Fort Bragg, CA	\$30
6/18	David Rossi		San Jose, CA	\$30
6/19	Irine Steele		Bakersfield, CA	\$50
6/20	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
6/21	Mary Ann Mikles	342	Meadow Vista, CA	\$30
6/22	Angela La Torre		Walnut Creek, CA	\$30
6/23	Mary Gualco	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
6/24	Linda Sherman	198	Santa Rosa, CA	\$30
6/25	Gena Sturtevant3	95	Stockton, CA	\$30
6/26	Florence H. Herrera	362	Downey, CA	\$30
6/27	Carol Espinola	27	Madera, CA	\$30
6/28	Rina Austin	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
6/29	Barbara Keough	217	Redlands, CA	\$30
6/30	Teri Hurlbut	442	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
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Dawn of Italian America--Continued

Denise Antonowicz,
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The southern regions of Italy suffered more significant hardships than the north, where there were better advantages of industry, education and quality of life.

Other factors contributed to the migration of the southern Italians, among them poverty, unemployment, a scarcity of farming land, high taxes, and natural disasters. During years of disastrous volcanic eruptions at Mount Vesuvius and Mount Etna, surrounding towns sustained enormous casualties. A violent earthquake, in 1908, rocked the southern part of Italy, creating a tsunami with such crushing force it decimated more than 100,000 Italians, and laid bare vast areas of Messina and Reggio di Calabria.

The Italians traveled from small southern communes and hamlets, going by whatever means available—train, bus, horse and cart, and even via *L'asino*—the donkey. Arriving at a departing port, most likely Naples, the immigrants underwent humiliating fumigation of body, clothes, and goods, a document verification, then a cursory medical exam.

Steerage Class

Herded aboard ships, they were directed to third class, crowded steerage compartments located at the very bottom of the boat. The steerage halls were lined with rows of metal bunks stacked two high. They were primitive, unsanitary, and claustrophobic. Privacy was non-existent, and amenities were basic.

Bedding consisted of straw mattresses covered with a piece of canvas sheeting. A life preserver was their pillow. They were given a lightweight blanket, and a set of metal eating utensils consisting of a fork, spoon, and tin lunch pail.

Third class meals were meager and far from gourmet. There were no dining tables or chairs; the Italians made do by sitting on bunks, floors, or when permitted *al fresco* on deck. Traveling steerage class was a most unpleasant experience surrounded by unbearable conditions. There was sickness, cramped quarters, putrid stenches of vomit, urine, and whatever else, with little ventilation.

But, even among the discomfort and sickness, the resilient Italians made the best of the situation finding time for enjoyment and a bit of diversion. On occasion, they celebrated a marriage or birth. Then, there was always someone with a concertina to complement the immigrants' songfest and dancing. The ladies passed time crocheting, while men played a bit of *briscola, tre sette or morro*.

The journey to America was a long and harsh one. After days at sea, most immigrants landed at the infamous Ellis Island. As they walked into the cavernous dark halls, fearful and anxious, they were "greeted" by immigration officials shouting orders. The Italians, not understanding what they were saying, complained, *che diavolo hanno detto*.

Their long, long day was about to begin. The primary concern was getting through the medical inspections. Chalk marks on the clothes of an immigrant identified his or her medical condition: **H** for heart problems, **E** for eye problems, **L** for lameness, and so forth. U.S. laws also required an intelligence exam to identify the "idiots, imbeciles, morons, or other mentally deficient persons." Those with minor illnesses are held in quarantine for a day or two; others with severe medical conditions were put aside, and likely deported.

For the anguish of it all, Italians dubbed Ellis Island, *L'Isola Delle Lagrime*—the island of tears!

Having made landfall, those without sponsorship of family, or friends faced new concerns, like finding a place to live and work. They had no choice but to engage the services of a *Padrone* for assistance. The Padrones were usually former immigrants themselves and were trustworthy and helpful; others were there to take advantage of the immigrants.

The Italians tended to settle and live together, forming communities often called "Little Italy." They organized fraternal societies providing them benefits, stability, social interaction, and a basic indoctrination into the American way of life.

Many Italian immigrants decided to stay and sent for family members as many went back to Italy. For those who remained, life ahead would be no easy road.

The Italian immigrants contributed much to the success of this great nation; their legacy is a proud and generous one. And, for the sake of our descendants, the story of our ancestors must be told, and never forgotten!

The successes of our ancestors are important occurrences in American history; they are undeniably part of our inheritance.



2022 Fírst Year Scholarshíp Winners

NI A NATE	INMEMORY OF	DD ANGIL/DISTDICT/INDIVIDUAL
NAME	IN MEMORY OF	BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Lorena Carroll		Central Coast District
Dominic McGuire		Br. 21
Taylor Alyssia Cruz		Br. 25
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Ryan Roggio		Br. 25
John Campo		Br. 36
Courtney McDonald		Br. 51
Andrew Morrissey		Br. 227
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Sophia Torrice	Otto Ambiel	Br. 227
Ashley Mayer	Frank Locatelli	Br. 227
Charles Carter	Carl and Barbara Schaarschmidt	Br. 227
		Contra Costa District
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Zachary K. Sandvig		Br. 13
Connor Trimble	David Botta	Br. 14
Elizabeth Alatorre		Br. 154
Alexandria Arietta		Br. 352
Mary Elizabeth Mittone		Br. 352
Sophia Lilly		Br. 432
Dominic Bolla Morris		Br. 442
Cloe Chamberlin		East Bay District
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John A. Kohler, V		Br. 10
Francesca Ravina		Br. 215
Nicholas Carrano		Br. 285
Dario Roy Angelini Stewart		Br. 285
Ciara Correia		Br. 343
Petrina Gilardi		Fresno District
Allyx Faretta		Br. 27
Nicholas Micheal Sweet		Br. 27
Madison Moore		Br. 32
Ella Parks		Br. 33
Dominic Gates		Br. 39
Easten Priddell		Br. 39
Tyler Borba		Br. 54
Giovanni Blanchette		Br. 308
Ciera Sesock		Br. 417
Erin Vierra		Scholarship Fund
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		Los Angeles Archdiocese District
Nicholas Di Fusco		Br. 108
Anthony C. Grimaldi		Br. 111
Paul Anthony Baccari		Br. 115
Giovanni Giuseppe Boccanfuso		Br. 115
Cody Agnew		Br. 218
Anthony "Tony" Cerofeci	Angie Publico	Br. 237
Gabriel Capra	C	Br. 319
Carlo Weitzman		Br. 362
Ryan Francis Costa		Br. 374
Amelia Metz		Br. 380
Kaela Richards		Br. 380
Spencer MacLeay		Br. 444
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Juerta Pirraci		Scholarship Fund
		Marin Area
Addison Rose Bugas		Br. 161
Thea Falvey		Br. 161
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Grace Perryman		Br. 332
		Orange District
Ryan Castagna Osorio		Br. 406
J C S C		Reno Area
THE DOMESTIC		
Talia Rose Marini		Br. 135
Gianna Catherine M. Huckins	Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli	Blessed Sacrament District
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Luca Collins		Br. 342
Angelo Piziali		Br. 342
Jason Pipitone		Br. 438
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Jacob Kolster		Scholarship Fund

2022 First Year Scholarship Winners

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NAME	IN MEMORY OF	BRANCH/DISTRICT/INDIVIDUAL
Rachel Ascarate		San Bernardino District
Rachel Ascarate		
		San Diego District
Sofia Miracco		Scholarship Fund
Andrea Loza		San Mateo District
Maya Blodgett		Br. 6
Emily Mozzetti	Carlo Giusti	Br. 7
Zachary Garcia	Steven Martinelli	Br. 173
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Connor Thompson	John Campanile	Br. 173
Spencer Isero	Deceased Members of Br. 213	Br. 213
Nicholas Herreria	Papa Joe Marsalli	Santa Clara Valley District
Bianca Pistaferri	Antoinette Sunseri	Santa Clara Valley District
Angelina Sofia Hellwig	Rosie Mammini	Br. 28
Isabella Francesca Hellwig	Shirley Silva	Br. 28
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Oliver Breitbart		Br. 184
Issabella Caruso-Commisso		Br. 191
Sara Simoni		Br. 368
Kayla Guzman		Br. 391
Bella Whetstone		Br. 391
Jaycee Rieb		Br. 408
Jenna Stanovcak		Br. 435
Marin Freitas		Br. 445
		Santa Rosa District
Michael Joseph Filice		Br. 52
Lily Zichichi		Br. 52
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Kyle Hawkins		Br. 75
Dominic Girish		Br. 103
Tory Cain	Ms. Holly Windsor	Br. 127
Beatrix Rae Holstine		Br. 144
Dominic Arcuri	Peter and Juliette Barbieri	Br. 198
Gianluca Giuseppe Dimauro	Romie and Helen Barbieri	Br. 198
Anthony Brandon Maher	Richard Carrera	Br. 198
Liam O'Hare	Aldo and Mary Desideri	Br. 198
Kinsey Sikes	Norman and Rose Anne Sikes	Br. 198
Phillip Duncan Tappin	Wilma and Bert Royeton	Br. 198
Dominic Trimble	William (Bill) Scinto	Br. 198
Madison West	Joseph, Irene and Jerre Paolini	Br. 198
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Isabella Pires		Stockton District
Bailey Gualco		Br. 390
		Individuals
Andrew Garrett Genasci		The Antonowicz Family - Br. 5
Ava Kinyon	David Botta	The Botta Family - Br. 14
Dominic Tagliaferri	Alice Providenza Bottino	Chris and Virginia Bottino - Br. 432
•		The Albert & Rina Brocchini
Jack Manning	Albert and Rina Brocchini	
		Family Foundation
Addison Thomas	Donald DeTomasi	Louise DeTomasi - Br. 14
Paige J. Ebojo	James Dooley	The Dooley Family - Br. 14
Ryanne Kuden	Frank and Helen Scesa	Kathleen Scesa Dorr
Nicholas Boccanfuso	Steve Drobeck	Family and Friends - Br. 362
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Aja Alexandra Esposito	Steve Drobeck	Family and Friends - Br. 362
Lucio Giovannetti	Steve Drobeck	Family and Friends - Br. 362
Chloe Frances Strahm	Steve Drobeck	Family and Friends - Br. 362
Angelina Carmella Fugazi	Robert Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Viviana Carina Fugazi	Marie Grassilli	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
Natalie Lo Giudice	Anna Oliva	Robert Grassilli, Jr.
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Valentino Bugica	Leo and Ila Kilcullen	Larry and Carmen Kilcullen - Br. 52
Timothy Lencioni	Sal Lipari	Family and Friends - Br. 391
Madeline Marie Slater	John Orlando	Virginia Coe Orlando - Br. 21
Giacomo Del Piero	Nello and Cookie Rossi	Leonard and Karen Rossi - Br. 343
Katherine Barrett	Robert and Theresa Dianda	Michael and Donna Santich - Br. 91
Aidan Everisto Flocchini	Lola and Sam J. Parrinello	Jean and Bob Segale
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Giovanni Ferrari	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family
Alexander Smith	Mary and Bill Segale	The Segale Family



Congratulations!

We also gratefully acknowledge the following partial donations that made additional scholarships from the ICF Scholarship Fund possible:

Convention Game; Contra Costa District: Al and Deanna De Nurra - In Memory of Janet L. Karp; East Bay District: Br. 91, John and Jo-Ann Donivan (Br. 91) - In Memory of John Delucchi and John and Jo-Ann Donivan - In Memory of Mike Leonardini; Fresno District: Br. 281 and Antoinette Pecora - In Memory of Craig Nichols: Los Angeles Archdiocese District: Br. 179: Orange District: Br. 379; Blessed Sacrament District: Mark Neuburger - Merry Christmas Wishes for Mary Perata and Eva Perata; San Mateo District: Br. 130 and Maria Camicia, Dorene Campanile, Lori Clyne and Carmela Gigliotti (Br. 173) - In Honor of the 96th Birthday of Rina Cassanego; Santa Clara Valley District: Officers/Members of Br. 435 - In Memory of Anna Friebel, Denise Antonowicz (Br. 184) - In Memory of John Rocchio, Bob Basuino (Br. 191) - In Honor of the 85th Birthday of Jerry Delfino, Giulia Gallego (Br. 435) - In Memory of Angela Estrela, Giulia Gallego - In Memory of Anna Friebel, Sue McMillin (Br. 391) - In Memory of Jerry Romero, Bob and Elaine Osorio (Br. 368) - In Honor of the 63rd Wedding Anniversary of Joan and Jerry Delfino, Bob and Elaine Osorio - In Honor of the Birthday of Joan Delfino and JoAnn Schiro (Br. 391) - In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Russ Vento; Santa Rosa District: Br. 145 and Br. 209; Stockton District: Br. 48 and Br. 413

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Chapel has opened its doors again for their regularly scheduled Open Houses through the end of 2022. Bring members, family, friends and Parishioners to visit Her Chapel and Library in Burbank and learn about America's first saint canonized on July 7, 1946.

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.



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

Book Review: Brokers of Culture: Italian Jesuits in the American West, 1848-1919

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

Brokers of Culture: Italian Jesuits in the American West, 1848-1919 By Gerald McKevitt Stanford University Press, 2007.

For those interested in the history of the American West, Brokers of Cul-



ture: Italian
Jesuits in the
American West
is a fascinating
account of the
impact Italian
Jesuits had on
the Western
states.

As the pub-

lisher describes the book, *Brokers* of *Culture* examines the interactions among multiple ethnic groups in the American West and a group of nearly four hundred Italian Jesuits who emigrated to the United States after 1848 in the wake of the Italian

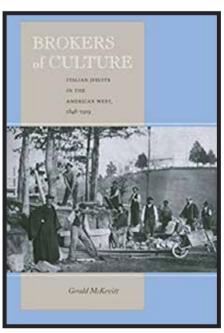
unification movement. The first wave of exiles taught in Jesuit colleges on the East Coast, where they played a major role in reforming American seminary education. From their eastern base, the dispersed clerics moved to the frontier, shaping the evolution of culture in eleven Western states. The Jesuits' most powerful source of influence was their Western colleges, which adhered to educational traditions brought from Europe while simultaneously meeting the needs of an ethnically mixed and mobile frontier population.

A couple of themes run throughout the book. Most notably was the respect that McKevitt believes the Jesuits had for indigenous cultures. McKevitt stresses that Jesuits attempted to convert the Indians to Catholicism without eliminating all aspects of indigenous culture. This is different from government officials and Protestant crusaders, who worked to assimilate the indigenous people into Western culture by eliminating traditions and cultural practices. Another theme that runs through the book is the importance of education to the Jesuits. McKevitt writes that "all parties agreed their primary purpose was to enable the Indian to make a living and become self-supporting" (p. 165). This differed from government and Protestant schools who sole purpose was assimilation.

The book is well-researched and well-document, yet McKevitt's style does not make this dry history but rather enlightens the reader as to the role the Jesuits played in the history of the West.

Winner of the 2007 Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize, sponsored by the American Catholic Historical Association.

Runner-up in the 2007 Presidential Book Award, sponsored by the American Association for Italian Studies. Gerald McKevitt is Ignacio Ellacuría SJ Professor of Jesuit Studies at Santa Clara University. He is author of *The University of Santa Clara: A History, 1851-1977* (Stanford University Press, 1979).



Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Dear Members:

A big Welcome to our new member Gino Giovannoni!

President Vic will be mailing a survey to you for your feedback on future meetings.

Please return ICF Raffle tickets. Happy 4th of July!

Thank you

Cordiali Saluti Diana Cresci

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy 4th of July to everyone.

Let's hope we can spend some time with our families.

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

Please return your raffle ticket stubs with your check. Our Branch keeps \$10.00 for each book sold. Tante Grazie.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Congratulations to Andrea Loza. She is Mary and Tony Sammut's Granddaughter. Andrea received the \$400.00 scholarship from the Italian Catholic Federation.

Andrea, we are proud of you and wish you Much Happiness and Success. We presented the certificate to Andrea and her mother, Natalie, Tony and Mary were at her side. We all enjoyed the beautiful and delicious cake.

Ciao, Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO District

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Many members have been working on plans for our Ravioli dinner on Sunday, June 26 in the OLA GYM. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. NO HOST COCKTAILS, Dinner: Anti-pasta, salad, ravioli and dessert. WINE will be included at the table during the meal.

Our Convention will soon be here. Dorene will be our delegate and Brenda Wemiz will be our alternate. The New Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas will be the site for our fun activities. Saturday night banquet is \$70 and the main course will be Filet Mignon. (September 2nd - 4th)

Please consider submitting the names of deceased members of your family, loved ones or friends to be remembered at the Memorial Mass at the Convention. The cost is \$5.00 per name and needs to be submitted to Central Council by July 1, 2022.

Please continue to pray for Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's Daughter, Patricia, Anita Cecena, Melanie Yeager, Deputy Donna Barnes's Daughter, Jackie, and Kathy Treviso and family in Branch 19.

God Bless, Roz Emery

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao and happy Fourth of July! We just had our first in-person meeting since March of 2020. We held a luncheon / outdoor meeting on June 4th and it proved to be a really good experience. (See photo!) Due to the advanced age and vulnerabilities of the majority of our members, we have had to be exceptionally careful. We had KFC with dessert & wine, and everyone had a great time. Hopefully we took enough precautions. Father Joe Glynn attended and gave the opening & closing prayers. A special "thank you" to Eunice Danli for her donation of the wine & ice cream sandwiches!

Based upon the success of this luncheon, we are having another luncheon on August 13, 2022 (Saturday) at noon on the church patio. Our menu will be giant all-beef hot dogs and Eunice Danli's homemade chili with salad, dessert & wine. Interested Branch 403 members should send a check for \$12, payable to "ICF BR. 403" to Eunice Danli at 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The "cut-off" date for this event is Saturday, August 6th.

Reminder: ICF Convention Raffle tickets are due to Eunice by July 30th! Mail them & your check for \$20 to her or, if more convenient, drop them off at Mary Vella Treseler's mailbox at 886 Tioga Drive, Millbrae. Not only are the 7 prizes great, but your branch gets to keep \$10 of the entry fee!

See photo on page 1.

Donna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary



MARIN

Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

Our 60th Anniversary Mass/Luncheon has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 12, 2022. Mass will be at St. Vincent School for Boys, Most Holy Rosary Chapel. Monsignor Harry Schlitt will be officiating.

Thank you to everyone who has bought Convention raffle tickets. If you have not sent yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible.

July Happy Birthday wishes to Dr. Richard Garcia, Ed Leon, Phyllis Rybensky and Erin Loftus-Sweetland.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Arnold Pieri who passed away this week. He was a member of the ICF for 60 years and was also our president from 1964 to 1965. He will be dearly missed.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy 4th of July. Stay safe and healthy.

Ciao, Anna Biggio Recording Secretary

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

We are so very grateful that for the past five month, beginning in March, we have successfully returned to our monthly meetings and dinners. It has been wonderful to reconnect and enjoy our time together, with the added blessing of having increased our membership by 20 new and returning members.

On June 14th we celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the founding of our Branch. The evening began with Mass, offered by OLL Pastor Fr. Tony Vallecitos, and was followed by dinner and music. Over 100 guests shared many happy memories of their years in the Branch: the dinner-dances, picnics and Bocce tournaments, and we were delighted that some of our former Branch Presidents were in attendance. A delicious St. Honore cake and Proscecco toasts topped off the evening.

Book your hotel now for ICF's Annual Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend!



The response to the Ukrainian Relief raffle was amazing. The Branch raised \$600 in one evening, thanks to the generosity of all present at the dinner meeting. The Officers are very appreciative of the enthusiasm and support given the programs and efforts of the Branch, including the purchase of all 65 Convention Raffle ticket booklets, and the donation to the OLL Project Dresser program, which assists new moms needing extra support as they welcome their beautiful new babies

There will be no July meeting, but we hope to see everyone in August. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Looks like summer is in full swing now, we made it to July! A very happy Independence Day to you all.

I know that some of our district branches get quiet during the summer months, but let's do everything we can to stay active. Branch 108 will be hosting its annual Cooley's BBQ once again on Sunday July 10 and branch 362 will be having another Bingo luncheon that day as well.

As you know, Monsignor Cacciapuoti will now be the pastor at Our Lady Queen of the Angels Cathedral in downtown LA. We will let him get settled in and then we plan to have a small celebration with him. We are in the hunt for a new district chaplain, and we have a couple of pastors in mind

Are you going to convention this year? Make sure you have your rooms reserved and all of your ducks in a row. It should be a great time as we will be in Fabulous Las Vegas. The Orleans will be our host hotel and convention site. There are plenty of activities planned as well as workshops and masses. I look forward to seeing you there.

Other events scheduled for the rest of the year are - Bishop Banquet, which will be on September 25 at St John's Seminary, Cabrini Pilgrimage on November 13 at St Francis in Burbank. There's no word yet on the Cooley's Children Christmas party.

So, enjoy your summer, stay cool, take a few dips in the pool or have fun at the beach and let's all keep in contact with any news updates or branch events that might pop up.

See you next month, Perry Shurko, LA District President.

Los Angeles 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 to be a part of the ICF Family. We also would like to have your input as we continue to develop this branch online.

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

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

Please keep our sick members in your prayers that they may reach a speedy recovery.

And to our former Branch members who recently have gone to their eternal reward; May they rest in peace.

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

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

The annual Cooley's Anemia BBQ is scheduled for Sunday July 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in Connolly Hall. Good food and games including Bocce and Bean Bag Toss. Bring Members, family and 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

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. As you may know, we will not a have a general meeting during the month of July. The Branch will have a Picnic on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Sanchez Adobe Park in Montebello. We will be sending everyone a Picnic Flyer with all the details. Come and



Br 67 member Eugene Salandra visited St Peter's Church recently and learned that "Pope Francis sent a commendation to Fr. Raniero Alessandrini on the occasion of his 65th anniversary to the ministerial priesthood. Congratulations to Fr. Raniero on his many years of service to the church and community



ICF Br 67 Member Eugene Salandro and Father Raniero Alessandrini

join us for lots of fun, bocce games,

and socializing



Branch 111 May meeting

We are happy to report that based on our review of the ICF scholarship applications and essays we received from graduating St. Benedict School students, the two winners of the \$400.00 ICF Phillp Pace Jr. Schoalr-

ships are London Hahn and Massimo Sorce. Congratulations to London and Massimo!

London Hahn plans to attend Ramona Convent Secondary School. Massimo Sorce plans to attend Don Bosco Tech. Massimo Sorce is the grandson of Salvatore and Giuseppina Sorce, long time members of our branch. We would like to congratulate again London Hahn and Massimo Sorce for their academic achievement and wish them happiness during their high school years and may the future hold great success for both of them

Our August General Meeting, will be on Thursday, August 18, 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 in the months of July and August: Chiara Sorce, Manuel Rodriguez, Carmelo Palmeri, Rose Mary Brougher, Paul Adragna, Terry Saracho, Barbara Garcia, Giuseppe Veneziano, and Ruben Valdez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

We pray for our sick members and those in need; keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
See page 1 for more photos.

God Bless! Frank Salomone ICF 111 President



Sua Santità Francesco

P. Raniero Alessandrini

occasione del 65 Anniversari bi Ordinazione Presbiterale

Br 67, Certificate from Pope Francis honoring

Fr. Raniero's 65 years of service as a priest.



Branch 111 May birthdays



Branch 111 May meeting

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

It's parish fiesta time! Our fiesta will be held on July 14th to July 17th. Our branch will host the meatball/sausage and pizza booth. Help will be needed on Thursday July 14th to help make meatballs. We are also looking for volunteers to man the booth all 3 days of the fiesta. If able to volunteer or for more information call Pauline Iacono 310 8320563. It is such a worthy cause and lots of fun.

Our July meeting will be moved to July 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Please plan on joining us on August 20th as we honor St John Joseph of the Cross, patron saint of Ischia.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Lite refreshments will follow.

Dinner dance will begin at 6 p.m. A delicious prime rib dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Music will be provided by Tony Ciaramitaro band. \$40.00 per ticket. Call Neal DiLeva for tickets 310 433 1044.

We are in need of raffle prizes. If you are able to donate a gift, please call Maryann Lauro 424 247 3118

At our May meeting our branch voted to send Neal and Anna as our delegates to the annual convention. Please support our branch in sending our delegates by purchasing the book of convention raffle tickets. A book of tickets is \$20.00. The branch retains \$10.00 which helps defray the cost of sending the delegates to the convention. Please support this fundraiser.

I am sad to announce the passing of Francesco D'Amato. Francesco joined the branch in 2006 and will be missed.

Happy Fourth of July to all! Anita Gioiello Trujillo Treasurer



San Pedro Branch 115 Mary Star of the Sea High School 2022 scholarship winners. (L-R) Giovanni Boccanfuso, Branch President Neal Di Leva and Paul Baccari.

Congratulations to both!



Branch 237, scholarship awarded to Nathan Nakayama, St Anthony's eight grade student

Gardena Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

We had the privilege of presenting two high school scholarships last month. Diego Olmos, from our neighbors, St. Catherine parish he will be attending Bishop Montgomery HS and Nathan Nakayama form our ST Anthony of Padua school, he will attend St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. Congratulations to both of these young men.

Next on the agenda is the planning for the Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance, October 15th.

Stay tuned for details.

"Therefore, our God, we give You thanks and we praise the majesty of Your Name"

1 Chronicles 29:13

Cordially, Micheal Bohannon Roa

Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Birthday America. May God bless our beautiful country!

Last month our branch held its first ever bake sale after all of the masses on June 5th. I want to thank all of our bakers: Christine Ragusa, Cookie Jeffcoat, Charlene and Mary Margaret Drobeck, Madeline Buckley, Francis and Christine Ladd. Great job to all of you! Thank you to our parishioners who joined us and helped support us once again. Don't forget our next general meeting is on Thursday July 7th at 7 pm in the hall.

Our next Bingo and luncheon will be on July 10th. Tickets are \$20 and include a pasta lunch. Please invite your friends and family.

Last month we said goodbye to our associate pastor Fr Solomon. He is being transferred to the Houston diocese. In his place, we welcome one of the newly ordained priests for the LA archdiocese- Fr Justin. We look

forward to meeting you and hope you will stop in and visit us.

Plans are still underway for our 40th anniversary celebration. It was in August of 1982 that St Raymond parish was granted a branch of the Italian Catholic Federation. Here we are 40 years later and still going strong. We plan on celebrating with mass and a Hawaiian style party after.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, stay hydrated, enjoy your vacation and we shall see you next month.

Perry Shurko, Branch President.



Paula Clinnin and Robert Barbera shown here celebrating their 90th birthday with a special cake and a rousing Happy Birthday at the General Meeting of Branch 374. Both are long time members of ICF and very active and involved in branch activities

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

Despite a broken elevator, necessitating a change of location, members of the branch enjoyed a festive May general meeting highlighted by the celebration of two 90th birthdays; Paula Clinnin and Robert Barbera. They cheerfully beamed as branch members lustily sang "Happy Birthday" and shared a special birthday cake. The film "Leonardo Da Vinci", was shown as part of our meeting program. Da Vinci's extraordinary gifts continues to amaze us with the brilliance of this Renaissance man.

There will be no General Meetings in July and August. However, plans are underway for a summer social. It will be held in San Marino on Saturday evening, August 20th, at 5:30, in the beautiful garden of members, Robert and Jo Barbera. It will include a catered meal and entertainment by two very talented musical artists. Invites will be arriving in the mail soon with further details. As we were not able to enjoy summer camaraderie the last two years, it will be great to get together at this lovely event.

Save the Date:

Aug. 20th-Summer Social

Sept. 21st - General Meeting Speaker Topic- Christopher Columbus

Nov. 13th- Cabrini Mass, Pilgrimage, and Luncheon

Dec.21st- Branch 374 Christmas Party- Parish Center

Hope you all will have a safe and healthy summer, Diane Restivo

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 enjoyed our general meeting in June. We celebrated our fathers by sharing memories of them and everyone brought appetizers to share.

We will take a break for July but we are planning more events for August and the Fall.

We are keeping all of our members in our prayers and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Happy Summer! Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Br. 380, Lou Mages awarding first year scholarships to Amelia Metz & at Thousand Oaks High School



Branch 362 Bake Sale

Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

For our May General Meeting, which so happened to be our Branch's 4th Anniversary, we had a pizza party! A great time and great food were enjoyed by all. It was a relaxing evening catching up with old friends, spending time getting to know our new members, and enjoy delicious pizza at the new restaurant, Pizza Coast Hiway, located on Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach. We enjoyed a delicious 4th Anniversary cake, donated to our branch by Victor Benes Bakery in Gelson's, Manhattan Beach! It was so nice to relax and have someone else do the cooking! We enjoyed the pizza and found a new hang out for our branch. We look forward to doing it again in the future. * see attached

Our June General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26th at Anderson Park in Redondo Beach. It will be a Potluck Picnic and Bocce Ball Tournament. We look forward to having a relaxing outdoor picnic and play some Bocce Ball with our friends.

We are excited to announce that our Branch has been asked by American Martyrs to cook for our senior citizens! We will be preparing an Italian dinner for approximately 50 seniors on Friday, July 15th. If you are interested in helping us cook and package the meals, please contact me at (310) 863-4597.

Ciao, Stephanie DeRaddo President, Branch 447

East Bay District Council

We had a very pleasant surprise at our last district meeting, we were visited by Past president of Br. #285, Judy Wellbeloved. She had moved to Oregon, is still an ICF member and was here for a visit, welcome!

A correction to the date of our quarterly Mass, it is 8/7/22.

Due to Covid-19 still being around, many of the planned activities of our branches have had to be cancelled. Many members are not comfortable mixing in large groups and some branches have not been able to meet. Branch #91 is having an interesting fund raiser this July. Their President and her husband, who are both jewelers, have designed a beautiful ICF cross with the gemstones of the Italian in it, to be chanced off in July.

Although we do not yet have a date for Bishop's Day this is a reminder that the usual donation is \$5.00 per member.

We were able to donate \$250.00 to the Ukraine Relief fund.

The district agreed to support a year-book page.













Branch 447 enjoyed a 4th Anniversary celebration with a delicious cake. Additional picture on page 1.

In 2024 the ICF will 100 years old! To celebrate our 100 years, we will be having activities in the Bay area where it all began. Think positive!

A Happy 4th Of July. Pat Grasso, District Sec.

Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We will host our annual barbecue on Saturday July 16 in the schoolyard of Saint Philip Neri School, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The festivities start at 6:00 p. m. The menu includes hamburger with meatless option, corn, watermelon, soda, wine, beer and dessert.

Prices are \$15.00 for adult members, \$20.00 for adult non-members, \$5.00 for children ages 5 through 12 and free for children under 5. For reservations, please contact secretary, Jeanette Zugnoni, (510) 523-8005 or jeanette@zugnoni.net. Please mail check made payable to ICF Branch 10 to Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501. Come and join us!

The recipients of our Dave Rose Memorial Scholarships have been announced. The awardees are Jordan Tanaka and Francesca Boccucci of Saint Joseph Elementary School of Alameda and Kylee Lau and Avery Sadie of Saint Philip School. All four eighth-grade graduates will be entering Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School of Alameda in August.

At our June membership meeting we elected President Jim Lee and publicist John Zugnoni as our delegates to the Las Vegas convention. JoAnn Dorn reported at the meeting that 52 convention raffle books have been sold

You are welcome to visit our website. Go to Italian Catholic Federation Branch 10. Photographs on the website depict significant events and important persons in our history. Included in the latter group is trustee and long-time member Agnes Marcheschi, who always enjoys telling us about her native Italy.

John Zugnoni Branch 10 publicity

Oakland Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole

Ciao ICF

Since it has been a challenge to meet in person, we have been unable to hold any fundraisers that support our charities. So,in this past month, my husband and I have made something special that will be raffled off as a fundraiser in Branch #91. As jewelers we created something special that any member can be proud to wear! The cross is sterling silver and is one of a kind. It hangs from a 20" wheat chain and has the I.C.F. logo on the front side. It has the Italian colors in small gems--emerald,diamond and ruby.

It weighs 10.3 grams and measures 2 1/2" long by 1 1/4" wide. So, for each \$5.00 donation, you get a chance to win. The more you donate, the better your chances! \$20.00 = 4 tickets. We will run this raffle during July and the winner will be chosen on July 31st. I can text or email a copy of your ticket stubs so you can see your tickets. For those who have a computer, I will set up a Zoom of the drawing.

You can buy tickets by check and make it out to: ICF Branch #91.

Include your name, address, phone number and email address, if you have one. OR You can pay through PayPal to me and earmark for ICF Raffle. donivanandmaggiora-com@yahoo.com

Please send your donation check to my address: Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan 3350 Wisconsin St. Oakland, CA 94602

Rispettosamente, Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan, President



Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

I hope you're all having a wonderful summer so far and everyone is staying healthy and happy!

Congratulations to our First Year Scholarship winner, Francesca Ravina! She graduated from San Marin High School in Novato and will be attending college in the fall.

Apologies, but we had to cancel our spring Bingo Luncheon. We will be planning another Bingo event for fall.

We hope you will be able to join us for our STRIZZI'S Restaurant Fundraiser on Tuesday, July 19th between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. When you order/purchase, please tell them you are supporting ICF Branch 215 Fremont!

Strizzi's is located on the corner of Paseo Padre and Mowry in Fremont (in the Walgreens shopping center.)

Don't forget to sell/buy your Convention raffle tickets as soon as possible and send the stubs and check to John DeLucchi.

Happy Birthday to all our July and August members!

Dio ti benedica, James Francis McGee Vice President

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

The fabulously warm weather of summer is upon us here in the Livermore Valley – and we are all about barbecues, end of the school year, the County Fair and summer vacation. Congratulations again go out to our scholarship winners, Nick Carrano of Livermore High School and Dario Stewart of Granada High School. It seems to be a family affair this year, as the sisters of these young men were scholarship winners in 2019. Their certificates were handed to them at their awards ceremonies on May 25 and June 1. We have invited Nick, Dario and their families to be our guests at one of our summer get togethers.

At the May meeting were past President Judy Wellbeloved and her husband Dave, who once again made the trip down from their new home in Klamath Falls, Oregon to join us. They remain members of our Branch and it's always a great treat when they return to join us for a meeting. More good news! Our Branch is growing!!! We are pleased to announce that we welcomed 14 new members in the past months with 2 applications pending.

On June 26, we had a wonderful dinner meeting at Pastas Restaurant in downtown Pleasanton. The food is always excellent and the hospitality warm and inviting.

Somehow we find that this year is half over. How time flies!! Suddenly the

Branch is participating in its summer events. On June 25 we again participated in Kids Against Hunger Packing Event. We are also planning a raffle as a fundraiser for July. Two winners will receive \$100 each. We hope all will support our raffle fundraiser. Due to the Covid restrictions again, we have had to postpone our Bingo Bash until the fall or winter. In the meantime, we have been actively raising funds in support of the Ukraine Relief Fund. And, as always, our prayers go out to our members and their families who are ill or experiencing personal challenges.

Dio benedica a tutti, Janet-marie Petric

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

What a lovely, warm spring evening yesterday so we held our dinner and meeting outdoors. Thank you to the members and guests who participated. So nice to see everyone again and to be able to interact in person.

We had a very nice talk from one of our members, Al Bronzini. He was a teenager during World War II and a citizen, but his parents were not, so he had many tales of what happened to them during this time. The amazing thing was, that they never were angry at the government for their losses but were sorry that they did not become citizens sooner.

We were able to donate \$200.00 to the Ukraine relief fund.

We have 2 fund raisers planned this month and next (July) with two of our local restaurants, who we did well with last year.

All are encouraged to sell those convention Raffle chances. Remember \$10.00 remains with the Branch, easy fund raising!

Here's to a Happy and Safe Fourth of July. Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy July to all from the Contra Costa district!

We hope everyone is enjoying summer and good times with family and friends. Below are a few reminders for members of our district.

Please don't forget to send in your branch Apostolic Report to Anne McEntorffer at armac2@comcast.net. The deadline was June 30. This report lists the parish ministries each member is involved in.

Also, remember to mail your convention delegate form and fee to the ICF office. And don't forget to send your Yearbook convention ad as well. We will be having a district picnic some

time this summer and details will be emailed to each branch. Unfortunately, we still do not have a date for Bishop's Day.

Happy Independence Day to all! Diana Letizia Mackinson, Contra Costa District First Vice President

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

The month of July was named to honor Julius Caesar. In 46BC, he made one of his greatest contributions to history. With the help of Sosigenes, Caesar developed the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar that we use today.

On the fourth of July, we celebrate Independence Day commemorating that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

In our pursuits, we also have a declaration of human rights, as FDR enumerated in 1941, as our Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. In our daily lives, we hold tightly to these freedoms, though, shaky at times. Take pause to reflect on our faith and values in our country and pray for unity and peace as we move through these next months.

As you enjoy the relaxation of summer, stay cool, hydrated, and take a walk on July 11 to celebrate National 7-Eleven Day. Every year on this date, customers are honored with a free Slurpee.

Martinez members support and celebrate Rosemary Cook in her campaign for reelection to the Central Council where she currently serves. We wish her good luck.

Lastly, we send our love, prayers, and congratulations to Fr. Anthony Le and St. Joseph Parish/Old Mission San Jose on its 225th year anniversary!

See you all at the convention in Las Vegas! Ciao for now, Mary Cook

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici,

As a kid, summertime was magical.

We went by this code: 'all day, license to play'. We would spend hours and hours playing indoors and outdoors with our friends. We had endless games to entertain us. In those days, boredom wasn't a concept. Do you remember...?

- Riding your bike for hours.
- Hanging out with friends at the pool.
- Drinking root beer floats and Kool-Aid.
- Being outside way past your bedtime.
- Eating watermelon as you sat in lawn chairs on the front lawn.
- Family road trips to visit relatives.
- The sound of the box fan blowing air around in the evening.
- Your arm getting tired from turning the crank on the ice cream maker.
- Sitting on the curb watching the fireworks with all of your neighbors.
- The way your mom would fluff the top sheet on your bed so it slowly fell down on you on a hot summer night.

Simple childhood days! What are some of your favorite summer memories?

There will be no meeting/gathering for July, but we'll be celebrating our branch's 95th Anniversary on August 16th (Please note date change). 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by dinner featuring Johnny V's famous Ball Tip BBQ with all the trimmings. Cost \$15.00. There will be a SHORT meeting after dinner.

Please keep Colin Cabral and John Lira in your thoughts. We wish them both a speedy recovery!

We hope you have a great summer (and don't forget to act like a kid!)!

Blessings, ~Helen

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Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Buon Luglio, paesani! Happy Fourth of July!

Here are the highlights of June - The Christ the King Parish festival held on June 3-4, was a success! Many thanks to Ann Consul for organizing the Salami Toss, and to all those members who volunteered to "man" the booth. This has always been a popular event, so mille grazie di nuovo!

Our June membership meeting was a picnic on the school campus. During the meeting, we recognized our scholarship recipient, Dominic Bolla. Congratulations to you, Dom! Study hard at school and throw in a little fun, too!

The quarterly Mass and brunch will be held later this month on July 31. Please plan to attend the 10:30 Mass at Christ the King Church. Pam DeBernardi is coordinating this event so we can have brunch following. You will receive an evite with everything you need to know in order to attend.

Please mark your calendars for our Anniversary dinner on Saturday, September 17. The committee is in the process of ironing out the details for this event. The cuisine? Ma, Italian of course! Dinner will be held in the parish hall and a raffle will be part of the evening's fun. Start getting a dinner group together to support our branch.

Finally, please note that our September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, NOT the 18th.

Un'altro pensiero – I veri amici sono come le mosche bianche. Ci vediamo quando siamo piu'vecchi, Teri Martinucci Hurlbut

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

Hope all of you are well and happy and enjoying the summer.

We will plan our next meeting. I will mail invitations with details. We will also plan our swim party and picnic at the home of Joann Thilgen. Stay tuned for information.

Please sale your convention raffle tickets and mail the stubs and payment by August 5. We profit half the sales. An easy way to make funds. If you need additional tickets let me know. Mail to: Patty Jarrett at 953 Veterans Drive Martinez, CA. 94553.

I spoke with Josie Leontini on her 92nd birthday. Happy birthday, Josie. And Jim Jarrett had a birthday as well. Grace Scanapico will soon turn 100. Way to go, Grace! We wish all of our members that will celebrate a summer birthday a great day. Speaking of birthday's, did you know that our branch will turn 75 this year? Happy anniversary to us! Our branch

was honored at the Central Council meeting. The Grand President presented a gift for our 75th anniversary. (See page 1 for photo.)

Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

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

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

We had our branch meeting on May 19th. We celebrated Mary Howard's 92nd birthday and Ed and Linda DeMartini's 50th wedding anniversary with cakes.

We had a demonstration from the National Institute of Dogs for diabetes. Troy the dog demonstrated how he alerts his master when he senses her levels are low. It was very informative

We had our pasta/bingo on May 7th which was a huge success. We had cash prizes for winning bingo and many raffle prizes. We are planning another bingo on October 8th.

We are planning a thank you members and family barbecue on July 30th. This will be our last get together as there are no meetings in July and August.

Anna Raefield has been a member of our branch for a long time and she is 96 and living in assisted home in Livermore. Roberta Healy and 2 members visited her which brought her much joy.

Please stay safe and healthy at this time

Have a blessed summer with friends and family.

Ciao. Con amore. Norene DeLuca

Danville Br. 352, San Isidore

The 'foodies' were at it again! May found us celebrating Cinco de Mayo



Br. 214, Mary Ann Furco, Anna Raefield, Roberta Healy, and Sue Giorgetti



Br. 214, Ed and Linda deMartini



Br. 214, The volunteers from Dogs for diabetes



Br. 214, Mary Howard's birthday



Br. 352: "Chefs Belleci & Vallone at Work!"

at our monthly dinner. We gave our chefs a night off and all enjoyed a delicious Taco Bar dinner, with steak, chicken & all the fixings, prepared by Tortilleria El Molino. No one went away hungry!

Our 'annual' BBQ dinner was held on June 20th. Thank you to all of our members who contributed to making this a fun segue into our summer break. There will be no monthly dinner meeting in July; we will be back together in August. Watch for an email with the details.

Save the date! We have reserved the large gym for Saturday, September 17th at St. Isidore's Parish for our

Memorial Pasta Dinner in honor of Monsignor Cardelli. The entire parish, friends, family and all ICF branches are invited to attend. Rumor has it that there might be a little bit of Monsignor's infamous spaghetti sauce available! More details to come.

As you enjoy the summer months, remember to keep all of our members in your prayers, especially those recovering from injury or illness.

Ciao, Branch 352



Br. 352: "Dancing the Night Away"



Br. 342 New members welcome



Br. 342 Scholarship Recipient Luca Collins



Br. 342 Scholarship Recipient Jacob Pellow



Br. 342 Scholarship Recipient Kiera Mc Manus



Branch 342 Membership Appreciation Award recipients Sabrina and Judith Hocking



Rocco Ortega carries in banner at Branch 342 Corporate Mass



Br. 342 Scholarship Recipient Luca Collins

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Congratulations to our Parish School 8th graders who were each awarded a \$500 scholarship in May. The Leda Pasquini Memorial Scholarship went to MATTHEW IELATI; The Shirley Pasquini Bennett Memorial Scholarship went to MADELINE LUCAS. The ICF Branch 45 Scholarships went to HOLDEN LUHRSEN and KYLA NEWMAN. We wish them much success in high school.

Renovations remain in progress in Giovanni Hall until the end of July. We are planning a dinner and bingo on September 18th so pencil that on your calendar. More information to follow.

Buon Complianno to Branch members with July birthdays: Antonette Bonanno, Sheryl Cecchettini, Mariann Isola, Melissa Keller, Marie Leonard, Albert Lovotti and Donald Pasquini. Have a blessed day!!

Ciao, Janine

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship recipients! At our May Membership Appreciation Dinner, we were able to award four scholarships to some very deserving students. Our high school recipients are Luca Collins and Angelo Piziali . Our eighthgrade recipients are Jacob Pellow and Kiera McManus. President MaryAnn Mikles was also able to attend the St. Joseph's graduation and present Kiera and Jacob with their awards. At our dinner in May, we also installed the Pena and Letcher families into our branch and honored Judith and Sabrina Hocking for their service to our branch. It was a great evening for all who attended.

Our branch was also very happy to be able to celebrate our corporate mass in person after several years. Thank you to Rocco Ortega for carrying in our banner at the beginning of mass and for those members who were able to attend. It was great to be able to get together after not being able to do so for several years!

We hope you will be able to join us for our annual picnic on July 16th from 11 to 3 at ARD park in Auburn. Our calling committee will be contacting you soon to see if you will be able to attend.

Ciao! Pam Andersen

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Br. 438 managed two precincts here at St. Clare during the mid-term elections in June. We thank all our volunteers who stepped up to the plate to help with this service organization fundraiser.

We'll be kicking off our summer season with our anniversary dinner meeting on June 17th. It's exciting to celebrate our 11th year as a Branch. Dinner will be catered by Romano's Macaroni Grill. Laurice Levine, a Thalassemia patient advocate, will be our guest speaker for the evening and will update us on the advances that have been made with Cooley's anemia.

Br. 438 recently received a \$1,000 check from an anonymous donor. The money will be used to fund scholarships for both a first- and second-year student. We are thankful for this generous gift.

Mark your calendars for our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser that's coming up on July 9th. Tickets will be on sale for \$25.00 and dinner will include salad, spaghetti, bread, wine, and dessert. Join us for what is sure to be a fun evening!

St. Clare will be the site of the Blessed Sacrament District Bingo fundraiser on August 20th. Stay tuned for more details.

Please pray for Maurice Perella, who recently passed away. May his soul rest in peace.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Summer! Many blessings! Anne Finn

SANTA ROSA District Council

Greetings, Salve!!

By this time next month, you will have had access to the Santa Rosa District Council Minutes.

Since I will be absent, the Minutes will be recorded by none other than #127 President Lucy Spingola and our District Council President Dennice digirolamo. Those 2 again!! Many thanx, girls, I owe you!!

Our Petaluma Br.#127 opened the season with a great chicken and polenta dinner in May. Well-attended and the option of Take-out also. Busy nite.

As usual Br.#198 is perking. Their last Fundraiser was well attended and "you know who", who never buys a raffle ticket was mildly coerced by salesman Butch Bondi to purchase. I won a beautiful Italian Basket full of Italian goodies. Looking forward on July 9th to another great #198 dinner according to the latest bulletin.

When I attend #127 Petaluma next Monday Officers Meeting I will learn the financial results of our Fundraiser dinner!! Looking forward to the next one

Our President Dennice Digirolamo will attend our ICF Convention. I had the opportunity to attend a few years ago and I really enjoyed the experience. Such fervour and devotion from our Officers at the time, Andy Pampuro and Vince Piro. Looking forward to the next one, se Il Dio vuole!!

Since we are heading into July I did forget about Father's Day in June. So, to all our fathers' alive and deceased let us remember them with fond memories, past and present.

Remember to support our Branches whether it be a dinner, Potluck or Desserts only. Enjoy the freedom we are now enjoying!!

Recording-Secretary Marilyn Sylvestri

Healdsburg Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Upcoming events:

ICF Monthly Mass: Saturday, July 16 at the 4:30 PM Mass.

ICF Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 PM in the rectory. All members can attend our monthly meetings. We'd like to see more participation from members.

ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, August 21 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Annual Potluck: Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM. Calling all of our great cooks to show off your delicious dishes! Our Convention delegates will give their reports from the Convention. Mark your calendars and plan on attending!

The ICF Raffle Tickets have been mailed. Each book costs \$20.00 and the branch keeps \$10.00. This is an easy fundraiser for us! Please return your book to Lauren by August 1. Last year, we sold 65 books. Let's see if we can beat that total, this year!

Happy Independence Day! Have a great Summer! Lauren



Deadline
for August/September
Convention Issue of *Bollettino*is July 25th.
Send articles & photos:
editor@icf.org

Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Annunciata

This is our happy crew from June 5th's wine and food pairing! It was a beautiful event chaired and presented by MJ Del'Aquilla! She paired 6 different wines with 6 appetizers. The combinations were spectacular, and our guests experienced a truly entertaining and informative afternoon. All wines and foods were purchased from Grocery Outlet to prove that ordinary foods and wines can be combined to produce tantalizing effects!

Thank you Branch 75 for your back up to make MJ's event fun, efficient and profitable.

We're planning on a short, meeting in June with something light and playful and then are taking a two-month respite.

Have a great summer everyone! Love, Patsy Buchignani



Br. 75 member and veteran, Raul Arreguin, is cleaning the tombstones of veterans on Memorial Day. We join with him in honoring those who fought for our country. Some made it home and some didn't. Thank you to all who serve both at home and abroad! We honor you!

Petaluma Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,

Thank you to everyone who has returned their convention raffle tickets. Just a reminder for those who have not, they must be returned to Lucy before July 15 as she needs to prepare them to be returned to central council in a timely manner.

There will not be a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 8. Hope to see you there.

Please continue to pray for Judy Spencer and for the good health of all our members. Have a great 4th Of July!

Dennice DiGirolamo

Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following our very delicious potluck dinner on June 6th, we look forward to our next meeting which will be on Saturday, July 9th. This is our special dinner meeting with the scholarship winners and their families. Refreshments / cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner to follow at 6:00 pm in the Brinker Room. Plan to attend, you will love it!

There is still time to purchase a book or two of raffle tickets. See Doreen if you want to purchase them.

For your long-range plan, we suggest you mark your calendar for the next Bishop's Day on Sunday, September 18th. Mass will be in the Cathedral at 10:30 with a special event to follow. More details next month.

As we go into summer, we pray that all our members stay well and are able to meet with their families. Summer is a great time for reunions and family gatherings. We hope you enjoy yours.

Ciao a tutti, Gail Bongi-Azevedo



Br. 75 group shot of the wine and food pairing



Branch 250, Clovis, CA - Members getting ready for their monthly meeting

FRESNO District

Los Banos Br. 31, Santa Lucia

Hello again from Branch 31. June was busy here in Los Banos with school ending, many graduation parties and the weather heating up. As always, with the competition of the school year, it was time for scholarships. We would like to congratulate our recipients of this year's scholarships. Los Banos High recipients were: Patrina Gilardi and Sarah Van Loben Sels and the Pacheco High recipients were: Melony Hernandez and Celina Marie Martinez. Congratulations to the recipients and the entire 2022 graduating class; we wish you all the best of luck with your futures.

Coming up in August is our annual summer potluck dinner. It will be on August 20th at the home of Rick and Terri Post. This event is so much fun and always has some amazing food. Be sure to keep an eye on your mail for all the details on this event.

Lastly don't forget that the raffle tickets are due to Cathy ASAP. Don't miss out on your chance to win the cash prizes!! May you all have a fantastic summer, God Bless!!

Ciao, Giona Boffa

Merced Br. 39, St. Cecilia

Please, join us for our 90th Anniversary Celebration on July 13th, which has been combined without annual picnic. Deacon Chuck will lead a prayer service at 5:30 followed by a Tri-Tip and hotdogs and vegetables meal. Members of 40 Years plus will be free - adults \$10 - under 12 \$ 5 - clergy and guests free. There will be events for children and adults: a cakewalk - raffle - Bocce Ball. There will be a special recognition for long-term members. This promises to be a special evening of celebration and fellowship.

Vince Piro

Sanger Br. 70, Sant' Antonio

Greetings from Branch 70 in Sanger! Our last meeting was on April 23. We all enjoyed a wonderful luncheon of polenta with meatballs and sausage covered in a delicious sauce. Mmmmm. God bless the cooks.

We thank Kay Lopez for a wonderful job of conducting our branch throughout this pandemic. This year we have already had two bake sales and on May 15 will have our famous Spaghetti and Meatball Fundraiser! All proceeds will be benefiting St. Mary's Church and President Kay Lopez wishes to extend her thanks to all who helped.

July 15 we are celebrating our eightythird anniversary. We will hold a meeting and award \$500 scholarships to Jose Vargus and Marcos Marquez, deserving students from Sanger High School. Our congratulations to them.

St Mary's will be holding a Stations of the Cross in 2023 and Branch 70 has donated \$1,000.00 to be used for purchasing one of the twelve statues. We are all anticipating a wonderful Easter event which will be here before we know it.

God Bless, Orsolina Casella

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Happy June birthday greetings to Mary Fontes, Wes Johnson and Rueben Silva!

Our fundraiser dinner in cooperation with Cool Hand Luke's Restaurant, was very successful, with over 300 tickets being sold to parishioners and the community! Many thanks to everyone who sold and bought tickets, and a special thanks to Rich and Mary Zanarini for another awesome job of arranging, coordinating and following up on ticket sales.

Our annual picnic takes place June 25 at Notre Dame Hall. Dining will be available both inside and outside in the shade area. Traditional fare of hot dogs and hamburgers, along with side dishes will be available, and, hopefully, some games of bocce ball, dominoes and cards. Festivities start at 1:30 but all are welcome to come earlier to help with setting up.

Just received word that Victor DeLuca, brother of charter member, Verona DeLuca, has passed away. Victor was 94. Verona has been a member since 1970.

Philosopher Angelino says, "Quando Il E Pieno, L'Anima Canta". See end of column for translation.

Please keep our ill and home-bound members in your prayers and pray for the Ukrainian people suffering so terribly now.

Translation: "When the body is full, the soul sings".

Thought for the month: "Think of a rainbow, and storm clouds won't hide the afternoon sun from your view. Think of a rose, and you won't mind the thorns—they are a part of the miracle too." (Anon)

Ciao, Celestina BocaGrande

Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members.

Happy Birthday to Leonard Garber, 90 and Patti Lometti (undisclosed). Both were treated to Bernie's worldfamous hand-made, homemade cake. Anita Marciochi will be 100. Happy Anniversary to Antoinette and Angelo Pecora, 53 years of marriage.

Cinde Oliphant is moving to Texas and has resigned her position as corresponding secretary. We thank her for her years of service to the club and wish her well. Due to the passing of Nick DiLiddo the position of Orator and Heritage Chair is now held by Angelo Pecora.

Our first Sausage Sandwich Sale in two years was successful. We're planning a dinner fund raiser for September or October- details soon. We are considering a new venue for our Christmas Dinner. A big Thank You to Debbie Jorgensen and Giovanni Mulliganni of the Dinner Venue Committee for their continued research: visiting, eating and drinking at every suitable restaurant in the Fresno/Clovis area

Patti Lometti reported that her son is living and working in Rome. Antoinette's Marine grandson will be stationed at 29 Palms Marine Base (29 Stumps), Marianne Messina has a Great Granddaughter, Jay and Susan's son Nicholas received his PhD in Mathematics and will be teaching at San Joaquin Memorial in the Fall.

We mourn the loss of long-time members Angie and Nick DiLiddo. Their children have requested that donations in their memory be made to our Branch scholarship fund. We will miss Nick's summer Tri-tip and his ioke of the month.

No meeting in July. We'll see everyone in August for the Nick DiLiddo Memorial Tri-Tip dinner. Prepared by Russ Renna and Bernie Squeo.

Jay Newsome, President

CENTRAL COAST **District**

Monterey Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Hope everyone is enjoying your summer, a time to relax with your family and friends. "Smell the sea, Feel the sky, Let your soul and spirit fly" Van

June 17, 2022, we celebrated our Branch 91st Anniversary. We had 19 new members that were initiated. Thank you, Dante Galaezzi, Branch Mentor, Life Member of Central Council, Ed Leonard, Central Coast District Mentor, Julie Richards



Br. 308, Proud parents Dr. Jay Newsome and Dr. Susan Mencarini present Dr. Nicholas Newsome. PhD Mathematics.

Central Coast District President for conducting our initiation. Spaghetti and meatball dinner was served.

July 22, 2022, is our 85 and over Party. We have 100 members 85 and over we honor them with a complimentary dinner and entertainment. This year theme is, Fun in the Sun. Thank you to Annamarie Stanton, chairperson for organizing one of our favorite events of the year.

We are saddened to report that Salvatore Toce and Sebastiano Billante recently passed away. Our condolences to their families.

May they Rest In Peace.

Please have a safe and fun summer, continue to pray to all our sick members and their families.

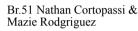
Happy Summer, Elaine Valentine President Br 36

Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

We have a few exciting things to announce this month. First, we would like to wish Sally Reynolds and Cindy Stefani both a very happy birthday. We hope your day is spent doing the

things you love with the people you

We would like to congratulate Branch 51's scholarship winner Courtney McDonald of Notre Dame High School. She is the recipient of the



I.C.F. \$400 First Year Scholarship for 2022. Congratulations, Courtney, and the best of luck to you in the future!

This year for our annual August fundraiser we are going to be doing a chicken BBO. The BBO will be held on August 14 at Our Lady of Refuge Parish Hallin Castroville. More details will come in the August Bollettino.

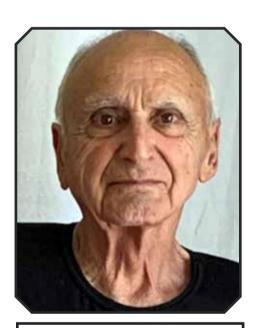
And last, but definitely not least, my family and Branch 51 want to congratulate members Nathan Cortopassi and Mazie Rodgriguez on their engagement. "As you both look forward to the day that you are wed, may your love be a reminder of the joy that lies ahead." Congratulations!

Stefani Cortopassi



Br. 308, The "Friday Breakfast Crew" celebrates Leonard's 90 years of being a great guy.

Sebastiano Billante 11-20- 1935 to 5-17-2022 Branch 36



Salvatore Toce 3-2-1941 to 4-28-2022 Branch 36





2022 Scholarship Recipients Branch 36

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph's

Our June business meeting was followed by a potluck dinner. It's always fun to try a little bit (or a lot) of each of the many dishes our members bring.

There will be no meeting in July.

Thanks to all those who attended and helped out at the Central Coast District Installation of Officers on June 18.

A membership drive will take place at Resurrection Church on July 16 and 17 after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. masses. Volunteers are needed to man the tables and distribute information about ICF. Let President Franklyn Lopes know if you can help.

Save the date of September 17 for the annual picnic. The menu will feature chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread, watermelon and cookies. The cost of \$20 per person includes two drink tickets. Directions to Shaffer Park will be provided in advance. Hope to see you all there.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Flo Brown who will turn 100 on July 12. Flo is an active centenarian who plays duplicate bridge at the local Senior Center and is known to be great fun on those bus trips to the casinos.

Your get-well prayers are requested for Barbara Jayet who is recuperating at home after a week's hospital stay and for Bruce and Jean Dunn who are both under the weather.

Condolences to Mary Christensen on the passing of her sister in Ireland while Mary was there visiting family in May.

Happy Fourth of July. Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 recently awarded Branch Scholarships to two of our members. Lorena Carroll, who will be attending San Diego State University this fall, received a \$500 College Scholarship from our Branch. Lorena also received an ICF First Year Scholarship from Central Council! Our Branch also awarded a \$500 High School Scholarship to Rylee Fleming, who recently graduated from 8th grade at St. Patrick School and will be attending St. Joseph's High School this fall. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients and we wish them well in their future studies!

After several requests from our church community, Br. 291 has decided to host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in early October. Stay tuned for more information on this long-awaited event!



Branch 5 Gathering

We will be sending two delegates this year to the ICF National Convention in Las Vegas. David and Keely Sanchez are excited to represent Br. 291 at the convention and look forward to spending Labor Day weekend at The Orleans Hotel and Casino!

Please continue to pray for our members who may be experiencing illness, pain or loss at this time, especially Dianne Clees, Stevie Hall, Phil Lawyer and Doris Wais.

Wishing everyone a fun and safe 4th of July weekend! Keely Sanchez Recording Secretary

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

We send our greetings to you from Branch 354 on this beautiful warm summer day. Our Branch has been going through a bit of a post Covid quiet spell, so my reporting will be brief.

We are happy to let you know that the Bishop has given his OFFICIAL APPROVAL for Father Roberto Vera to be the chaplain for the ICF, Central Coast District. Welcome and gracias Father Roberto!

Our ICF creative angels of happiness, Joan, Marianne, and Irma, have prepared Father's Day tray favors for the patients at Vineyard Rehab Center in Templeton—just a little something to brighten up their day.

November 12th has been selected as the date for our next pasta dinner. God willing, the hall upgrade will be finished in time.

In closing, during this season of extended summer light we want to pass along this traditional Irish blessing:

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunshine shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire, so the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend.

Yvonne Maddalena Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Santa Clara Br. 5, N.S. Assunta

St. Clare's Branch met with a Lasagna luncheon hosted by Bob Basuino (current President). Thanks to Denise, Germaine & Marie Antonowicz and Tina Sousa Dutra for setting up. Our next meeting will be June 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Small Hall. Also, thanks to Deborah Rodondi, Grand President, Andy Pappani, Past Grand President & his lovely wife Sid for attending the meeting.

Great job in purchasing raffle tickets for the Convention. Speaking of the Convention, our delegate will be Tina Sousa Dutra who offered to pay half of the delegate costs.

Lots of thank you today! Thanks to Bea Cunha who volunteered to sell the Convention tickets and also thanks to Steve Lencioni who volunteered to be our Mentor.

Our next meeting will be June 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Small Hall.

Denise Antonowicz, Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

On Sunday, May 15th Branch 28 held our first charitable fundraising bake sale event in over three years. Cullen Hall at St. Mary Parish was the site of this event. It is always a wondrous thing to observe our members, old and new, being so generous with their time and effort in these bake sale fundraisers. Special kudos to Branch 28 President Diana Berry for bringing her many quilted items to support the fundraiser. The event garnered \$1,578 for our charitable giving fund.

At our May 16th dinner meeting, Andy and Siria Pappani and crew prepared a delicious meal of beef and chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, and green salad. Member Janice Buessing topped off the meal with delicious strawberry shortcake. Approximately seventy-five members and guests were in attendance to enjoy this meal and fellowship. Three new members were initiated into Br. 28 at the meeting. Joining Br. 28 were Therese Bonesio, Michael Hughes, and Danny Scettrini. Welcome all. Also, at the meeting Br. 28 was formally recognized by the ICF Oakland office with a certificate of merit recognizing our ninety years of being a ICF branch member.

At the June 2nd Board meeting it was decided to go forward with a Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia fundraiser which is the National Charity of the Italian Catholic Federation. Also, the board established the date of July 17th to hold our Br. 28 picnic at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy.

(More pictures on next page.)

Peace and God Bless, Kim M. Filice



Br. 28 - Left to right: Don Gage, Therese Bonesio, and Jeanne Gage at the May 16th enchilada dinner meeting.



Br. 28 - New members initiated at the May 16th dinner meeting. Left to right: Therese Bonesio, Mike Hughes, and Danny Scettrini

On a sad note, Joe Dyer left this life

on July 12, 2021. We have attached

cern before and after Joe's passing.

Because of Covid Joe's service was in May 2022. Also keep Paul Butler

and Barbra Ruffner in your prayers

as they are slowly working at getting

better. The ICF convention will be in

September of 2022 in fabulous Las

Vegas, Nevada. Our representatives

are Mary Ridi or Anne Cordoni. Our

ICF Santa Teresa Men's BBQ was

canceled but should be rescheduled

will be July 10th at Vasona Park.

for July or August. The District Picnic

Anne Cordoni has the tickets. Adults

\$15, Children \$10, parking \$6. Mass

starts at 2 p.m. followed by a BBQ

at 3:30 p.m. Food will be provided.

Bring your own drinks. Our mem-

ber's meeting is scheduled for July

13th and will be an Ice Cream Social,

August 13th is the Rib Dinner fund-

raiser. Dining for Dollars is yet to be

scheduled as a chairperson is needed.

and Chairs. Interested in helping? Let

All of these events need volunteers

the board know.

Happy 4th of July. Please stay safe.

Tom Myers

a note from his family, thanking everyone for your prayers and con-



Br. 28 - The cooks responsible for the delicious enchilada, beans, rice, and salad dinner. Left to right: Andy Pappani, Nancy Clark, Sydney Andrade, Christina Andrade, Siria Pappani, and Julia



Br. 184 Members with Guests John & Noreen Gillio at our lunch meeting on June 10th.



- Left to right: Louie Cordich, Diana Berry, and Marianne Peoples setting up for our May 15th bake sale.

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

We have a lovely luncheon meeting at our local Denney's. Discussed the upcoming Convention. Our two delegates are Donna Pfaff & Michelle Antonowicz. Donna Pfaff gave us Financial Report. Thanks to all that purchased the Convention Raffle tickets. Our branch collected nearly \$1000 so \$500 stays with the branch. Good Job.

Donna also sold tickets to the upcoming District BBQ on July 10th at Vasona Lake Park.

We discussed the possible upcoming drive thru spaghetti feed in conjunction with St. Mary School. Our branch is hosting Bishop's Day on October 1st. More information to follow.

Happy 4th of July! Ciao, Denise Antonowicz, President



Branch 191St. Frances Cabrini

San Jose **Br. 191, Saint Francis** Cabrini

Summer is Here! Last month celebrated our Mothers with a tea in their honor. A BIG thank you to each and every member who used their talents to make this event happen. Lonnie Swarringim was instrumental in offering her tea supplies to pay tribute to our Mothers! A very valent effort by Lonnie and Bruce Śwarringim, a Big Heartfelt "Thank You."

Father's Day is around the corner and our Fathers deserve recognition. Who taught us to drive? Who was our " go to parent" when our Moms said NO? Who held our first bike, as we learned to ride? Our Dads gave us guidance and knowledge. Branch 191 will be honoring our Fathers at our General Meeting on June 25th. We will be in the bocce court with sausage and bell pepper sandwiches, pasta salad, and root beer floats. We will have a Father's Day theme basket as our raffle. Enjoy the day, bask in the fresh air, and honor our Fathers.

Our upcoming General Meeting for July will be a celebration of our country, Celebrating the 4th of July. Be prepared for hamburgers and hot Dogs. More information to follow.





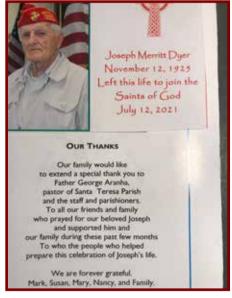


are preparing for our Convention, in Las Vegas on Sept 2-4th. Jamie Portillo will be our delegate, along with Debbie Piro to represent our branch. May they both have an enjoyable time and bring our members lots of knowledge and insight in their presentation of the convention to our branch. Remember, buying convention raffle tickets is the only way to win. Make it a success for Branch 191.

Fare da babbo a qualcuno. Felice giorno del padre. Shirley Catania

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de **Avila**

Our group meeting for May was held at the bocci ball and picnic area at Almaden Lake. See pictures of Grand Winners of Bocce Ball, Avis Erkel and Robyn Schlice. Great way to spend the afternoon. Please thank our president Mary Ridi, board members and other volunteers for helping at the event.



Br. 368, Joe Dyer's Family Thank You



Br. 368, Joe Dyer funeral mass & honor guard



Br. 368, Bocce Ball meeting picnic Rose T, Lorraine N., Robin H., Mary C. and others

And speaking of being prepared? We

sentinel

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Treasurer Steve Lencioni represented President Mike Rossi in overseeing our June meeting, which was held in the Community Building. Father Saju led our small group of members in prayer, and Steve thanked Tony and Alba's for the pizza and salad dinner. He also thanked the following: Lynda Vallorz and Kathleen Lencioni for serving meals, TJ and Mathew Lencioni for setting up, and JoAnn Schiro and Marlene Rotolo for coordinating dinner tickets.

Steve presented his financial report, which included donations to Cooley's Anemia, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th scholarship funds, and the Ukraine Fund.

We thanked the Lencioni Family for continuing to organize our annual July family picnic, which will be held on July 5 at St. Martin's. Children and grandchildren are invited to attend. Detailed information will be forwarded to members.

In honor of Father's Day, Louise Vento presented a loving portrayal of her grandfather, who came to the United States from the Azores in the early 1900s when he was 13 years old. Her heritage report included wonderful memories of a grandfather who raised eight daughters!

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

Convention raffle tickets are still available—return your tickets to Tina Rossi as soon as possible.

Members are currently planning Fall events, which include our popular "Wine Down with ICF" and a Take-Out Fundraiser.

Please keep those who have experienced violence and who have been hit by Covid in your prayers.

Janis Patellaro

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Happy Birthday to our Country! Happy Fourth of July!

Congratulations to Fr. Arthur! He won \$30 from the ICF Calendar Raffle and extends his thanks to Branch Members.

Our June Blood Drive returned for the first time in three years to the Main Hall of the Farana Center. We had 39 generous donors stop by to share this Gift of Life. We hold our next Blood Drive in the Farana Center from 8 a.m. -1:30 p.m. on Sunday September 18th

Br. 408 held its first Quarterly Communion Breakfast @ Black Bear Diner after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Plenty of food and good Fellowship were had by all. We look forward to seeing

you at our next breakfast in Fall.

After the ICF Hosted Pancake Breakfast, the Parish School requested their own Parish 60th Anniversary Banner, with no 8th Grade Service Awards again in this Past

Academic Pandemic School Year, ICF offered to fund this. It is hanging in the FC. Check it out

The Parish 60th Anniversary BBQ will be held Saturday 2 July from 11:30 – 3:00 p.m. See you there!

The ICF District BBQ will be hosted at Vasona Park on Sunday 10 July with Mass with Fr. George @ 2:00 p.m. Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be the offering.

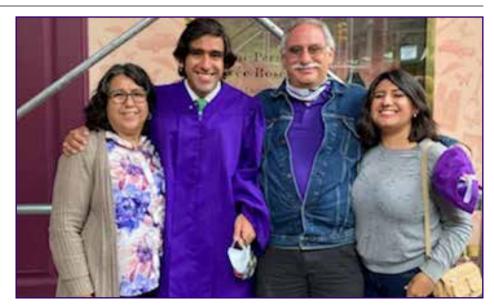
Our ICF Scholarship winner for 2022 was Jaycee Rieb of St. Mary's High School in Stockton. We were invited to make the Presentation at their High School Awards Night - but the commute was overwhelming, and our Branch deferred participating. Good Luck in our studies Jaycee!

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

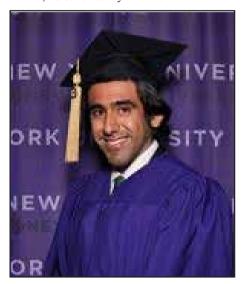
Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Al Chantelope, Steve Richey, and Dori Blefari and Fr Arthur's Mother.

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Br. 445 planned and sponsored the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary held after morning mass on Sunday May 15th at Transfiguration Church. Several parishioners and ICF members gathered in the church vestibule for this special ceremony filled with prayers led by Fr. Tito and three wonderful songs honoring Mary. Kathy crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother with a little help from Fr. Tito while members sang "Bring Flowers of the Rarest"... 'Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May'. Refreshments after the ceremony were provided to all by Br. 445. Many thanks to member Donna Pfaff who designed the programs for this event and coordinated with Fr. Tito. Also, many thanks to our members who helped on the day this event.



Br. 445, Falcone Family in NYC



Br. 445, Graduate Jim Falcone

Br. 445 President and 1st VP: Jim & Janie Falcone traveled to NYC to celebrate their son Jim's graduation from New York University. They attended the ceremony for all the graduates at Yankee Stadium on 5/19 and then the next day a special ceremony for Jim's major at Beacon Theatre where he crossed the stage and received his diploma.

Congratulations Jim (or Jimmy as we once knew him ;-)!! We wish you well as you follow your dreams and thank you for all your help to our ICF in past years

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri to members with July birthdays: Lorraine Sellarole, Sam Morocco, Mary Grunthaner and Tom Roncò!

Wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July!

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



Br. 445, Kathy and Fr. Tito



Br. 445, Member Kathy La Scola

Book your hotel now for ICF's Annual Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend!



STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

Since our Branch President, Tom Silavggio, will not be able to attend the convention this year the delegate will be Cecelia McGhee. We are busy getting reports and etc. ready for the convention, but our priority right now is the Stockton District Bishop's Burse

The Stockton District Bishop's Seminarian Burse will be held July 31, 2022. The Knights of Columbus Color Guard will present the Colors, Most Reverend Bishop Myron J. Cotta will officiate at the 10:00 am mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 1200 Maze Blvd.

The Luncheon will follow mass. It will be across the parking lot from the church, at the Community Center 1416 Maze Blvd. at 12:00 noon. There will be Appetizers, Tri-Tip lunch with all the trimmings and 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.

Please invite your family, friends and parish members.

Masses for our deceased members will be July 10, 2022, and August 14, 2022 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

Stay healthy and safe. Cecelia McGhee

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

Grazie to all the dedicated, hardworking members who braved the summer heat to work our booth at the Festa Italiana on June 12th. We had a great deal of fun sharing our heritage, as well as our faith, with the Italians of our communities. The committee members did an amazing job of decorating the booth with special gifts, along with providing opportunities to discuss all we do for our Parish. There will be no July meeting, so we welcome our return to meetings in August with a special summer theme. It will be delicious! Contact an officer to pay ahead for you and your family to join our catered meal.

July 31st is the Stockton District's Bishop's Day. We are looking for members and friends to join us for journey down to the wonderful St. Stanislaus for a mass, at 10 AM, and luncheon. Contact Patty Litts for ticket information. This will be a special day to honor the Bishop.

The ICF Convention is happening in September, and Raffle tickets are on sale. Are you looking to support our important ministries in our Parish and in the whole ICF? Ticket booklets are \$20, \$2 a ticket.

The date is set!! Sunday, August 21st is our next Annual Bocce Dinner and Tournament. This is a Bocce Tournament, followed by dinner. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate, coordinate, and participate in making this event a huge success. We had a great turn out last year and look forward to more fun this year. Contact Patty or Elisa to sign up to help.

Corresponding Secretary Amanda Moberly

Manteca Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio

President Birdie Nieri welcomed the following special guests to our May meeting: Father Jerry Brown (whose mother was a Foppiano), Father Madhu Appanapalle and Deacon Jeff Vierra, with his wife, Cecilia—all from St. Anthony Parish.

After Chef Tony Queirolo's delicious dinner of polenta, chicken fricassee, salad and dessert, "Tesoriera" Michelle Harmon reviewed examples of some charitable works the ICF donates in the community: scholarships, donations to seminarians, funding improvements in church lighting, repairs to the bell tower, a new kitchen sink in the school cafeteria, etc. Listening intently were the several potential ICF members in attendance.

In Branch 139's attempts to reserve the use of parish facilities for future meetings and other ICF activities, President Birdie has submitted dates to the parish secretary.

After skipping a year because of COVID, our annual branch picnic and barbecue returned to the Cunial property and was the usual success. Chef Tony's barbecued steaks were tasty, along with the assorted salads and desserts.

Tony Queirolo and Mike Costa were the co-champions of our annual bocce tournament.

A short meeting was held, at which it was decided to send a generous donation to the Ukranian Relief Fund.

"Segretaria" Anna Mello and Michelle contributed to this report.

Tutto per ora, Mariano



Good luck Becky Vergano! Branch 395

Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Monthly take-out dinners are continuing to prove very successful thanks to Mike Bacchetti and his hard-working crew. June's meeting included many board members getting their hands smelling wonderful as they mixed the homemade Italian meatloaf with the special ingredients. God bless the loyal two-day helpers, first day making the fatto-a-mano meatloaves and the next night showing up again to cook, slice, prepare, assemble and distribute the dinners! Whew! Lots of work, but so well appreciated. Thanks to you all!

Membership drive ideas are coming in to promote the future of our branch family so if you have ideas, be sure to send them along to us.

Our sincere condolences to the family of our dear member Charlie Norton who passed away last month. May he rest in peace.

HOW EASY IS THIS? Steve has prepared forms that you can just fill out and return to him and you will be in our HERITAGE section! They will be included in with your take-out dinners.

You can include family photos too. Hope to hear from you!

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

www.icfbranch390.org

Stay healthy, happy and safe. Ciao, Betty

Stockton Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Happy summer everyone!

We recently wished long-time member, Becky Vergano well as she leaves our Branch to join her family in Texas. Becky has been a member of the ICF since 2009. We learned at her last meeting that it was another long-time member, Ruby Zanoni, who told her about the ICF. She joined to help keep my father in law's Italian tradition alive. He was a member of the Italian Club in Merced even before Becky joined the family in 1967 when they lived in Merced. Becky attended many Italian events in Merced. When her husband passed away, the ICF helped fill the void, but it became much more than that. She was blessed to meet so many wonderful members through the years. Becky was also a very active parishioner of Presentation Church. Becky, thank you for all you have done for our Branch and our church community. You will truly be missed.

We hosted the Stockton District meeting on June 26, and it was so nice to all be back together and making plans for the future. Thanks for Josephine Weber and her team for making it happen. We will gather again for our Bishop's Burse on July 31 in Modesto.

We will be holding a fundraiser through DaVinci's restaurants on August 14-16 to support the various charitable causes of the Branch and the ICF. If you would like more information call Gene at 209-470-7775.

Just a reminder, on Monday, October 3rd at 6pm, Presentation Church will conduct our annual Italian mass. Consider bringing a group of your members and join us.

Alla prossima, Mary Ann Angels Camp

Deadline
for August/September
Convention Issue of *Bollettino*is July 25th.
Send articles & photos:
editor@icf.org



SAN BERNARDINO

Upland Br. 446, St. Joseph

Our Branch has had a very productive two months! In May we presented a generous donation to Youth Ministry for the upcoming Steubenville Conference. The students were very appreciative and look forward to their trip.

In June we held a picnic and game day at the park. Over 20 members and guests attended. New member, George Cerisara, instructed everyone on the rules of bocce, the scoring system and how to play the game. Gino Ricci brought 2 bocce sets to use. We formed teams and spent the afternoon chasing after the balls. Scoring always led to lively discussions. Prizes were given out to all who played. A game highlight was watching one of our youngest members, Zachary Centurioni, learn how to play the game from his dad, Danny.

Joyce and Peter Tesoro taught members how to play scopa and discussed other Italian card games. We also saw the beautiful artwork in the Italian deck of cards. Joyce and Peter were very instrumental to the planning and success of our day. But our event could not have happened without our energetic branch "party planner' Anna Reyna. She made phone calls, arranged for food and refreshments and made sure everyone was welcomed. In September we will have an Ice Cream Social and game day in the We will all be expert players by park.

(See Page 1 for additional photo.)



Br. 446, Danny and Zachary Centurioni playing bocce.



Br. 446, Playing Scopa: Veronica, Tony Santorufo, Amy Pasquirelli, Gino Ricci, Joe Sciortino, Joyce Tesoro, Joe DiCamillo, Anna Reyna, Peter Tesoro



Br 446, Richard Carnielo, Anna Reyna, George Cerisara, Danny Centurioni, Lisa Carnielo, Pat and Joe Maorana, Zachary Centurioni



Branch 446 members present check to Youth Ministry students for the Steubenville Conference.



Br. 135, Proud nonna Suzanne Capurro, Rachel Renwick, Kaitlyn Renwick, Talia Marini, nonno Bob Capurro



Br. 135, President Charlyne Pacini with scholarship winners Julia Frediani, Talia Marini, Kaitlyn Renwick, and Rachel Renwick.

Reno St. Albert, Br. 135

Our meeting on June 5, 2022, was a big celebration of our scholarship recipients. The 2022 recipient of our Central Council scholarship, donated by Branch 135, is Talia Marini, who is graduating from McQueen High School in Reno. We also honored our 2020 Central Council scholarship winner, Rachel Renwick, who we missed celebrating due to the pandemic, and her sister Kaitlyn Renwick, who received the Mario Cugia 4th year Italian scholarship in 2020. All three girls are granddaughters of active members Bob and Suzanne Capurro. We also honored Julia Frediani, daughter of Treasurer Ron and his wife Romy Frediani, who received Central Council scholarships for all four years of college. She graduated this May from the University of Nevada.

23 members and guests, including the members of the Marini and Renwick families, enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner.

The Branch membership voted to make a donation to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

President Charlyne Pacini will be attending as the delegate to this year's convention, September 2-September 4, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A Happy Father's Day was wished to all fathers and grandfathers.

As we take July off for summer vacations, our next Branch get-together will be our annual picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2022, that will be held in President Charlyne's backyard.

President Charlyne is leaving on June 14 for an 8-day trip to the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

Ciao Charlyne Pacini





Br. 135, Julia Frediani, Rachel Renwick, President Charlyne, Talia Marini, Kaitlyn Renwick

91# Annual

Convention

National



Labor Way Weekend September,

Direct: (702) 365-7111

Reservations Line: (800) 675-3267

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 guest list.

Convention updates are visible first on Facebook – Keyword: Italian Catholic Federation Also look for convention news in the Bollettino and at www.icf.org.





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Individual Members as of March 31st:	Number of Delegates Required: (see belo

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.

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Delegate registration fee includes: Friday Opening Ceremonies Banquet, Saturday Saintly Awards					

Banquet, Sunday ICF Awards Luncheon, copy of the yearbook, convention materials, and convention

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FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates:	Guests:	Total Attendees:
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FIRST TIME ICF DELEGATES

Please plan to attend a Zoom orientation for new Delegates. Here, you will learn more about what to expect during the convention and have an opportunity to ask questions.



Wednesday, August 24 **7-7:30pm PST**

Zoom details will be provided in advance.





Red & green coleslaw
 Roasted pork loin with a peach-cherry chatney

•Red beans & rice

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•Dessert: Bread padding with

whiskey sauce, Pecan Pic and Meyer Iemon cheesecake

Charity presentation to

Delegates included with

registration

\$70 adults

Non-delegates:

\$35 ages 4 - 10

SUGGESTED ATTIRE
Mardi Gras; Dressy Casaal;

Purple, Green & Gold

Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia.

RSVP on the reservation form.







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.

-Saint Pope John XXIII

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

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

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	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		
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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.

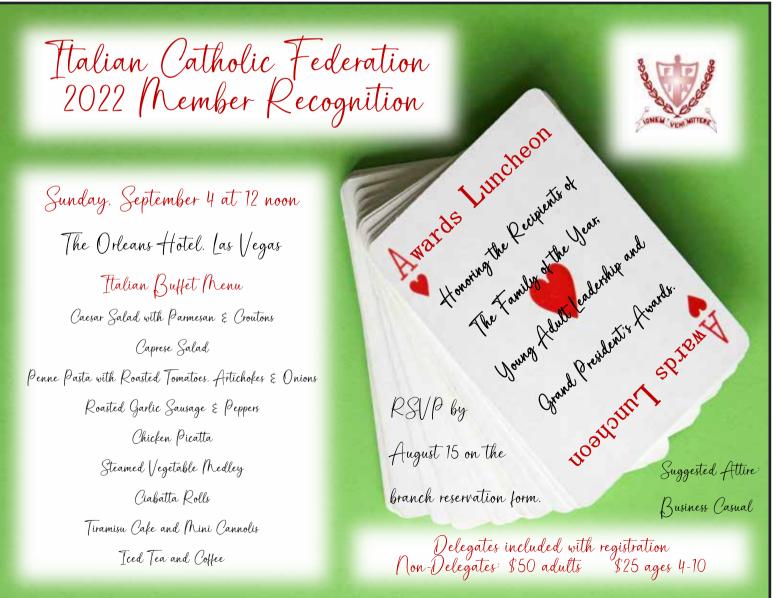
Clergy: Saturday's lunch is included for all Clergy. Diocesan Chaplains' - Friday and Saturday's dinners are included as well as Sunday's Lunch. Branch and District Chaplains are a Branch/District expense.

Clergy Title	Print First Name	Print Last Name	Thursday Museum \$40	Friday Bowling \$20	Friday Dinner \$70	•	Saturday 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.



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.

Council Members:

- •Honor the ICF By-laws, Rituals and
- *Attend Central Council meetings and the
- •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
- ·Attend your Branch and District meetings, providing leadership as needed and
- •Keep lines of communication open between Branches, Districts and the Central Council.

Responsibilities of Central

- Central Council Statutes.
- annual convention. Travel is reimbursed.

- events at the request of the Grand President.
- assisting with ICF protocol.

Book your hotel now for ICF's Annual Convention in Las Vegas over Labor Day Weekend! We are looking forward to seeing you!





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.	City
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 1^{st} , 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.













Sign up to Save-A-Life 11th Annual ICF Convention

Blood Drive

Friday, September 4th 8:00 am- 2:00 pm Dauphine Room, 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







Please bring this form

to the bowling event on

Friday, 9/2 at 1:30pm.



Enjoy the culture of New Orleans in Las Vegas!

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

Be on the lookout for additional details on the



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of their choice.			
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earned over three games.			
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down, the more you raise			
for your selected charity.			
Following the Levylene			
Following the bowl-a- thon, bowlers will notify			
their sponsors of their			
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BRANCH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

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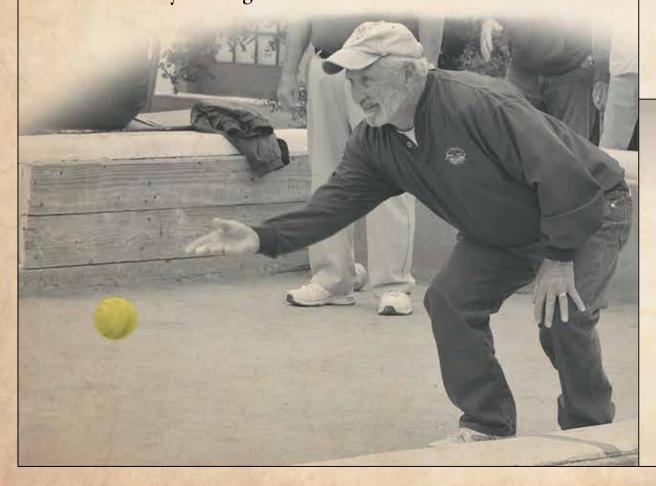


The Annual Convention Raffle is an excellent fundraiser to boost revenue for your Branch and extend a chance to win cash prizes. The golden ticket books are \$20 each. Your Branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tickets can be individually purchased for \$2 each. Address labels were included with each package of tickets. Mail a book to each household to give members a chance to win. Additional books can be requested from the office. Stubs and a Branch check are due to the office by August 15th, so the tickets can reach us in time for the drawing.





JOIN US for the 88th Festa Italia Fisherman's Festival honoring the local fishermen of Monterey, past and present. It is a celebrated event with amazing entertainment. MARK YOUR calendars now to attend this year's gathering—three days of Italian cuisine, music, dancing, fun, and friendship. Visit us at FestaItaliaMonterey.org for more information on our Bocce Tournament, schedule of events, and the history of this great event.



Entertainment Bocce Tournament Fun, Food & Drink

FEATURING

The Money Band
Pasquale Esposito
Anthony Lane Band

Chicano All Stars
Singers Erasmo Aiello and Dave
Marzetti accompanied by Mike
Marotta Jr., Dennis Murphy,
Dave Dally, Paul Tarantino, and
Skylar Campbell



Friday: 3:00pm-9:00pm Saturday: 10:00am-9:00pm Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm FestaltaliaMonterey.org

