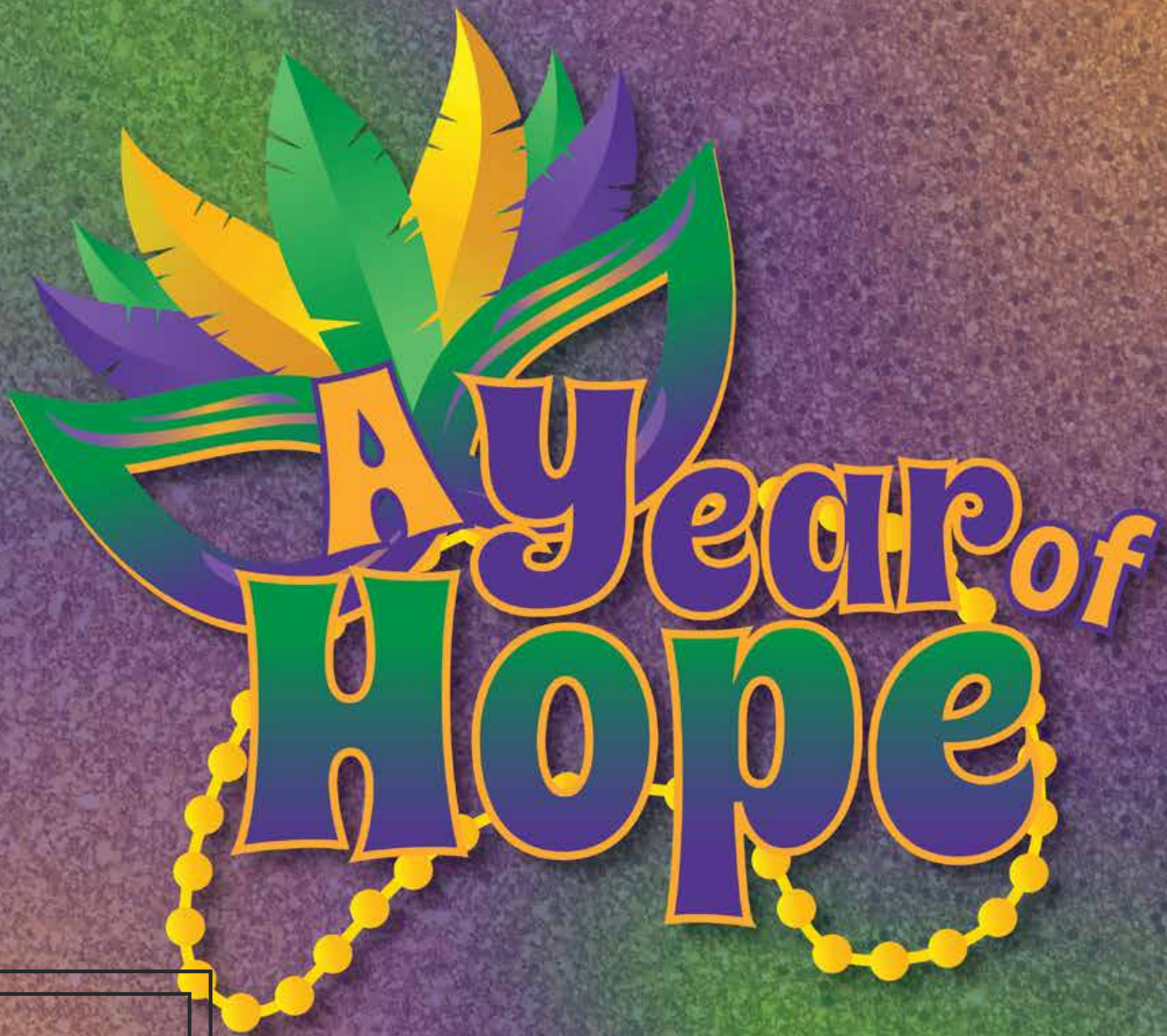




ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION



**91<sup>st</sup> Annual  
National Convention**  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
September 2 - 4, 2022





# BOLLETTINO

*ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage*



## Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

### Welcome to the ICF's 91st Annual Convention

Welcome to the 92nd National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation here at *The Orleans* in Las Vegas!

The Central Council and I are excited to welcome you! We have changed things around a little; hope you enjoy the changes.

A big thank you to the Convention Director Roselynn McNeal



and the convention committee for all their hard work on making this weekend memorable. They have come up with some fun new events/ideas. Looking forward to sharing all of them with you.

We are kicking the weekend off with **The MOB EXPERIENCE** on Thursday night on Fremont Street. Are any of you brave enough to zip line on Fremont Street? Maybe you would rather hang out at the bowling alley with us on Friday afternoon. I have to say, I am looking forward to the bowling tournament.

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## 2022 ICF Golf Tournament

Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council; Ways & Means Committee

On Friday, June 24, 23 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day in Santa Rosa playing in the ICF Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. The day began with continental breakfast before the golfers headed off to tame the course. Many hole sponsorship signs decorated the course.

After the tournament, the golfers joined 24 others for a delicious dinner at St. Eugene's Becker Center. The BBQ dinner was catered by Sweet T's. Attendees enjoyed socializing before the

dinner. Beautiful raffle prizes, donated by members, were on display and tickets were sold to win one of these prizes.

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and the cooperation of those putting on the tournament and dinner. We were tired the next day, but happy with the results. Over \$4,300 was raised for the ICF General fund!

The foursome led by Brad Senge won the tournament!

Everyone enjoyed the day and are looking forward to the 2023 tournament.



## Welcome to Convention from the Convention Directors' Chairperson

Clergy, Members and Friends:

Welcome to the 91st Annual National Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation!

As we gather in Las Vegas at The Orleans Hotel and Casino, I hope you enjoy taking in some of the Mardi Gras Culture. Mardi Gras is about celebrating and preserving what you have.

What does the ICF have to celebrate? For 98 years, ICF members have developed a faith focused community that promotes acts of charity and celebrates heritage. Imagine the lives enhanced by our organization. For almost a century countless friendships have formed, our catholic faith evolved, and millions of dollars raised have supported our parishes and programs. May our convention theme "A Year of Hope" become a topic of discussion among your local members, sparking ideas on how to celebrate and preserve your branch and district's successes while focusing on your future path.

WITH FAITH, COMES HOPE

I have faith that attending the National Convention is the best tool to inspire, educate and motivate attendees.

My hope is that what happens in Vegas, doesn't stay in Vegas. Please take back to your branches the information acquired through workshops, sessions, presentations, and networking. Enthusiasm is contagious.

Thank you delegates and guests for your participation this year. I also extend my appreciation to everyone who was part of the coordination efforts, especially the Convention Director's Committee, the ICF employees and the team at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. This convention was booked pre-pandemic. Many changes were made due to unpredictable attendance and reducing the length of the convention. I am grateful to each party's patience, communication and teamwork.

Together, let's make this year of hope into next year's effort of action.

Fraternally,

Roselynn McNeal  
Convention Directors' Chairperson





## Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner -- Dr. Al Howard

Al and Judy Howard, aka “Mama and Papa” got involved with abortion through Operation Rescue in 1983, barricading abortion clinics and even went to jail a few times for blocking clinics in hopes of saving unborn lives.

They began to go to the clinics, just the two of them, because no one else was out there and they HAD to do something about abortion. Al and Judy wanted to help fight the excuses women were facing when they thought having an abortion was the only option and most of the time that was housing. So, they began to take these women from the abortion clinics and moved them into their own home! Eventually they got so full they moved them into their Sunday School room at the church they were Pastoring in Downey, California.



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## Grand President's Award Winner -- Eva Stern

Eva Stern is an amazing woman. For an octogenarian, she has the energy, enthusiasm and heart that propels her to continuously serve others better than 3 people, half her age. She is immeasurably compassionate and kind.

Eva was born in Manhattan, New York but raised in Yonkers (right across from the original Otis Elevator Company). She attended PS6 Elementary School and Yonkers Hi and grew up in an Italian Polish neighborhood. She married and had a son, but in 1968 she and her son moved to East Palo Alto where she lived with her brother. It was a rough place in the early 70s, so Eva decided to move to Mountain View. She worked for the Palo Alto Unified School District from 1971 to 1997 when she retired. She loved music and first took private piccolo lessons, but her mom sent her a flute and she was hooked. She did so



well, she was invited to join the Mt. View Flute Choir. That’s where she met the love of her life, Perry Stern.

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## Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Winner--. Fr. Masseo Gonzales, O.F.M. Conv.

When Father Masseo Gonzales was a teenager, he was a juvenile delinquent, dropped out of school and was unemployed. He became a gang member, abused drugs and committed crimes resulting in a juvenile arrest record.

Father Masseo lived for the streets and eventually lost a portion of his right leg during a street fight, which resulted in an amputation below his right knee. He’s often said this was a sign of God’s plan for him because he was still able to kneel and pray.

After passing through this tragic life experience, he received forgiveness from his parents and consulted with his parish priest.



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## Young Adult Leadership Award Winner-- Danielle Pachinger

Since infancy, Danielle Pachinger of Br. 413 in Angels Camp has served the Italian Catholic Federation alongside her parents and brothers. Together, the Pachingers were honored as the Family of the Year in 2017.

At a young age, Danielle began participating by extending assistance wherever a youngster is able to at Branch and District events. Some of Danielle’s recent contributions have been at the pancake breakfast, the St. Patrick’s corned beef sandwich fundraiser and helping at the Valentine’s dinner dance.

Annie Pachinger, Danielle’s mother, remembers one of Danielle’s earliest ICF experiences. At a Stockton District event, Danielle was getting fussy. The late Nello Rossi, a Central Council Life



Member Emeritus, was present. He took the time to help calm Danielle during the event.

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## Family of the Year Award Winners- -The Seppi Family



The Seppi family includes Karl and Nancy, their son Will and his wife, Brandy, and their young children, Natalia, Beatrice, and Oliver as members of Br. 52. They are a family of great energy and talent.

The family’s history with the ICF begins with Nancy’s aunt, Mary Zandrino, who served as Branch President and Santa Rosa District President. Mary was instrumental in getting Karl and Nancy

to join the branch. From that point on, Nancy, Karl and the family began their work and devotion to the ICF.

Nancy served as Branch President for four years. During that time, she worked tirelessly to increase membership, expand the roles of the officers and develop a course of action for the branch to succeed. Nancy was a very hands-on president.

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Please keep your submission positive and informative.

**Deadline for the  
October issue is  
September 10, 2022.**

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

*Thank you!*



## Message from our New Spiritual Director

*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God  
has been poured out in  
our hearts by the Holy Spirit [which] was  
given to us." Romans 5:5*

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

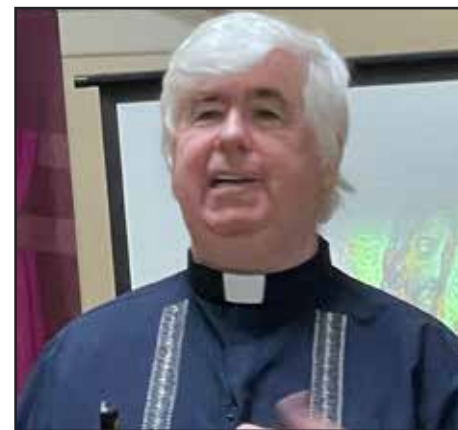
The virtue of hope challenges us and empowers us to be determined, resolute, intentional, purposeful, and steadfast. Hope is not wishful thinking or passive waiting. It means intentional, purposeful living; and it is something we experience before the "bad stuff" happens. We live hopeful lives. Hope is in our history, ancestry, and elders. Hope is found in standing on the shoulders of who have gone before us. Their resilience and testaments of hope embolden our own.

As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we are called to celebrate the presence of God among us as one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. We name this God who walked the earth in our flesh, Emmanuel, God-with-us. What is truly amazing is that God did not come among us in power and glory but came into this world as we do—fragile, vulnerable, helpless, and needy. So why is this a basis for hope? Because, by entering our

world, and assuming our humanity fully and completely, God has infused humanity and the whole of creation with divine life, love, goodness, and power. In the incarnation, the distinction between sacred and secular, between what is holy and what is of the earth, is abolished. All creation exists in God, and God's life permeates all that exists. Our hope is rooted in the boundless love of God—a love that is powerful beyond our wildest imagining.

What a privileged task for the Italian Catholic Federation to share Jesus with a world in such desperate need of the hope He promises. For all its challenges, God has provided an opportunity for us to return to its missionary roots we must never forget that our most important mission is the care of souls! Returning often to Jesus in the Eucharist and drawing on his grace, with great expectation, we give God permission to move in power in our life.

Our great hope is knowing that we are His adopted sons, and daugh-



Father Christopher Bennett  
ICF Spiritual Director

ters, through His one and unique Son; our great hope is Jesus Christ because against challenges of this world—the great hope that is Christ shines brighter than ever and He is our great hope, soon to return.

May God bless all the members of the Italian Catholic Federation and may we continue to grow in the awareness of the all-abiding presence of Christ in your life.

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

*Blessings,  
Fr. Chris*

## Gifts of Love Updates

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to face the challenges in our world and our daily lives, we send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We pray for God to bring healing to our world and to help us to find the value in kindness, respect and helping others. The Convention theme that was chosen this year, "A Year of Hope," is most appropriate as we continue our work with the Gifts of Love Program. We are one family in the eyes of God. It is in faith and to share our heritage that we do our work to help those in need, by bringing them hope, and we would like to select recipients for our Gifts of Love Awards.

As of the end of June, we have received \$709,102.23 in donations and granted awards of \$657,560.41 since the inception of the program. We know these are also difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we



can continue the important work of this very vital program. Our next meeting to review applications will be held in October.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Gifts of Love program, we have a fund from which we make awards to individuals with disabilities or agencies that assist individuals with disabilities. We do this throughout the year, in order to provide funds to individuals with disabilities to help them lead fuller, more independent lives, and to find greater inclusion within their communities. We also work with providing assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

At this time, we would like to request applications from disabled individuals that may require special or specific aids or "tools" in order to complete their education, training or assist them in their daily lives.

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is again asking each Branch President to continue to mention the program and also, when possible, to publish a request for applications in their respective

Church and/or School Bulletins. The application form is available on the ICF Web site ([www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621, e-mailed to the ICF Office at [info@icf.org](mailto:info@icf.org) or faxed to (510) 633-9758.

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

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

*God Bless You,  
Teresa Helfand*



## Live to Give Blood Drive Donations

(Received as of July 29, 2022)

Patty Litts





Join The St Isidore Parish  
**Italian Catholic Federation  
& Knights of Columbus**  
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Ministry of our Long Time  
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## Cooley's Anemia Donations

(Received as of July 30, 2022)

Branch 1	Margaret and Ralph DeRango
Branch 14	In Memory of Tony Compagno
Branch 27	Angelo Benassi
Branch 108	In Memory of Geraldine Allen
Branch 111	Larry and Maria Pricolo
Branch 215	In Memory of Paul Soligian
Branch 217	Dorene Campanile
Branch 237	Get Well Wishes for Jackie Barnes
Branch 319	Italian Catholic Federation
Branch 332	In Honor of The Seppi Family
Branch 343	- 2022 Family of the Year Award
Branch 362	Recipients
Branch 374	Officers/Members of Br. 144
Branch 408	In Memory of Doris Delashmutt
Branch 447	
LA Archdiocese District BBQ	
Santa Clara Valley District	
Vincent and Rita Sasso	
In Memory of Sharon Vanni	

## How Las Vegas became Las Vegas

Denise Antonowicz, Heritage Chairperson  
Grand 1st Vice President

This is a little information of how Las Vegas became Las Vegas from  
[LASVEGASNEVADA.GOV](http://LASVEGASNEVADA.GOV)

### 1905

Las Vegas was founded as a city on May 15, 1905, when 110 acres of land situated between Stewart Avenue on the north, Garces Avenue to the south, Main Street to the west, and Fifth Street (Las Vegas Boulevard) to the east, were auctioned off by the railroad company. The completion of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad, linking Southern California with Salt Lake City, established Las Vegas as a railroad town. The availability of water made Las Vegas an ideal refueling point and rest stop. J. T. McWilliams laid out his Original Las Vegas Townsite (now Historic West Las Vegas) on what is now the west side of the railroad tracks.

### 1911

Las Vegas was incorporated on June 1, 1911. On that day, voters in the unincorporated township of Las Vegas went to the polls and voted on the issue of incorporation. The results were 168 in favor of incorporation and 57 opposed. Las Vegas Age front page June 3, 1911.

### 1922

The Historic Westside School was built in Historic West Las Vegas on W. Washington Avenue and D Street. The building was the first grammar school in West Las Vegas and is the oldest remaining schoolhouse in Las Vegas. The school is listed on the city of Las Vegas Historic Property Register, and the state and National Register of Historic Places.



### 1931

Divorce laws were liberalized in Nevada, making residency easier to attain. A "quickie" divorce could be attained after six weeks of residency. These short-term residents stayed at dude ranches, which were working ranches taking in paying guests to help make ends meet. Surviving examples are located at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs.

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## GP's Monthly Message --continued

Deborah Rodondi

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I have not bowled since the late 70s--a VERY long time ago. If there is a prize, I should get lowest score or most gutter balls; but that is okay, we will be having a good time laughing together and maybe making some money for our favorite ICF charity. If you don't want to bowl come and cheer on your favorite team.

This year's convention theme "A Year of Hope" is the perfect choice after the past two and a half years. We have kept going through a challenging time and are stepping up to the challenges bringing our Districts, Branches and members back together. I believe we have come out of this stronger and with a better appreciation for each other and our organization. A BIG THANK YOU to Past Grand President Vince Piro for his leadership and hard work in keeping us focused during this time. Don't forget the various committees that have been working throughout this time keeping us engaged and strong.

We have an awesome group of people receiving our awards this weekend. The Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John XXIII awardees will be honored at our Saturday night banquet. At the Sunday luncheon we will be honoring the awardees receiving the

Grand President, Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership awards. Please read the articles in this *Bollettino* about these deserving people.

This eventful weekend will end with our celebrated mass and Installation of the 2022-2023 Italian Catholic Federation Officers on Sunday afternoon. In between all this we will have general sessions, discussion and voting on proposals, voting in the elected Central Council members, committee reports and awards along with any other general business. Don't forget the workshops--always something new to learn at them and an opportunity to interact with other branches and exchange ideas. Something else we are trying for the first time is a virtual first-time delegate orientation.

I am so glad you have joined us this weekend at our 91st Annual Convention. *The Orleans*, what a fitting place to stage this year's convention, as we are gradually getting back to a pre-pandemic lifestyle: a place of joy, celebration, shared camaraderie, life!

***"LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS"!***  
**Deborah Rodondi**  
**Grand President**



Welcome New Members (Report as of July 27, 2022)		
Branch 005	Robert J Basuino	
Branch 014	Rhonda Mc Intyre	
Branch 028	Mara Barsi Perez	
Branch 036	Jessica Price	Charlene Smith
	Skylar Rose Valentine	
Branch 039	Danielle A Serrano	
Branch 052	Kate M Macmurray	
Branch 054	Maria A Greco	William F Greco
Branch 111	Vienna Busalacchi	Phyllis F Grimaldi
Branch 115	Leticia Apodaca	Anna Cosentino
	Gino Miserendino	Maria Miserendino
	Grace Russo	Joseph Russo
Branch 139	Don Franzia	Nancy Franzia
	Sandra M Strube	
Branch 179	Amanda M Timko	
Branch 209	Linda Perkins	
Branch 217	Mary Elizabeth Van De Car	
Branch 227	Dorothy A Delucchi	Sandy Settrini
Branch 250	Melissa R Squeo-Rodriguez	Vincent A Rodriguez
Branch 285	Thomas Changras	
Branch 291	David Allen	Amy R Spain
Branch 368	Mary Mavroudis	
Branch 391	Mark S Lemucchi	
Branch 392	Rosaria Di Marco	
Branch 418	Anna Raimondi	Vince Raimondi
Branch 438	Joann Ivey	
Branch 443	Paige Elizabeth Kenyon	Joseph Perini
	Josephine Perini	
Branch 445	Martha C Rao	
Branch 447	Valeria T Chow	Tina Fucci
	Samuel Gaona	Ryan Hadley
	Jennifer M Romero	Rosemarie Romero

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

Received as of Received as of July 29, 2022:

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
Helen Ruby Carles  
Bert Canepa  
Fr. Andrew Colnaghi  
  
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Lena Ponzo  
Everett Girotti  
Luigina Andrighetto  
Guido Andrighetto  
Paul Soligian  
Beatrice Collier

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Antonio Cacciapuoti  
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Archdiocesan District

\*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.

Scholarship Donations (Received as of July 31, 2022)	
Scholarship Donations - 2nd - 4th Year	
Aldine Grisenti	Italian Catholic Federation
In Memory of Everett Girotti	In Honor of Eva Stern - 2022
Mr. and Mrs. Dino DeRanieri	Grand President's Award Recipient
In Memory of Raymond Dino	Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
Bianchi	In Memory of Bea Collier
	Officers/Members of Br. 215
	In Memory of Lisa Kohl

In Loving Memory (Report as of July 27, 2022)			
Barbara Fanucchi	Branch 033	Violet Bertoli	Branch 209
Antonia Buono	Branch 115	Kenneth G Reaves	Branch 227
Richard P Hancsak	Branch 115	Elyse Battistella	Branch 291
Marilyn J Andrews	Branch 209	Dianne Clees	Branch 291

Gifts of Love Donations (Report as of July 29, 2022)	
Branch 217	Italian Catholic Federation
Branch 362	In Honor of Danielle Pachinger –
Joann and Jo Sangiacomo	2022 Young Adult Leadership Award
Get Well Wishes for Jackie Barnes	Recipient
Aldine Grisenti	Lorraine and Mike Nunziata
In Memory of Lena Ponzi	In Honor of the 60th Wedding
Eva Stern	Anniversary of John and Noreen
Get Well Wishes for Janice Jones	Gillio
Margaret and Ralph DeRango	Officers/Members of Br. 291
In Memory of Fr. Andrew Colnaghi	In Memory of Dianne Clees
Margaret and Ralph DeRango	Officers/Members of Br. 291
In Memory of Arnold Pieri	In Memory of Elyse Battistella
Barbara Firpo	Jackie and Ron Morton
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Dominguez	Antoinette and Angelo Pecora
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Danielle Pachinger  
Young Adult Leadership Award Winner

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Although Danielle was too young to remember that moment, she recalls her earliest ICF memories of playing outside at the meetings. These early positive interactions and a welcoming atmosphere led to further participation during childhood and later developing into a Branch and District Officer as a teenager. She has served as Orator and Sentinel.

As a teenager, Danielle keeps very busy. At her parish, she is a weekday mass lector, is on the church cleaning committee and is a first communion catechism teacher. In her free time, Danielle enjoys leatherworking, wood-burning and photography. Capturing images of ICF events is one of her joys.

Danielle is a regular at the National Convention and is always eager to offer assistance. Convention Director Rose McNeal shares, “At the 2017 convention in Sacramento, the kids’ table had supplies to make thank you cards for our Chaplains in attendance. Danielle realized there were more Chaplains than cards. She quickly delegated the card making task to the children in

attendance and then reported back to me with a stack of thank you cards. Together we went to the Chaplain’s luncheon room and placed the cards at each Chaplain’s place setting. I admire Danielle’s quick response to ensure each Chaplain received a card.”

Central Council Grand 1st Vice President, Denise Antonowicz, states, “We have watched this young lady grow up before our very eyes. She is someone who has always been polite, responsible and when asked, always completed the task. I’ve watched her interact with people of all ages and always was amazed at her level of respect...Danielle is what we need in the Italian Catholic Federation. She is the hope for our future and the light that will keep us going.”

Danielle is a reminder that there is a generation of young members who embrace the ICF’s mission and will ensure that the wisdom passed down will be preserved in the future. The ICF’s Young Adult Leadership Award is a recognition well deserved. Congratulations, Danielle!

JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
7/1	John Kennedy	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
7/2	Oberron Maricich	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
7/3	Kelly Saunders		Salinas, CA	\$30
7/4	Jen Simi		San Ramon, CA	\$100
7/5	Isabelle Reynolds		Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/6	Branch 130		Redwood City, CA	\$30
7/7	Branch 229		Chula Vista, CA	\$30
7/8	Stella Taddei	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
7/9	Michael Federico	354	Paso Robles, CA	\$30
7/10	Troy Yonke		Richmond, CA	\$30
7/11	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
7/12	Tina Rossi	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
7/13	Gary & Michelle Fanucchi		Estes Park, CO	\$30
7/14	David Rossi		San Jose, CA	\$30
7/15	Franklyn Lopes, Jr.	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$100
7/16	Lori Clyne	173	San Mateo, CA	\$30
7/17	Terri Di Loreto	214	Lafayette, CA	\$30
7/18	Rosie Rocha		Merced, CA	\$30
7/19	Kathleen Elm	285	Pleasanton, CA	\$30
7/20	Heather Matzen		Petaluma, CA	\$30
7/21	Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$30
7/22	Louise Cline		San Ramon, CA	\$30
7/23	Keith Pacheco		Oakland, CA	\$30
7/24	Dena MacDonald	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
7/25	Greg & Sandra Boyd		Scottsdale, AZ	\$30
7/26	Vic & Pat Arnaudo	1	Daly City, CA	\$30
7/27	Jackie Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
7/28	Renee Lee Mintun		Daly City, CA	\$30
7/29	Annette Pachinger	413	San Andreas, CA	\$30
7/30	Greg Farber		Greenbrae, CA	\$30
7/31	Michael Caglia	32	Fresno, CA	\$30

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Las Vegas--Continued

Denise Antonowicz,  
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The first gaming license in Nevada was issued to Mayme Stocker at the Northern Club. Beginning in 1931, the construction of Hoover Dam brought an influx of construction workers, which started a population boom during the Great Depression and gave the valley's economy a needed boost. The Las Vegas High School now the Las Vegas Academy, was built at S. Seventh Street and Bridger Avenue. The opulent art deco style high school is listed on the city of Las Vegas Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

1941

The Las Vegas Army Airfield (now Nellis Air Force Base) was built in the northeast. The western-style El Rancho Vegas hotel-casino, became the first themed resort on the Strip. This was followed by the Last Frontier (1942), Flamingo (1946) and Thunderbird (1948) hotels and casinos. On Fremont Street the El Cortez hotel-casino opened.

1946

Fremont Street from Main to Third Streets was named Glitter Gulch by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

1950

Tennessee Congressman Carey Estes Kefauver held hearings into the mob at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in downtown Las Vegas. This historic building at 300 Stewart Ave. is still in use today and is the home of The Mob Museum. Visitors can learn about the history of organized crime and the federal agents who fought against it in Las Vegas.

1966

On both Fremont Street and the Strip, hotels and casinos were engaging in

face lifts, remodels and multi-story additions. Howard Hughes began a buying spree of Las Vegas hotels and other businesses. His presence helped pave the way for the corporate ownership of hotel-casinos that followed.

1985

Starting in the mid-1980s, a period of unprecedented growth began. Annual population increases averaging nearly seven percent caused the city's population to almost double between 1985 and 1995, increasing 97.6 percent from 186,380 to 368,360.

1995

The Fremont Street Experience opened. The \$70-million canopy above Fremont Street provides visitors with a spectacular light and sound show. This creation also ended auto traffic on the street where teenagers cruised in the 1940s and 1950s.

2007

The three-block area known as the Fremont East Entertainment District opened. As part of its downtown revitalization efforts, the city's Redevelopment Agency contributed funds to this renovation in an effort to attract additional non-gaming nightclubs, cocktail lounges and entertainment hot spots to the area.

2012

The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (The MOB Museum) opened inside the former U.S. Post Office and Courthouse located at 300 Stewart Ave. The new City Hall, located at 495 S. Main St., opened for business in downtown Las Vegas, leaving the previous City Hall available for development by Zappos.com. The Smith Center for Performing Arts opened bringing Broadway productions, concerts, and a home for culture in Las Vegas.

89th Festa Italia Returning to Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park in Downtown Monterey on Sept. 9 to 11

Save the date for the 89th Festa Italia, celebrating Monterey’s Italian heritage and cultural traditions. Join us for this special festival honoring the local fishermen of Monterey, both past and present.

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

The first Festa Italia in Monterey was celebrated in 1933 when a statue of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Sicilian fishermen, was donated to the San Carlos Cathedral. Sicilian fisherman would pray to their patron saint for a safe journey and bountiful harvest. It is important that we remember our cultural heritage and pass it on to future generations. Festa Italia celebrates these traditions and keep our stories, old and new, alive to ensure that our heritage is never lost. Everyone is welcome to join in at this fun, festive event!

**Bocce Tournament** – Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th at the bocce courts at the Custom House Plaza – Monterey State Historic Park

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

**Additional information on the website:** www.FestaItaliaMonterey.org



Membership Comittee Report 2021-2022

Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

Catholicism In Las Vegas

Carmen Kilcullen, Member--Apostolate/Charity Committee



Since the ICF is going to Las Vegas for its annual convention, I thought that it might be interesting to discover how the Catholic Church developed in this city.

The vast region that is now known as greater Las Vegas was simply a large desert landscape, hardly populated at all.

The first Mass in the area was celebrated by Father Garces, OFM, in 1716, near the present-day city of Laughlin. Before the United States acquired all this land after the Mexican War, the area was under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Sonora, Mexico. In 1840, the region was placed under the jurisdiction of Bishop Garcia Moreno, the first bishop of California. In 1886, the apostolic vicariate of Salt Lake City was established and included the area around Las Vegas. The first Vicar was Father Lawrence Scanlan who, as bishop, founded many parishes in the area now known as Las Vegas. The present bishop of the diocese is Bishop George Leo Thomas

who was named in February 2018. He succeeded Bishop Joseph Pepe, a good friend of the ICF, and, presently, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese. There are now 26 parishes in the diocese along with many other religious venues.

In 1931, the Pope Pius XI created the Diocese of Reno which included all of the state of Nevada.

At that time there were some 8,500 Catholics out of a population of 91,000. Later, in 1995, because the area was growing so fast, the Holy See divided the Diocese into two – creating the Diocese of Las Vegas. Bishop Danial Walsh was installed as the first Bishop of Las Vegas on June 28, 1995. Corresponding to the great population growth of Las Vegas, many new parishes have been opened. The Catholic population of the greater Las Vegas area is about 620,000 Catholics out of a general population of 2,299,000.

The Las Vegas churches are known for their beautiful choirs as many of their members perform along the Strip.

See you in Vegas.  
Have a great time!!!  
Carmen Kilcullen

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS				
DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
8/1	Roseann Costabile	21	San Jose, CA	\$30
8/2	Danniele Mutch		Alameda, CA	\$30
8/3	Florence H. Herrera	362	Downey, CA	\$30
8/4	Herculano Garcia, III		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/5	JoAnn Christian		Fresno, CA	\$30
8/6	Teresa Rimmer	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/7	Ruth Zamora		Visalia, CA	\$30
8/8	Douglas Botta	14	Crockett, CA	\$30
8/9	Charlyne Pacini	135	Reno, NV	\$30
8/10	Annette Novi	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
8/11	Gary Overby		Tracy, CA	\$30
8/12	Patricia Spiteri		San Francisco, CA	\$30
8/13	Jan Kern		San Ramon, CA	\$30
8/14	Dolores Aleccia	342	Lincoln, CA	\$30
8/15	Ashley Whipple		McKinleyville, CA	\$50
8/16	Derek Dutra		Winter Gardens, FL	\$30
8/17	Randy Emenaker		Arcata, CA	\$30
8/18	Denise Huerta		Castro Valley, CA	\$30
8/19	Henry DeSantis	214	Pleasant Hill, CA	\$30
8/20	Mike & Sue McDermott		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/21	Linda Hoffman	25	Salinas, CA	\$30
8/22	Juan Torrez		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
8/23	Brian Hiner		San Ramon, CA	\$30
8/24	Faith Hill	213	Oakdale, CA	\$30
8/25	Branch 45		Sacramento, CA	\$30
8/26	John Gualco	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
8/27	Judy & Dave Wellbeloved	285	Klamath Falls, OR	\$30
8/28	Branch 33		Bakersfield, CA	\$100
8/29	Elena David	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
8/30	Greg & Sandra Boyd		Scottsdale, AZ	\$30
8/31	Steve Fritzen		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
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Branches with 100% Retention (Zero Cancellations)	
District	Branch
East Bay	#215 Immaculate Conception,
Contra Costa	#13 Martinez
Fresno	#185 Fresno
Sacramento	# 73 Roseville
Chicago	#220 Elmwood Park
Santa Clara Valley	#5 Santa Clara, #408 Sunnyvale

Branches with Increased Membership	
District	Branch
East Bay	#215 Fremont, #285 Livermore
Contra Costa	#214 Concord, #352 Danville, #432 Brentwood, #442 Pleasant Hill
Los Angeles Archdiocese	#67 National, #111 Montebello, #115 San Pedro, #179 Glendora, #218 Arcadia, #362 Downey
Sacramento	#45 Sacramento, #342 Auburn, #438 Roseville
Santa Rosa	#145 Eureka, #198 Santa Rosa
Chicago	#358 River Forest
Santa Clara Valley	#5 Santa Clara, #28 Gilroy, #435 Morgan Hill
Stockton	#82 Lodi
San Diego	#229 Chula Vista
Orange	#379 Huntington Beach, #406 Orange
Marin	#332 Novato

Family Memberships for the year ending 6/30/2022

#27 Madera	#342 Auburn (3)	#47 Mountain View	#45 Sacramento	
#103 Sonoma	#358 River Forest	#443 Simi Valley	#332 Novato (2)	#52 Healdsburg (2)
#28 Gilroy	#36 Monterey	#111 Montebello (3)	#218 Arcadia (2)	

OVERALL REPORT

As of 6/30/ 2021 - 7,031  
As of 6/30/2022 - 6,595 Members  
( A net loss of 436 members or 7% )



New Members: 481  
Reinstated: 43  
Transfer In / Out : 28/28  
Non payment: 337  
Deceased: 147  
Cancellations: 476  
Delinquent 6 - 8 months: 961  
Delinquent 9 - 12 months: 4

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Perry Shurko - Chair, Pat Mages, Ken Marshall, Nina Malone, Marie di Paola, Patty Jarrett, Andy Pappani, Vince Piro, Theresa Helfand



# Tips for Donating Blood

## Before Your Donation

- Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods (red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins).
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Hydrate well in the days before your donation and drink an extra 16 oz. of water right before you donate.
- Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods (if there is too much fat in your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion).
- If you are a platelet donor, do not take aspirin for two days leading up to your donation.
- Recruit a friend to donate blood with you!
- Remember to bring your donor card and driver's license.

## During Your Donation

- Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow.
- Let the person taking your blood know if you have a preferred arm and show them any good veins that have been used successfully in the past to draw blood.
- Relax, listen to music, talk to other donors or read during the donation process.
- Enjoy snacks and drinks in the refreshments area immediately after donating.

## After Your Donation

- Drink an extra four (8 ounce) glasses of liquids and avoid alcohol over the next 24 hours.
- Remove the wrap bandage (if you had one put on your arm) within the next hour.
- Keep the strip bandage on for the next several hours.
- To avoid a skin rash, clean the area around the strip bandage with soap and water.
- Do not do any heavy lifting or vigorous exercise for the rest of the day.
- If the needle site starts to bleed, apply pressure to it and raise your arm straight up for about 5-10 minutes or until bleeding stops.
- If you experience dizziness or lightheadedness after donation, stop what you are doing and sit down or lie down until you feel better. Avoid performing any activity where fainting may lead to injury for at least 24 hours.
- Call the blood bank if questions arise or to report if you required medical care after donating blood.
- Continue to eat iron-rich food. If you donate frequently talk to your doctor about taking a multi vitamin with iron to ensure that you replenish your iron stores. For more information on blood donation and iron: [www.redcrossblood.org/iron](http://www.redcrossblood.org/iron).

Source: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



## Dr. Al Howard

## Pope Saint John XXIII Award Winner

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Eventually, the city of Downey sued them because housing mothers and babies didn't "look good in their community." Not only was the city against them, but even their own congregation had parted ways in the calling God had put on their lives.

God had other plans for Pastor Al and Judy as he opened new doors for them in Long Beach, California. What once was a housing center for missionaries in California is now a beautiful, large facility to house women (up to 12 moms and several children each). In doing so, they have housed over 7,000 women and have saved countless unborn lives.

His Nesting Place is not just a home but it's also a church where they truly instill the gospel to the mothers to change their lives. Taking these women in and truly becoming their family with the love of Christ.

### The Mission

The mission is to provide mothers and children a safe loving home and a church that instills the gospel and encourages change in hopes to make a transformation in their lives - turning them into the God fearing, hardwork-

ing, independent mothers that God has destined them to be.

### The Program

Once a mother enters the program, she is encouraged to obtain her G.E.D., attend college, trade school, or a job-preparation program, or to seek employment. The emphasis of His Nesting Place is the restoration, personal growth, and education of the mother, which prepares her to be responsible for her own future. Also, unlike most other maternity homes, His Nesting Place is able to accommodate women who have other minor children besides their unborn child.

There is no time limit for the mother when she stays there, as long as she is meeting her requirements. The primary goal is to give each woman the opportunity to know and to introduce her to Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. New life can only come through Him.

This work is why Dr. Al Howard was nominated and received the Italian Catholic Federation Pope Saint John XXIII Award.



## Sign up to **Save-A-Life** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ICF Convention **Blood Drive**

Friday, September 2nd 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](mailto:LLevine430@aol.com) or 360-860-2023





# The Countless Ways ICF Funds Have Supported Cooley’s Anemia

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS

The ICF has donated \$2,221,754 to Cooley’s Anemia (thalassemia) since it was adopted as the National Charity in 1982, under the direction of then ICF Grand President David Botta. The funds have been used in a wide variety of ways.



Early on, before the Federal Government supported research for rare diseases such as Cooley’s Anemia, the ICF was instrumental in supporting research that led to improved medication and technology. The advance made are the reason patients are able to survive into adulthood. Now that government grants fund research money can be put toward psychosocial care for patients and families.

The median survival age for thalassemia major in 1975 was about 15 years. Those patients died of heart iron overload. Currently, the calculated median survival age for thalassemia major patients is about

65 years. While this is an incredible improvement, it also exemplifies one of the challenges that all modern children with rare genetic disorders face: while they are now surviving well into adulthood, there are too few adult providers with the special expertise required to manage them. Thalassemia is so rare in the United States that adult providers do not have the opportunity to develop adequate knowledge to provide quality care to patients. To conquer this obstacle, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is developing adult provider co-management networks between adult providers and pediatric specialists so that patients who have survived childhood can continue to have productive, long lives. Of course, parallel to this is the importance of making sure that every patient in the country, whether pediatric or adult, has access to the specialized centers of excellence. There are only about eight major thalassemia centers in the United States. Consequently, countless patients are managed in smaller community practices, as they do not live

close enough to a major center.

As CHLA actively develops this program, it is the hope that it will become a model accepted by insurance providers for management of thalassemia patients. Currently, many insurance companies will not pay for a pediatric doctor to care for an adult patient. Working through all of the barriers and problems of developing an effective co-management model is very complicated and involves dealing with interpersonal relationships and development of trusting relationships between patients and their family practice doctors, as well as trusting relationships between centers of excellence and community providers. This process also requires close collaboration with participating patient-oriented community groups. CHLA has already been working on this problem actively for several years and has been able to get some philanthropic funding to support and pilot the development of a co-management program. It is Dr. Coates’s intention to utilize the additional funds from the ICF to expand

this co-management program; patients’ longevity and their quality of life depends on the success of this endeavor.

Funds are also put towards the following:

- Uncompensated Care
- Patient travel to the hospital and to summer camp (Camp has been cancelled for the summer of 2020)
- Thalassemia Newsletter “In that Vein”

If you would like to be on the mailing list please contact Laurice Levine.

- Christmas Party

*Thank you ICF for your continued support to your National Charity, Cooley’s Anemia!*

**For More Information:**  
**Laurice Levine**  
**LLevine430@aol.com**

Year		ICF Donations for						
Sept. 2021		Cooley's Anemia/						
		Thalassemia						
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The Seppi Family--continued  
Family of the Year Award Winner

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She started the successful Ravioli Night and the annual, equally successful, Fish Fry which is a major fund-raiser. She started the Monte Carlo Night, a school fund raising event. She inaugurated the Heritage Awards for St. John's School and the 8th Grade Scholarship Awards for 8th Graders going on to Catholic High Schools. She also serves as a Eucharistic Minister for the Church. She is also a member of the newly formed St. John the Baptist Endowment Fund. The ICF contributes to all these as well as to the Healdsburg Shared Ministries Program with other charities in the community.

Everything that Nancy does, Karl is right behind her, lending support and encouragement. Like Karl says, "I am the "behind the scenes" person". He works quietly in the background and is always ready to help with a smile and even a joke or two. He supports all family events of the ICF and can often be found working in the kitchen.

A few years ago, the Healdsburg Museum honored Karl and Nancy with its prestigious Pioneer Award for their service to the community. Their philosophy is "to give back to the community" which is an ever present endeavor.

In addition, Nancy and Karl operated the successful Costeaux Bakery in Healdsburg. This bakery has won numerous awards including the National Bakery of the Year Award. The bakery and its cafe have become a place to go, not only for visitors, but locals also.

And now, on to Will and his family. Will is a graduate of Villanova University and brings his managerial skills as the General Manager of the Bakery,

and, as such, has expanded its operations. He and the Bakery are involved with many charitable events. He can be found working for ICF events, cooking, donating his time and providing bakery foods when needed. During the pandemic, Will started the KNEAD program to give food to the hungry and needy.

Will is a member of St. John's Finance Council, SIRS, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and other local groups. He serves as a lector and greeter for the Church. He is always ready to help the ICF and the Church in any way he can. Along with some other ICF members, he now heads the St. John Beautification Project.

His wife, Brandy, supports ICF and can be found working along with Will. She serves on the Board of the Church Finance Committee. She has a named scholarship that she provides annually to a high school senior.

Their three young children are very visible at ICF functions. They are altar servers, helping at Mass, funerals and other Church events.

Other members of the family, who had to move away for various reasons, were also active in the Branch, serving as Branch Officers, raffle organizers and cooks for the Fish Fry and other dinners.

St. John's pastor, Father Sean Rogers, compliments the Seppi Family for their dedication to the Church, local community and the ICF. He states that the Seppi Family is an integral part of the St. John community and heartily supports them for Family of the Year Award Winners.

Let the Good Times Roll at the ICF Convention

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

Bring your socks! Wear a fun bowling shirt if you wish.

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

RSVP by August 15 using the Branch reservation form. \$20 includes: 3 games of bowling ball and shoes



ICF

BOWL-A-THON

HOW IT WORKS:

Bowlers at the ICF Convention have the opportunity to raise money for an ICF charity of their choice.

The bowler's sponsors choose how much they will donate for each point earned over three games. The more pins you knock down, the more you raise for your selected charity.

Following the bowl-a-thon, bowlers will notify their sponsors of their total points, collect all checks (made out to ICF Central Council) and forward to the ICF Office Before 10/15/22.

The Bowl-a-thon is an optional enhancement to the bowling event. Bowlers may opt in, if they wish.

Bowler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Check the charity to direct donations to:

\_\_\_ Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia

\_\_\_ Gifts of Love

\_\_\_ Providenza Seminarian Fund

\_\_\_ Scholarships

SPONSORS (make extra copies if needed)

Name:	Phone or Email:	Pledge Per Point:

Example: Should the bowler earn 250 points over three games, and your pledge is 10 cents, then your donation would be \$25.

BOWLERS:

Please bring this form to the bowling event on Friday, 9/2 at 1:30pm.



# Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi  
Grand President

Welcome to Las Vegas and the Orleans! I originally had a different recipe to share and then the light bulb went on. I do have my moments... We are at the Orleans. The recipe should have a New Orleans Flare to it. All my favorite Cajun and Creole recipes ran through my head and stopped at the perfect choice. The Muffuletta or Muffaletta – a combination of New Orleans and Sicily! My first time experiencing this sandwich was at a gas station in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In Louisiana some of the best Cajun and Creole foods can be found at mom-and-pop gas stations.

The classic New Orleans sandwich combines sesame-crusted bread, home-made olive salad, and a few thinly sliced Italian cold cuts; like most great and simple foods it's the magic that happens when you combine these basic ingredients that elevates the sandwich to true greatness.



Said to have originally been created in 1906 by Salvatore Lupo (a Sicilian Immigrant) the owner of the Central Grocery on Decatur St. in New Orleans, when he suggested that customers place their typical lunch of sliced cured meat and pickled vegetables inside the bread instead of alongside it. It gets better as it sits at room temperature. Ideal party fare: make a few sandwiches, wrap them up and slice them as needed.

**The Bread** Difficult to find outside of New Orleans or Sicily. True muffuletta bread is a wide, round, flat loaf, covered in sesame seeds, with a soft crust and a texture somewhere between focaccia and ciabatta, which are good substitutes. The key on selecting good bread for the sandwich is that the inside can't be too soft (or it'll get soggy and fall apart), and the crust can't be too hard or tough (so that when you bite down the filling does not come out).

**The Olive Salad** Combines the sweet, sour, and olive oil-rich flavors that is reminiscent of Sicilian antipasti spread. As always recipes vary, but most of them contain olives, pickled celery, cauliflower, and carrots (giardiniera), garlic, olive oil and vinegar. Add some capers, roasted red peppers, cocktail onions, marinated artichokes and chopped parsley. If you like your sandwiches hot, some pepperoncini with the seeds or pepper flakes. Oregano. The olive salad can be stored for months in a



sealed container in the fridge under a protective layer of olive oil.

**The Cold Cuts:** There is flexibility in the choice of cold cuts used, select one item from the 3 meat categories:

- ground cured sausage: soppressata, sopressa, salami or pepperoni
- Mortadella or bologna
- Cured whole cuts: Capicola, coppa, prosciutto, ham or speck (lightly cured smoked ham)
- Cheese: Provolone or swiss

For the best texture, slice as thinly as possible. Build sandwich in thin layers, ending up with eight layers total, two of each item.

**Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup pitted mixed oil-packed olives (Green Pimento and Kalamata a good combination)
- 1/2 cup giardiniera (Italian-style pickled vegetable salad)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup marinated artichokes
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted red peppers
- 2 tablespoons parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon capers
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced (about 1 teaspoon)
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Oregano to taste
- 1 large muffuletta-style roll- I use ciabatta rolls
- 1/3 pound each, thinly sliced meat from all three categories
- 1/3 pound thinly sliced cheese

Combine olives, giardiniera, artichokes, peppers, parsley, capers, and garlic in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse to chop until no pieces larger than 1/2-inch remain. Transfer to a bowl. Add olive oil, vinegar and oregano, stir to combine. For best results, let olive salad rest overnight.

Split muffuletta roll in half and spread each cut surface generously with olive salad, making sure to include the juices when spreading. Layer half of each meat and cheese, repeat layers with remaining meat and cheese. Close sandwiches and press down gently to compress. For best flavor, wrap tightly in paper or plastic and let rest for 1 hour before serving allowing the bread to absorb the flavors. Cut into triangular wedges to serve and enjoy.

Can also be used in salads, as pizza topping, or serve with crackers or bread rounds.

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

*Buon Appetito!*



## UKRANIAN WAR RELIEF FUND - 2022 DONATIONS

CC Starting Donation	Amount	Approved 3/19/22
<b>District</b>		
East Bay		
<b>Members of Branch</b>		
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<b>Individuals</b>		
	Mike and Marcie Rossi	
	Rena Di Girolamo	
	Harry Culotta	
	Joseph Massolo	
	Helen Lindsey	
	Alice Ponza	
	Laura Magnolia	
	Karl and Nancy Seppi	
	Fiore and Agnes Marcheschi	
	Roy and Thelma Frontani	
	Eva Stern	
	John Gersich	
	Domenica Yonke	
	Louise Cuneo	
	Frank and Louise Brunolli	
	Betty Anne Scalise	
	Elvina Armento	
	Marilyn and Bill Ward	
	Lorraine Del Prete	
<b>Anonymous</b>		
	2 Donations	
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$9,250.00 AS OF 7/29/22</b>	

### UKRAINE RELIEF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The following contributions have been made to the ICF's Ukraine Relief Fund as of July 29, 2022.

Thank you for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the total amount donated.

100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this horrible situation and will be forwarded to Ukraine by the Archdiocese.



## Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

On July 10, 2022, Mother Cabrini Committee held its regularly-scheduled meeting in the Chapel Library. During this meeting our guest speaker Mario introduced himself as a devout Catholic and follower of Mother Cabrini as well as a craftsman and coffee roaster. Mario indicated he was recently drawn to the Chapel and Library. He was amazed when he looked into the Chapel and learned what the Cabrini Shrine was about. He wants to bring in several of his friends to volunteer their services to "freshen up" the exterior of the Chapel and Library by replacing missing tiles on the Mural, patching and painting the stucco and wood Trim including the repair of concrete and railing.

ICF National Branch 67 member Francesca Taylor will display the original Mother Cabrini Table Cloth embroidered by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a special exhibit at Convention this year. Location will be announced at Convention. For more information please contact Carmelo at 626 372-7812.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Chapel has opened its doors again for the regularly scheduled Open Houses through the end of 2022. Bring members, family, friends and Parishioners to visit Her



Guest Mario with Cabrini Board Members Carmelo and Lou

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](http://www.icf.org). Additional DVDs on the *Life of Mother Cabrini* now available.

### 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 76th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's Canonization to Sainthood. For more information please call 626 372-7812 or email: [cas1810@aol.com](mailto:cas1810@aol.com). See **Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage Flyer** and spread the word!

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*  
--Carmelo Sabatella, AIA,  
President, ICF LAADC --  
Mother Cabrini Chapel  
Committee  
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Cabrini Board Member Kris, Guest Mario, Members Lou and Andrea



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

And

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT  
Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Committee

Present

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI MASS, PILGRIMAGE, BENEDICTION  
and  
CELEBRATING THE 76th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF  
MOTHER CABRINI'S CANONIZATION TO SAINTHOOD

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church -3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

**DATE: Sunday, November 13, 2022**

MASS: 11:30 AM; PILGRIMAGE: 12:30 PM; BENEDICTION: 1:00 PM;  
COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH: 2:00 PM

*Raffle and Gift Shop*

MENU: BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA, VEGGIE, COFFEE, TEA, WINE AND DESSERT  
(Catered by Jouni's Catering)

**RESERVATION(S) BY: OCTOBER 31, 2022**

**\*\*CONTACT: ANDREA LINN** – Email RSVP to: [andilinn@gmail.com](mailto:andilinn@gmail.com) T. 909-762-1392 or

Mail RSVP TO: ICF c/o ANDREA LINN - 4095 Fruit St. Sp 342 - La Verne, CA 91750

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I wish to reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) (Adults); \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) (Under 12)

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## Eva Stern--continued Grand President Award Winner

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Perry was in the audience and at all the cultural and music events that Eva attended. They married in 1997 and, unfortunately, Perry passed in 2007.

When Eva was asked how she found the ICF, she said their church bulletin advertised the ICF events and they always said "all are welcome" so she took them up on that and started attending everything they did.

Finally, longtime member Giovanna Russo came up to her and asked her to join. Eva said to Giovanna, "but I'm not Italian," and Giovanna answered, "it doesn't matter." That was all Eva needed and she not only became a lifelong member but started a lifelong

friendship with Giovanna and everyone she met.

Eva is the San Giorgio Branch 47 Financial Secretary and has served the Branch for 15 years. She is the keystone officer in the Branch and keeps the administration running smoothly. Among the Branch Financial Secretaries, she is peerless in the Santa Clara Valley District and could well be the best in the Federation.

Perhaps the most difficult task in the ICF is collecting the members' dues and thereby retaining them. In November, Branch 47 dues envelopes go out and normally, usually by the end of January, we are able to report to the

District that all of the members have paid. Those who are slow in paying are certain to hear from Eva. This year, one of the Trustees called and offered to pay two year's dues after three calls from Eva, saying he didn't want to be slow in paying and get hounded next year. Little does he know he's actually paying his dues early. But, we're not going to tell him.

Eva also stays connected with our members and we all can count on a birthday card, anniversary card and other cards depending upon a life event. More than the formality of a greeting card, Eva calls not only the members to say hello, but she calls her many friends in the District frequently and is a good friend to all of them. Especially, throughout the pandemic lock downs, Eva has compassionately remarked many times how difficult the isolation of her dear friends has been for them and has made

it a point to call as much as she can to share her love. Eva neither has e-mail nor knows how to text so, hearing from Eva means hearing from her.

The ICF is just one of Eva's charitable works. A long-time member of YLI, a volunteer receptionist at the Mountain View Senior Center and a contributing member of the Villa Siena auxiliary that hosted Msgr. Milani in his retirement years.

Eva is worthy of the Grand President's Award and would have been angry about her nomination and award if she had been aware, but that is the nature of our nominees and award recipients. They don't do their charity for the recognition. They contribute their treasure and time because it's the right thing to do.



Book Review: *Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

*Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas*  
By Alan Balboni  
University of Nevada Press

When many of us think of Italian Americans in Las Vegas, we think of the Mafia’s involvement in gambling and casinos, and while that is an important part of the Italian American history in Las Vegas, Alan Balboni in *Beyond the Mafia: Italian Americans and the Development of Las Vegas* shows us that the Italian American history in the city is much more diverse.

Balboni points out that the popular media’s focus on the Mafia’s connection to gambling has often “distorted the diverse and important contributions” that Italian Americans have made to Las Vegas’ development. In fact, Italian immigrants and their descendants have been a part

of Nevada history since the 1860s when they came “to work as miners on the Comstock Lode.” They soon became influential in the development of the state and “by the 1920s were well represented among ranchers, farmers, businessmen, bankers, and politicians in Nevada.” The first Italians in the Las Vegas area came to labor on the railroad or in the mines. And while Italian Americans had to endure stereotypes—one paper noted their “volatile nature”—they were also more likely to attain economic success in this new city without long established racism and ghettos. And as a fact, the local newspaper often “accorded a good deal of respect to those Italians who achieved financial success.” As the author points out, Italian Americans and other ethnic groups were allowed to assimilate “into the community at a much quicker pace there than anywhere else in the country. In return, they brought talents and interests that hastened the

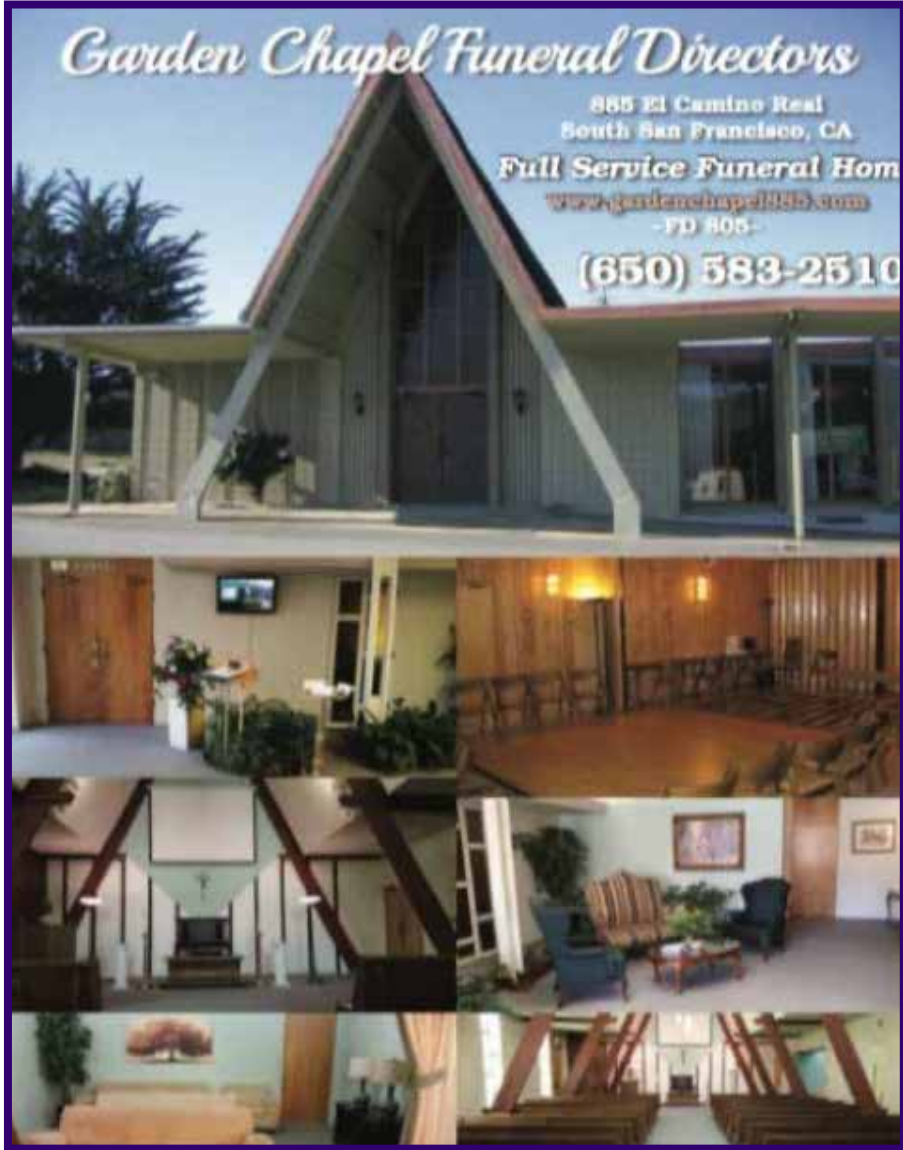
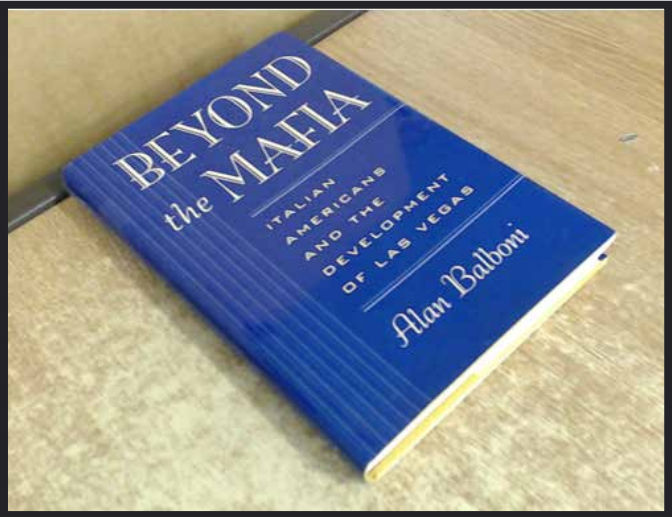
city's development . . .”

Of course, it cannot be denied that the Italian Mafia was integral to the development of gambling and casinos in the city during the 1950s and 1960s and Balboni covers this thoroughly in his book; however, he gives a more complete picture as he discusses and documents Italian American success during the corporate years as well as the role of Italian American organizations in assimilation into mainstream life.

Balboni’s strength as a writer is his ability to document this history through hundreds of interviews, newspaper articles, records and more scholarly works. It is through this research that he is able to create a complete and

fascinating history of Italian Americans in Las Vegas and illustrate that “all Americans in Las Vegas today are a well assimilated ethnic group” influential in all walks of life.

Alan Balboni is professor of history and political science at the Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas.



Fr. Masseo Gonzales--continued

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Winner

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The parish priest was a Franciscan priest who strongly influenced Father Masseo into becoming a Franciscan.

In 2006 Father Masseo Gonzales founded El Padrecito Ministries, which he has devoted to the blessed Mother and always seeks her intercessions and guidance. El Padrecito Ministries is a non-profit ministry located in the City of Guadalupe, California and situated in the northern most region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The non-profit was founded to work with youth, providing both direct evangelization: Instruction in the Catholic faith, talks, music, etc., and indirect evangelization; Fine Arts education, Folklorico dance and arts classes.

Father Masseo’s past life experiences enable him to enter a marketplace characteristic of poverty, crime, and violence and practice his ministry. His street talk and hip-hop music are modern day evangelization or the vehicle

he uses to reach the soul of Hispanic youth and convey the good news of repentance and salvation.

David Sanchez, Trustee of Br. 291, wrote in his nomination; There is no doubt Mother Teresa of Calcutta was worthy of sainthood because of her caring and dedication for the destitute and those dying in the slums of Calcutta. She treated and educated the poorest of the poor and believed the greatest poverty was being unloved. Her ministry was an example for all of us.

I believe Father Masseo possesses the same point of view and the same spirit of Mother Teresa with his ministry; he reaches out to the poor and less fortunate and sometimes those who have no direction in life or perhaps are “unloved.”

It is for all of these reasons that he was nominated and received the Italian Catholic Federation Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award.



# Branch Reports

## SAN FRANCISCO

### San Francisco

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

Dear Members:

Thank you for purchasing ICF Raffle tickets and completing the meeting survey.

Wednesday, September 14th at 2 p.m. Get-Together

President Vic is inviting you and (if you need a guest for transportation) to his house on Wednesday, September 14th at 2 p.m.

There will be a short meeting including the Convention report from Las Vegas and some dessert to enjoy!

His address is: 1 Fairway Drive, Daly City. Please call Vic if you can come. Vic's home phone number is 650-755-1369.

*Cordiali Saluti*  
*Diana Cresci*

### San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

The Officers and Members of Br. 258 wish you a very Successful Convention.

For our members celebrating a Birthday in August and September - many more years of Good Health and Much Happiness.

Please return your raffle ticket stubs with your check. Our Branch keeps \$10 for each book sold. Tante Grazie!

Our Anniversary Luncheon will be held at the Basque Cultural Center on Friday, September 9th. More details will follow. You will be receiving a flyer in the mail. We will have a raffle, so prizes are much appreciated.



Br. 258's 50th Anniversary Luncheon held on September 12, 2021.

We just learned that our member, Rose Tudoni, passed away on July 26. Rose was a member of our Branch for 51 years and active when she lived in San Francisco. Rose will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the Tudoni Family.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

*Ciao, Eva Perata, President*

## SAN MATEO District

### Burlingame

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

We celebrated 4th of July at our annual Hotdog, Chili, salad event. Thanks to Bob Tomasello as our chef and Lori Clyne for her delicious desserts.

At our meeting we were happy to hear the results of our June ravioli dinner. Congratulations to Donna Cervelli and Brenda Wemiz as co-chairs.

On our agenda for August and September is our regular August meeting and the Convention at The Orleans in Las Vegas in September. Any member wishing to attend the banquet dinner should contact our President.



Joyce James, President of Br. 213, and Barbara Gabriel, 1st VP from Br. 213 attending Br. 173 July Hot Dog Dinner.



Br. 258, Andrea Loza won a scholarship from the ICF at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church.



Br. 173 members enjoying the meal.



Member Rina Cassanego - member of the ICF for nearly 80 years!!!



Branch 1 President, Vic Arnaudo and his wife Patricia, at Br. 173 July Hot Dog dinner.



More Br. 173 members enjoying their meal.



Past Branch 173 President, Bob Tomasello, conversing with member Laura Brownlee.



Branch 173's Worker Bee.

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

We welcomed guests at our July meeting: Joyce James, President of Br. 213 & Barbara Gabriel, previous President. Also, Vic Arnaudo, President Br. 1 & his lovely wife Patricia.

Our branch is busy making plans for November's Chaplain's event with more details to follow.

At this time, we have several members from our Branch and throughout the Federation that need our prayers: OLA Deacon Chris Mariano, Donna Barnes Daughter, Jackie Barnes, Mary Bodisco, Anthony Bruno's daughter Anita Cecena, Carmella Gigliotti and Melanie Yeager.

Looking forward to enjoying the many plans in the works for the remainder of the year!

*God Bless,*  
*Roz Emery*



We had a well attended get together on June 14th that reunited many of us after a long time in person. ICF scholarship winner Spencer Isero and his family were invited to our meeting, for pizza and wonderful salad and snacks. Spencer was a great student at Junipero Serra High School and is headed for University of Oregon. His sports were wrestling and rowing crew. At University of Oregon, he will be studying psychology.

Some members were excited and planned to attend Br. 173's Ravioli dinner. In August, Chefs Steve & Harold's Italian Dinner includes sharing Italian family heritage stories. Once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, we will tour of Cypress Lawn-Learning about SF History.

*Looking forward to the future!*  
*Ciao, Victor Spano*



Branch 213



Branch 213



## Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti! Our next lunch & meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th at noon on the parish hall patio. Our last one in June went so well that we decided to have another outdoor meeting event.

This time we will be preparing giant hot dogs and Eunice's homemade chili! The meal also includes salad, dessert, and wine. This has been a very popular event in the past. Interested Branch 403 members should send their check for \$12 (payable to "ICF Br. 403") to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The "cut-off" date is August 6th.

*Hope to see you there!*  
*Adonna Amoroso*  
*Corresponding Secretary*

## MARIN

### Larkspur Br. 161, St. James

Congratulations to the members of the Italian Catholic Federation in celebration of this 98th year!

Congratulations to Branch Presidents who continue to work hard in keeping their branches open.

It's very rewarding when people say "yes" when asked to join and become actively involved. It opens the door to meeting new people who become life-long friends and we become family. So, when asked to become an Officer, please say "YES".

August Happy Birthday wishes to Ralph De Rango, Cristian Francoz, John Gallagher, Diane Hollister, Victor Podgorny, and Patrick Loftus Sweetland.

September Happy Birthday wishes to Jeanette Cruz, Kathy Della Santina, Lorraine Iavarone, and Judy Podgorny.

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 summer.*  
*Ciao,*  
*Anna Biggio*  
*Recording Secretary*

## Novato Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

We are looking forward to returning to our regular monthly meetings and dinners in August, after a short vacation in July, a well-deserved holiday for Angela and her amazing kitchen crew.



Br. 332, Founding President Guido Poli with Past-President, Joe Bondanza at Branch's 45th Anniversary celebration

Thank you to all who purchased convention raffle tickets. We were able to sell 64 books, and we hope that there will be a winner among us. The money raised from the tickets enabled our Branch to provide a \$500 scholarship to Grace Perryman, a student at Santa Clara University, and the daughter and granddaughter of Branch members, Claire (Mom) and MaryAnn (Grandma). Congratulations to Grace!

We are very pleased to announce that the Branch was able to make a \$400 donation to Cooley's Anemia this year. The enthusiasm of our members and their support of our fundraising efforts made this year's donation possible. We are grateful to all.

To all the Convention delegates and guests, we wish you an inspiring and successful convention. We hope that there will be a beneficial sharing of ideas, and that new insights will be gained on how best to continue to grow the ICF.

## LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Welcome to the 91st annual convention of the Italian Catholic Federation from Fabulous Las Vegas! Our host hotel and convention site this year is the Orleans Hotel. It has a bit of that New Orleans flavor and atmosphere and that will be scene in our opening ceremonies. There will be plenty of activities for this weekend, including a bowling tournament, the annual blood drive and a visit to the Mob Museum on Fremont Street.

If you're a first-time delegate, Welcome! On Saturday afternoon, please join the rest of the LA district delegates and officers in my room for our quarterly district meeting and be sure to attend the workshops on Saturday morning too.

Be sure to stop at the Mother Cabrini

table that will be in the room where the masses will be taking place to see the handy work of Mother Cabrini. Thank you to Francesca from branch 67, our National branch for setting this up and sharing it with all of our members.

At the end of September, we will once again be celebrating with the seminarians at St John's Seminary in Camarillo. Our Bishop and Seminarian Recognition Mass and luncheon will take place on Sunday September 25th. Be sure to get your reservation in fast. We only have a couple of weeks left to get everything for that day set in place. I hope to see you all there.

On November 13th our district will be joining St Francis Xavier parish with the annual Mother Cabrini pilgrimage. Please see the info in the *Bollettino* for more info.

The theme of this year's convention is a Year of Hope. Let's all Hope and pray that the ICF will continue to grow, not only in numbers, but in our faith, and love of one another. Thank you to Rose McNeil and the entire Convention Committee for your hard work in putting together this year's convention. Have a Fabulous Convention. Let the Good Times Roll!

*Perry Shurko, LA District President.*

**Deadline**  
for October issue of  
*Bollettino*  
is September 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)



LA District meeting at San Antonio Winery



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

*Branch 67 wishes ICF members a great convention experience!*

Network with old friends and meet new ones; The future is what we make it!

Fr. Gianantonio Baggio, CS celebrates his first patronal Feast of Sant' Antonio since his recent appointment as pastor of St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church.

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

Visit ICF.org 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

*Branch 108 wishes ICF membs a great convention experience!*

Network with old friends and meet new ones; The future is what we make it!

On July 10th, Branch 108 hosted the 2022 Annual Cooley's Anemia Fund-raising dinner in Holy Family Church Connolly Hall. Members from many ICF Los Angeles Archdiocese District Branches, guests and parishioners attended and made this a very special and successful event.

Many attendees enjoyed playing in the Bean Bag Bocce Tournament, while all enjoyed the steak and potatoes, lunch with peas and onions, salad and lemoncello cake for dessert, the raffle baskets and video from longtime survivor of Cooley's Anemia Laurice Levine, who explained the history of Cooley's Anemia and when ICF took this campaign as their number one National Charity. Laurice thanked ICF for supporting Cooley's

Anemia allowing Laurice and other patients live a fuller life.

Congratulations to two new Frank



Br. 67, Fr. Gianantonio Baggio, CS celebrates his first patronal Feast of Sant' Antonio since his recent appointment as pastor of St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church.

Bratta 8th Grade ICF Scholarship Recipients from Holy Family School. Scholarships presented by ICF Branch 108 Trustee Jackie Ficht to Lauren Hoshek (Mayfield Senior High School) and Matthew Freese (St. Francis High School) on June 10, 2022.

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

*May they rest in peace.  
Keep safe and stay healthy,  
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President, ICF Branch 108  
C 626 372-7812; E Cas1810@aol.com*



Br. 108 scholarship winners



Branch 108

## Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. We hope you are all having a safe and healthy summer! Our September General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Elizabeth DeLorenzo, Giuseppina Sorce, and Esperanza Chavez. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2022 Bishop's Day and Chaplain's Recognition Mass & Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. The Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by the luncheon and program at 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Branch 111 Members are half price, \$15.00 per person. If you plan to attend, mail your check by September 12th, payable to ICF Branch 111,

to Frank Salomone, 957 N. Scott Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640 or bring to our meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 (deadline date).

It was great seeing many of you at our Branch Picnic on Saturday, July 23rd at the Adobe Park in Montebello. The foods, salads, desserts, etc. were all delicious. The weather was pleasant too and everyone had a wonderful time eating, relaxing, playing bocce & socializing.

We are planning our Branch 111 Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello. Please reserve the date; more details will follow later this year.

We are sad to report that Salvatore Canzonieri and Phyllis Grimaldi, who have been ICF members for many years, have passed away. Salvatore and Phyllis will be dearly missed by their family and all their friends. May they Rest in Peace. We pray for them and their families, our sick members and those in need; keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless!  
Frank Salomone  
ICF Branch 111 President*



Br. 111-Bocce Players at Branch Picnic



Br. 111-Massimo Sorce, Winner of Phillip Pace Jr. Scholarship



Br. 111-Anthony Grimaldi, College Scholarship Winner, with his Dad, Lou, and Branch President-Frank Salomone



Br. 111- Happy Birthday to Gary Brougner



# 2022-2023 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## ROSEMARY COOK

Branch 13, Martinez

In 2021, I was pleased to be entrusted with a position on the Central Council, and it was a fulfilling first year. I built upon my experience in leadership positions and lent my talents to the Federation in new ways. Having contributed to projects that improve the communication, faithfulness, and service of the ICF, I'm motivated to pursue a second year to help further these initiatives.



A life-long member of Branch #13 Martinez, I've enjoyed serving at dinners, participating in meetings, attending family camps, Bishop's Days and conventions; and, became an officer as soon as eligible. Over time, I served as Sentinel, Trustee, Secretary, and Heritage and Scholarship Committee Chairpersons. On the Central Council, I've expanded my service by participating on the Apostolate/Charity, Gifts of Love, and Public Relations committees. These roles granted me insight into the large-scale impact of the organization, and the continued efforts needed to sustain it. Experienced in working with people of all ages, I'm drawn to stimulating ideas and challenges and am invested in the future of this organization.

I'm grateful for everything the ICF has given me – the 2012 Young Adult Leadership Award, four years of scholarships, and the 2020 Family-of-the-Year recognition alongside my parents and brother. Additionally, the ICF provides a connection to my Italian heritage rooted in my Catholic faith and numerous occasions to serve my community. The Federation-wide involvement in thalassemia research is also dear to me as a thalassemic and carrier of the trait.

Family, faith, service, and culture are integral parts of my identity, celebrated and cultivated through the ICF. As a Central Council member, I'll continue giving back to the organization with a focus on ushering in a new generation of young members and families who can uphold traditions while reimagining the organization for an ever-changing world.

## LISA CRUDO

Branch 343, Castro Valley

I was elected to the Central Council at our 2012 Convention in Reno, and these last 10 years have been quite a learning experience. Pushing through the last two years has been a challenge for everyone. But it has been very uplifting to see how so many of you have risen to the challenge and persevered.



This year I was privileged to have been elected as Grand Treasurer of the Central Council. It has been an eye-opening experience and one which makes me proud to serve. But we still face many challenges ahead.

During my time on the Central Council, I have served on, and chaired, several committees: Hospitalization, Apostolic/Charity committee, Scholarship, Finance, Ways and Means, (on which I have had the pleasure of supporting the ICF in planning many wonderful fundraising activities) and also the "Live to Give" committee. I am also currently serving on the Convention Directors committee. I was elected by my fellow Central Council members to the Executive committee. I have also served as a Grand Trustee.

These past 10 years have flown by and I am looking forward to many more years of service, helping our organization renew and grow again in strength, spirituality and charity.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than meeting and spending time with all of you. It has been my pleasure to reach out and, hopefully, been a positive resource for you all.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Central Council member for these last 10 years.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

*Sincerely,*

*Lisa M. Crudo*

## MARIA DI PAOLO

Branch 379, Huntington Beach

Why Maria Di Paolo Should Run For Central Council?

I am running for the Italian Catholic Federation Central Council because I want to represent Orange County. We need to support Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and some of San Diego. They need help to bring more members back to the church. I want to be that person to help.

I have been a member of the ICF since I was 19 years old. My mother would bring me to meetings in high school. After high school, I had a voice when I became a member of the ICF. I have gone far in the branch and district levels. I have been every officer there is in the branch. I have continued to serve in the Italian Catholic Federation as a member of the Central Council in early 2000's. Later on, I was given my Central Council Member Emeritus. I now see that I need to go back on Central Council and have a vote. I want to get off the sideline and join the Council.

We have great potential to get ICF back where it once was. I have seen the worse and the greatness of Italian Catholic Federation. I would rather have greatness again then fail miserably. In order to do that, we need the pastors of any church to get excited about family, faith, and friendships. I would head to colleges and market ourselves as Italians helping others through scholarships and Gifts of Love programs. Finally, bring back the "Roundtable" forum. Bring back the good and ugly discussions. We need to debate again for our emotional health.

I love this organization. My Mother would drag me at first to potluck meetings. It became family instead of friends. I want my sons to know Family instead friends in Italian Catholic Federation.



## PAT MAGES

Branch 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Thank you for your continued support! It has been a pleasure representing you the past 13 years. With your support I will continue to work for the goals of ICF.



Special thanks to Branch 380 for sponsoring me this year. For the past 30 years I have held the offices of president, first and second vice-president, trustee for Branch 380; chaired fundraising events; and past president of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. In 2002, Lou and I were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award.

My family consists of husband, Lou; daughter Stephanie, husband, Kevin, and sons, Louis, and Konrad; daughter-in-law Danielle and daughters, Annelise and Kit; and finally, Macaroni, our Cavapoo puppy. We hope he will one day become a therapy dog; he loves to lie on your lap and be your friend.

Over 35 years I have been an advocate for victims/survivors of family/domestic and sexual violence in both Michigan and Ventura County. I am currently with the Port Hueneme Police. And a Para-Educator with the local school district, working with Post-Secondary Special Needs students. These amazing individuals have taught me more than I will ever teach them. They keep me feeling young and on my toes!

I have been a member of Central Council for over 13 years. I have served a two year as Grand Trustee; and as Chair of the Gifts of Love Committee and the Membership Committee. I am a member of the Live to Give; Grand Trustee; Public Relations; and the Executive Committees.

*Pat Mages*

*What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.  
-Aristotle*



# 2022-2023 CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## KENNETH MARSHALL

Branch 103, Sonoma

I, Kenneth Gene Marshall, started with Branch 12 in Napa, California some time ago. When I started as a member of Branch 12, I started as Sentinel and then worked my way up to becoming Second Vice-President.



I helped cook dinners, I attended District Meetings and I helped where help was needed. I then started dual membership with Branch 103 in Sonoma, California. When I started with Branch 103, I started as First Vice President. I worked my way up to Branch President and I am still Branch President as of this day. I am with the Santa Rosa District.

I am a Central Council Member and I feel I can help grow the Italian Catholic Federation.

*Thank you and God Bless.*

*Kenneth Gene Marshall*

## VINCE PIRO

Branch 39, Merced

This year's convention theme – "A Year of Hope" – captures what the ICF provides for so many in our community, hope. Through actions and charity, members of the ICF bring hope to many by reaching out to them with love and care. This is one of the main reasons I have been a proud member of the Federation and wish to serve another year on the Central Council.



As a Central Council member, I have continued to work to strengthen the Federation. During this past year, I have served as an officer of the Central Council (Past Grand President), been a member of its Executive Committee, and served on other Central Council Committees, including the Membership, Convention, and Workshop committees. I have also served as Secretary to my local branch, Branch 39, Merced. Whether at the national level or local level, I try to serve to

the best of my ability, expressing the joy and hope the Federation brings into my life.

If elected to serve again, it is my goal to continue to strengthen the Federation by dealing with the challenges it faces in today's society. For example, I believe that promotion of the Federation at both the national and local level hand-in-hand is the best way to increase our membership. As a Central Council member, I will do my best to promote Central Council policies and practices that assist the local branches as they recruit new members. As other challenges arise, I will use my experience and expertise to work collaboratively with my fellow Central Council members as well as local districts and branches.

Please, re-elect me to the Central Council so that I can continue to help the Federation bring hope to our communities.

*Vince Piro*

## PERRY SHURKO

Branch 67, National Branch

Branch 362, Downey

To the officers of the Executive Committee

I am officially running for a seat on the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Federation. I am a member of branch 362 - St. Raymond, Downey where I hold the office of branch president, and I am also a member of branch 67 - St Peter's Los Angeles - National Branch. I am also the current president of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District. I have been serving as a member of the Central Council for three years now and hold the office of Grand Trustee. I am serving my second year as the Membership Chairperson and Chairperson of the Hospitalization Committee. I also serve on the Expansion and Task Force Committees. I am overseeing the ICF exhibitor booth at the Religious Education Congress held at the Anaheim Convention Center.

I pray that I will be able to continue on as a Central Council member for another year.

*Sincerely, Perry Shurko*



## THERESA

SABATELLA SHAW

Branch 108, South Pasadena

Ciao tutti! My name is Theresa Sabatella Shaw - member of Branch 108, South Pasadena - since 1978!

I've been a member for almost 2/3 of my life! An important question to ask is why do I, my family and my brothers' families stay in the ICF? Family-Heritage-Faith. My father, Luigi Sabatella, joined Br. 108 in 1968. They were offering low fare trips to Italy...later signing up our family.

In 1979, I held my first office and have held one ever since - Branch President, 1st Vice, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary - working on dinner dances, wine tastings, chairing the Italian Sausage Booth and co-chairing the parish St. Joseph's Table. I've been a Los Angeles Archdiocese District officer as Recording Secretary, District President and Mentor - helping to head up the Los Angeles 2010 Convention. I'm a long-time member of the Cabrini Shrine Committee and was a Member-At-Large for the Gifts of Love Committee. I'm also a member of Br. 67 at St. Peter's Italian Church in LA and Pres. Carmelo Sabatella and Officers kept it from closing by forming the first online National Branch.

I've worked with many wonderful people who shaped our ICF: Guy Masciotra, David Botta, Madeline and Ralph Vinci, Alex Centurioni and Steve Fuentes, to name a few. I volunteered behind the scenes at Convention, on the Bishop's Banquet (for over 30 years), and special events where I learned from the best.

The Pandemic didn't stop Br. 108. We raised more funds than ever because of the commitment our members have to what the ICF stands for.

I'm running for Central Council to help keep this great organization going and the positivity growing. Put me to work. Let's brainstorm ideas - that's what I like to do...to give back and make a difference!

*Theresa Sabatella Shaw*



## LAUREN KILCULLEN

Branch 52, Healdsburg

My name is Lauren Kilcullen, Central Council member from Br. 52, Healdsburg, CA. I ask for your vote for re-election to the Central Council. These past eight



years on the Central Council have been amazing. Working with my fellow Central Council members, I enjoy serving as the Grand Secretary, Chairperson of the Apostolate - Charity Committee and member of the Executive, Public Relations, Ways and Means and Convention Directors' Committees. This summer, I took on the new challenge of chairing the ICF Golf Tournament and Dinner. With the cooperation and hard work of the rest of the Ways and Means Committee, this event raised over \$4,300 for our General Fund. It was a fun day and we're already planning for next year!

The ICF is a second family to me, and this past year continues to be trying for all families. As we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of rules and regulations in regards to holding meetings and events, the resiliency of the ICF and its members has burned bright. Whether we've returned to in-person events or are still holding Zoom meetings, drive through dinners or online raffles, we have been an inspiration to other parishioners and community members of how to adapt and change. Let's continue with this spirit of adapting, changing, and growing strong.

Heritage, faith and family are especially important to me, and I continue to believe that the ICF is a unique organization that places equal emphasis on all three aspects. We are one of the very few organizations that welcome and encourage the entire family to join and become involved in our activities.

With your continued support for me on the Central Council, I hope to continue the work of the ICF into the future.

*Lauren Kilcullen*



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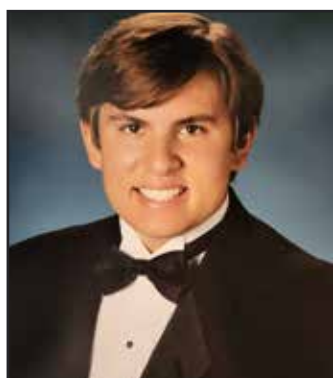


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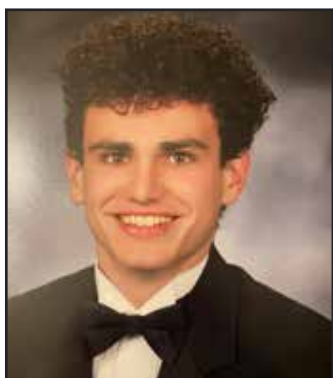
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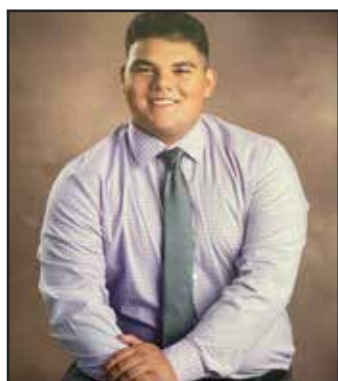
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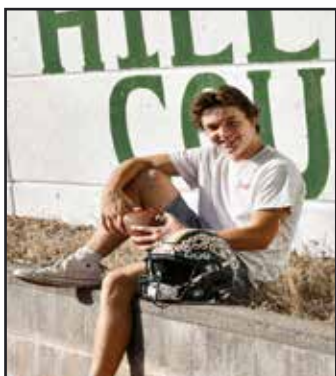
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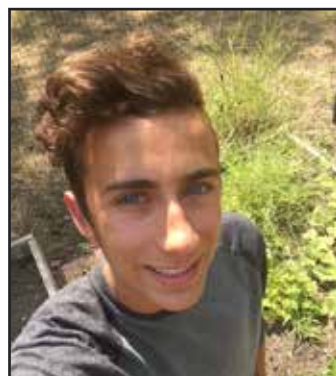
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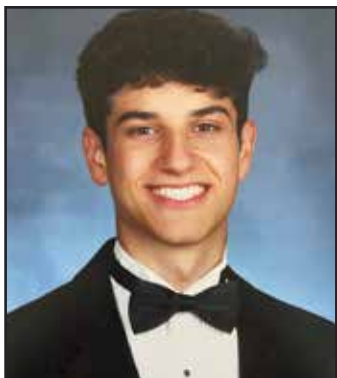


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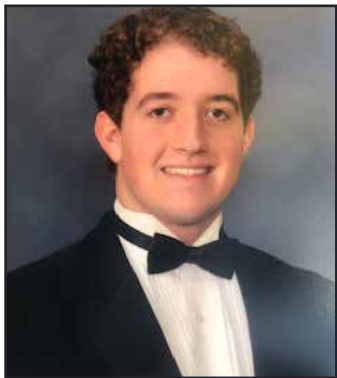
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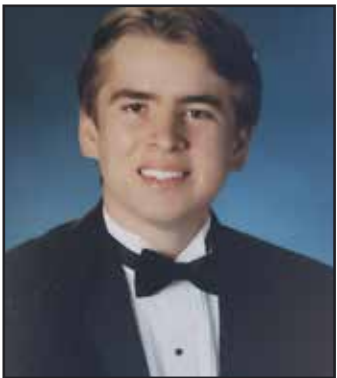
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Rise up all you faithful,  
Uphold the Faith and sing:  
O we want God Who is our  
Father;  
O we want God Who is our  
King.*



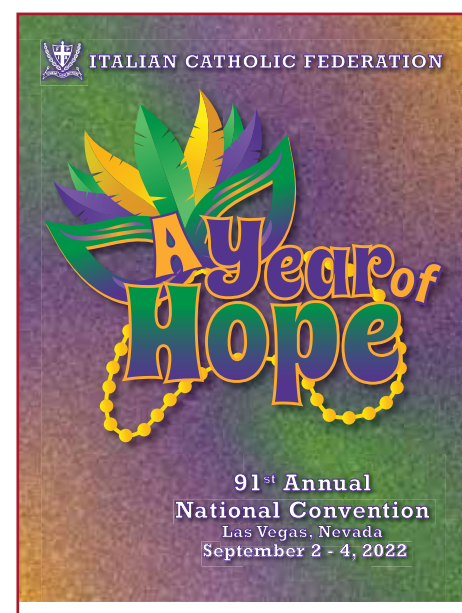
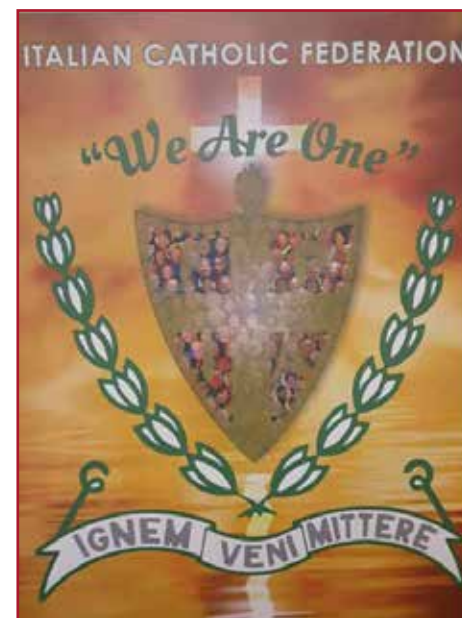
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Congratulations to our newly-installed Central Council Officers. BACK ROW: Robert Basuino (Grand Trustee), Patricia Mages (Grand Trust- ee), Perry Shurko (Grand Trustee), Vincent Piro (Past Grand President) , Leonard Rossi, C.L.J. (Grand Parliamentarian) and Lisa Crudo (Grand Treasurer). FRONT ROW: Franklyn Lopes, Jr. (Grand 2nd Vice President), Denise Antonowicz (Grand 1st Vice President), Deborah Rodondi (Grand President), Rev. George Aranha (Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Jose) and Lauren Kilcullen (Grand Secretary). Not Pictured: Teresa Helfand (Grand Sentinel).

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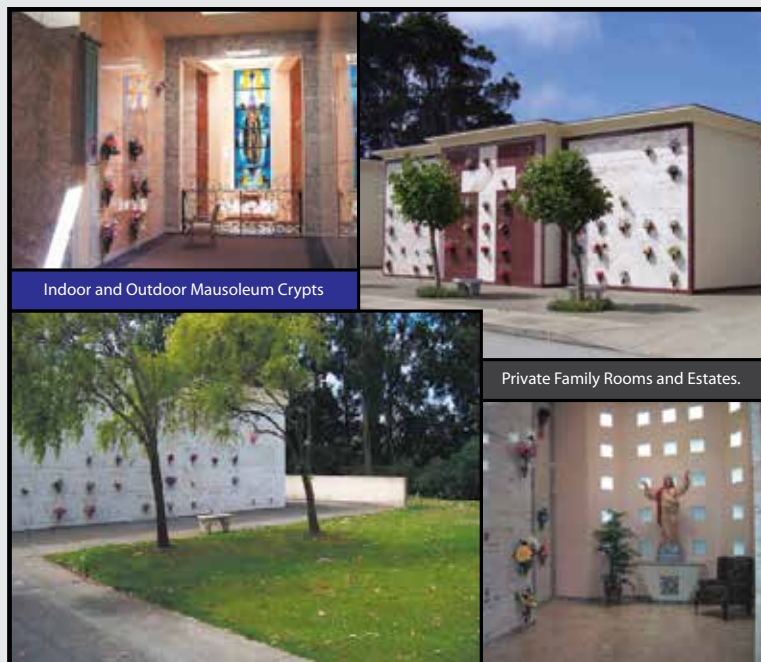
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### Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

A big thank you to all our members, family and friends who helped us manage our fiesta boo--from making meatballs, sausages, to set up, selling and clean up. We sold out of everything. Anna & her daughter Lisa Ann even had to make another batch of meatballs Sunday morning!

Our next monthly meeting is one week earlier on Aug. 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Parish center. Up for discussion--our Aug 20th St John of the Cross celebration. Mass will begin at 10 a.m. followed by procession to grotto for singing and prayers. Lite refreshments will be served afterwards. Dinner dance will start at 6 p.m. Includes a delicious prime rib dinner with dancing to the Tony Ciaramitaro band. Ticket price \$40 each. Call Neal DiLeva for tickets 310 433-1044

Our next fundraiser is Aug. 30th to Harrah's casino. \$30/person Call Pauline Iacono for reservations 310 832-0563

Installation for our new members will take place at our September 15th meeting. Please join us in welcoming our newest members. Pizza Party will start at 6 p.m. Meeting to follow.

We sadly announce the passing of members Antonia Buono & Richard Hancsak. Also recently passed is Tom Cigliano husband of member Rita. Keep their families in your prayers.

Happy 90th birthday wishes to Patricia DiLeva! Pat joined the federation in 2015. May God continue to bless you.

Best wishes to Anna and Neal for a great convention experience in Las Vegas. Please return your raffle tickets with your check. Our branch keeps \$10 for each book sold.

*Anita Trujillo Treasurer*



San Pedro Branch 115 members at the Morongo Casino turnaround trip on June 30. A bus load of 55 people attended. This is a fundraiser to support the branch adopt a seminarian.

## Glendora

### Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On Thursday, June 23, St. Dorothy Branch 179 met outside for a really fun evening of potluck food, drink, and bocce! The food was delicious as usual. Our members really go all out for our potluck dinners. We also celebrated five June birthdays! And fortunately, the weather cooled down just enough that the evening was perfect.

The week before a few of our members enjoyed Maestro Andrea Bocelli under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl. It was a magical evening of song and dance.

We're going dark in July so everyone have a great summer!

*God's blessings,  
Patricia Auriemmo  
Recording/Corresponding Secretary*



Br. 179, Monsignor Norm showing good form!

## Arcadia

### Br. 218, Holy Angels

At our last meeting the branch recognized Katie LaCorte with a Certificate of Recognition for her many accomplishments. Congratulations Katie! Well deserved.

The convention in Las Vegas is right around the corner. Lucy Hernandez will be our delegate this year and Jerry and Carol will also be attending. We wish them a productive and fun trip.

*We will see everyone in September.  
Lolly M.*



Br. 237, Scholarship recipient, Simon Perez with President Connie

## Gardena

### Br. 237, St. Anthony of Padua

We are very sad to report that our Santa, Steve Mariorenzi passed away suddenly earlier this month. He was a very loyal and loved member of the branch and will be dearly missed.

On a happier note, we honored one of the most dedicated altar servers with a well-deserved scholarship to Mary Star High School. We congratulate and wish Simon Perez much success as he enters this next academic path to success.

*Looking forward to convention!!!  
"Cast all your worries upon Him  
because He cares for you."*

1 Peter 5-7

*Respectfully,  
Micheal Bohannon Roa*



Br. 237, "Santa" Steve Mariorenzi and Roa boys.



Br. 179, June Birthdays Fr. Ron-Nicci Emery-Precy Wieland-James Wieland-Marianne Nicosia



Br. 179, Vince Daigneault-Bob Carbone-Rod Felt deciding the winner



Br. 179, The ladies team Cathy Napoli-Patricia Auriemmo-Nicci Emery-Marianne Nicosia



Br. 179, Hollywood Bowl front row from left Joe & Elena Timko, Maria & David Teresa, Rod & Debbie Felt, Bev Knapp, Patricia Auriemmo. Middle row Vito & Cathy Napoli, Josie & Bill Bresee. Back row Vince & Jan Daigneault



## Claremont Br. 319, Our Lady of the Assumption

Happy summer all.

We are well into the hot weather of summer.

On June 25 we had invited all members to a lunch at Eddie's Eatery. We had not met formally for a while and needed to discuss the future of the branch. Only 12 people attended and the conclusion from this group and the survey responses was to disband as a group. Many are getting older and their health is failing or just tired. We will try to meet socially and still help when possible, at the church.

After 45 years, we will miss the traditions and get togethers.

We will finish out the year with church activities and ICF functions

*See you around  
Andrea Linn, Pres*

## Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

Hello everyone. We have a lot happening right now. Welcome to September, a month full of change. Autumn will be returning once again. We close the Summer by enjoying the Labor Day weekend, and we say hello to our federation's annual convention being held in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada. The Orleans Hotel is our host site. I'm excited as this is my go-to place whenever I visit.

For the 1st time Christine Ragusa is our branch's delegate. She and Tony will have a great time with loads of information to report back.

In July we held a Bingo lunch—a great time was had by all. With 55 in attendance, the branch made a little over \$1,400! In August we celebrated our branch's 40th anniversary. It's hard to believe we are still going strong. A luau/beach theme party was held. Thank you to Francis and her daughter Christina for chairing the event. King's Hawaiian restaurant catered the food—always delicious. Thank you to St Raymond's own Gramps with Amps for providing the live music.

Sept. 11th we have another Bingo luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door. Bring your friends and family.

On Sept. 25th the LA district will gather at St John's Seminary in Camarillo for our annual Bishop and Seminarian Recognition Day mass and lunch. We will present the bishop with a check from all of the branches in the LA district. Br. 362 contributed \$300 this year. Tickets are \$25, but our branch will subsidize half the price for any member who goes, so come one, come all. It's a truly wonderful day.

Enjoy all that we will be celebrating this month and to always remember those who lost their lives on that fateful day on 9/11. May they all Rest in Peace.

*God bless you all, Perry Shurko,  
Branch President.*

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

On June 26th, St. Bede parishioners bid farewell to our beloved pastor, Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti. His beautiful last mass at St. Bede, began with a PowerPoint presentation of his 12 years at St. Bede. There was also a procession from the various ministries and outreach groups at the parish. Several members of each group presented a symbolic gift. Mark presented Msgr. with an Italian flag from our branch. He was also given a gift card to one of Msgr.'s favorite restaurants. Food and live music were abundant in the courtyard afterward and a special recognition award was given by branch member Sen. Anthony Portantino.

Al Restivo, a trustee of the LA District, joined other district officers in a special meeting held on Sunday, July 31st at San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles. Monsignor Antonio joined the group for an early dinner immediately after the meeting where he was presented a special gift for his 26 years of service as District Chaplain.

President Mark, our branch convention delegate, was joined by his wife, Emy, to the ICF Convention in Las Vegas. When he returns, we are looking forward to hearing about new



Br. 447, Steven Rossi

ideas that can be implemented in our branch.

Important: Please note that our General Meetings starting in September has changed. Due to the Parish Hall construction, the parish coordinator reassigned our meetings to another day.

Save the Date:

(Note date change) General Meeting-Speaker -Topic Christopher Columbus

Sept. 25th- Bishop's and Chaplain's Mass and Luncheon - St. John's Seminary, Camarillo

Nov.13th- Cabrini Pilgrimage, Mass, and Lunch-St. Francis Xavier Church, Burbank

Dec.21st- Branch Christmas Party-Parish Center

*Hope you all had a refreshing and  
renewing summer.  
Diane Restivo*

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

Branch 380 held a general meeting in August with food from Jersey Mike's. It was nice to get together.

We hope everyone is having a good summer and look forward to more activities in the Fall.

Blessings to all our members.

## Manhattan Beach Br. 447, American Martyrs

Our June General Meeting included a Potluck Picnic & Bocce Ball Tournament at Anderson Park in Redondo Beach. On this beautiful day, we enjoyed getting together with friends, sharing great food, drinks, & playing Bocce Ball. It had been a long time



Br. 447, Rich Romano and Joanna Brown

since any of us played Bocce Ball, but Rich Romano stepped up to coach and referee the games. Thank you, Coach Rich! Everyone had a great time, and it didn't matter who won the games, we were all having fun. One of our junior members, Steven Rossi, sold candies at the park. He did a wonderful job earning \$40 for ICF. Way to go Steven!

American Martyrs asked us to cook dinner for the seniors in our parish. We are blessed and honored to serve the parish. For our first meal, we are making sauce (by Mary Pizel and Mary Frascella), meatballs (by Joana Brown), pasta and bread (by Monica Rossi), salad (by Mary Roberti) and Italian cookies (by Stephanie DeRaddo). Several of our members signed up to help us box and bag the food, and the Mothers of Young Children will be delivering dinners to the Seniors. Buon Appetito!

Melissa Whitehead is our new Social Media Manager. She takes care of our Facebook page and Instagram account. Join us on Facebook for current events, photos and to post your photos. Find us at Italian Catholic Federation Branch 447.

We plan to meet up with our members to enjoy August Manhattan Beach Concerts in the Park, the Redondo Beach Pier Concert Series, the Sounds of Summer at The Point in El Segundo for free concerts. We plan to return to in-person meetings at the end of September with an Italian dinner at O'Donnell Hall. More details to follow.

*Ciao,  
Stephanie DeRaddo, President*



Br. 447, Joanne Hadley and her son Ryan, Rich Romano and Sheila Walsh Vargas



Br. 447, Some of our Members who came out to share a wonderful day!



## East Bay District Council

Well, it is time to begin packing, wipe off those bowling balls and planning to have a little fun at the Convention. Currently all the Branches have selected delegates and studied any proposed by-laws changes, now it's time for the work to wrap up.

In the meantime, the Branches are carrying on as best they can with many still afraid of the latest Covid variant. We have been fortunate that we have been able to have all of our meeting on Zoom with good success. The Branches have been quite creative with various means of fund raising; one branch is having an "On Line Raffle", while another has a jeweler as Pres., who created a beautiful Cross to chance off, while some of us still partner with restaurants to raise funds. Somehow it is working, and we are able to support our charities.

We will be having our quarterly Mass in early Aug., followed by a brunch/lunch at a near-by restaurant. It has been quite a while since we have tried this so it will be interesting to see how it turns out. In the meantime, we are busy planning for our Polenta Feed in Oct., this is replacing our Crab Feed that Covid19 and a lack of crabs cancelled in Feb. So time to plan for a dinner out on Oct.8,2022.

And now, It's Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it's off to Las Vegas we go!

*To a successful Convention.  
Pat Grasso, District Sec.*

## Alameda Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We welcomed 60 happy guests to our annual barbecue held in the school yard of Saint Philip Neri School in the late afternoon of Saturday, July 23. Our attendees, who included East Bay District President Lisa Crudo and officers of two East Bay branches, enjoyed the dinner of hamburgers, corn, watermelon, beverages and dessert. Also present were three representatives from Birthright of San Lorenzo, which assists women who are facing a crisis pregnancy. More than \$1,000.00 was raised for Birthright. In addition, many of those present brought baby gifts. Many thanks to our main chef, Ken Dorrance, and the following helpers: Peggie Dorrance, Father Joel Jores, m.f., Ernie Poggi, John Cecconi, Sheila Ewart, Karen Harrington, Jeanette Zugnoni (our secretary), David Zugnoni, Emily Zugnoni and one Boy Scout leader, "Tim," whose last name we did not obtain but who helped us with set-up.

Next up on our social calendar is our Ravioli Dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. We hope to be able to utilize Monsignor O'Brien

Hall for this always popular event. The complete menu and prices will appear in the October *Bollettino*. You can make reservations now by contacting John Zugnoni, john@zugnoni.net or (510) 326-3474.

Convention delegates Jim Lee, president and John Zugnoni, publicist, are looking forward to spending Labor Day weekend in Las Vegas. They especially hope to arrive in time for Friday afternoon bowling.

## Oakland Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole

Ciao and Salve Amici,  
Buon Agosto e Settembre a tutti!

We hope that this finds everyone happy & healthy as we look forward to The Convention 2022 in Las Vegas.

This year Br. 91 is excited to go and be in attendance. As this year has been challenging for us to hold in person meetings, we have found creative ways to stay in contact with each other, either by mail, text or emails. Recently on July 19th, we have held our first small lunch meeting at my home, and we accomplished quite a bit! We were also able to host our annual fundraiser with a raffle for a sterling silver and gemstone cross necklace. To date we have raised approximately \$600 for the charities & scholarships. Entries came from across the ICF memberships, and the winner will be chosen on July 31st. Plus, I am proud to say that we were able to sell the Convention raffle tickets throughout our branch & beyond!!

This year has also seen changes in our membership starting with the passing of past President, Jan Karp and finishing with the recent move to North Dakota by our centenarian, Gerry Buxie.

We continue to keep our elderly members and those with health issues in our prayers. Though we may be done with Covid, it is not done with us. And we keep Ukraine in our prayers as well. For now, we send Baci e Abbracci to all our members & their families of The ICF.

*Addio e stai al sicuro,  
Jo-Ann Maggiora Donivan  
President*

## Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

The month of July is being enjoyed by our members with family and friends, and we are happy to welcome another new member to our branch, Tom Changras!

As we enter the summer months of August and September, we are looking forward to several upcoming events for our branch. In August an Online Raffle is planned, with first, second and third prizes of \$100 to



Br. 91's most recent meeting--Maria Raphael, Dave Madej and Betty Tully



Br. 91, Cross necklace annual fundraiser for ICF



Br. 91, Betty Tully wearing the new cross necklace,

be awarded in a drawing August 19. Also, planned for August, is a BBQ and Bocce event and we will soon have a date for our Bingo Bash which we anticipate rescheduling for some time in the fall.

Our delegates for the 91st Annual National Convention are anxiously waiting for the September 2 start date. Carolyn and John Cardinalli will be attending from our branch, along with Judy and Dave Wellbeloved. Judy and Dave have moved out of the area but have remained members. They visit as often as they can, and we truly enjoy seeing them. \$300 to Cooley's Anemia and \$100 to Gifts of Love will be donated from Branch 285. Our convention raffle ticket sales were strong this year and the proceeds have been submitted.

Many of our members continue to volunteer and help package food for the Kids Against Hunger each month. As always, our prayers continue for our ill and convalescing members. Continued prayers also said for the brave people of the Ukraine.

*Stay safe and enjoy your summer!  
Virginia*



## Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Thanks to the good weather, we were able to enjoy another outdoors dinner and meeting. Many thanks to the Klever family for the prep and cooking. The OLG parishioners were also able to meet their new associate pastor Fr. Vu, who joined us for both the dinner and meeting and was welcomed by all.

We would also like to thank Richard Johnson for sharing his speaker/microphone with us.

So far, we have been able to restaurant share with two of our local establishments and have had a good turn out and made money for our many charities. Thank you all for your support.

Ed McGuirk gave an inspiring talk on ways to present the ICF to both the priests and the parishioners. Since many think that ICF is only for Italians, we need to begin there to educate all that ICF is a family oriented, Catholic organization open to all. We are glad to have many nonmembers join us for meals and to support our fund-raisers. Now we would like to sign up some new members.

Now on to a successful Convention! Hope all those raffle tickets are sold and turned in to Karen.

*Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.*



## CONTRA COSTA District Council

Greetings to all from the Contra Costa District. We hope everyone is enjoying these lazy days of summer!

At our last district meeting we welcomed two new district representatives from Crockett: Aaron Cargo and Bruce Pedrotti. We also welcome Danville's new representative to the district, Joan Marx. We meet five times a year at the Martinez Round Table Pizza Restaurant Banquet Room. Our next meeting will be held there on Wednesday, September 21 at 7 o'clock p.m.

We are looking forward to the upcoming convention over Labor Day weekend in Las Vegas. We wish Rosemary Cook the best of luck as she runs for re-election to the Central Council at the convention. Also, thank you to our own Rose Jarrett McNeal, Convention Chair. We pray for her as she works so diligently to coordinate everything for our annual gathering!

Please pray for Past Grand President Mike Canady who suffered a fall. We also ask for prayers for several members of our district board: John Lira, who is mentor for Richmond and a member of the Crockett branch; Mary Cook, an officer in Martinez and district Heritage Chair, who will undergo surgery; Toni Reeder, also a district officer and an officer in Richmond; and Joan Marx from Danville who also is ill.

*Lovingly in Christ,  
Diana Mackinson  
First Vice President  
Contra Costa*

### Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

At this time, Branch#13 would like to highlight and honor the Dizon family for their contributions to the church, branch, and community. As co-chaplain, members Deacon Albert, his wife, Yolly, their children Eugene, Cheryl, and Cassie, their husbands and children are extraordinary examples of Christ's love in action in every facet of their lives for others to emulate. They have lived and served in Martinez since 1986 and with the ICF for almost as long.

They are active with many parish and community events in addition to their employment. For instance, Albert leads weekly scripture discussions and Yolly leads daily and nightly prayer services over zoom. Eugene served as Confirmation Coordinator and bulletin editor; while Cassie and Cheryl, though moved, continue to be present in St. Catherine's Faith Formation program and ICF functions. Fellow members have served alongside them on Communications, Stewardship, Anniversary, and Five



Br. 13, The Dizon Family of Martinez Branch #13 celebrating life: from left to right top: John, Cassie, Yolly, Eugene, Cheryl, Cylas, and Al. Seated: Deacon Albert, Eli, Alaina, Camilia, and Naia.

Years of Grace committees. Their commitment to serving God is evident every day in everything they do.

We continue to appreciate the energy they possess for others while also needing much endurance at home. Contracting valley fever, Eugene has used a wheelchair for over twenty-one years and requires care and assistance twenty-four hours daily, and they accomplish it without missing a beat which is only made possible by the examples of love, faith, leadership, and service of these unassuming parents always supportive and willing to explore new avenues of service for themselves and their family.

The branch recognizes and thanks them for their dedicated service.

*Ciao for now,  
Mary Cook*

### Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Happy 95th Anniversary to our Crockett, San Carlo Branch. Without the hard work of our past members, we wouldn't have such a strong successful ICF branch. Thank you to all members and good luck to the future with many more successful years to come. It is a special time to remember everyone especially Mr. David Botta, who dedicated his life to ICF. We miss you the Crockett Rocket.

Condolences to Rita DeTomaso for the loss of her brother.

Please continue to pray for our sick members, especially Helen Peterson.

In a Happy note a shout out to Pauline Cardoza who turned 101.

*Congratulations  
Ciao,  
Donna Hoffmann  
President*



Tacos anyone. Great job making them at our last meeting in Crockett #14.



Special Ladies from Crockett #14 who did a super job baking for our dessert night. Great job



Wow Crockett #14 starting Roman and Paola Rabbach early to help set tables. Keep up the good work



Br. 14, Pat Botta and Pauline Cardoza chilling at the bocce courts. Oh yea. Pauline just turned 101. Happy Birthday.

Deadline  
for October Issue of *Bollettino*  
is Sept. 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)



Pittsburg  
Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

We are getting past the lazy hazy days of summer. It's almost time for fall. I will represent our branch at the convention held over Labor Day weekend in Las Vegas at the Orleans hotel. The festivities will start on Thursday before Labor Day. There will be a tour downtown Las Vegas. There will be various activities. One is the ICF bowling tournament. There will be Masses, meet the candidates, workshops, lunches, dinners, speeches, award winners' luncheon, Installation of officers for the Central Council, pictures and memories made. I will give a convention report at our meeting. We thank Roselynne Jarrett for being convention director. We also wish her best wishes as she starts her new job as a schoolteacher. We wish good luck to Rosemary Cook as she runs for reelection to the Central Council. Rosemary is a member of our district.

By the time you read this our summer swim party luncheon will be history. We thank Joann and Elaine for hosting. We are happy they recovered from Covid. We thank all that set up, cooked and cleaned up.

Watch in the mail for your invitation for our next luncheon, free raffle and meeting.

Happy Birthday to our September babies.

Happy Grandparents Day.

Stay happy and healthy.

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

*Your President and Friend,  
Patty*

Richmond  
Br. 154, St. Raymond

July was a vacation month for members of the St. Raymond branch. We are rested and ready to tackle the next big fundraiser which is in the planning stage. More news on that coming soon.

Unfortunately, we are unable to send anyone to the convention this year. We are hoping to rectify that in 2023.



Br. 352's two, first-year scholarship award winners, Mary Elizabeth Mittone & Alexandria Arietta (with member Dick Reynolds).

It is the first time since St. Raymond was founded that we have not sent convention representatives.

We are pleased to announce our scholarship recipient! We send congratulations to Elizabeth Alatorre, a graduate of St. Mary's College High school in Berkeley.

We are saddened by the death of one of our favorite members, Fred De Simoni. Love and prayers to his family, especially Fred's wife Diana.

We also keep in our prayers, Toni Reeder, John Lira and Mike Cannady.

We wish everyone a successful convention in Las Vegas and lots of luck!

Next meeting, September 12th, 2022. Chicken dinner, \$15.00.

If you haven't attended a meeting lately, please join us for a great meal, a drink and visiting with friends. We miss you!

Concord  
Br. 214, Todos Santos

Happy summer to everyone. I hope everyone is healthy and safe.

We had a wonderful time on July 30th at our annual members appreciation BBQ at the beautiful home of Diane Hasty.

Say prayers for Marion Armstrong and her upcoming surgery. Hope for a speedy recovery.

Maria and Michael Marshall will represent our branch at convention in Las Vegas Labor Day weekend. We are anxious for new branch fundraising ideas.

- No-bake fundraiser in Sept. Angie Monson to send event flyers
- Pasta/bingo fundraiser in Oct. More info soon.

Stay healthy & enjoy fun times with friends & family.

*Ciao--Con amore, Norene DeLuca*

Brentwood  
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are back and running! Branch 432 has started our Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday's of every month. This includes not only pancakes, but sausages and eggs, with coffee and juice. It is FREE to everyone! We have also restarted our annual

Italian Catholic Federation  
Branch 432

We're Back for  
our 10th Annual  
Car Show

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022  
4:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Hall 500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood  
CAR SHOW REGISTRATION \$30.00 INCLUDES (1) Dinner-Additional Dinners \$15.00 each.  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ICF Branch #432  
Mail to: Linda Kortuem, 800 Walnut Drive, Oakley CA 94561

Registration at:  
3:00pm

Trophy awards at:  
7:00pm

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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VEHICLE/MAKE/MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ VINTAGE/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release to the Catholic Federation Branch #432 and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and the Oakland Diocese their officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, or any other party connected with the management or presentation of this event of any form of known/unknown damage, property loss, personal loss, personal injury, judgement and/or public property damage resulting from my participation in this event known as 'Festa d' Italia' Car Show and Pasta Dinner. I hereby give my permission to use photographs of my vehicle(s) in any publication, (i.e) events, newspapers, programs, TV, promos etc. Sign and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am 18 years or older If not, a parent/guardian signature is required: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds from this event go to ICF Scholarships, Oakland Children's Hospital, Thalassemia Research and Care, and ICF charities.

Car Show here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Brentwood. This event is scheduled for September 23rd of this year. If you own a car which you would like to display in the car show, please call (Sam Scalise at 925-392-8820 or 925-595-5144. Those who are participating in the car show, get a FREE dinner. Additional dinners will cost only \$15.00. For more information and registration forms, please email Sam at (sscalise965@gmail.com).

We have firmed-up plans and dates for our Mystery Dinner which includes a live play presentation with audience participation and a catered dinner with dessert. These mystery dinners have been a great success. We are looking forward to a sell-out. The ICF Branch 432, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, is also sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner Show (Who Done it? "Death Near Dead Man's Holler"). It's a western theme, so come dressed as cowboys or cowgirls, on August 20th. Contact Deacon Jon and Linda at 925-634 -4154 ext 117 if interested. Seating is limited.

*God Bless!!!*

Danville  
Br. 352, St. Isidore

Our two first-year scholarship recipients and their families were honored at our June BBQ dinner meeting. Chairperson Dick Reynolds presented the awards to Mary Elizabeth Mit

tone of California High School in San Ramon and Alexandria Arietta of Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. We wish them continued success in their future studies! And a big thank you to BBQ master griller, Brian Moresco, and our outstanding kitchen crew volunteers for a fun summer send-off, as we took a vacation for the month of July.

Join us on August 15th at 6 p.m. for our next dinner meeting in the St. Isidore Room. The Evite, with menu details & RSVP date, will be emailed to members. All are welcome!

We are looking forward to our Memorial Pasta Dinner to celebrate the life of our dear Founder and Chaplain, Monsignor Cardelli, on Saturday, September 17th at St. Isidore's Parish. We have partnered with the Knights of Columbus to assist in throwing the 'big party' of Monsignor's dreams! The diocese, entire parish, friends, family and all ICF branches are invited to attend. Dinner is \$50, paid in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Details are available at [www.bellecificfamilycatering.com](http://www.bellecificfamilycatering.com) (Cardelli Dinner) and, if you can't attend, donations are also welcome. All profit will be donated to the Providenza Fund, in Monsignor Cardelli's name.

Wishing everyone a fun & very successful Las Vegas convention - we're looking forward to a full report!

*Ciao,  
Branch 352*





**Italian Catholic Federation  
Branch 432**

## Who Done It? Dinner Fundraiser Death Near Dead Man's Holler

**Outlaws being gunned down was not uncommon in the Old West. But sometimes things happen that defy explanation. It's up to you to try to solve this mystery. Get your posse together, dress up like cowboys & gals, and mosey down, pardner.**

Written by: Lee Mueller

Presented by:



*Caught in the Act Theater*

**Dinner Catered by :  
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All Venmo orders will be held at will call.  
Contact Linda at jolin1040@sbcglobal.net or  
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Dinner, Show, & Dessert

Saturday, August 20, 2022

**IHM Parish**

500 Fairview Ave. Brentwood, CA 94513

Door & Drinks 5:30PM Dinner 6:30PM

**Shows 7:30PM Clue Hunt 8:30PM Prizes  
9:30pm**

### PRICES

**\$65 through July 31**

**\$75 beginning Aug 1st**

### Pleasant Hill Br. 442, Christ the King

Benvenuti! Hope you enjoyed a great summer! Some time away – maybe the beach, the mountains or even ventured and traveled by plane!

Let's get right down to business – Just checking if your convention raffle tickets are sold. Are the ticket stubs and money turned in to Teri? Have you thought about buying the dinner tickets for our September 17 Anniversary dinner? They will be on sale after the Masses on these upcoming weekends: August 27-28, September 3-4 (Labor Day) and September 10-11. Our September meeting has been moved to September 11, rather than the original September 18, so you can purchase your tickets at the meeting, too. The tickets are limited so please invite your family and friends e comprate i vostri biglietti per la cena presto presto.

Our Branch Mass was celebrated on Sunday, July 31 at Christ the King Church, followed by brunch at Jack's. Thank you, Pam De Bernardi, for taking care of the details in coordinating this beautiful event. Always a beautiful time when spent with our ICF paesani.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Sunday, August 21 in the parish hall, 1:00pm. More details are forthcoming with an evite this month.

A thought for today – “Nei pericoli si vede chi d'amico ha vera fede” (A friend is never known, but in time of need).

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

### BLESSED SACRAMENT District

#### Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Our next event will be held on Sunday, September 18th in Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will begin at 3:30pm with Bingo at 4:30 pm and a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15 for Members and \$20 for Non-Members. This includes one bingo card with additional cards available for purchase. Dinner includes Salad, Roll, Meatballs, Spaghetti, Dessert and Beverage. For reservations or more information, call me at 916-508-1199 by Monday, Sept. 12th.

Buon Complianno to Branch members with August birthdays: Anabelle Ebert, Michael Ebert, Beverly Hoover, George Hoover, Rebecca Ielati, and Ralph Isola. For September birthdays: Terry Corcoran, Bonnie Lally, and Juliette Lucas. Have a blessed day!!

*Ciao, Janine*



Pictures are members of Branch 342 Member Picnic

#### Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

First of all, "Welcome to Convention 2022!" We hope you find your time in Las Vegas to be full of fun, ICF friends (old and new), and a chance to once again be together as an organization.

Although it was very warm, members of our branch were able to come together for our first members picnic in over two years. It was great to see so many laughing faces, smiles and everyone having so much fun! We hope to see you there next year!

Our next big event is the Blessed Sacrament Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, August 20th. We will be raising funds for our seminarians and district level scholarship recipients (which have included our own members). For a \$25 ticket, you will receive a yummy sandwich a salad lunch, dessert, a bingo ticket, and two raffle tickets. If you would like to attend, please call MaryAnn Mikles at (916) 759-8466.

*Ciao!  
Pam Andersen*

**See you in  
Las Vegas!**

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

Our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was a great success! Over 120 people attended and enjoyed a night of friendship, food, and fun. Thank you to all our volunteers, headed by the Aguilar family, who helped make this event such a success. A special thank you goes out to Tony Barsotti, who made the homemade sauce and meatballs. Our profits, which totaled over \$2700, will help to support our various charities.

Our August dinner meeting will be hosted by Br. 438 and will feature a traditional Antipasti buffet.

Come and enjoy all your favorite Italian appetizers and learn what our Branch has planned for the rest of the year. We're also going to have a colander decorating contest. Let's see how creative we can get!

Feeling lucky? The Blessed Sacrament District Bingo fundraiser will take place here at St. Clare Parish on Saturday, August 20th at 11am. Buy your tickets now!

Tina Flanders, Pat Brown and Joe Aguilar will serve as our delegates at the ICF National Convention in Las Vegas this September. All members are encouraged to attend.

We remember all those who are in need of special prayers, especially John and Barbie Morrill, whose son, Ted, recently passed away. We also pray for our dear Hank Deeken, who left this earthly life. May our dearly departed rest in peace and may their loved ones be comforted by their faith.

*Many Blessings,  
Anne Finn*



## SANTA ROSA District Council

Sub aestatis dextera...

Hopefully there was a good representation. As previously mentioned, I was in Anaheim, Ca. at the Annual SOI Convention. It was very interesting but little time for sightseeing or shopping in that area.

Most important is that Carmen and Lauren Kilcullen will take over President/Financial Secretary/Treasurer duties (Sonoma#103) until the end of the year in their absence until we get members to take those positions for 2023.

I have not yet received minutes from "those two" but will disperse when I receive them. I should be viable for the rest of the year and also looking forward to our next

District Council Meeting. I am ready and will verify the dates before making other commitments. A nice surprise was meeting Mr. Joe Bonino at the SOI Convention. It seems he is wearing 2 hats. Good for you Joe!!

Our Petaluma Fundraising dinner was a success...we had 67 sit-down diners and several "take-outs". Great!! I had a great time trying to substitute as a "bartender". It was fun but no longer allowed. Time marches on...

Bishop's Day will be on 9-18 this year. Mass at noon

at St. Eugene's Church in Santa Rosa. Our next District Meeting will be in Sebastopol on September 26, starting at 1:30 p.m. Our next District Meeting will be in Cloverdale in December, date not verified.

Our Bollettino is so full of information regarding the other branches and I read all of it. It gives our own branches ideas as to promote interest. Read it and enjoy!!!

Until next month... Ditat Deus!!

*Marilyn Sylvestri*  
Recording-Secretary

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

Br. 52 is very proud and excited that the 2022 ICF Family of the Year is from our branch – The Seppi Family! Congratulations to Nancy, Karl, Will, Brandy and the rest of the family. We look forward to seeing you receive your award on Sunday at the convention.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday September 11: ICF Monthly Mass, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 13: Potluck Dinner. We have many great cooks in our branch, this is a wonderful opportunity to show off your culinary skills to everyone. Plan to attend this



With Bob Acquistapace, Santa Rosa District president Dennice Digirolamo presents a \$1000 check to Margie Pettibone of Catholic Charities for the new Caritas center in Santa Rosa

fun and delicious event. 6:00 p.m. Short meeting and Convention report. Dinner following. Marie Butler is the chairperson of this fun event, please RSVP to her: 707-431-2750. We will need help to set the tables before the dinner.

Sunday, September 18: Bishop's Day at St. Eugene's. Bishop Vasa will say the 12:00 Mass and he will be presented with our spiritual bouquet and seminary burse after.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Hopefully, someone from the branch will win!

We wish a successful Convention to the ICF. We hope our youngest members have a great school year, as they return to school.

*Lauren*

### Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Annunciata

We're celebrating Samantha Stewart's graduation from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo! Our Branch helped her get started with a first year ICF scholarship in 2018. Sami has a job in the wine industry upon her return from Europe. She's tripping through England, France and Italy with friend Brit following a postponed adventure in Portugal for her maternal grandparents' 50th (golden anniversary).

George and Dee Dee Bovone hosted a Bocce/Dinner Meeting competition at their beautiful home. It was a nice way to end right before taking our summer break. Margaret, Josh Brown and Dee Dee Bovone were reigning champions. Ron Brown officiated!

The branch is sending Patsy Buchignani to convention in September. She'll be staying at The Oklahoma Casino and absorbing all the wonderful delights The Convention has to offer. Lori Schandel helped with plane reservations! Thanks, Lori, for setting up the best deal.

*Have a wonderful summer everyone!*  
*Patsy Buchignani*

### Sonoma Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Time for a branch membership drive! Let's spread the word about our wonderful organization and see if we can start driving our branch numbers up. Anyone from the Sonoma or Napa Valleys are welcome to join our branch.

Our September dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th and is open to ICF members and members of our parish community. It will begin with drinks & appetizers from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our wonderful cook, Diane Klauber, will be making an Italian salad, roasted Italian sausages with roasted grapes and onions served with polenta, vegetables and garlic bread. Cost is \$20 per person. To make reservations call Lisa at 707-996-5573.

If anyone is interested in attending Bishop's Day it is being held on Sunday, September 18th. Mass will be at 12 p.m. at St. Eugene's Cathedral in Santa Rosa.

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

To those of our members celebrating a September birthday – Buon Compleanno! We wish you many more years of happiness and good health.



Br. 75

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see some new faces.

*Lisa Galli-Galetto*

### Arcata Br. 144, St. Mary

Summer greetings from Branch #144. We are busy planning our second Chicken and Polenta Take-Out dinner, which will be held Sunday, September 11. Our first one in February was very successful so we are increasing the limited number of dinners being sold from 150 to 200! Chef Pete Stagnoli will be leading the crew again for this very tasty meal. Tickets are on sale now until we run out! \$20 provides an incredible meal available by drive-thru only on Sunday, Sept 11 from 3-5pm at St. Mary's Leavy Hall. If you plan to be in the area give Toni a call to reserve your dinner. (707-633-5679). There will also be quarts of sauce available for purchase (\$8) but they go fast!

We are pleased to report that our scholarship to Central Council was awarded to Beatrice Rae Holstine of Ukiah. Congratulations Beatrice!

We sadly said final farewells to two long-time members recently, Doris Delashmutt and Pete Damassa.

Rosemary Melendy (VP) and Shannon Rhorbach-Grier (Orator) are looking forward to attending the convention in Las Vegas in September. I hope their suitcases can hold all the quarters they are taking for, and bringing back from, playing the slots!

*Buon riposo estivo!*  
*Anne Carlisle Eanni - Secretary*



Br. 144





Br. 145, Colivas daughters Karen Towns and Chris Titus award Eureka #145 scholarship winners Gearheart and Pedicino with their certificates.



Bob Acquistapace, Doreen O'Rourke and Carmen Kilcullen are pictured with Br. 198, Santa Rosa's 2022 scholarship winners.



Br. 27, Cecilia Massetti presented scholarships to Nicholas Sweet and Gabriela Velarde during the June meeting held at DiCicco's restaurant.

## Eureka Br. 145, St. Ambrose

Eureka ICF branch held a fun pizza night dinner to celebrate our Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship recipients. Jerry's daughters, Chris Titus and Karen Towns, participated in the event and congratulated the winners.

Our 2022 recipients are Emily Nalley of Arcata High School and Katherine Gearhart of Fortuna High School. Our 2021 recipients were also honored since we could not meet last year: Alyssa Pedicino of Arcata High and Cadence Lommori of Fortuna High. Nalley and Lommori could not attend however.

Pedicino explained that she is currently attending Pomona College and is studying Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Gearhart will attend College of the Redwoods and will study Physics and Engineering.

In July Eureka made membership announcements at all the masses and held a small sausage and hotdog recruitment BBQ in the courtyard at St Bernard Church.

## Santa Rosa Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our scholarship dinner meeting was an absolute success. With 5 of our 8 recipients present with our donors, it was a great evening. President Doreen O'Rourke and Scholarship Chairperson Bob Acquistapace did a great job along with the help of many others. Many thanks to Butch Bondi and Terry Jenkins, Mike and Marge Milano, Ernie Giampaoli, Kathy Acquistapace, Laura and Dennis Jaques, Gene Zingarelli and Thomas Nguyen.

Our next meeting will be a Pizza Night in the Parish Life Center on September 12th. Plan to attend and bring a prospective member.

Keep all our members in your prayers, especially Louis Azevedo and Claire Giampaoli.

*Wishing a Happy Labor Day to all.  
Ciao,  
Gail Bongi-Azevedo*

## FRESNO District

### Madera

#### Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

Greetings to all Members!

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying summer in the San Joaquin Valley. It is wonderful to look at the crops growing all around us, and to know they will soon help to feed our nation and the world.

Members met on June 14th at Di Cicco's restaurant and enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner together. The highlight of the meeting was the recognition of scholarship winners by member Cecilia Massetti. Those receiving scholarships were Allyx Faretta, a Liberty High School graduate; and Gabriella Elizabeth Velarde and Nicholas Michael Sweet, both Madera High School graduates. Congratulations to these students and their families.

Thanks to all who purchased convention raffle tickets, and good luck for the drawing! Rosemary Janis will be our Branch 27 delegate at this year's convention, to be held over the Labor Day weekend. May all enjoy the last few weeks of summer as September and autumn approach!

*Ciao,  
Mary Keitz*



Br. 39, Elmer Lorenzi, Lilian Dal Porto and Joe Marchini members from 63 to 68 years



### Merced

#### Br. 39, St. Cecilia

##### 90th Anniversary Celebration

On July 12th the members and families of St Cecilia's Br 39 held a 90th Anniversary Celebration. We held our celebration at Lake Yosemite, Merced and we gathered outdoors.

The members that had been with us for 40 years or more were honored. We presented each one with a very nice certificate. There were 25 members honored with most in attendance. We have one member that has been with us since 1950, Ezio Sansoni. Lilian Dal Porto, Joe Marchini and Elmer Lorenzi have been members for 63 to 68 years.

10 Past Presidents, going back to 1995, were also in attendance and received certificates honoring their continued service to ICF.

We all enjoyed a great meal of tri-tip, grilled corn, fresh tomatoes, and sliced marinated bell peppers. We are grateful to our members that are farmers in the area and that donated so much. We had hot dogs for the kids. Our member Maryellen Mazzei brought out Bocci Ball sets and was seen teaching the younger generation.

Over the years, many of our members have made display boards with historical photos back to the 1940s—15 display boards in total. It was amazing watching members pointing out family members from years past.



Br. 39, Ezio Sansoni, a member of 72 years and his wife Eleanor has been with us for 48 years.

## Sanger Br. 70, Sant' Antonio

We will be celebrating our 83rd Branch anniversary with a potluck dinner during our meeting on July 16. We will also be handing out our two \$500 scholarships and donating \$1,000 to St Mary's Church.

We have special congratulations for our Recording Secretary, Josie Lopez, who was named Sanger Mother of the Year for 2022. Our branch is very proud of her. Josie was honored on June 26 at the 97th Annual Sanger Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The summer heat is here in the central valley and here's wishing for you all to stay cool.

*God Bless.  
Orsolina Casella*



Br. 70



Br. 39, Above is Past President during COVID, Michael Belluomini with the history boards.



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

Happy Birthday wishes to Fr. Mike, Madeline Conatser, and LeAnne Lavagnino!

And, congratulations to LeAnne and Angelo Lavagnino who celebrated their 63rd anniversary on July 5! Angelo contends that the secret for a long marriage is to remember two magic words "Yes, Dear"!

Some Italian trivia: Modern Italy is now a democratic republic and has been since the modern constitution came into effect in 1948. This followed a referendum in 1946 to abolish the previous monarchy by 12.7 million to 10.7 million votes.

Our July meeting featured our annual chicken and melon dinner. The baked chicken and melon with ice cream was enjoyed by the hungry throng. And, our Branch picnic was well attended with members enjoying the food and fellowship.

"Popes we never heard of department": Pope Lucius II (1144-1145) was born Gherardo Cacciamenci dal Orso in Bologna. He died from injuries in a battle against the Roman Senate.

Philosopher Angelino says; "Stende Il Peide Per Quanto E Lungo Il Lenzuolo". Translation: Stretch your feet just as long as your bedsheet.

Reminder: Our Branch anniversary dinner is set for October 23. Details to follow.

Thought for the month:

"Morning by morning, new beauty arrives,  
Warming our world as it blesses our lives,

Day after day, the Lord sends us a treasure

Of new joys, too priceless, too precious to measure".

Ciao,  
Pasquale Provolone



Br. 36, Joe and Sharon LoManto



Br. 36, Turie Cavaliere and George Mika

**Fresno****Br. 308, St. Anthony**

Hello members.

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot valley summer. It's a dry heat so what's not to like?

Even though there was no meeting in July, your club has been busy. Debbi Jorgensen is working on our Fall dinner fundraiser with Diccico's (Herdon & West.) The Dinner is on two days: November 6 and 7. Tickets are \$25.00. A menu of 2 choices. Eat in or take-out. Final menu and details will be presented at the August meeting.

Antoinette has scheduled two weekends for Sausage Sandwich Sales: October 23,24 and December 3,4.

ICF convention will be in Las Vegas at the Orleans during Labor Day weekend. I will be representing our branch Susan is an alternate. All members are encouraged to attend. Don't forget to buy raffle tickets.

Donations in the memory of Nick and Angie DiLiddo have been generous. We may be able to provide two scholarships next year.

We mourn the loss of Paul Soligian, long time member. He was a soft-spoken gentleman and a skilled craftsman. His birdhouses are works of art.

Bea Collier, 103, has died. She was a longtime member and hard-working volunteer well into her 90's.

We wish Ed Girado a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the August meeting.

Our August meeting features The Nick DiLiddo Memorial Tri-Tip and Jo Soligian's Famous Butter & Rice Pilaf.

*Stay safe. Wear sunscreen. Drink plenty of water. See you in August. Jay Newsome, President*



Br. 36, Elaine Valentine and Catherine Conpagno



Br. 36, Anges DiAgui, Phyllis Briggs and Giuseppe Savona

**CENTRAL COAST District****Santa Cruz****Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso**

Buon giorno, Tutti! We hope you are all having a wonderful summer; aren't we blessed with such fine Santa Cruz weather? Hopefully, it will not be too warm at this year's Convention which will be held over Labor Day weekend at that famous hot spot, Las Vegas. Our delegates will be Monica and Bill Crowley and we wish them a wonderful experience and thank them for representing our Branch at the Convention. Also, there's one last chance to buy convention raffle tickets at \$20 a booklet. Please contact Monica if you are interested. By the way, in order to give our Conventioneers a respite, our Sept General meeting will not convene until Tuesday, Sept 13th.

Upcoming events include our 90s+ Birthday Celebration to be held Sunday, August 21st at Holy Cross Hall. It's been some time since we've celebrated our grandest-in-age-members, so watch for upcoming info. Also, the Central Coast District BBQ will be held Saturday, September 17th at Shaffer Park. Board members are encouraged to attend and branch members are also invited. Please contact Roseann Costabile for reservations.

Finally, we bid farewell and best wishes to Father Martin Cain who has been reassigned. Father Cain certainly will be missed. He is replaced by Father Manny Resera as Holy Cross' pastor, so let us all give our new pastor a warm welcome.

May we continue to move forward with God's grace. Sempre Avanti!

*Patty Morelli  
Trustee- Branch 21*



Br. 36, Father Ron Shirley

**Monterey****Br. 36, Santa Rosalia**

Congratulations to all our candidates that will be running for Central Council positions. We will have six delegates going to the 2022 ICF Convention in Las Vegas. Delegates are Elaine/Richard Valentine, Ed/Bella Leonard, George/Greta Leonard.

July 22 was our 85-Year-Old And Over Party. We have 107 members that are age 85 and over.

240 members and guests enjoyed Calamari steak, Caesar Salad, Pasta, our famous Garlic Bread and Birthday cake for dinner. We thanked Ed-die Leonard and George Leonard for leading our kitchen volunteers for the outstanding dinner.

Our entertainment was Mike Miratta group playing our favorite Italian songs and singing Happy Birthday to All. Our theme this year was "Fun in the Sun. Congratulations to Father Ron for winning our 50/50 raffle and it was nice as it was also his Birthday.

Thank you, AnnaMarie Della Sala, chairwomen and her committee for doing an awesome job.

Our next dinner meeting is August 18, 2022. Please note this dinner will be on a Thursday night.

Menu will be announced soon.

Please continue to pray for our members that are ill, in hospital or home-bound.

We welcome members that want to help volunteer. We need help with setting up and taking down tables/chairs for our events. Also, need help with servers, bar helpers and other duties. If interested, please call Elaine Valentine, President

831-521-8026.

"Friends, sun, sand and sea, sounds like a fun Summer to me" unknown author.

*Have Fun in the sun,  
Elaine Valentine, Br 36 President*



Br. 36, Ann Troia, Hope and Sal Cardinali



## Castroville

### Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

Because of the combined *Bollettino* for August and September, we are celebrating quite a few of our members' birthdays in this issue. Happy birthday to our August members, Stefani Cortopassi, Joseph Huynh, Carmen, Rossi, and Patricia Stefani, who is going to be 91 years young; and to our September members, Diane Ausonio, Art Carbonel, Daniel Carbonel, and Greg Stefani.

This year for our annual August fundraiser we are going to be doing a chicken BBQ. The BBQ will be held on August 14 at Our Lady of Refuge Parish Hall in Castroville. The meal will include a half a chicken, Leonora's special (and delicious) beans, salad, bread, and a dessert for \$18.00. It is going to be take-out only and you have to purchase your dinners ahead of time. You can contact our club president Cindy Stefani at 831-578-1995 to purchase tickets or get more information.

*Wishing you a wonderful rest of the summer and stay safe,  
Stefani Cortopassi*

## Aptos

### Br. 227, St. Joseph

We had a successful membership drive on the weekend of July 16 and 17. Two new members signed up and six people took applications. There was also a lot of interest from the parishioners at Aptos Resurrection Church. Thanks to Dolores McCartney, Dottie Smith, Marie Mungai, Margaret Margo, Sharleen Hedgpeth and Deanna Musler who handed out brochures and biscotti. They assisted President Franklyn Lopes and Federation Membership Chair Perry Shurko who traveled from Downey to help out as well.

Vicky Howell will serve as our delegate to the Convention in Las Vegas.

Remember the Annual Picnic on September 17 at Shaffer Park. The menu includes barbecued chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread, watermelon and cookies. The cost of \$20 per person includes two drink tickets, and there will be a raffle with lots of good prizes. Directions to Shaffer Park will be provided in advance.

Please include Franklyn Lopes, Sr. in your get-well prayers. He has had recent stays at the hospital and rehab.

Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating their 90th birthday: Irene Cortez and Gene Pauly in August and Jim Musler in September. Remember, you're not getting older... you're increasing in value.

Congratulations to our President, Franklyn Lopes, on being named Branch Mentor of the Year for the

Central Coast District.

Best wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable Convention, and may God bless and protect all those who are traveling this summer.

*Deanna Musler, Secretary*

## Arroyo Grande

### Br. 291, St. Patrick

Viva Las Vegas! Delegates Keely and Dave Sanchez are excited to attend the ICF National Convention in Las Vegas and represent Br. 291! Our Branch is also excited that our nomination for the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award, Fr. Maseo Gonzales, will be receiving the award during the Saturday night dinner! We pray everyone attending the convention has safe travels, stays healthy, and enjoys a fun and productive weekend!

We are happy to announce we will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fall Fundraiser on October 8th, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. in our parish hall. This will be our first spaghetti dinner fundraiser in several years. Proceeds from this dinner help fund our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

We recently awarded two scholarships to Br. 291 Members. High school graduate, Lorena Carroll, received a \$500 College Scholarship from our Branch. Lorena will be attending San Diego State this fall. Lorena also received an ICF First Year Scholarship from Central Council! We awarded 8th grade graduate, Rylee Fleming, with a \$500 Catholic High School Scholarship. Rylee graduated from St. Patrick School and will be attending St. Joseph's High School this fall. Congratulations to these very deserving students!

Br. 291 recently lost two wonderful members. Dianne Clees peacefully passed away in late June. Dianne and her late husband, Homer, had been members of Branch 291 for many years. Also in late June, we lost a very longtime member, Elyse Battistella, who was 99 years young and had been an ICF Member for 60 years!! Elyse had transferred to our Branch from the Santa Maria Branch, which she helped form many years ago. May both of these lovely ladies rest in peace.

*See you in Vegas!  
Keely Sanchez  
Recording Secretary*

Deadline  
for October issue of  
*Bollettino*  
is September 10th.  
Send articles & photos:  
editor@icf.org  
*Share your stories and events  
with ICF members.*



Br. 227, In the picture are Franklyn Lopes, Marie Mungai and Sharleen Hedgpeth.



Br. 291 recently awarded two Branch Scholarships. Pictured here are Lorena Carroll, who received our Branch College Scholarship and an ICF First Year Scholarship; Rylee Fleming, who received our Catholic High School Scholarship; and Pete Gallagher, Br. 291 President



Festa Italia - Pasquale Esposito performing at 2019 event



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## SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

It was a great day on July 10, 2022. The Santa Valley District (about 104 of us) held their annual Family Picnic at Vasona Park (The Circle Area). The day started with a 2:00 p.m. Mass Celebrated by Father George Aranha, our District Chaplain and Father Chris Bennett, the ICF Spiritual Director.

After Mass the BBQ was cooked and served by Craig Noah, Ric Shimshock, Patricia Look, The Lencioni's, and the rest of the crew. Thanks to the tenting group, the tablecloth group, and all that stayed to help clean-up. Thanks to Eva Stern (the 2022 Grand President's Award recipient) for selling over \$1000 in tickets for our Raffle. Our Dessert Auction brought in about \$250.

A big thanks to all the members of our District who came out on a very hot afternoon to share prayer, food and company. You are why we can do our many works of charity. And finally, thanks to Bob Basuino, our District President, for gathering the committees together and making sure that it all runs "smoothly".

Our next meeting will be at Santa Teresa, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please Save the Following Dates:

September 10, 2022, Annual Oktoberfest \$35 per person at Teske's Germania Restaurant

October 1st, 2022, Bishop's Day – St. Christopher Church, San Jose – 11:00 a.m. Mass - More Info to Follow

*Ciao for Now,  
Denise Antonowicz*

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

A meeting was held at Mission City Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on July 28th. We had a great lunch & meeting led by our intrepid president Bob Basuino. We discuss many issues and Bob reports we'll be able to resume meeting at St. Clare's starting in August.

Remember to SAVE THESE DATES:

September 2 – 4, 2022 ICF Annual Conference – Las Vegas Keep us in your prayers for a valuable conference and of course, safe travel.

September 10th, 2022 – Santa Clara Valley Annual Oktoberfest – Teske's Germania Restaurant - 255 N First St, San Jose, CA 95113 - \$35 per person

October 1st, 2022. Bishops Day at St. Christophers – hosted by Br. 184

Try to attend these functions. Not only are they great food but we have a great time being together again.

*Che Dio benedica te e i tuoi cari ora  
e per sempre.  
Denise Antonowicz, Treasurer*



Santa Clara Valley, Cooks getting ready for the hungry crowd, estimated to be 104 people.



Santa Clara Valley, Members enjoying a nice warm day.



Santa Clara Valley, Outdoor mass with San Jose Diocesan Chaplain Father George Aranha and ICF Spiritual Director Father Chris Bennett



SCV, Barbeque master Craig Noah



Br. 28 - Members Joe and Julia Cardoza enjoying Br. 28's picnic at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy.



SCV, Eva Stern selling raffle tickets



Br. 28 - Janice DeCosta presenting her heritage report of Past President Gennaro Filice's family settling in SCV.

### Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

Our June 20th dinner meeting was held at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. Discussed was the Cooley's anemia fundraiser that was approved at the June 2nd board meeting. Member Janice DeCosta in her heritage report described the history of Past President Gennaro Filice's family and their settling in Santa Clara Valley which came to be known as the prune capital of the world.

On July 10th the ICF district picnic was held at Vasona Park in Los Gatos with hot dogs and hamburgers and a socializing with other Santa Clara County branch members. District chaplain Father Aranha conducted Mass with Br. 28 Orator Roy Shackel participating in the readings and the afternoon ended in a very bountiful dessert auction.

On July 17th Br. 28 held its family barbecue at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy with approximately fifty attendees, which included several members from our sister branch 435 from Morgan Hill. Also, in attendance was Beatrice Robinson a John G. Roffinella scholarship winner and her family. Our tried-and-true grill masters Vince Saso and Joe Fortino did the cooking with members bringing appetizers, salads, and desserts.

As we continue with Br. 28's Cooley's Anemia/Thalassemia fundraiser which will run through January 2023 I would like to share with you excerpts from our Treasurer, Pat Cordich, regarding Cooley's and its spokesperson/patient Laurice Levine.

"Laurice Levine has beat all the odds and continues to thrive...now married and with a son of her own."

"To hear Laurice's story is to understand that having "hope" is a precious thing."

"As members of Branch 28, let's continue to contribute to that hope."

*Peace and God Bless,  
Kim M. Filice*

[See flyer on the next page for ICF fundraiser for Cooley's/Thalassemia will run through January 2023.]



Br. 28 - Member Peggy Fortino displaying her jar of biscotti cookies for being high bidder in the District raffle fundraiser at Vasona Park.





Br. 191, One of our newest members

## St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

### Branch 184 – Los Gatos

Los Gatos is hot, and our branch is laying low and hopefully keeping cool and safe. We've taken the month of July off (kind of). Several members made it to the very toasty District Picnic at Vasona Lake Park on July 10th. Mass was at 2:00 p.m. celebrated by Father George and Father Chris. The Arnaudo's held their "Drive Thru" Layette on July 16th.

Looking forward to August and meeting again. I'm looking at meeting on Thursday August 11 at Campo di Bocce for a nice lunch at 11:30 a.m. If that works for you, please e-mail me or call me no later than August 8th.

Finally remember to SAVE THESE DATES:

September 2 – 4, 2022 ICF Annual Conference – Las Vegas Keep us in your prayers for a valuable conference and of course, safe travel.

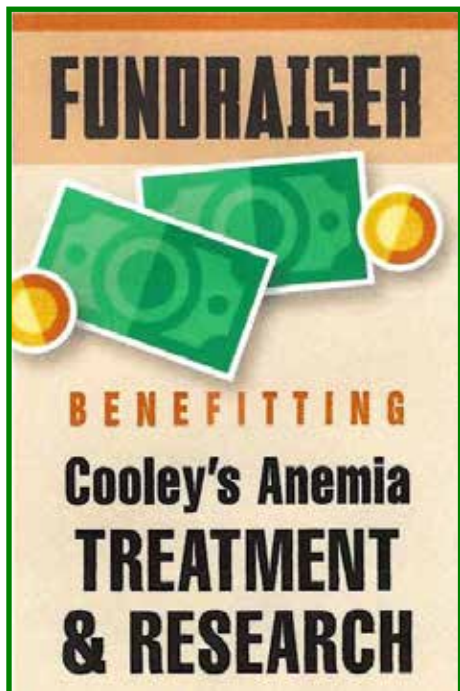
September 10th, 2022 – Santa Clara Valley Annual Oktoberfest – Teske's Germania Restaurant - 255 N First St, San Jose, CA 95113 - \$35 per person

October 1st, 2022. Bishops Day at St. Christophers – hosted by Br. 184 (that's us)

Try to attend these functions. Not only are they great food but we have a great time being together again.

*Che Dio benedica te e i tuoi cari ora e per sempre.*

Denise Antonowicz, President



## San Jose

### Br. 191, Saint Francis Cabrini

Our Summer days are marching by. Soon the end of our Summer will be here. But wait..... We have something that each and every one of us can participate, the ICF Convention.

The Convention, in Las Vegas, on Sept 2 to 4th, will have Debbie Piro and Jamie Portillo representing Branch 191. When we think about being a delegate, that role has a lot of responsibility.

As a delegate, yes there are many enjoyable social activities, from bowling, banquet dinners, site seeing, and even a blood drive. But as a delegate, the responsibility is twofold. What (as a delegate) do I want personally to gain from this convention? What do I want my branch to receive by my attendance? What can I bring to my members?

These are very important questions that all our delegates face. It is best that our delegates come prepared with goals and objectives to get the most out of this very rewarding experience. Anyone can attend (delegate or not), so by all means think about making a rewarding weekend trip.

What else would be rewarding? Having your raffle ticket picked out of that ticket drum! It is not too late to purchase raffle tickets, so make our raffle a success.

We as Branch members of 191, wish both Debbie and Jamie a most rewarding and enjoyable time at convention. May their goals be met.

Ciao  
Shirley Catania  
sentinel

## San Jose

### Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

The ICF convention will be in Las Vegas Labor Day weekend. Our delegates are Mary Ridi and Ann Cordoni. Remember to turn in any outstanding Convention Raffle Tickets to Ann Cordoni. The District Picnic was held at Vasona Park on Sunday, July 10th. It was a great get together, with dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers, and salad.

Fr. George said mass and gave a beautiful homily about us being good Samaritans.

Our July meeting was an Ice Cream Social chaired by Patty Capps, Bobbie Gallegos & Robin Hayr. Yum, yum.

Believe it or not, as we slowly/almost leave Covid, we finalized our plans for the August 13th drive through Rib Dinner fundraiser. Bill and Maria Grecco are chairing this event. Get tickets before it sells out.

If you would like to chair the Pasta and



Br. 191, Happy 60th wedding anniversary to the Cornaglia's

Polenta dinner fundraiser, date TBA, please, let the board know. Because of the August rib dinner fundraiser there will not be an August meeting.

September branch meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:30.

Please pray for those recovering from sickness: Avis Erkel, Paul Butler and Barbra Ruffner. Also, pray for those that have passed away: Jeanne Gill, and Jim Gillio, John Gillio's brother. Congratulations to John and Noreen who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. How wonderful! And if you were married prior to today's date for at least 1-year, Happy Anniversary.

*Have a wonderful summer and stay safe,  
May God bless you,  
Tom Myers*



Branch 368 Ice Cream Social



## San Jose

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

In July, 45 members of Branch 391 gathered in St. Martin's School yard for our annual picnic, where members and their families enjoyed hot dogs, chili, chips and watermelon. Thank you, Steve, Cathleen and TJ Lencioni, for preparing and hosting this fun summer event.

Also, thank you, Steve and Cathleen, for representing Branch 391 as our two Convention Delegates in Las Vegas on Labor Day weekend.

First Vice President Marcie Rossi sent out an email in July that included flyers for our own Wine Down Fundraiser and other local Branch Fundraisers, which will be held in August, September and October.

Wine Down, our popular fundraiser, will be held on September 16, 2022, between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm. This is a favorite social and networking event, where local Santa Clara Valley Wines are featured, and delicious appetizers are served.

Reserve your spot by contacting Cathleen Lencioni or St. Martin's Parish Office. Proceeds benefit St. Martin's Parish and Food Box Program, St. Vincent de Paul and Diocesan Programs and Seminarians. Tickets are \$40 for wine and appetizers and \$25 for non-alcoholic drinks and appetizers.

Note: Branch elections for 2023 officers will be held during our October 4, 2022, meeting.

Upcoming #391 Meetings: Tuesday, August 2, 2022, and Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

*We look forward to seeing you soon.*  
Janis Patellaro



Branch 391 Members at Annual Summer Picnic



Branch 391 Lencioni Family--Cathleen, Steve and T.J. and Friend serving at Annual Summer Picnic



Branch 391 Father Generoso and Members

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, Dori Blefari and Fr Arthur's Mother-Veatrice.

## San Jose

### Br. 445, Transfiguration

Members chose to celebrate the 6th anniversary of Br. 445 (6/18/2016 - 6/18/2022) with a catered tasty breakfast prior to the start of our June general meeting. Tables were festively decorated with small Italian flags, flowers, a photocopy of the original list of Br. 445 First Officers and Charter Members as well as a current list of all ICF Branches.

Donna Pfaff, our first Br. 445 President, gave an oral report on the history behind the formation of the Italian Catholic Federation in 1924. Thanks to the visions and efforts of Luigi Providenza and Rev. Albert R. Bandini, ICF Br. #1 located in



Br. 445 Donna Pfaff sharing a Heritage Report



Br. 445 Donna & Richard Pfaff, Chic Cannon, Emily Corral, Diane Devine



Br. 445 Joan & Phil Lang, Marti Rao, Jim & Janie Falcone



Br. 445 Members Dodie Morin, Jean Avram, Larry Farro, Jean Cosentino, Gina Farro, Andy & Kathy La Scola

The Parish 60th Anniversary BBQ was a great success. Thanks to all ICF Members who volunteered and served at this Event. Fr Phong was pleased with the turn out and the Fellowship he witnessed during the day and extended his Thanks to ICF at the Weekend Parish Masses.

The ICF District BBQ was held at Vasona Park on Sunday 10 July with Mass with Fr George @ 200PM. Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be the offering.

Patricia will be our Branch Delegate to the ICF Convention in Las Vegas. Best of Luck in Vegas Patricia!

Don't forget the District Oktoberfest at Germania, San Jose later September.

Bishop's Day has been moved and will be held this year at St Christopher's Parish.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings via Zoom on the fourth

San Francisco was formed in 1924. In 2024 we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of ICF! Branches have extended to five states and membership once peaked at thirty thousand. Donna stressed the importance of reaching out to recruit more members to foster the growth and continue to preserve the ICF.

During our June meeting, members approved motions in support of charitable and apostolic causes. Branch treasurer Phil Lang was busy writing checks: \$300 for ICF Ukraine Relief Fund, \$600 for ICF Third Year

Scholarship, \$1,000 for Transfiguration Parish and \$1,200 for our Lunch Ministry (which has surpassed 11,000 sack lunches for the needy).

Happy August Birthdays to Karen Fierravanti, Madelyn Scocca, Joe Adragna and Phil Lang ... Tanti Auguri!

May we all enjoy an American version of Italy's Ferragosto!

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



## STOCKTON District

### Modesto

#### Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We have had a very busy summer so far. By the time you read this we will have had the Bishop's Burse, the Stockton District Picnic, Raffle ticket sales and be at the end of the Convention.

As soon as we get back from the Convention, we will be getting ready for the St. Stanislaus Fall Festival September 23-25, 2022. Our members help where they can. They make cookies for the Country Store, help with ticket sales and help with the dinners and food booths.

Then comes our Bake Sale October 1 & 2, 2022 which keeps all of us very busy baking. This is our biggest fundraiser, so our members work hard to make it a success. The parish members from time-to-time call and ask when we will be having our bake sale. They look forward to the biscotti, Tiramisu, pies and all the other baked goods.

Masses for our deceased members will be Sunday October 2, 2022, and November 13, 2022 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

*Take care and enjoy the rest of the summer.*  
*Cecelia McGhee*

### Lodi

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

There is a change to our annual Bocce dinner event. The event will take place on September 11, 2022, in St. Anne's Hall, directly across the beautiful plaza from the Church, opening at 11 a.m. Live Italian music will serenade us while we enjoy drinks and appetizers. Join us for mass at 10:30 a.m., then head on over for an afternoon of fun, friends, games, and our delicious silent desert auction. That's right! Homemade sweets made to share with friends.

We are setting up yard games in the school yard, with a couple of pro Bocce players who will teach anyone who wants to learn to play the game. All games, also card games, are for all ages starting at 11 until 4. Bring your children, your friends, your parents and grandparents, and church group partners! BBQ hot dogs will be served from 12:30 to 1:30, with silent desert auction winners announced at 2.

Tickets prices will be announced shortly and are already ready for purchase. If you would like to purchase tickets, please reach out to any of the St. Anne's ICF officers and members or contact the Parish Office. For those

who would like to help with any portion of the event, we welcome any time you feel called to give.

Our next meeting will be on August 26th at 6 PM in the Church Youth Room. The theme for the night is summer BBQ's and Ice Cream.

Thank you for all the member of the committee who are working so hard to make this a wonderful day for our Parish.

*Corresponding Secretary,*  
*Amanda Moberly*

### Tracy

#### Br. 390, St. Bernard

We are happy to see some response in our efforts to increase membership to our Branch 390. Younger generations are of course the focus of our plan as they are the future of our beloved family organization.

We continue to raise funds for the worthy causes that are near and dear to our hearts. At the end of July, the Bishop's Burse event hosted by our district at St. Stanislaus Modesto did just that - there are 7 or so Seminar-ians on our radar and we ask for your prayers as they pursue their goals.

August 14th will see the reinstatement of our annual Stockton District picnic at Escalon Park. Fun and games for the kiddos, raffle prize giveaway and BBQ steaks once again make their way into the plans this year.

Good luck and have fun in Vegas but beware of the one-armed bandits (slot machines) as we like to call them! Branch 390 President Anita Ridolfi and Steve Ridolfi (who will be carrying a camera so smile!) will be representing our Branch.

HOW EASY IS THIS? Be sure to fill out and return your forms to Steve and you will be in our HERITAGE section!

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

Steve Ridolfi continues to post the life of our branch through pictures on our Website: [www.icfbranch390.org](http://www.icfbranch390.org)

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



Br. 390, Anna Serrato is handing out one of the dinners to Maria Ramirez as Chuck and Marylyn Tusos stand by.



Br. 390, Mike Bacchetti, Robert Bacchetti, and John Arrington mashing the Potatoes



Br. 390, John Arrington, Robert Bacchetti, & Louie Serrato bring out the meatloaf.



Br. 390, Annette Elissagaray, Serena Martocchio, collecting money from Susan Johnston



Br. 390's entry to the city of Tracy 4th of July parade. This image is of our President Anita Ridolfi and her husband Stephen in their decorated 1959 MGA. They are promoting the Italian Catholic Federation and our Branch 390. We do this every year.



Br. 390, Mike Bacchetti cutting the Meatloaf while Robert Bacchetti, John Arrington, & Louie Serrato look on.



Branch 390, Back row: John Arrington, Robert Bacchetti, Mike Bacchetti, Chuck Tusos, Marilyn Tusos, Susan Johnston. Front Row: Art Dykzeul, Suzanne Dykzeul, Sandra Zepeda, Annette Elissagaray, Serena Martocchio, Anita Ridolfi, Lucy Orsi





Br. 395, Thank you Gene and Allen Sturtevant from Branch 395 for co-chairing of summer fundraiser

### Stockton

#### Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM

Happy convention a tutti!

Our Branch has been busy this summer. Many of our members attended the Bishop's Burse at the end of July, hosted by the Modesto Branch. It was a beautiful mass followed by a lovely luncheon. Our Branch was very excited this year to present the bishop with an additional monetary gift to support the diocese.

A big thank you to Gena and Allen Sturtevant for chairing our summer DaVinci fundraiser. It was a huge success, and we are so pleased to now be able to support additional charitable causes of the Branch and the ICF. Thank you to all who purchased and help sell tickets.

Our Stockton District picnic was also held and as always, a good time was

had by all. Always great to have all our branches and their families and friends together.

Congratulations to Savannah Monaco our second-year scholarship recipient. We wish her another excellent year at UC Davis.

And don't forget, 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*

Members of Branch 395 with Bishop Cotta.



## DEADLINE

for October issue of  
*Bollettino*

is September 10th.

Send articles

& photos:

[editor@icf.org](mailto:editor@icf.org)

*Share your stories and  
events with ICF members.*





# 91st Annual National Convention



Labor Day  
Weekend  
September  
2 - 4

**Location:** The Orleans Hotel & Casino 4500 W Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103 Direct: (702) 365-7111  
**Reservations:** Visit [orleanscasino.com/groups](http://orleanscasino.com/groups) Group Code: AIC2C08 clarification: aic2c(zero)8 Reservations Line: (800) 675-3267

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

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

**Please notify your branch of your convention attendance.**

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



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

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Going  
Green!



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Plan to attend  
our National  
Convention!

Enjoy the culture of New Orleans in Las Vegas!

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

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

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



# Benvenuti Welcome

## 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.



# I.C.F. 91st Annual Convention Agenda

## Las Vegas, Nevada • September 2-4, 2022

### THURSDAY, September 1, 2022

#### 6pm

Fremont Street Experience Featuring the Mob Museum  
(Reservations Required) . . . Ride Share  
..... Pickup Area

### FRIDAY, September 2, 2022

#### 8am-2pm

11th Annual Convention Blood Drive  
Presented by the Live to Give Committee. . . . . Dauphine

#### 12pm-1pm

Convention Registration . . . LaSalle A

#### 1pm-4:30pm

Let The Good Times Roll - Bowling Event (Reservations required to play)  
1pm Check-in Begins - 1:30pm  
Bowling Begins. . . . . Bowling Center

#### 4:30pm-6pm

Convention Registration . . . LaSalle A

#### 6:30pm-7pm

Meet the Central Council Candidates and No-Host Cocktails . . . . . Esplanade

#### 7pm-9:30pm

Mardi Gras Dinner Banquet and Convention Opening Ceremonies  
7pm Dinner (Reservations Required)  
Approximately 8:15pm Opening Ceremonies . . . . . Esplanade

#### • Call to Order by the Convention Director

Roselynn McNeal, Central Council Life Member

#### • Mistress of Ceremonies

Rosemary Cook, Central Council Member

#### • Opening Prayer

#### • National Anthem

Diana Letizia Mackinson, Br. 442 Pleasant Hill President

#### • Presentation of the Central Council Grand President, Deborah Rodondi

#### • Greeting from the Grand President

#### • Roll Call of Districts

#### • National Charity Presentation

#### • Response from National Charity Representatives

#### • Closing Prayer

#### • Federation Anthem "Noi Vogliam Dio"

Michael Belluomini, Br. 39 Merced Past President

### SATURDAY, September 3, 2022

#### 8am-10:30am

Clergy Vesting Room . . . . . LaSalle A

#### 8:30am-9am

Convention Registration . . . LaSalle B

#### 9am-10am

Memorial Mass . . . . . Bienville  
Presider: Reverend George Aranha,  
Santa Clara Valley Diocesan Chaplain

#### 10:15am-11am

Workshop Session A (FAITH AND HERITAGE - Option 1 of 2) . . Bienville  
Mother Cabrini: A Life Woven with Sacred Thread

As one of the patronesses of ICF, St. Frances Cabrini remains a beacon for Italian American Catholics and for all immigrants. Join Francesca Taylor of Branch 67, Los Angeles to view and discuss a special display of handiwork and literature from the original Cabrini convent in Codogno, Italy. The presentation will also illustrate the Centro Cabriniano (Cabrini Spiritual Center) in Italy. Benvenuti a tutti!

Workshop Session A (CHARITY - Option 2 of 2) . . . . . Esplanade  
Charitable Check-in

Did you know that 100% of your charitable donations go directly to our ICF charities? This workshop offers a snapshot of the Cooley's Anemia, Scholarship, Gifts of Love and Providenza Seminary programs. Here you'll gain insight on each committee's focus and current state. Participants will also be invited to share their tips for outreach and charitable fundraising to help us learn from one another.

#### 11:15am-12pm

Workshop Session B (FELLOWSHIP - One session for all attendees) Esplanade  
Moving Forward

Successes since the shutdown will be shared in hopes of inspiring branches to evolve their connections with members, parishes and the local community. The panel includes: Br. 39 Merced, Br. 111 Montebello and Br. 227 Aptos. The workshop will conclude with time for attendees to share their branch/district successes. We want to hear your progress and accomplishments!

#### 12pm-1:30pm

No-host Lunch Break . . . Hotel/Casino  
Chaplain's Luncheon . . . Location TBA

#### 1:30pm-3:30pm

Convention General Session. Esplanade

#### • Opening Prayer

#### • Introduction of Central Council, Clergy & Staff

#### • Adoption of Rules and Regulations

#### • Credentials Committee Report

#### • Welcome First Time Delegates

#### • Approval of Grand Treasurer's Report

#### • Proposals

#### • Speeches of Central Council Candidates

#### • Election of Central Council Members

#### • Open Forum (time permitting)

#### • Attendance Drawing

#### • Closing Prayer

#### • Adjournment

#### 6:30pm-7pm

No-host Cocktail Reception . Esplanade

#### 7pm-9pm

Saintly Saturday Banquet (Reservations Required). . . . . Esplanade

#### • Welcome

Roselynn McNeal, Convention Director

#### • Mistress of Ceremonies

Carmen Kilcullen, Central Council Life Member Emeritus and Past Grand President

#### • Invocation

#### • Remarks

The Most Reverend Gregory Gordon, Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas

#### • Presentation of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

#### • Response from Recipient

Reverend Masseo Gonzales

#### • Presentation of the Pope Saint John XXIII Award

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

#### • Response from Recipient

Dr. Al Howard

#### • Closing Prayer

#### • "God Bless America"

Diana Letizia Mackinson, Br. 442 Pleasant Hill President

### SUNDAY, September 4, 2022

#### 9am-10:30am

Convention General Session. Esplanade

#### • Opening Prayer

#### • Resolutions and Communications

Presented by The Public Relations Committee

#### • Committee Acknowledgements

Presented by the Apostolate/Charity, Membership and Scholarship Committees

#### • Charitable Donations

Made to Cooley's Anemia, Gifts of Love, Providenza Fund and Scholarships

#### • Central Council Election Results

#### • Convention Site Report

#### • Attendance Drawing

#### • Closing Prayer

Following General Session - Central Council Meeting . . . . . Esplanade

#### 12pm-2pm

Awards Luncheon (Reservations Required). . . . . Dauphine

#### • Welcome

Roselynn McNeal, Convention Director

#### • Mistress of Ceremonies

Denise Antonowicz, Central Council Grand 1st Vice President

#### • Opening Prayer

#### • Presentation of the Grand President's Award

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

#### • Response from Recipient

Eva Stern

#### • Presentation of the Young Adult Leadership Award

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

#### • Response from Recipient

Danielle Pachinger

#### • Presentation of the Family of the Year Award

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

#### • Response from Recipients

The Seppi Family

#### • Closing Prayer

#### 2:30pm-5:30pm

Clergy Vesting Room . . . . . LaSalle A

#### 3pm-5pm

Concelebrated Mass and Installation of Officers . . . . . Bienville

#### • Mass

Principal Celebrant:  
The Most Reverend Gregory Gordon, Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas

#### • Installation of Central Council Officers

Installing Officer: Vincent Piro, Central Council Past Grand President

#### • Grand President's Address

Deborah Rodondi

#### • Convention Raffle

Presented by The Ways and Means Committee

#### • Federation Anthem in Italian and English

The Watts Family, Br. 281 Bakersfield

#### • Adjournment

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

