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ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



The Italian Catholic Federation once again participates in the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco

On Sunday morning, October 9th at 7:30 a.m., our Heritage Committee gathered — Franklyn Lopes, Jr., and Bob Basuino, along with Deborah Rodondi, Lisa Crudo, Jo-Ann Maggiora-Donivan, with Russ and Louise Vento, Julie Richards and Andy Pappani, there in spirit. A HUGE HUGE THANK YOU to Jim Friebe for driving the trailer for us.



This group of ICF decorators met at our spot #46 to start creating the design of our float. Blue Angel dignitaries drove past us, getting ready for their performance with Fleet Week. It is this time of year, that San Francisco really comes alive, with all nationalities coming together to enjoy each other's company, saying hello to our military sons and daughters walking about, and of course the sidewalks of North Beach, filled with energy, enjoying food and wine.

The Parade began at 12:30 p.m. at the foot of Jefferson and Powell Streets



Heritage Committee at work

in Fisherman's Wharf, proceeded south through North Beach on Columbus Avenue and ends in Washington Square in front of Saints Peter and Paul Church.

We surely miss and send a big THANK YOU to the Antonowicz Family: Marie, Denise, Germaine and Mi-



chelle. We know they were here in spirit, and hopefully will be back for next year's parade.

Until we meet again, let's keep our Italian Heritage Alive!!!! Come and be a part of this parade next year.



Mary from IAF. And our scholarship winner from us to Boise State

Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

Another great convention has come and gone. With all the work put into it and the anticipation, it is bitter-sweet when it is over. Thanks to those of you who filled out the survey. Your feedback is very helpful and gives us direction for future conventions. We have a great convention committee, who year round is meeting and coming up with new ideas and ways to make the convention the ultimate experience for all of us.



Fall is here! The days are getting shorter, the weather is getting cooler, and we are starting to think of the holidays. The first holiday was Columbus Day. We celebrated in the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade. Grand 2nd VP Franklyn Lopes, Grand Treasurer Lisa Crudo, Past Grand President Bob Basuino, members Jo-Ann Maggiora-Donovan, Jim Friebe and I got together, decorated the float and safely rolled through the streets of San Francisco, thanks to our driver Jim Friebe. What fun seeing all the people lining the street and cheering us on. If you might be interested in participating, contact Franklyn as he is the chairperson of the Heritage Committee and will be coordinating next year's event.

In my home, it is also time to start pulling out the cookie recipes and begin baking for the holidays. My maternal grandmother started the tradition and I have continued it. The biggest problem is selecting which ones will be made this year; I usually narrow it down to 8 to 10 varieties.

Fall is also a time for Bishop's Days in many areas. I have enjoyed visiting with many of you at these events. Those of you who have not already scheduled yours, I encourage you to do so. The education of our seminarians has been an important part of the ICF. We adopted the program in 1941. Did you know that the seminary burses were first given out at conventions until the 1950s, when it became a Diocesan event held by the local Districts?

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Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic
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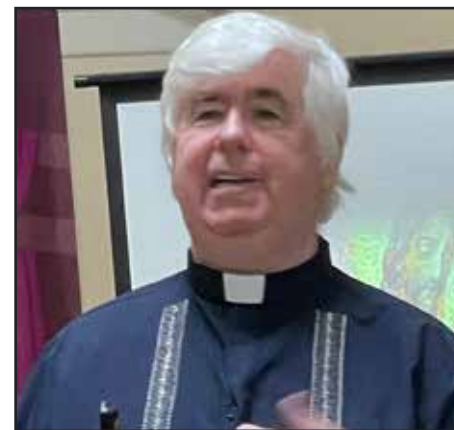
The traditions of the Feast of All
Souls began independently of the
Feast of All Saints. The Feast of All
Souls owes its beginning to seventh
century monks who decided to offer
the mass on the day after Pentecost
for their deceased community mem-
bers. The first saint to start the cel-
ebration on this day was St. Odilo, in
998. Christians have been praying for
the Holy Souls in Purgatory from the
time of the Apostles. In the late tenth
century, the Benedictine monastery in
Cluny chose to move their mass for
their dead to November 2, the day af-
ter the Feast of all Saints. This custom
spread and in the thirteenth century,
Rome put the feast on the calendar of
the entire Church. The date remained
November 2 so that all in the Commu-
nion of the Saints might be celebrated
together.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we hear

the words, "There is an appointed
time for everything, and a time for
every affair under the heavens. A time
to be born, and a time to die... a time
to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to
mourn, and a time to dance."

During the month of November, we as
a Church remember those who have
died. Perhaps it is due to the falling
leaves and the colder temperatures
that our thoughts turn to the death
made necessary to bring us new life.

I don't believe we have to wait until
we get to Heaven to experience what
these feasts celebrate. In the funeral
liturgy we are reminded, "Life is
changed, not ended." People live not
only in our memories, but also in our
presence. Is not prayer a communica-
tion, not only with God, but with the
saints and souls? These feasts invite
us to do more than remember. They
invite us to see and join that great
multitude, that cloud of witnesses
here and now. They give us a glimpse



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

of what we might mean by "All."

When you have had a loved one go
to be with the Lord, do not feel like
you're the only person who has had
this experience. There is an Eastern
legend about a Hindu woman whose
only child had died. She went to a
prophet to ask for her child back.
The prophet told her to go and obtain
a handful of rice from a house into
which death had not come. If she
could obtain the rice in this way, he
promised to give her the child back.
From door to door, she asked the
question, "Are you all here around
the table — father, mother, children
— none missing?" But always the
answer came back that there were
empty chairs in each house.

As she continued, her grief and sor-
row softened as she found that death
had visited all families. Yes, death is
universal; our painful experience is
not the only one of its kind. Because
God is faithful, because Jesus Christ
is alive, so is your loved one and
mine. Remember the Words of Jesus,
"I am indeed going to prepare a
place for you, and then I shall come
back to take you with me, that where
I am you also may be."

Let us remember all our loved ones
who have gone before us, especially
members of the Italian Catholic
Federation. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen

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

Blessings

Fr. Chris



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I love Thanksgiving
because it's a holiday
that is centered around
food and family, two
things that are of utmost
importance to me.

Marcus Samuelson

Apostolate/Charity Committee Papal Audience

Lauren Kilcullen, Chairperson

In May 2022, my best friend and I traveled to Rome as part of our vacation to Europe. During my planning of the trip, I saw that the Wednesday General Audience with Pope Francis had resumed, and I decided to get tickets.

There are several ways to obtain tickets – either on the Vatican website (search for General Audience tickets) or with a tour company. The Vatican was slow in responding to my request, so I purchased tickets from a local tour company. Tickets from the Vatican are free, from the tour company they cost \$34.00. The tour guide met us and the rest of the group outside Vatican City and we walked in together. She also knew where to sit to get the best view of Pope Francis. When you go, sit near the cross aisle in St. Peter’s Square as that is where the Pope rides around on the Pope mobile. The photo is from our seats.

Prior to Pope Francis coming, the air was filled with anticipation. Groups from all over the world were present and each nationality was welcomed by speakers in their native language and large groups were singled out for recognition. As each country was recognized, a loud cheer went up from people from those countries. A marching band also played music and when Pope Francis rode around in the Pope Mobile, the band played a tango.

The energy in St. Peter’s Square peaked when Pope Francis rode around in the Pope Mobile. There was



a dash to the barricades and parents held up their children for him to touch or bless.

Once Pope Francis got to the dais, he read a passage from the Second Book of Maccabees and then gave a sermon titled: Catechesis on Old Age: Eleazar, consistency of the faith, honourable inheritance. Part of the sermon centered around the wisdom of our elders and how the younger generation should listen to their elders and learn. (Parents would love the sermon). He spoke in Italian and then the previous speakers read the passage and a synopsis of the sermon in different languages. English, French, German, Spanish, Arabic and Polish were some of the languages.

After the audience was finished, Cardinals and other dignitaries went up to Pope Francis to talk or for a blessing. Attending the General Audience is a wonderful experience and I recommend attending when you’re in Rome on a Wednesday.



GP’s Monthly Message --continued

Deborah Rodondi

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During fall and November, one of our first thoughts is Thanksgiving. An opportunity to gather with family and friends, eat, share stories, enjoy the company and be thankful for all we have. I had the opportunity to celebrate with 3 high school girlfriends a few weeks ago. I was hesitant to drive up to Oregon for the long weekend, but they convinced me it was the thing to do. We had such a wonderful time sharing our memories from high school, stories of what we have been

up to over the years and where we are at now. If the opportunity presents itself to you to gather with friends from school, family events and reunions embrace it and go. Who knows when there will be a chance to gather again? The stories shared are part of your heritage, embrace them and pass them down to the future generations.

I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving with plenty of family, friends, laughter, love and of course GOOD food!



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(Report as of October 9, 2022)

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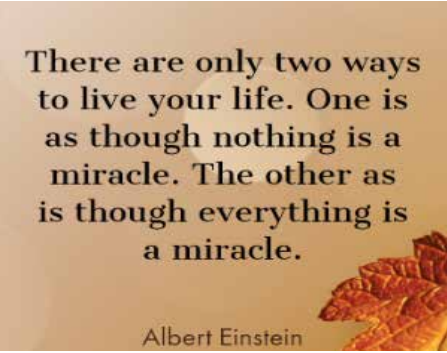
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Scholarship Donations - 1st Year
John and Carolyn Cardinalli - Convention Bowl-A-Thon
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Santa Clara Valley District Bishop's Day



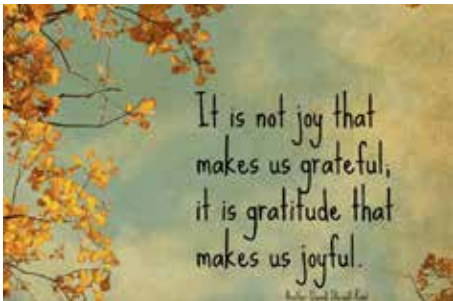
San Jose Bishop Oscar Cantu celebrates mass with fellow priests and members of the Santa Clara Valley District.

The Santa Clara Valley District's Bishop's Day event was held at St. Christopher, San Jose in October. The Spiritual Bouquet and Burses were presented at the luncheon, following an 11 a.m. mass. Most Rev. Oscar Cantu, Bishop of San Jose attended. Branch

184, Los Gatos hosted with Fr. George Aranha Diocesan Chaplain and Fr. Chris Bennett, ICF Spiritual Director. Denise Antonowicz, Event Chairperson, and Donna Pfaff, Co-chairperson, planned the event.

A lunch was held in the church hall, emceed by Grand Secretary Lauren Kilcullen. Marie Antonowicz, member Br. 184, presented the Spiritual Bouquet. Bob Basuino, District Pres. & PGP presented \$7,000 Seminary Burse Donation. Deborah Rodondi, Grand President presented \$2,000 Providenza Donation.

Other special guests included Franklyn Lopes, Jr., Grand 2nd VP, Lauren Kilcullen, Grand Secretary, Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer, Perry Shurko, Grand Trustee, Ken Marshall, CC, Vince Piro, CC PGP, Michael Rossi, CC PGP, Carmen Kilcullen, Life Member Emeritus CC, PGP, and Jerry Delfino, Member Emeritus CC.



The Italian Immigrant Journey--Part Two

Dante Galeazzi, Heritage guest author

CiaoCiao my Italian Catholic Federation Famiglia

We are back, both Giovanni my 13-year-old Grandson (Gson) and I. We continue to share our journey in the location where my Great Grandfather (GGF) Giovanni Carlo Galeazzi as a 16-year-old came to start his



challenge for prosperity with a land grant given by President Porfirio Díaz of Mexico. My GGF Giovanni left his parents of Arona, located on the southern westside of Lago Maggiore. The ship started at the port of Genoa, Liguria, Italy a 30-day journey across the Atlantic arriving at the port of Vera Cruz, Mexico. Again, remember not everyone went to New York City.



Puebla (where the first Cathedral was built in the Americas and 20 years earlier the Battle of Cinco de Mayo) as it is the half way point to Mexico City.



Entrance to the Italian section of the Panteón de Dolores in Mexico City

The land grants/free land for these immigrants pioneers in an area near two volcanoes Popocatepetel (still active) and Iztaccihuatl in an area called Chipilo that was apparently covered with harden lava. I recall my Zia Carmella telling the story as a teenager listening to the elders complaining that they had to "dig 10 metros" (almost 30 feet) for a plantable surface, the Hawaiian Islands of lava rock today is considered a paradise. However, many Italians returned home to Italy due to the difficulties of farming.

October 1, I visited the Church for prayers for my parents before visiting my Chipilo Famiglia. I also presented flowers to my Grandparents Emilio and Ursula Elena plus GGPARENTS Giovanni-Anamaria in the Italian cemetery. Then off to visit Zio Daniel 94, for my long awaited embrace, Italian kisses and, yes, his blessings for both Giovanni and I. Zio Daniel (3rd

generation) still operates the community market with his son Daniel and daughter Maria; not sure how much his Gson Giuseppe helps. GGF Giovanni started the business in the early 1890s located across the Immaculate Conception Church. Their home was attached to the market with a dairy cow in the back.

This young immigrant married Anamaria Spezzia in 1890. Our GGF Giovanni expanded his business and sold the hay to the others. Milk, cheese and the meats, sausages also sold at La Esperanza (Speranza in Italian; Hope in English). The old portraits of my GGPARENTS still hang in the store.

The big celebration began on October 7th thru the 9th. The plaza has a city hall, library, club house, auditorium, a coffee shop plus a playground for the children all adjacent to the church.



First Lady Margarita Maza, wife of Benito Juárez, was the daughter of a Genoese immigrant.

The event began with the coronation of the Queen, a Night Gala, and an antique car show mainly pickups and one red Lamborghini. The talent show consisted of the local talent performing ballet, traditional dances, songs sung in Italian old, current and even some opera accompanied by an accordion, plus the popular comical skit by 3 ladies posing as the "old gossiping woman of Chipilo," the BEST and humorous even though in Spanish as their mannerisms and portrayals were hilarious.



The next day featured a presentation of the new monument honoring the Immigrants Ancestors of Chipilo listing 127 individuals or families of the first wave of Italians. Also honored were the 3rd generation of current elders with gifts and a certificate.

I was overwhelmed watching two uncles, Daniel and Minutti, recognized along with 30 others including a lady who passed two days earlier, the eldest was 101.

The food was fantastic at our relative's and the restaurants. Giovanni and I continuously devoured our plates. The pizzas were superb. "There is nothing to compare with all the fresh



ingredients or the fresh homemade sausages/meats." We cleaned the plates with ciabatta bread...



The first vehicle was a Ford in the Chipilo and the famiglia started a business the "Italian Coffee Company" all over the state outnumbering Starbucks.

ingredients or the fresh homemade sausages/meats." We cleaned the plates with ciabatta bread...



This trip filled me with emotion bursting with the love, the history, and my famiglia. We even visited my Dad's childhood church where he received his Sacraments plus served as an altar boy. Even the new families and friends that both Giovanni and I met, dearly welcomed the descendants from California. I cherished listening to the local dialect and Spanish spoken touched my heart....

As many of you know, my son Mario Cavalli Galeazzi entered the Celestial Paradise four years ago. It was my duty to direct Gson Giovanni to Chipilo to learn of his heritage in Chipilo so he can attend the 150th celebration when he is 23 and to teach his future heirs. This was a most memorable trip for me, I was Blessed. Molto Grazie.

Amen.

*God Bless
the Italian Catholic Federation*

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Please keep this in mind with the Holidays coming up. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our Branches as well as a way to fund many of our organization's programs.

Let's focus on selling our calendars!!! Branches have been given their allotment of calendars — contact your local Branch if you are interested in buying one.

Book Review: *Unlikely Champion: The Paul Yazolino Story*

Vince Piro, Past Grand President

Unlikely Champion: The Paul Yazolino Story

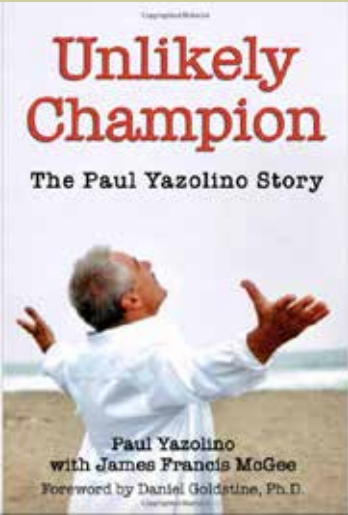
By Paul Yazolino with James Francis McGee
Small Miracles Publishing, 2022

In *Unlikely Champion: The Paul Yazolino Story*, an autobiography, the author recounts his life story — full of athletic success — that contains a “deep dark secret.” The book is an inspirational account of how one man battled his internal demons to become a world-famous weightlifter, body builder, and cyclist.

Yazolino begins his narrative by recounting his family’s history. His paternal grandparents were from Calabria, Italy, and his maternal grandparents were Danish and English immigrants. Their work ethic was passed down to the younger Yazolino, who became a dedicated athlete who spent hours committed to training. This led to several titles as he matured. However, from a young age the young Paul suffered from the “fear [of abandonment] and insecurity,” partly caused by traumatic events he experienced as a young child and man.

He grew up often facing depression and anxiety. For instance, after losing a favored childhood pet, he wrote, “...I was devastated as a powerful sense of loneliness came over me. I was sad for a very long time; in hindsight, it was a form of childhood depression.” What saved the young Paul were mentors and athletics.

Yazolino found mentors in teachers, such as Sister Mercedes, whom he described as “almost saintly. She especially had a keen sense for boys who were struggling.” Yazolino also found mentors in his friends, one of whom was Kenny Machado, “a truly wonderful person, who [the author] could always count on.” Others provided guidance and support to the author over the years, such as Johnny Coler-Dark, who first noticed Yazolino’s potential as a weightlifter and encouraged him to workout at his gym. Yazolino eventually earned a silver medal in the United States Championships and set a bench press record.



Sadly, during this time he also suffered from “the staggering weight of depression.” However, he often found that athletic feats and competitions offered an escape from his anxiety and sadness. He eventually achieved great feats as a cyclist. He wrote that, “Every time I got on a bike it gave me a surge of energy as I rode faster and faster. It was an incredible rush as I felt freer than I ever had before.” Yazolino later became a body builder and earned the title of Mr. USA and several titles in cycling competitions. It was through physical activity that the author kept his depression hidden. He wrote that “... I would sink into a well of depression with only more intense training to pull me out of it.” And it was also Yazolino’s faith that pulled him through the toughest times. “One of the most important ways that I keep up the good fight and see hope is through my faith . . . God gives us faith, hope, and love; hope keeps people going . . .”

Yazolino’s autobiography is an inspirational story of one man’s battle with anxiety and depression. It is through friends and mentors, his faith in God, and his ability to find positive channels for his energy that Yazolino overcomes his challenges. He writes his life story to let others know that they too can overcome life’s challenges, especially depression.

Vince Piro

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Perry Shurko

Membership Chairperson

After what I thought was a very successful convention, I attended our first Central Council meeting of the new fiscal year, which was held in San Jose. Just prior to the meeting, I hosted a Zoom meeting with the new Membership Committee. The new committee members are - Teresa Helfand, Vince Piro, Leonard Zasoski, Andy Pappani, Pat Mages, Patty Jarrett, Nina Malone, Maria Di Paolo, Mike Rossi as well as Deborah Rodondi, Denise Antonowicz and Franklyn Lopes Jr.

As of the end of October, we still see our membership numbers going up. This is always a good thing. But we need to work on those branches who are struggling and or having a harder time



than other branches. We do have a lot of great resources on the ICF website that cover Membership. From how to hold a membership drive to how to retain members.

One area that the Federation needs to work on this new year is getting new branches, which would definitely help overall. One area of interest is Las Vegas. The regional bishop wants to see us get back there after an absence of some years. Expansion is the big key to the ICF’s success. After the last 3 years of no growth, we look forward to opening up some new branches. Mike Rossi and his team will be working with my team to make this happen. Wouldn’t it be great to welcome some new branches at the convention next year in Costa Mesa.

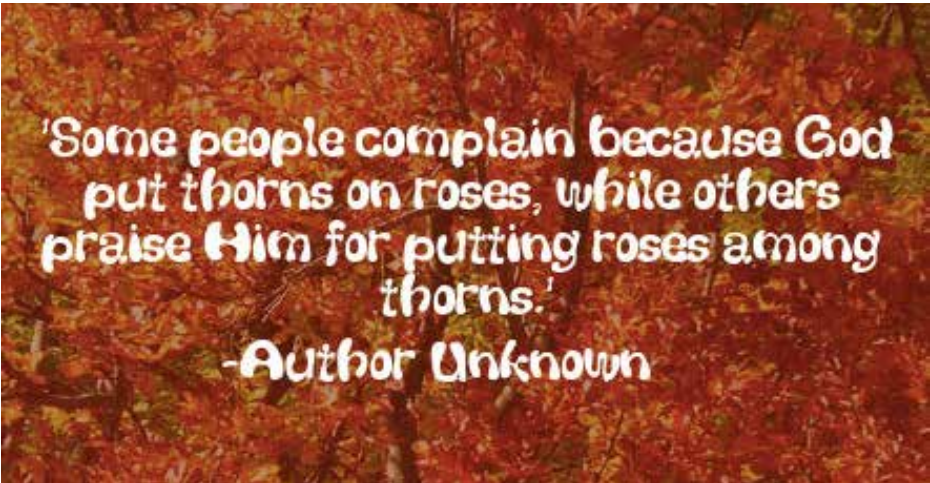
So, as always, we have our homework to do. It’s going to be a busy year for us, I hope! Keep up the good work that you all are doing. Till next month, have a great and Happy Thanksgiving.

Perry Shurko, Membership Chair.

OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
10/1	Barbara Tongate		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/2	Elora Dutra		San Jose, CA	\$30
10/3	David Hollister		Redwood City, CA	\$30
10/4	Rev. Michael Hendrickson	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/5	Branch 28		Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/6	Manuela Cavazos		Merced, CA	\$30
10/7	Angela Bilich		San Ramon, CA	\$30
10/8	Ila Schoettler	27	Madera, CA	\$30
10/9	Annie McCarthy	210	San Bernardino, CA	\$30
10/10	Robb & Daniele Conlan		Morgan Hill, CA	\$100
10/11	Jacque Wright		Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
10/12	Pat Scott	380	Thousand Oaks, CA	\$30
10/13	Lucy Orsi	390	Tracy, CA	\$30
10/14	Kristen Tortoriello		Arcata, CA	\$30
10/15	Richard Antongiovanni	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/16	Sister Jane Garrison	391	San Jose, CA	\$30
10/17	Norma Harris	342	Auburn, CA	\$30
10/18	Isabella Cordich		Gilroy, CA	\$30
10/19	Maria Pearson		Palisades, WA	\$30
10/20	Carla Campos		Rocklin, CA	\$30
10/21	Joe & Michelle Marschall		Half Moon Bay, CA	\$30
10/22	Judy Jacobs	33	Bakersfield, CA	\$50
10/23	Rudy Negrete		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/24	Ann Zoccoli	21	Santa Cruz, CA	\$30
10/25	Connie Gatto	154	Richmond, CA	\$30
10/26	Catie Cerri		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
10/27	Most Reverend Alberto Rojas		San Bernardino, CA	\$30
10/28	Loretta Reaves	227	Gilbert, AZ	\$30
10/29	Branch 413		Angels Camp, CA	\$30
10/30	Donna Barnes	19	Daly City, CA	\$30
10/31	Rob Basuino		San Jose, CA	\$50

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Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi
Grand President

Hope you are all getting ready to celebrate the Holidays with Family and Friends. This dessert is so awesome that I am sharing it with you again (It was in the January 2019 *Bollettino*). I have had the opportunity to test this delicious recipe out at many events and it received two thumbs up by all. A friend of mine, Anna, shared this recipe with me and told me it is easy to make and that everyone is always asking for it at different functions. She was so right. This is an amazingly simple and DELICIOUS dessert and will rival any great Italian Bakery.

The first time I made it, I thought it was undercooked and too moist. So, I thought I would cook the cake a little longer and maybe add a little more flour. Then I researched and found out that this is the way it is supposed to be. My nephew Tony (I mention him many times) was one of my first testers and he pronounced it perfect the way it was. Tony, along with several others, mentioned it tasted like a soft biscotti.

This is a must try. It is easy to make, yet it tastes like you picked it up from a specialty bakery. My opinion is the reason it has such great flavor is the amount of butter in the recipe. Some say add jam, but this has such wonderful flavor it needs to stand alone — does not need to be camouflaged with other flavors.

Spread batter into a 9 inch round greased pan. I use a tart pan, or a spring form pan, as it has a removable bottom. Sprinkle with 1 tsp. sugar and the shaved almonds. I pat the almonds down a little, so it sticks in the batter better.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cake will be a golden brown. Since it is a dense cake, it is only about 1 to 1 ½ inches high.

Cool and remove from pan. Displays beautifully on a flat cake dish.

Cutting in about 1-inch slices will give you about 16 slices.

Try this recipe out--guaranteed you will wow your friends and be the talk of the town!!!

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



ITALIAN ALMOND CAKE

Buon Appetito!

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup melted butter
- 1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 tsp. almond extract (I tend to adjust this amount up to 3 tsp.)
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¾ cup shaved or sliced almonds

Blend sugar with melted butter, beat in eggs, add almond and vanilla extracts. Stir in salt and flour.



October 2022



Dear Branch President,

As you know, many Individuals, Districts and Branches traditionally place Christmas and New Year's messages in the December issue of the *Bollettino*. Either submit your ad designed and sized or the provide your text and we will create the design.

The choices and prices for the ads are as follows:

2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (one column square)	\$25
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Italian Catholic Federation Attn: Bollettino
8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110; Oakland, CA 94621

Please send all ad files electronically to info@icf.org.

The deadline is November 10th.

Thank you.

ICF Office



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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 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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Name: _____ Br. _____ Phone _____

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Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

Judy and Joe Matranga would like to invite you to attend a complimentary Christmas Luncheon on December 7th at their home located at 167 Castenada Avenue in San Francisco. You are most welcome to bring a guest if you need transportation. As the date approaches an invitation will be sent to all Branch Members from Judy and Joe with the details.

*Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci*

San Francisco St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members and their families. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

To those members celebrating a Birthday in November—many more years of Much Happiness and Good Health.

Our sincere sympathy to Rose Moisant and her family. Ray Moisant, her brother-in-law, passed away on August 8, 2022. We know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers. We have received the 2023 Calendars. The Branch keeps \$5.00 for each calendar sold. Please contact me for your calendar which is \$25.00. There is a drawing every day. You can win \$30.00, \$40.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00.

*The next ticket may be yours.
Tante Grazie!!
Ciao,
Eva Perata, President*

SAN MATEO District

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

Our month to remind us to be thankful for all the good things in our lives and how fortunate we are. A HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all!

The San Mateo District's Annual Chaplains Night has been changed to a luncheon on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. No host cocktails



at 1 p.m. It was decided to incorporate Bishop's Day festivities at this event. The luncheon will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

PLEASE NOTE: The room will hold only 60 people. Therefore, the first 60 to respond with their paid reservation to this event will be able to attend. Contact: Dorene Campanile, 1620 Howard Ave., Burlingame, Ca. 94010 DEADLINE: 11-1-22 CHOICES: Veal Roast Au Jus, Salmon with Champagne Sauce or Vegetarian, TOTAL: \$43.00

Our November meeting/dinner will be held on November 13th with election of Officers for 2023. If unable to join us for the election of officers and a member would like to nominate their name, a letter has to be sent to President, Dorene Campanile with that info. A flyer will be sent out regarding the dinner.

Please remember to pray for our members Mary Bodisco, Anita Cencena and Melanie Yeager along with Kathy Trevisco & Family and Jackie Barnes from Branch 19. Also, condolences to Anthony Bruno on the death of his daughter, Patricia. May she rest in peace.

*God Bless,
Roz Emery, Secretary*

Millbrae Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao! In September, we had a hot dog & chili luncheon meeting. In October, we had our first indoor dinner meeting in over two years due to Covid concerns. We had about 24 members present, which is about normal meeting attendance. We served, lasagna, green salad, bread, wine, pumpkin pie & coffee. Everyone enjoyed both the food and the social interaction.

We were going to have a pizza dinner meeting in November, but we had to cancel due to travel plans and surgeries involving our main organizers.

However, Branch 403 members should "save the date" of December 6th for our branch Christmas Dinner. Menu & cost TBD at the time of this submission, but more info will be in our next branch newsletter.

*Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary*

MARIN

Larkspur

Br. 161, St. James

November Happy Birthday wishes to Joanne Callaghan, Jeanne Lombardi, Doria Paganini, Cynthia Rovero and Imma Sottile.

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

*We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.
Ciao,
Anna Biggio
Recording Secretary*

Novato

Br. 332, Our Lady of Loretto

It's been an exciting and busy past few months at our Branch, including our Italian lesson in September, and a tribute celebration of the heritage traditions of our many members in October. Plans for the Branch's holiday activities are underway and include our Thanksgiving outreach ministry to our community members in need, and our Christmas Holiday Raffle which benefits the Scholarship Fund.

We are delighted to share that our Branch is growing, having added 26 new members since the beginning of the year, a success that can be attributed to the efforts of so many of our volunteers. Every month Angela McDuffee and her family (Tecla, Dino, Franco, and Jim) prepare a delicious dinner for all to enjoy, and the parish hall looks its best thanks to Larry Mazzotta and Joan Sheehan who set the tables and decorate. Guests are welcomed at the door by Frank and Rosella Piazza, while Greg Erigero, Tom Lippi and Ken Valente mix the perfect drinks. Don Perazzo organizes and runs our monthly raffle, and our many dessert volunteers surprise us each gathering with tempting sweets of all types.

A special thank you to our members who will be serving as our 2023 officers: Karen Racanello, Larry Mazzotta, Al Angulo, Sylvia Reali, Connie Baczynski, Holli Lemos, Diane Balzer and Bob Lemos. We are grateful for their dedication and wish them a great year.

We wish all our brothers and sisters in the ICF a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Hello to you all. The Fall season is in full swing. We're still waiting for the temps to cool down to sweater weather here.

Well, we had a successful convention back in September, followed by our district Bishop and Seminarian Day held at St John's Seminary. It was a long three years since we were there, and the seminarians and staff were so glad to see us. Thank you, Fr. Marco, for your hospitality. You and the seminarians were great hosts. I would also like to thank our Central Council members who came down to join us - Leonard Zasoski and his wife BG, Denise Antonowicz and her sister Germaine and their mom Marie, Lisa Crudo and Franklyn Lopes. Also attending were representatives from Wells of Life - Danny Sells, Sr. Joan Hogan CHF, and Peter Callahan.

In October we held our quarterly meeting in the basement of St Peter's Italian Catholic Church. Election of district officers took place as well as planning our district Christmas party. Final preparations are in order for the Mother Cabrini pilgrimage which will be held on Sunday November 13th at St Francis Xavier parish in Burbank.

Following our district meeting, several members stayed to watch the Italian opera. This was my first time at an opera, and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you to Br. 67 member Francesca Taylor for organizing it.

*I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you have a grand holiday with your family, friends and loved ones.
Till next month,
Perry Shurko, LA district President.*

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

ICF Wishes members, families and friends a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

On September 25th, ICF members held their Annual Bishop Banquet Mass & Luncheon at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Rector Fr. Marco Durazo was greeted with \$7,500 in checks from ICF in support of the Seminarians. As MC Leonard Zasoski, ICF Past Grand President, introduced and thanked Seminary members, ICF and Guest speakers from Wells of Life who helped make this a fun and very successful event. The Seminarians shared their reason for choosing the priestly vocation and what they hope to accomplish during their lives as priests in the Archdioceses of Los Angeles, Monterey, Nevada and San Diego among others. Beautiful Mass, excellent food and service by the Seminarians makes the future of the Church look very promising.

Go to icf.org and click on ICF National Branch 67. Visit the Bishop Banquet 2022 photos and videos of this latest event.

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. Please provide 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.

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
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Br. 67, President Sabatella, Lou Mages Br. 380 and Wells of Life Member



Los Angeles Archdiocese Bishop's Day Distinguished guests

South Pasadena Br. 108, Holy Family

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Please 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
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Br. 111, Bishop's Day Mass and Banquet



Br. 67, President Sabatella (L) & Wells of Life Members and NBr. 67 Member Peter Callahan (R)



Br. 111, September Birthdays - Giuseppina & Alba

Montebello Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone Our November General Meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. It has become our tradition for our November general meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck dinner. Everyone brings their favorite dishes to share with everyone and the Branch will provide the main dish, turkey, and drinks. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

We would like to congratulate the following members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of November: Rosa Ortiz, Jacob Ortiz, Rene Mata, David Estrada, Massimo Sorce, Georgia Albanez, Joe Canzonieri, Christina Orofino, and Celia Ramos. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Bishop and Seminarian Recognition Day Mass & Luncheon and program held on Sunday, September 25th, at St. John's Seminary, in Camarillo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all you do for the ICF, the charitable works you do, and in a very special way for your continued and generous support of vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

SAVE the dates for the following events: more information will follow:

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage Mass & Luncheon - Burbank

Saturday, December 17, 2022 - ICF 111 Branch Christmas Dinner, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in Montebello.

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

*A Presto!
Frank Salomone, President*



San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Thank you to all our members and friends who have been supporting our fundraising casino trips. We wish all who will be on our Las Vegas bound bus a great and safe trip.

Thank you to all who attended this year's Bishop and Seminarian Day Mass and luncheon. It was a pleasure to meet Cole Buzon and Christian Eguaroje our branches seminarians. May God bless you both.

This year's Mother Cabrini pilgrimage will be held on Sunday November 13th. Bus will depart from Boys and Girls club at 10:30 am. Mass will start at 11:30am It is a wonderful tradition

and a great start to the holiday season. Please call Carmela Funicello for reservation 310 547-5807

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday Dec 10th at 6pm in auditorium. Members are free non member spouses \$15.00 Please call Anita Trujillo 310 8327186 for reservations.

2023 calendars are now for sale. \$25.00 not only gets you a wonderful calendar but also 365 chances to win money! This is also a fundraiser for our branch.

Please join us for our next general meeting on November 17th at 7:30pm in the parish center. Attendance at our meetings is crucial to keeping our branch alive for future generations.

Wishing all of you a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.
Anita Trujillo Treasurer



Br. 115, The Branch "Adopted Seminarians" Cole Buzon and Christian Eguaroje



Br. 115, attended LA District Bishop's Day on September 25 at the St. John Seminary in Camarillo, Ca. The Branch "Adopted Seminarians" Cole Buzon and Christian Eguaroje enjoyed having lunch with our members.



Br. 115, attended LA District Bishop's Day on September 25 at the St. John Seminary in Camarillo, Ca.

Glendora

Br. 179, St. Dorothy

Member Josie Scarpino-Bresee and I attended the Los Angeles Archdiocese District Annual Bishops' and Seminarians' Recognition Day mass at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. We met up with St. Dorothy's seminarian, Tommy Green, after mass for a delicious luncheon, prepared by St. John's chefs. Tommy gave us the inside scoop on their daily lives at the seminary, and after lunch, he and another seminarian, Alan, took us on a tour. Jerry, Carole, and Mary (Members of ICF Branch 218 Holy Angels in Arcadia) joined us, along with Lou and Pat Mages. We all felt very honored and humbled by the experience. Some of the stained-glass windows date back to the 1930's and were handcrafted in Ireland. The mosaics and hand-painted ceilings were amazing. The murals were so beautiful, especially the one of St. Joseph's death. It was such a wonderful experience. These pictures don't do it justice.

God's blessings,
Patricia Auriemmo
Trustee



Br. 179, From left to right Josie, Tommy and Patricia



Br. 179, Stained glass, St. Pat's



Br. 179, Mural St. Joseph's death



Br. 179, Stained glass



Arcadia

Br. 218, Holy Angels

Our Christmas Boutique and sandwich sale is November 19 and 20. Sandwiches will be served after the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday evening and Sunday. The doors open at 8 a.m. on Sunday and will finish out by 2 p.m. We have attracted very interesting vendors who will be displaying their goods. There will also be a baked goods table, donuts and coffee available. Our Christmas party is December 10th in the hall. We will have it catered by Domenicos Italian Restaurant this year, Santa will be making his appearance again, and there will be music and dancing. A sign-up sheet will be available at our November meeting.

Scott Carrano gave a preview of our New Year's Eve Party. This year the theme will be the Roaring 20's and it promises to be a great deal of fun. We had our elections for the coming year with one change.

Our new Treasurer will be Lucy Hernandez who is replacing Linda Szerdelhelyi who will be leaving our branch to relocate to another city. Thank you to Linda for doing a great job in this position and we wish her well. A delicious luncheon prepared by Scott Carrano and crew was served after. JoAnn Hudson won the 50/50 and Mary Rovarino won the attendance award.

Hope to see everyone at our next 3 events. Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Lolly M.

Downey

Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy November. It's that time of year for giving Thanks. Here at St. Raymond, we are very thankful for our parishioners and supporters who come out and join our bingo luncheons and other fundraising events.

At our October general meeting we held our elections for officers. Congratulations to Mike Iaccovitti - Vice President, Christine Ragusa - Treasurer, Francis Ladd - Secretary, Irene Valini - Sentinel, Amanda Murano - Orator, Mila Persico, Christina Ladd and Amber Cavasos as our Trustees and myself as President.

On October 30th we held an Autumn / Halloween themed Bake Sale. Thank you to all of our bakers and to those who were selling. Great job! Results on the Bake Sale will be announced at our November meeting.

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Please join us on Sunday Nov. 6th for our next Bingo Luncheon. A Thanksgiving meal will be served for lunch. Be sure to invite your family and friends. Then on November 13th, the LA district will be celebrating Mother Cabrini at the annual pilgrimage at St Francis Xavier parish in Burbank.

I pray that all of you have a very Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you in December.
Perry Shurko, Branch President.

La Canada Flintridge

Br. 374, St. Bede the Venerable

To acknowledge Heritage Month, our branch sponsored a Columbus event, "The True Story of Christopher Columbus." The speaker, who is an authority on the subject, dispelled any recent accusations about the treatment of the Indian tribes in the New World. Our audience was rapt as carefully researched information was detailed in PowerPoint form.

The nominating committee presented a slate of new Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons at the October General Meeting. Congratulations to all those newly elected. Efforts were made to have some of our longer serving members take lesser roles to make room for newer members. The importance of having many members with officer experience is critical to the continuity of our organization.

We mourn the passing of Edna Ulasewicz last month after a brief illness. Edna was a Charter Member of our branch when it was organized in 1984. She was very active in our branch and will be solely missed. May She Rest in Peace.

The Bishop's and Seminarian's Day held at St. John Seminary was attended by Phyllis Harb and Rae Ann Mertz. This event, once again, provided a beautiful Mass and a plentiful, delicious lunch.

We welcome enthusiastic new member Christine Corrigan. Christine is a parishioner of a neighboring church that does not have an ICF. This is a great way to recruit new members that we often forget.

Fr. Jim, our new pastor, will be attending our November General Meeting. We are hoping that he will be able to replace Fr. Antonio as our Branch Chaplain. Be sure to attend that meeting so he can meet all our wonderful members and find out more about our work and mission.

Save the Date:

Nov. 15th- General Meeting 6:00PM- Meet our pastor, Fr. Jim

Dec. 20th- Christmas Party- Parish Center, Catered by Honeybaked Ham

May you enjoy the warmth of family this season and the harvest of the feast!
Diane Restivo

Thousand Oaks

Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 is busy with Fall activities. We enjoyed our annual Halloween celebration featuring wine tasting and shared appetizers. We ran an Italian food booth at the first parish festival in three years. It was fun to get back together and to enjoy the festivities.

Our next meeting in November will include another wine tasting and delicious food.

Bishop's Day at St. John's Seminary was a special event in September and members enjoyed attending Mass and meeting the seminarians. Our parish Fall festival will be another fun event and Branch members will be helping to staff the Italian booth.

We wish everyone a happy Fall season and continue to keep all of our members in our prayers.



Manhattan Beach

Br. 447, American Martyrs

One of our wonderful members, Kim Neglia, was featured in the Summer 2022, Beach Cities Health District, Live Well magazine. Kim has volunteered with "Conversation Companion" for over 25 years. Care Managers oversee the BCHD "Conversation Companion" program and match volunteers with older adults to connect with once a week. Kim has met weekly with Patricia for more than 10 years. Patricia calls Kim her "ray of sunshine" and looks forward to their weekly visits. Patricia credits Kim with helping her improve her physical and mental health. Kim mentioned that the BCHD "Conversation Companion" program is always recruiting new volunteers. Congratulations Kim for giving back to the community!

It was wonderful getting together with many of our members for our General Meeting on September 23rd. We enjoyed a catered meal from Sardino's Italian Restaurant. After dinner our members and guests introduced



Br. 380 Fall Festival

themselves and shared a little bit about themselves and it was a great way to get to know each other better. After dessert we played a new game called Blank Slate, hosted by Mary Roberti. It was a fun, exciting, and hilarious game, with a winner at every table! Thank you, Mary, for introducing us to the game, for making our game cards, and being our game show host!

On November 13th we will join the Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage to St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank. More detailed information will be sent via e-mail and will be announced in the church bulletin. We will be meeting in the church parking lot and carpooling to Burbank to attend mass, pilgrimage to the Mother Cabrini Shrine adjacent to the church and share a wonderful lunch with all the attendees.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Kateri Room, more details to follow.

We will announce details about our Annual Christmas Party in the very near future.

Best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Stephanie DeRaddo,
President, ICF Branch 447

[See next page for more photos]



Br. 447, Stephanie DeRaddo, Monica Rossi, and Jodie Rich



Br. 447, we were all playing a game called Blank Slate, the game I mentioned in the article.

SAN BERNARDINO District

Upland Br. 446, St. Joseph

October was a busy month for our branch. We actively participated in our parish's Ministry Fair. Members worked at an information table decorated with posters, ICF brochures and issues of the Bollettino. Our First Vice-President, Joyce Tesoro created beautiful posters with photographs showing our branch activities. President Tony Santorufo was very instrumental in signing up 15 potential new members.

Tony Santorufo, Sentinel Anna Reyna and Mentor Nan Judge and Trustee Mark Stratman attended a luncheon with Bishop Rojas of San Bernardino

Diocese. They presented him with a check for the Seminarians as well as a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers for vocations from our members.

At our October meeting, Orator Paula DeStefano told us about a wonderful short movie "Courage of conviction" produced by the Knights of Columbus, which talks about the importance of Christopher Columbus. Joyce Tesoro shared and distributed Italian flags for our group picture and talked about a poster entitled "I am an Italian-American." A heritage presentation was given by Tony Santorufo about Calatafimi, Segesta, Sicily. He showed awesome videos and pictures of the beautiful churches and natural beauty of the area as well as the ancient temples and ruins. Tony also showed us how different the Sicilian dialect is from the standard Italian. We all wanted to visit Calatafimi and Sicily after seeing Tony's presentation! We look forward to many Heritage presentations from our membership.



Br. 447, we were all playing a game called Blank Slate, the game I mentioned in the article.

EAST BAY District Council

Sad/bad news! Our Polenta Feed has been postponed since our cook hurt his arm at work and does not have a return-to-work date. We are all praying that it is before the Christmas season. Speaking of the Christmas season, we will have a new venue for our party. Branch # 10 will be hosting the party and it will be in Alameda Something new and different!

Next month will be election of officers and we are looking for some new ones. So, think about it and pray about it. You never know there just might just be a perfect fit! Remember, there is always someone who can mentor you and help you over the rough spots. We are looking forward to having Installation in January of 2023. Our hosts will be from Br. #215.

In the meantime, stay healthy.

May you all have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.
Pat Grasso, District Sec.



Br. 446, Anna Reyna, Dominico Ricci, Tony Santorufo and Peter Tesoro work at the ICF information table at the St. Anthony's Parish Ministry Fair.



Branch #446 October Heritage Meeting

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We have changed the date of our annual Ravioli Dinner. The festivities will now be held on Saturday, December 3 starting at 6:00 p.m. The Ravioli Dinner will double as the East Bay District Christmas Party. The location is Monsignor O'Brien Hall, High Street at Van Buren Street, Alameda. The menu includes salad, roll, cold cuts, ravioli, wine, dessert and a no-host bar. Ben Ratto will cook. Prices are \$30.00 for adults and \$12.00 for youngsters 12 and under.

For reservations, please contact Ms. Terry Greig, terrygreig@gmail.com or (510) 504-0498, by 9:00 a. m. on Tuesday, November 29. Checks should be made payable to ICF Branch 10 and sent to either Ms. Terry Greig, 1010 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 or to the Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great Parish Office, 3101 Van Buren Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

We were joined at our meeting of October 6 by our pastor and chaplain, Father Joseph Pathyil, and our new associate pastor, Father Paul Kannampilly. Father Joseph offered the opening and closing prayers and added a little bit of Italian to his remarks.

We elected our 2023 officers at our meeting of October 6. They are: president, Jim Lee; first vice president, Gina Foster; second vice president, Ken Dorrance; secretary, Jeanette Zugnoni; financial secretary, Karen Harrington; treasurer, JoAnn Dorn; orator, Terry Greig; sentinel, Peggie Dorrance; and trustees, Betty Lupetti, Agnes Marcheschi, Sharon Brunetti and Sheila Ewart. Thanks to our mentor, Fran La Torre, and her gavel, for conducting the election.

Congratulations to Ernie Poggi, our \$50.00 calendar winner for September 22. Ernie attends all of our branch meetings and always captains the set-up and take-down crews for our functions.

John Zugnoni, Publicity

Fremont

Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

I hope you're all having a fabulous season of autumn! It's a time to look back on the blessings and accomplishments of the year and to look ahead to give thanks and enjoy the wondrous Christmas season!

Heartfelt condolences to the family of our dear "honorary member" Bob Benya who passed away on September 20th. Blessings to his wife and Branch 215 member Dorothy, and their family, during this difficult time. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to

all of those who attended our Fall Bingo Dessert fundraiser and made it a huge success! Everyone had a wonderful time and we made money to support our various charities. Great job Nadine Mattier and Fran LaTorre organizing this special event! Thanks to all Branch 215 members and friends who helped make it happen.

Congratulations to Yvonne and Clem Brum on winning a \$1,500.00 cash prize in the Convention raffle! The Brum's have generously donated a portion of that prize to Branch 215.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and continue to give thanks all throughout the year for all that the Lord has bestowed upon us!

Let's make a resolution for all of our members to recruit one new member by January so we can double the membership of our branch!

Happy Birthday to all our November members!

*Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President*

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

Fall is one of our loveliest seasons and we are again anticipating the approaching holidays.

We have been busy! Some of our members helped St. Michael's Parish at their 150-year festival by manning a game booth and sharing information about ICF, then later at Ministry Sunday. We will help again on Ministry Sunday this month.

Our Bingo Bash at Saint Augustine's was a huge success. We all had a good time and so did the players! We supported the Knights at their Festa Italiana dinner fund raiser, and we packed meals for the Kids Against Hunger Project.

Coming up we will be celebrating the Mass of Remembrance on Nov. 18, with a Thanksgiving meal to follow at a local restaurant. This is the time we remember and pray for our families, friends and I.C.F. members who have entered into God's care.

Sadly, we lost one of our special friends and a loyal I.C.F. member, Joseph Buonsante. Joe entertained us with his band and his beautiful voice many times over the years. His wife Phyl and their family had a wonderful Memorial Mass, and reception.

Blessings to all during this time of remembrance and gratitude.

*Happy Thanksgiving.
Toni Manzetti
Sentinel Branch 285*

Deadline for December *Bollettino* is November 10th.
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Castro Valley

Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Following our success at severing a Pasta Dinner to celebrate our Church's 75th anniversary we have decided to try and have an in-door's meeting and dinner this month. Will report our success later!

Election of officers is next month, and we have asked all to consider running for office. It may be a big step for some but think of taking little steps first.

*Hopefully we will have more to report next time,
Stay healthy.*

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to All.

Pat Grasso, Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA District Council

During this month of Thanksgiving, we especially want to thank Branch 13 Martinez and St. Catherine of Siena parish, for hosting our annual Contra Costa and East Bay Bishop's Day with the bishop of the Oakland Diocese, Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. Thanks to Mary Cook and Walter Costa for their hard work which made this day memorable.

Plans are now underway for our annual Christmas party and raffle. We are asking each branch to donate a raffle prize if possible. A flyer with all details will be emailed to all.

We were pleased to have all branches represented at our last district meeting. Our next one will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at the Martinez Round Table Pizza Restaurant party room at 7:00 p.m. Elections for 2023 District Officers will be held at this meeting. Please consider running for district office to help coordinate our activities for the coming year.

Wishing everyone a joyous Thanksgiving with family and friends!

*Diana Letizia Mackinson
First Vice President
Contra Costa District*

Martinez

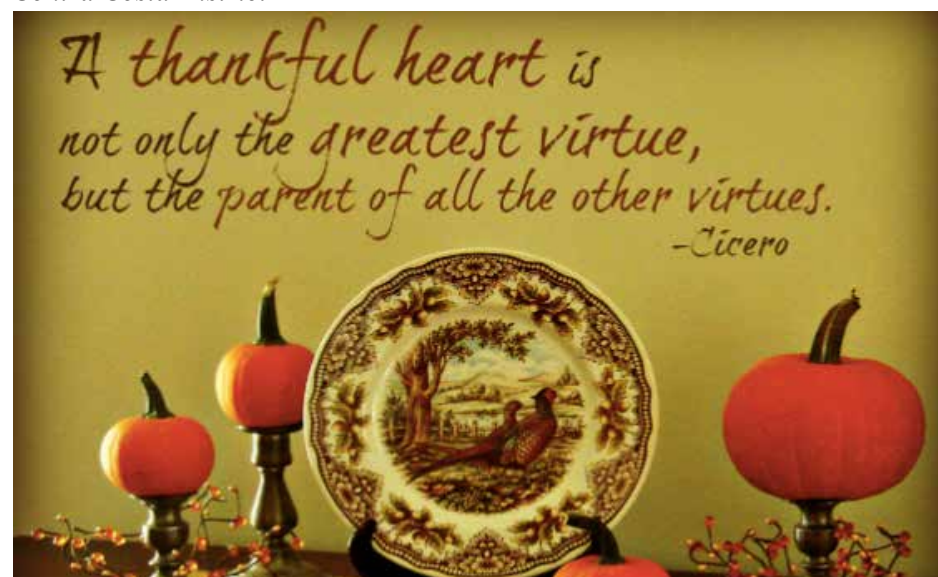
Br. 13, San Martino

With gratitude to all who assisted, Branch#13 hosted a superb turnout for the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts' Bishop's Day! Every one of the attendees enjoyed Bishop Barber celebrating the twelve seminarians currently in formation. Much appreciation to Majeed Aboussie and SugarChef Pastries for donating the wine and desserts; and the music of accordionist, Lorenzo Lucchesi, was certainly enjoyed. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2Timothy2:15

We complete October and enter November as always, hailing all the angels and saints; and we are reminded that the season of chaos is upon us. On All Saints Day we ask all those holy women and men to pray for us; followed by All Souls Day remembering the souls in purgatory with prayers to assist them in attaining their heavenly reward. Let's try to increase the practice of praying a sixth decade of the rosary for those souls in purgatory as the Chaplet of St. Bridget teaches us.

As the month progresses, Advent begins on Thanksgiving weekend. Expectant waiting and time of preparation starts as Jesus' nativity approaches. Many arrange a wreath of evergreens signifying continuous life which has no beginning or end: a symbol of the eternity of God. Four candles are placed, one for each week, with significance of their own. May all your advent journeys be meaningful expressions of your faith whether you experience them at home or at church.

*Ciao for now,
Mary Cook*



Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Hi Everyone,

Thanksgiving! A special time to be grateful, and what better way to show our appreciation for our many blessings than to attend mass before our Thanksgiving Social on November 8? Mass is at 5:30 p.m., followed by a turkey dinner with all those delicious trimmings for \$15.

Happy Birthday to 106-year-old Lena McCrossen and to 102-year-old Sante Cerri! Wow! What are their secrets? We wish these exceptional members continued good health and happiness.

We are planning a bus trip to Red Hawk Casino on December 2nd. Cost is \$40. for a day of fun and a chance to win enough money to buy Christmas presents. Right!

Sending get well wishes to John Collins, Helen Petersen, Charmaine Scardina and Bill Valli. You all need to be well for the approaching holiday season.

We wish everyone a memorable family and friend-filled November, bursting with all the blessings Thanksgiving celebrates.

Ciao,
Diane Bottini Thomas



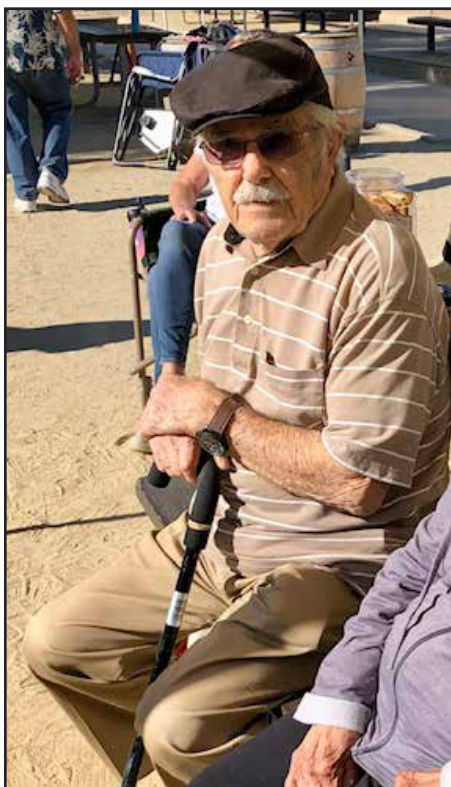
Br. 14, Donna Hoffmann, Ronnie Jimenez, and Donna Ronchetto, who came all the way from Idaho to come to the meeting. Nice to see you.

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,

Hoping that each of you are happy and healthy. And that you are ready to celebrate our branches 75th anniversary. Our branch opened in November of 1947 at Saint Peter Martyr church in Pittsburg. We thank those responsible for opening our beloved branch 72. And we thank those who have kept it going for 75 long years. We miss many members who have passed away. And we enjoy our devoted members who remain. We treasure fond memories made over the years. Please watch for your invitation for our celebration which will be held in December along with a short meeting.

The Oakland Diocese Bishop's Day Mass and dinner for the Contra Costa and East Bay Districts was held on



Br. 14, Happy 102 Sante Cerri. Keep those Bocce balls rolling.



Br. 14, Happy 106 Birthday Lena McCrossen with Caregiver Gina Marie Peña. Many more Happy years to you.

October 22. This took place at St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Martinez. Since I am writing this report just before that date, I will give all the details of how it turned out next month. It was hosted by Branch 13 and chaired by Mary Cook and Walter Costa. And we thank them.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Joann Thilgen on the loss of her sister. Elaine Wettling passed away after a brief illness. There was a celebration of life event held at the VFW hall in Antioch. Some of our members attended.

Wishing all of our members a very Happy Thanksgiving. And a very happy 97th birthday to Denny O' Laughlin.

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



Richmond Br. 154, St. Raymond

At the October meeting we voted to keep the same officers for another year. They are:

Lorraine Acuna, President

Alicia Trevino, 1st VP/secretary

Toni Reeder, Treasurer

Nancy Clabby, Trustee and Sentinel

Lori Framsted, Trustee

Walter Costa, Trustee

As many of you know, the December meeting is our Christmas Polenta dinner, free to all members of branch 154. This year we are opening the dinner to any of your guests who would like to attend for the great price of \$20.00. Take out will be available for the same great price. The dinner is held at Salesian College High School cafeteria, 2851 Salesian Avenue, Richmond, December 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Please reserve by Dec.08, 2022 to Walter 925-370-3737, or Lorraine 510-697-3128.

Nov. meeting is Soup & Salad, \$10 preceded by Mass at 6 p.m. in honor of our deceased members. Please call Walter with your reservation. The Calendars are now available! They make wonderful Christmas gifts for only \$25.00 dollars apiece.

We hope to see you soon! Stay safe.



Br. 214, the 6th grade servers



Br. 214, The photos are the check in table, the kitchen crew, Ed McGuirk, and raffle prizes.

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

I hope everyone enjoys the last of our warm weather these days. Happy Fall to everyone & upcoming holidays!

We had a wonderful Pasta/Bingo event on October 8th at Cauche Hall. We had 58 people who enjoyed the delicious lasagna and meatballs made by La Veranda, with Caesar salad, garlic bread, and sherbet and biscotti. It was a huge success and we had 16 great raffle prizes. Everyone was so happy with their prizes and Patty Gardner won two! We played 4 games of bingo with cash prizes. Ed McGuirk told funny jokes. Chris Androtti provided popcorn to snack on during bingo. We had wonderful door prizes, a dinner gift card from La Veranda won by Sandra Debrichy, and a gift card from See's candy. We had great help from four 6th graders who helped serve lunch and received service points from their class. The kitchen crew, Norene, Diane, Allison and Yolanda were fast and efficient getting the food out quickly. Roberta Healy worked hard on this event with touches of fall with leaves and pumpkins on the table.

Marion Armstrong is getting out a little bit and is still going through treatment. She is appreciative of all the cards, prayers, and support.

At our last meeting we celebrated Sandra Debrichy's big birthday with a cake and we sang Happy Birthday to her. She is a long-time member of our branch and a big help in all our events.

We look forward to the Bishop's dinner hosted by the Martinez branch on October 22nd. Eight members attended the function.

Al Tufo passed away. He held several officer positions. Many who knew him loved his laughter and humor and his devoted wife Dorothy. The services were private.

We are getting ready for our annual Thanksgiving dinner in November. Roberta makes a delicious turkey, and the members bring their special traditional side dishes.

*Have a safe October and November.
Ciao
Norene Deluca*

Danville San Isidore, Branch 352

Our Memorial Pasta Dinner, celebrating the life of our dear Founder and Chaplain, Monsignor Cardelli, was held on September 17th at St. Isidore's Parish. We partnered with the Knights of Columbus to assist in throwing this 'big party' for Monsignor! Thank you to all members, parishioners, Monsignor's family & friends who worked so hard & attended the dinner, making this a very memorable & successful event. All profit was donated to the Providenza Fund in Monsignor Cardelli's name.

October found us once again listening to Ken Cooper's Band & filling the dance floor, enjoying our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance & Fundraiser. Thank you to all of our members who donated & purchased raffle prizes & auction items, decorated, prepped, cooked & served the outstanding dinner (Belleci Family Catering!), cleaned up, manned the bar – and played the accordion (Dan!) & harmonica (Kyle!). Such talent in this group! A very good time was had by all – and our charities will be the real winners!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our November dinner meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month, November 14th, at 6 p.m. Watch your email for the Evite to RSVP. We will also hold our election of officers that evening.

And for December, "Save the Date" – Monday, December 12th, for our annual Christmas Potluck. Dust off those favorite recipes – it's always one of the best dinners of the year!

Please keep our members who are recovering or in need in your prayers. Also remember our own Bev Walsh, who had been so happy to rejoin us in person, only to recently be called home to the Lord. Bev's funeral services will be held at St. Isidore on Thursday, Nov. 10th at 10:30am. May she rest in Christ's peace.

As we count our blessings and are grateful for the lives we live, may all of our members, families & friends enjoy a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao,
Branch 352

Brentwood Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our branch, held a "Car Show, Festa d' Italia" on September 23, 2022. It was WONDERFUL to hold this event, considering COVID prevented people from gathering during the past two years. The branch was a little hesitant at first, since we were not sure how many car owners would participate. It was slow at first, however, we ended with a bang!!! The Car Show was a huge success! The members were all excited and want to

do another show next year. I would like to give thanks to Gene and Marilyn Simonetti, of ICF Branch 432. They are the ones who first started the car show back in 2009. We are grateful for their help and knowledge and couldn't have done it without both of them. The majority of our fund raising goes towards scholarships for high school graduates going into college. The ICF Branch 432 is hoping to have more fund raisers during the next year. If everything goes according to schedule, we should make our goal for the 2022/2023 school year.

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento Br. 45, St. Mary

Join us for our Chicken and Polenta dinner on Sunday, November 6th in Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will begin at 4:30pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$22 for Members and \$30 for Non-Members. Dinner includes: Salad, Roll, Polenta w/ meat sauce, ½ Chicken, Dessert and Beverage. Pasta is available for PRE-ORDER only with your reservation. For more information or reservations, call me at 916-508-1199 by Tuesday, Nov 1st.

Congratulations to our College Scholarship recipients: REBECCA IELATI for a 2nd Year \$500 scholarship and SIENA MAZZA for a 4th year \$1,000 scholarship. We wish you continued success in the coming year and applaud you for all your accomplishments.

Buon Complianno to Branch members with November birthdays: Gina Courey, Verona Devito (98 Woo Hoo!!) Angela Isola, Maria Keller, Sandra Legarizzi, and Frank Leinert. *Have a blessed day!!*
Ciao, Janine



Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our fellow ICF Members!! We hope you have a day filled with love, laughter and great food! We have so much to be thankful for and I hope you have wonderful day celebrating with friends and family.

We hope you will be able to join us for our annual Christmas dinner. This event will be on Saturday, December 10th from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hall. We are planning a delicious dinner for our guests and I hear there will be a special visitor or two. A flyer will be sent out soon with more details and the calling committee will be contacting you soon to see if you will be attending.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

We said our goodbyes to summer with an indoor picnic at our Sept. Branch meeting. We enjoyed submarine sandwiches and all our favorite salads and side dishes. It was a great evening!

As we welcome this beautiful autumn season, we look forward to an array of events and fundraisers.

Our Branch, along with the Respect Life Committee here at St. Clare, hosted a baby shower for the Sacramento Life Center on October 1st and 2nd. Donations were accepted after each Mass. It was such a wonderful way to celebrate life and kick off Respect Life Month. We appreciate everyone's generosity.

Our October 21st Branch meeting is one you won't want to miss. Not only will we be having elections for our 2023 Board, but we will also be hosting a guest speaker from the Joshua House, speaking to us about the hospice program they provide for the homeless.



Do you have a sweet tooth? Well, we'll have everything you're craving at our Harvest Bake Sale here at St. Clare on October 22nd and 23rd. All proceeds will support our various charities. Come and enjoy!

We'd like to announce our newest members to Branch 438; Rosanne Strahle, Sergio and Jennifer Foti, Ed and Mary Daasch, Rita Barbosa, Lamberto and Beverly Moris, Norene Mozzetti, Isabelle Nelesen, Blanca Mc Killigan, Patricia Joller and Margie Perrault. Welcome to our family!

We wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!
Ciao,
Anne Finn

SANTA ROSA District Council

Cum amicis bonis....

Our 3rd quarterly meeting took place in Sebastopol at St. Sebastian's church.

Our full board was present with the exception of V.P. Bob Acquistapace who was ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our hostess was no other than the gracious Pam McAlvain, President of Br.#209. Ave Scotland!!

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and we discussed our famous Xmas Party AND Meeting to be held in Cloverdale on December 4th. After that, Installations. As soon as my minutes have been proofread by President Dennice, I will deliver them to all of you. Our Quarterly meetings are open to all members. I was always anxious to hear the latest information about our Branches from Sonoma to Arcata. I am now a member of Petaluma #127 and applaud them for their discipline and fervent desire to support the ICF.

Our meeting was informative, revealing future agendas for the various branches BUT the lunch that followed was so very good highlighted by Lorraine Vannetti's delicious macaroni salad.

Until next month, Ave, atque, vale!
Marilyn Sylvestri
Recording Secretary



Br. 432, event

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 6: ICF Monthly Mass, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 1: ICF monthly meeting. 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory. All members can attend our monthly meetings.

Saturday, November 5: Polenta Dinner. This is our first polenta dinner of the season. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner! Price: \$25.00 per person. \$10.00 for children under 12. Carmen and Lauren will be selling tickets after the 10 AM Masses or call 707-595-3111. We have a few tickets, available. Deadline is Tuesday, November 1.

Friday, December 9: Christmas Party. Save the date! We're finalizing the details for our Christmas Party.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Lauren

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

Our Branch filled a couple of tables at our Parish Fundraiser at St. Peter's in September. It was put on by our Spanish speaking community and featured great foods, beverages and music. An 8 piece mariachi band kept calling on our Chaplain & Pastor, Father David Galeana, to sing and to our great surprise he did! He sang ballads and songs of love quite beautifully! Our parish raised a great deal of money and our English and Spanish speaking communities united as one at table! Mui Bueno! A most enjoyable event!

Our third Thursday, September, Branch meeting had a "Welcome Back" theme with a small but spirited bunch of attendees. Because of the aforementioned Festival we met in The Flower Room behind the altar. We were happy to be flexible and accommodating! Our delivery of pizza, and donations of salad, desserts and beverages tasted extra special back there! We didn't mind the heat because of the comradery and business discussed.

Our October meeting will have a harvest theme. We have amazing chefs and "chefetts!"

Love to all!
Patsy Buchignani

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

Our membership drive is showing results! Welcome to our new members: Mary Hollis, Russelle Johnson, Mary Vigna and Ligia and Alexander Matthew. Let's continue to spread the word

and see if we can continue driving our branch numbers up. Anyone from the Sonoma or Napa Valleys are welcome to join our branch.

2023 dues are coming soon, please consider renewing your membership as we want everyone to continue as members of our wonderful branch.

We have open officer positions available for 2023...President, Orator and Trustees, if you are interested in any of these positions, please come to our next branch meeting (see date below).

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 November birthday – Buon Compleanno! We wish you many more years of happiness and good health.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7pm in the parish rectory (469 Third St. West). Hope to see some new faces.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Lisa Galli-Galetto

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

Dear members,

Our October risotto dinner was a great success! Everyone worked hard and our guests really enjoyed the risotto.

We have decided to meet in December, our regular Monday night, December 12. We are going to have a potluck to celebrate the holiday season. If you have not been attending but would like to come for that please call Lucy and let us know. The more members the merrier the celebration.

At the beginning of the year, we have two very important events coming up. On January 14 we will be holding a crab feed (if the crabs cooperate.) We are also in charge of the installation of officers for our district. That will be held on February 4 in St. James Hall at 1 p.m. All members are welcome to attend but again you need to let us know ahead of time if you are planning on being there.

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday. It is a good time to reflect on all the good things in our life with gratitude. May your holiday be filled with joy and peace and family.

Dennice DiGirolamo



Br. 75, Mariachi band with Chaplain & Pastor, Father David Galeana

Arcata**Br. 144, St. Mary**

We had a successful drive-thru Chicken & Polenta dinner on Sunday, Sept 11. This was our second time. Although folks miss the camaraderie of sit-down dinners, we can do the drive-thru/take-out with a smaller crew! The food is still just as awesome! We are planning another one in February. Date to be determined.

Our two delegates for the convention, Rosemary and Shannon had quite the adventure driving to Las Vegas...4 new tires later they arrived late for dinner on Friday. But after that they had a good experience. We hope that future conventions allow virtual attendance for those branches that are small. It can be quite



Br. 144, Head cook Pete Stagnoli & assistant Manny



Br. 144, assistant cook Alfred Eanni

the financial hardship for them.

We welcome three new members to our branch who will be initiated at the November meeting.

Photos are from the Chicken and Polenta dinner. Great crew!!!

Anne Carlisle Eanni

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

I jinxed it! The Italian festival and bocce tournament at the Redwood Ballfields was rained out! I should not have foreshadowed a great event in last month's article.

The bocce tournament portion of the event has been rescheduled for October 29th at 10:00AM. No food, no music... just bocce....

The Colivas Memorial Scholarship Dinner is back, and it was a success. October 9th proved to be a good day. Jerry Colivas and his brother Sam cooked up a fine batch of spaghetti sauce using the senior Colivas's recipe. Over 70 people attended, and two dozen others took takeout. Thanks to all who brought raffle items.

And thank you to business contributors Ramones Bakery, Pierson Building Supply, Los Bagels, Humboldt Made Marketplace, and Lost Coast Brewery. (Also, four gallons of leftover sauce was donated to the Eureka Rescue Mission.)

Happy Thanksgiving!



Br. 145, During the Colivas Scholarship dinner Chanel Bronchetti and Erin McBride celebrate Josephine Silva's successful bid for a fresh baked apple pie prepared by Erin with apples from Tom Bronchetti's apple trees.



Br. 144, Kitchen crew

Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene.

Los Banos
Br. 31, Santa Lucia

for our branch. Officers elected for 2023 are: President- Elaine Lencioni; Secretary- Michael Caglia; Treasurer/ Financial Secretary- Monica Ficher; Trustee- Lupe Avila; Sentinel- Isidra Murillo. There are openings that will be filled soon. Fr. Gaspar Bautista is our new chaplain. We look forward to working closely with him. Many Many prayers for Sally, Elsie, Lupe, Joann, and Vicki.

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The start of Fall means that our summer gardens are finishing their production and we get ready for our pumpkin and Thanksgiving treats. Our meeting on November 7th will feature a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We will also elect our 2023 officers. If you wish to run for an office, call President Doreen and let her know.

2022 has been a good year for our Branch and we will get a look at our 2023 calendar at the December meeting.

Our Branch was well represented at the recent Bishop's Day where Bishop Vasa was given a \$2,000 check from our District and a \$2,000 check from the Central Council Providenza Fund. This should really help our seminarians.

Please pray for Nancy Azevedo, Mary Gosiak and all our members this holiday season.

*Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!!,
Gail Bongi-Azevedo*

FRESNO
District
Madera
Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

As the harvest season wraps up another year, thoughts turn to the holidays to come. Please pray for rain during the coming winter. Our farms are the most productive in the world, but we desperately need rain to sustain the productivity to feed our nation and the world.

Our Branch participated in the annual Harvest Festival at St. Joachim School on September 30th and October 1st. We hosted the traditional salami booth. The festival was extremely well attended, appearing to even exceed past years' turnout. Thanks to all who volunteered to make the booth and the festival successful.

Just a reminder that our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. The November meeting is very important, as officers for 2023 are going to be elected.

*Blessings to all members,
Mary Keitz*

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

Hello again from Branch 31. The club has had a couple events in the last several months and here is a quick recap. Back at the end of August we had our annual summer "potluck". I say potluck very loosely since the club actually hired someone to make fresh brick oven pizzas. Dinner was absolutely scrumptious and the dessert, made by Linda Silva and Anna Boffa, was a sweet treat to finish off the evening. It was a blast and left us looking forward to next year.

Last month we got together to make and jar our signature pasta sauce. Thank you to all the people who helped with the prep work for that night and also those who were there the night of. This is a great fundraiser for our club and the hundreds of jars we made are loved by many.

Our next get together will be our Christmas party on December 7th. If you haven't already got the invite keep a look out for it in the mail. As a reminder, at the Christmas party, we will be collecting dues and handing out our polenta drive thru tickets. Hope to see you all there.

With Thanksgiving just a couple weeks away, don't forget to take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for this year. May you and your families have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving. God bless!!

*Ciao,
Giona Boffa*

Fresno
Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

Dear Members,
We just finished our October meeting on the 6th. Michael the president reported on the convention held in Las Vegas. There was a lot to tell. Plans are underway for a membership drive, on the first weekend in December. We are excited about electing new officers

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace.

*Have a Blessed Day,
Monica Ficher*

Merced
Br. 39, St. Cecilia

September and October were busy months for our branch. we sent several candidates to the ICF National Convention in Las Vegas; we held a successful pasta sauce sale, selling 185 quarts; we participated in St. Patrick's Parish Festival, holding a bocce ball tournament for children; and we held our monthly dinner meeting. Finally, we held a successful Chicken Caciatore and polenta dinner in conjunction with the Italo-American Lodge.

The next couple of months will be just as busy as we hold our annual Thanksgiving dinner meeting on Nov. 9th, free to all members, and our annual Family Christmas Party on December 11th. (We will elect next year's officers at our November meeting.) We will also hold our holiday cookie sale in early December. Please, watch the branch newsletter for more details. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Vince Piro

Happy Birthday greetings to Shirley Mitchell!

And, thank you Lord, for the cooler weather!

Saint of the month: St. Angela of Foligno, Italy (1248-1309). After the death of her husband, she joined the Franciscan Third Order and started a community of tertiaries devoted to the needy. Sometimes called the "Mistress of the Theologians": Her tomb is in the Church of St. Francis in Foligno where many miracles have been reported.

Our September breakfast communion and regular member meetings were well attended. The regular meeting featured a potluck, high-lighted by Wes Johnson's famous berry cobbler.

Branch 250 will host an information table at this year's parish festival. We will provide free coffee and cookies.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Il mondo E fatto a scale, chi le scende E chi sale" "Life is a step at a time, some go up and some go down".

Reservations have been pouring in for Branch 250's 50th anniversary banquet on October 23. There has been such anticipation for this event!

And, our thought for the month: "Even in the quiet, God is working— His silence in the shadows doesn't mean he doesn't care, Our part of faith is trusting without reason, Believing when he can't be seen or heard, that he's still there." (Anon)

*Ciao,
Fratello Angelo*



Br. 27, Members at the St. Joachim Harvest Festival ICF booth

Fresno

Br. 308, St. Anthony

Hello members.

Fall is the time of year we choose new leadership from the members raising their hands to eagerly volunteer. It's time to step up to the plate and participate in club leadership. Therefore, our current slate of officers will remain the same for 2023. We will vote on the slate of officers at the November meeting.

We are again in need of a chaplain. Fr. Merit has left for India. If any member knows of a priest needing something to do on the second Wednesday of the month send him our way.

Our prospects for fund raising in the next year will be limited to sausage sandwich sales and another restaurant event like Tahoe Joes and DiCicco's. Antoinette reported that St. Anthony School Hall will be closed, for now, to our Lent dinners in 2023 due to ongoing COVID concerns.

Save the dates: Sausage sandwich sale, December 3 and 4 at St. Anthony's. Christmas dinner, December 14 at Pardini's.

I.C.F. 2023 Calendars are still available.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Jay Newsome, President

CENTRAL COAST District

Bishop's Day was held on October 8, 2022, at Lady of Refuge Church, Castroville, hosted by

Branch 51, Castroville. We were every honored to have Bishop Danny Garcia, as our Presider, also with Fr. Rodrigo, Fr. Roberto Vera, Fr. Pedro Espinoza, and Fr. Nat Nguyen. A donation was made to the Diocese of Monterey for our Seminarians. All enjoy a lasagna luncheon and fellowship.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Valentine
District Secretary*

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Buon giorno, Tutti. Happy Halloween and also a Happy Thanksgiving! It's a time to give thanks and to savor memories. On Sunday, November 6th, at 8:30 mass, we will honor the memories of those who have gone before us at the Memorial Mass. If you can, come and celebrate mass with fellow ICF members. Then, that evening at 4pm, come back and get together with everyone for a delicious Polenta dinner at the Holy Cross Hall. You should get information regarding these events either through an e-mail or snail mail. We hope to see you there.

On Friday, December 10th, we have

been invited to join the Moose Lodge to celebrate Christmas. More information will follow, but for now, mark your calendars for that event.

Lastly, this is the time of year that ICF branches open up nominations for next year's Board. At Branch 21, most of our board members have agreed to stay another year; however, we are in dire need of a President. The only requirement is that you be an ICF member; no need to be a Harvard graduate! This is a chance to bring in fresh ideas to our group! The new President will get plenty of hands-on help and support from the Board.... and beyond. So, if you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Roseann Costabile.

May our Lord continue to bless us and fill us with His grace.

Patty Morelli

Trustee- Branch 21



Fr. Roberto & Marie Tonus Bishop's Mass 2022



Monterey

Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. We are very thankful for all the blessings God has given us throughout our year. "Keep on praying and guard your prayers with Thanksgiving "Colossians 4:2

October 8, 2022

Bishop's Day was held in Castroville hosted by Branch 51. Bishop Danny Garcia was the Presider, at Our Lady of Refuge Church, Castroville. Donation was given to the Diocese of Monterey for seminarians. Thank you Branch 51 for hosting this special event for Central Coast District.

November 11, 2022

Thank you Branch 36 for honoring our Military families.

December 3, 2022 (Saturday)

Christmas Party. More details will follow soon.

Please continue to pray for all our members that are ill, in hospital, homebound



and for all their special intentions.

We are saddened to report that our members, Elizabeth Pittman, Francesca Nuovo, Ann Troia recently passed away. Our condolences to their families. They all will be dearly missed and may they all Rest in Peace.

Bless this food before us,

The family beside us,

The love between us.

Amen

*Thanksgiving blessings,
Elaine Valentine
President Br 36*

[More pictures on next page.]



Elaine Valentine, President Branch 36



Ed and Bella Leonard Branch 36



Br. 291 Pres. Pete Gallagher, presented with his favorite cake for his birthday, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, by Annie Subia & Anne



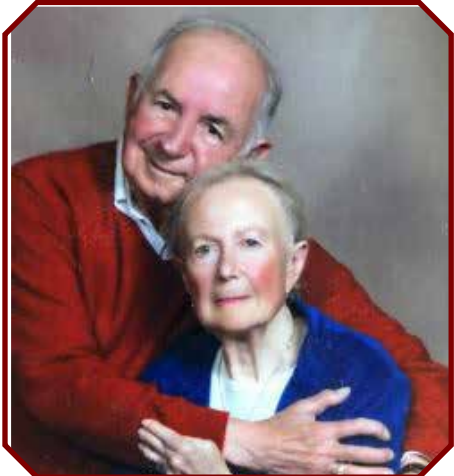
Br. 291 Delegates, Dave & Keely Sanchez, had a great time at the ICF Convention in Las Vegas, including at the Saintly Dinner.



Fr. Roberto & Leonora Barlow



Branch 36 Dinner meeting



Francesca Nuovo 1931 - 2022 Branch 36



Ann Troia 1926 to 2022 Branch 36



Elizabeth Jo Pittman 1943 to 2022
Branch 36



Br. 51, Fr. Robert, Cindy Stefani, & Fr. Pedro



Br. 51, Bishop Garcia, Niko Cortopassi, Art Carbonal & Julie Richards Bishop's Mass & Luncheon 2022

Castroville Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

Happy Birthday to Lisa Brom, our only member celebrating their birthday in November. We hope you have a fantastic day!

Branch 51 had the honor of hosting our district's Bishop's Mass and Luncheon on October 8, 2022. Bishop Danny Garcia was joined at the mass by Father Rodrigo Paredes, our new priest, Father Dat Nguyen, as well as Father Roberto and Father Pedro who have served our parish in the past. We had a great turn out of members from various branches in our district, as well as the District Council. Attendees enjoyed appetizers brought by the various branches as well as either meat or veggie lasagna, salad, and garlic bread served by Branch 51, with pumpkin and apple pie and biscotti for dessert. There was also a wonderful raffle of baskets donated by the various branches in attendance.

Branch 51 would like to thank the Our Lady of Refuge staff, Sister Suchita, Lupe, our parish florist, and Angel Jimenez, for all of their help, and Paul Ruiz and the Our Lady of Refuge Choir for the beautiful music they played at the mass. A special thank to all of the members of Branch 51 who worked hard to make this great day possible. It was a beautiful event enjoyed by everyone.

*Wishing everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving,
Stefani Cortopassi*

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph's

The annual picnic was a success thanks to the efforts of Jane and Rick Kotila, Heidi Ambiel, Sharleen Hedgpeth, Ken Olson, Manny and Magdalena Martinez and Vicky Howell. Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes as the raffle earned \$490. In gratitude to Wayne Shaffer, we are making a donation to his preferred charity. He let us use Shaffer Park at no cost and was very accommodating.

Our October meeting celebrated Oktoberfest with Heidi Ambiel preparing a sausage and sauerkraut dinner, along with her famous Apple Cake for dessert.

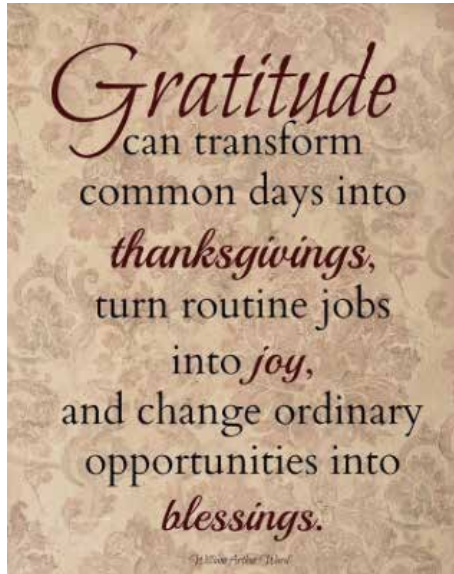
Our November meeting is on the 19th and will feature the traditional turkey dinner prepared by Sharleen Hedgpeth. At the November meeting we will elect officers for 2023. Thanks to Nominating Committee members Dolores McCartney and Margaret Margo for taking on the task of selecting candidates.

Plans are underway for our December meeting which will be a Christmas Party with an appearance by Santa Claus. Save the date of December 10 (that's a Saturday).

As a fund raiser we will be selling Poinsettias in December. The cost is



Br. 51, Bishop Garcia mass



\$15 each and they will be available for pick-up the week of December 12 at Stewart's Floral.

Calendars are available for \$25 and can be purchased at Stewart's Floral or at the next two branch meetings.

Happy Birthday to a very special member, Kay Waldvogel, who will be celebrating her birthday on November 11. We love you, Kay!

*With best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,
Deanna Musler, Secretary*

Deadline for December
Issue of *Bollettino*
is November 10th.
Send articles & photos:
editor@icf.org
Include your
branch number.



Above are some of the dedicated workers at Br. 291's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. L-R: Margi Carducci, Evonne Kim, Amy Spain, Annie Subia, Joanna Van Blaricom, Joan Gularte and Pattie Rorrer.

Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

We held our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in over on October 8th and it was a great success! Our parish community was so excited to enjoy one of our spaghetti dinners again since we hadn't served one since before the pandemic! Proceeds from the dinner benefited our Catholic School Registration Assistance Program.

We held our Branch Officer Elections at our October General Meeting. We will announce our 2023 Board in next month's Bollettino!

Br. 291 was so excited that our nomination for the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award (Father Masseo) was selected as the recipient of the award! Father Masseo was unable to attend the convention, so we presented him with the beautiful plaque at our September meeting! We also played his acceptance video at the meeting—that was shown



Fr. Masseo Gonzales, recipient of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award, was presented his plaque during Branch 291's September General Meeting. Pictured L-R: Br. 291 President Pete Gallagher, Fr. Masseo and Br. 291 Trustee David Sanchez.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

As a first-time attendee at the ninety first Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 2nd to the 4th I was inspired by the experience. The highlights for Branch 28 President Diana Berry and myself was the video presentation by Dr. Thomas Coates with an update about the Cooley's program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the written narrative from Laurice Levine with words of gratitude to the Italian Catholic Federation for their continued support. Reverend George Aranha, Santa Clara Valley Diocesan Chaplain presided over a memorial Mass and in his inimitable way provided a meaningful message interlaced with his wonderful humor. We witnessed the Presentation of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award to Masseo Gonzales who grew up on the mean streets of Los Angeles who found his path and now is referred to as Reverend Masseo Gonzales.

Our Cooley's fundraiser will run through January 2023. If you would like to donate please contact Kim Filice at Kimfilice@charter.net or Pat Cordich at pcordich@pacificoak.com. On October 1st, the Diocese held its annual Bishop's Day at St. Christopher's Church in San Jose concelebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantu and Father Chris Bennett. Presentation of the Spiritual Bouquet was made by Marie Antonowicz. A beautiful day.

As we conclude our 90th anniversary in celebration and remembrance of Branch 28's ninety years we would like to honor and pay tribute to those founders and members who have been the soul of this



beautiful organization and pray to our patron saints, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Frances X. Cabrini to maintain the essence of this Italian Catholic Federation.

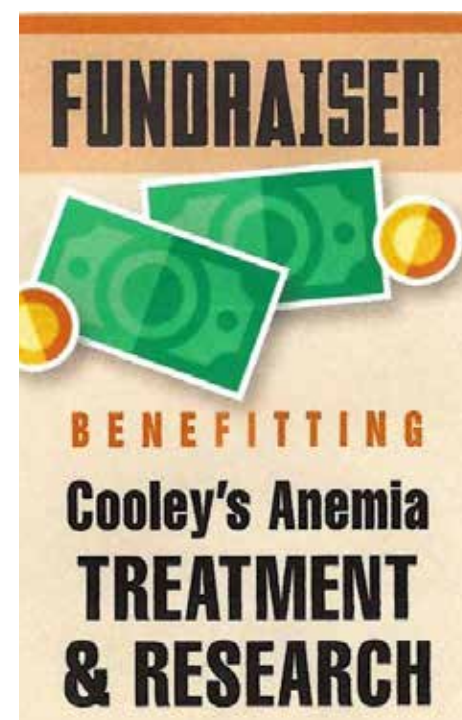
*Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice*



Br. 28 - Laurice Levine, Past Grand President, Andy Pappani, and Dr. Thomas Coates.



Br. 28 - Standing: Reverend George Aranha, Diocesan Chaplain, Diocese of San Jose; Vince Piro, Past Grand President; and Ric Shimshock, 2nd Vice President, Santa Clara Valley District. Front: The late Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani. Photo taken in Gilroy, CA at the Santa Clara Valley District Installation of Officers - January 2020.



Branch 28's Cooley's fundraiser will run through January, 2023

St. Mary
Br. 184, Los Gatos

St. Mary's did it again. The second part of our Holy Trinity year was a great success. Thank you to Father Chris Bennett for allowing us to have Bishop's Day at St. Christophers. Thanks to Donna Pfaff, my co-chair, to my family Mom Marie, Germaine & Michelle, Bob Basuino, Debbie Piro, Tina Souza Dutra, Lucy & Rich Amico, Fran Filice, & Marie Yurosko and the beautiful floral from Franklyn Lopes, Jr.

The Bishop was all smiles as he was presented 2 checks totaling \$9000. \$7000 from the Santa Clara Valley District and \$2000 from the Central Council and a Spiritual Bouquet presented by Marie Stalteri Antonowicz. The food from The Pasta Market in San Jose and dessert Cannoli from Palermo Pastry was great!! All in all, a successful event. Our final part of the trinity will be the District's Christmas Party. On December 13th – location to be determined.

Happy Halloween!
Denise Antonowicz, President

San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Frances
Cabrini

A Happy Halloween to all of our Little Ghosts and Goblins! May they have a safe and joyous Trick or Treat Celebration.

Branch 191 held our September General Meeting in the Bocce Court, with a Louisiana cuisine ,themed after our convention. The meal was a rice combination with a Southern style sausage. Our cooks, George and Tony did an outstanding job recreating New Orleans Gourmet Cooking.

After our lunch, our Delegates, Debbie and Jamie, gave interesting and



Br. 184, Marie Stalteri Antonowicz presenting Spiritual Bouquet to Bishop Cantu

informative reports from the Las Vegas convention. Jamie's workshop report was on the various charities that ICF supports, and just how funds are collected. It was uplifting to hear of our ICF Donation to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Debbie did two reports on the workshops she attended. We learned about the history of Mother Cabrini, her difficult life, and her establishment of homes and hospitals for the needy. Debbie's other report was " Moving Forward"! This dealt with how other branches did other alternatives and activities to keep ICF alive. Debbie enforced to us, in light of adversity and strife, we can progress ahead.

It is soon to be holiday time, and time to brighten our homes with decoration and cheer. What could be brighter than buying a poinsettia from Branch 191! We will be selling poinsettia plants (red or white) at \$15/per plant. More details/a flyer to come, but they make a lovely gift and decoration for our holiday gatherings. Get your order in soon.

Also to remember to buy your annual ICF calendar. See Tillie/Tony Spagnolo for that purchase.

Our holidays are upon us !
Happy Thanksgiving
Ciao--Shirley Catania



Br. 184, Santa Clara Valley District Bishop's Day (l to r) Fr. Paolo Gobbo – Bishop Oscar Cantu – Fr. Greg Kimm – Fr. Christopher Bennett



Br. 184, Bob Basuino presenting SCVD \$7000 check to Bishop Cantu



Br. 191 St. Frances Cabrini Delegate Reports



Branch 191 Saint Frances Cabrini



Branch 191 Saint Frances Cabrini Lunch in the Bocce Court

San Jose Br 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

The September branch meeting and men's BBQ was great on September 14th and hosted by John Gillio, Jerry Opp and Mike Cordoni. Our November 9th members meeting will be hosted by the board. Bring your appetite. December's Christmas member meeting will be a catered dinner.

Layettes were collected in October and are ready to go for Christmas delivery. This Christmas our chapter will be giving those without a home, socks, and a t-shirt. This is the first year for giving t-shirts.

Election of officers will be in November and with installation of new officers on Jan. 7th at St. Frances Cabrini church.

Santa Teresa Parish and parishioners from other parishes attended a birthday party to help Father George celebrate his 70th, 71st and 72nd birthdays. Father George missed 70 and 71 birthdays because of covid. It was a great party with parishioners telling stories about Fr. George of how he has influenced their lives. The dinner was great with cake for dessert.

Please pray for those recovering from sickness: Paul Butler, and Barbra Ruffner and others who you know with sickness.

Bishop's Day was Oct. 1st at St. Christopher's Church. Thank you to Ann Cordoni for collecting checks for lunch.

If you would like to chair the Pasta and Polenta dinner fundraiser, date TBA, please, let the board know. Our branch was honored at the 10a.m. Mass on Sunday October 23rd. We served coffee and donuts at Mary's Garden, after Mass.

*Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Tom Myers*

San Jose Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In October our Branch had a guest speaker, Hunter Haas from FOCUS, who spoke insightfully of this ministry which inspires Catholic faith among college students on varied campuses.

President Mike Rossi reported that our annual Wine Down Fundraiser was a great success. Fr. Saju thanked ICF for always being supportive of the parish through events such as this. Mike thanked those who attended, the donors, and the workers, especially Steve and Cathleen Lencioni for chairing the



Br. 368, Fr. George's 70, 71 and 72 birthdays

event and ticket sales, Marcie Rossi for the silent auction, Cathy De Maria for wine sourcing, and Diana Vallorz for organizing the food.

Steve and Cathleen Lencioni represented our branch at the convention and reported on their experiences. Branch 391 received the apostolate-charity award for third place among large branches.

Congratulations to our 2023 elected officers--President Steve Lencioni, Second VP Doug Schenk, Secretary Mike Rossi, Financial Secretary Tina Rossi, Treasurer Teresa Brodersen, Orator Sr. Jane Garrison, Trustees Mayme Abbott, Donna Rossi, Lynda Vallorz, and Sentinel Linda Ochinerio. Thank you, Cathy De Maria, for again serving as Nominating Committee chairperson.

In her informative heritage report, Louise Vento reported on Christopher Columbus' historic voyages to America and the Caribbean.

Our branch is seeking volunteers to serve as Phone Chairperson and/or as Membership Chairperson.

ICF 2023 calendar sales was a great success--Marcie reported that most of our calendars were sold and that there were still calendars available.

Upcoming events: Meeting--Thursday, November 10, 5:00 dinner; Celebration of St. Martin's and Father Gener's 30-year Jubilee--November 12, 2022, 5:00 Mass.

*Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.
Janis Patellaro*



Branch 391 Wine Down Fundraiser

Sunnyvale Br. 408, Resurrection

Br 408 hosted its Columbus Day Weekend Bake Sale and successfully raised over \$1200 to support our Resurrection School 8th Grade Service Awards and our two ICF College Scholarships.

Thanks to all who baked all these goodies and who staffed the Sale's Table for the three Sunday Masses on 10 October 2022. Nice work Sandra and Patricia!

Our Parish 60th Anniversary International Dinner will be held Saturday 22 October from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Farana Center Hall. ICF will serve Italian Meatballs and Sauce and an antipasta plate. We will need ICF Volunteers for this. Please contact Patricia to help.

Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Al Chantelope, Donna Richey, Dori Blefari and Fr Arthur's Mother-Veatrice and for the Repose of the soul of Jackie's husband.



Branch 391 Steve and Cathleen Lencioni and Marcie Rossi at Wine Down



Branch 391 Bob Gorini at Wine Down



Branch 391 JoAnn Schiro, Diana Vallorz, and Lynda Vallorz at Wine Down



Sandra Delatuer and Spike Burghardt Br. 408 ICF Columbus Day Bake sale Oct



San Jose Bishop Oscar Cantu addressing SCVD Bishop's Day Luncheon 1 Oct 22



Clarita, Barbra, Sandra, Patricia and Brian Br 408 Columbus Day Bake Sale Oct



Dave, Barbara, Sandra, Jackie, Patricia and Brian Br. 408 Columbus Day Bake Sale Oct.

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Catarina d'Alessandria

Several members of our branch attended Bishops Day at St Christopher Church. Branch 184 hosted this lovely, inspirational event. It was so nice to see other branches represented and the newly elected members of Central Council. After mass an excellent lunch followed at St Christopher Hall. It was served with a beautiful autumn theme. A treat of Cannoli for dessert topped off an outstanding day.

We are planning our own first dinner meeting in several years. It will be held at Palmerinos here in Morgan Hill on October 10. The entree will be Lasagna. Owner, Tommy Palmer and family are members of our branch. With our recent remodel progressing at St Catherine Church, we hope to be back soon hosting in our O'Donnell Center.

Halloween is approaching and a heartfelt prayer that all of our children and families safely enjoy this fun holiday.

*God bless
Sylvia Ritchie Sorci
Charter Member*

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Branch 445 is kicking off the Fall with three fundraising events! We will be hosting our largest Fundraiser since COVID on, Sunday afternoon, Nov 6th at Tabor Hall. It will be ICF's version of the TV show 'Family Feud' complete with sound effects and graphics guaranteed to bring laughter, fun, tasty snacks and chances to win prizes!

We will also be accepting orders over the next few weeks for our annual See's Christmas Candy Sale. On November 20th, the winning raffle tickets will be drawn for a beautiful Nativity Set and two other Christmas baskets!

Branch President Jim Falcone spoke to parishioners after our September Quarterly Mass as part of our ICF Br 445 Membership Drive. He also designed a detailed poster board for Transfiguration's vestibule explaining ICF and the many programs ICF supports.

For our September General Meeting, we hosted a pizza night at our 'CAFE 445' complete with menu board in English with Italian subtitles. Member Grace DeLuca Brown presented a heritage report on her summer trip to Italy with her daughter and granddaughters.

The highlight was to return to the town of San Sosti, in Calabria where her parents were born, married and visit other relatives living there.

October Birthday wishes to members Diane Devine, Art Maggio and Bill Howell ... Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!!

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

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

Thanks to all our bakers and helpers we had a successful Bake Sale. The parish members always look forward to our Bake Sale and we thank them for their support.

We have not had our Annual Mass and Breakfast since the start of the pandemic. We will attend mass together and go to breakfast after on October 23, 2022 Since I am a month behind reporting on our events I will have to let you know next month how our turn out was. We still have people that are a little concerned going in to a crowded place.

Branch 48 will be Hosting the Stockton District Installation of Officers on January 8, 2023. Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. at the old St. Stanislaus Church, 709 "J" Street. Installation will follow Mass in the Church. The luncheon will be held in the "J" Street hall behind the church at approximately 2:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00. Please bring your regalia and a raffle gift. There will be more information in the December *Bollettino*.

We will have our Christmas Potluck and Meeting December 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends and join us for the evening.

Masses for our deceased members will be Sunday November 13, 2022 and December 4, 2022 at the 8:00 a.m. mass at the Maze Blvd. Church.

*Take care and stay healthy.
Cecelia McGhee*



Br. 445 September Pizza Night-Cafe 445



Br. 445 Heritage Report by Grace



Br. 82, Bocce event, Sept. 11 in St. Anne's Hall



Br. 82, Silent dessert auction



Br. 82, Father Ronni Manango playing cornhole



Br. 445 ICF Poster Board in Church Vestibule



Br. 445 Pres. Jim Falcone - Membership Drive

Lodi Br. 82, St. Anne's

The St. Anne's ICF would like to thank everyone who came our annual BBQ and Bocce event in September. We are so thankful that so many of church community joined us to make this event successful. Members enjoyed a delicious meal of Italian sausages, a multitude of salads, and did we mention the silent dessert auction? All those who attended were able to bid on their favorite desserts to take home or share with their table. It was a mouthwatering event. Father Ronnie Manango ran in to start a game of cornhole between masses! His enthusiastic participation encouraged others to start the fun! Though it was still quite hot outside, the Maggio family was the first group to start a game of Bocce. We look forward to next year's event and bringing in many more players to make it a true tournament.

Our monthly meetings are always the last Tuesday of the month. We are still meeting in the Youth Room next to the Church, we will announce if we move back to the school building in the following months. This month was on the 25th, starting at 6 p.m. with dinner and fellowship. Father Rob gave a presentation on the Spirits in keeping with the "spirit" of the Halloween season. Dinner is always served to start our meetings, followed by important news from our President Patty Litts and other officers.

Next month, on December 3rd, will be our Polenta Dinner. We are still working on details, so please look for more information here and on our Facebook page, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 82 St. Anne's, or by email: icfstanne@gmail.com.

Manteca**Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggio**

With all being content after a tasty dinner by Chef Tony and a delicious dessert by Dino and Sharon Cunial at our September meeting, our branch got to work on an ambitious agenda.

New member Tim Cabral was introduced by Ed Fichtner.

President Birdie Nieri reported on her attendance at the Grand Convention. She brought back a number of ideas, including those on communications, fund-raising and public relations.

We are mourning the passing of long-time member Lillian Pauletto, who died recently. She had been a branch officer and was a faithful attendee at our meetings. We will miss her smile. Orator Dino Cunial led us in the ICF prayer for the deceased.

We discussed ideas for future meeting refreshments, other than dinners, among them potlucks, soup or salads, etc.

Ida Queirolo sold ICF calendars, all but two of her supply.

As always, our meeting closed with a prayer and the singing of the Federation Anthem.

Your reporter acknowledges the contributions of Past Branch President Anna Mello to this article.

*Ciao,
Mariano*

Tracy**Br. 390, St. Bernard**

Our monthly dinner meeting featuring Mike Bacchetti's fabulous polenta and chicken cacciatore, which is the all-time favorite, brought the masses once again on October 20th. We thank all members and guests who came to help prep, cook, set up, serve and clean up - we very much appreciate our hard-working crews!

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our board member Nancy Schlemmer, who passed away September 23rd. Nancy shared her time as a board member, spent years as a Eucharistic Minister, visited the home-bound and assisted at our Knights of Columbus breakfasts, as well as serving as a dedicated nurse. We thank her and her husband Joe with the beautiful voice you have heard at district, for many wonderful years of service. Our condolences to her husband, children, grandchildren and many friends. May she rest in peace.

See the great photos in this month's issue from Steve Ridolfi, who continues to post the life of our branch though pictures on our Website. Check out the Heritage section - you are all welcome to join - just submit yours to Steve.

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



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is November 10th.
Send articles
& photos:
editor@icf.org

**Stockton****Br. 395, Presentation of the BVM**

We just celebrated All Saints Day and that means le feste are just around the corner.

Our Branch participated in Presentation's annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 23. It was a wonderful event. It's a great way for the parishioners to meet and gather information about the various communities and organizations available at the parish. There was lots of interest in the ICF and how we give back to the community, so we hope to welcome several new members to our branch soon.

At this month's meeting we will vote for the new 2023 officers and will share the results in the December article. Thank you again to Carol Quijada for chairing the nominating committee.

*Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.
Alla prossima,
Mary Ann*

St Catherine of Alexandria...

*"Help us to bring Christ to all those
in the world who are so in need of
Him"*

