



BOLLETTINO

ICF Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage



January

Carmen Kilcullen, Past Grand President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! January starts the new year. But it was not always so. In the old Roman calendar, January and February were omitted. In about the year 700 BCE, the Roman king, Numa, was believed to have added these missing months. January gets its name from the Roman god, Janus, who was the god of beginnings, of passage and time itself. January is a winter month in the northern hemisphere and a summer month in the southern hemisphere.



In the year 46 BCE, Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar. This calendar introduced leap day and added ten days to the year. However, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar which we use today. This change had mostly to do with the placement of leap day.

Also, this calendar reform changed the lunar cycle used by the Church to better calculate the date for Easter. Different religions celebrate the new year with different dates. The Christian Orthodox New Year is celebrated on January 14 because the Orthodox

Church still follows the Julian calendar. The Persian New Year normally falls on the March equinox (March 20-21).

The Buddhist calendar marks its new year in the second half of April. However, Japan celebrates in January and Thailand in April. We are quite familiar with the Chinese New Year which occurs in February.

The January birthstone is the garnet which represents constancy. The birth flowers are the cottage pink and the snowdrop. The Zodiac signs for January are Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) and Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18).

On January 4, 2023, the Earth will reach its perihelion – the point when its orbit is closest to the Sun. Also, the first full moon of the year is known as the Wolf Moon.

The following saints are celebrated in January:

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Jan. 4
- St. John Neumann – Jan. 5
- St. Agnes – Jan. 21
- St. Francis De Sales – Jan. 24
- St. Thomas Aquinas – Jan. 28
- St. John Bosco – Jan. 31

Here's hoping you have the best year ever!

Carmen



Monterey Fire Department Toy Donation, Branch 36



Phyllis Briggs & Giuseppe Savona, Br. 36

Grand President's Monthly Message

Deborah Rodondi

We look forward to the Christmas season with anticipation, gathering with family and friends, attending mass and supporting our church, sharing meals and reflecting on the past year. Hard to believe it is already behind us for another year. Now in the new year we reflect on where we want to be and what we would like to accomplish by the end of 2023.

This year our focus and resolution is to strengthen our branches, support the officers in our branches and reach out into our parishes and communities. Support your branch by helping out in any way you can. I know many are not able to do the heavy lifting but there are so many things that you can do for your branch and parish. Just being there for support and encouragement goes a long way.

I am excited that most of our Districts are hosting Installations in January and February and look forward to attending many of them and visiting with you.

You will notice in this issue of the Bollettino that we have moved up the deadline for the ICF awards for the 2023 convention in Costa Mesa. Please consider nominating someone from your branch or area for one of our awards. Sometimes we take for granted the people around us that do so much for ICF, the Parish and the community. Now is your chance to recognize them. The forms can be downloaded from our website.

I thank all of you for your support and encouragement that you have given me in my years in the ICF, on the Central Council and as Grand President. I look forward to our continued journey.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



TIME SENSITIVE: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY!



Contra Costa District celebrating Christmas!

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

**Deadline for the
February issue is
January 10, 2023**

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

Thank you!

Message from our Spiritual Director



Dear Friends of the
Italian Catholic Federation:

The name "January" comes from the Roman god Janus - the god with two faces, one looking to the past and the other looking to the future. This is indeed a time to look back at the year that has just ended and to look forward to the new year ahead of us. How did I spend this one year of my life that has just passed? Did I use it to advance my goals and objectives in life? Did I use it to enhance the purpose of my existence? Could I have done better last year in the way I invested my time between the demands of work, family, friends and society, and the demands of my spiritual life?

Through soul searching questions like these, we find that a review of the past year naturally leads to setting goals and resolutions for the new year. The New Year is not just about making resolutions. As Catholics we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a feast. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer." Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of

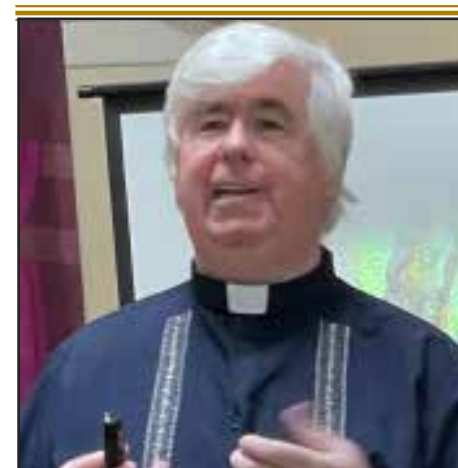
humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption.

The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary. However, in 1751, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. This was because of a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity. Eventually, the feast was expanded to include other countries.

In 1914, the feast started to be observed on October 11.

In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church. In 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar. He replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the calendar year.

Wishing you many blessings for the New Year and may God's abiding love be with you. For the one hope that still stands tall, is the hope of Jesus who changes us from within to see the



Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

gloom without and breathe new possibilities into it and we find hope in the Manger. The Manger is about God's coming to us in His Son, Jesus. Let us look forward to the good things God has in store for us in 2023. For now, I pray that your New Year is restful and that you encounter the Lord's peace and joy in surprising ways in 2023. Watch and see what God will do. Remember the tears of 2022 are the harvest of 2023.

*Many blessing
for a New Year,
Fr. Chris*



Birthplace of Jesus



Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
Under the Spiritual Direction of:
Fr. Christopher Bennett, I.C.F. Spiritual Director
St. Christopher Catholic Church in San Jose, California
12-Days: September 10 to 21, 2023

Pricing, itinerary and registration available after December 1, 2022
For more information, please contact: Rev. Christopher Bennett
(408) 269-2226 revbennett@sbcglobal.net

Purchase your ICF 2023 Calendar Now

The calendars are great gifts, great raffle prizes and offer wonderful stories and recipes which remind us about our theme "Feast with The Saints" as well as an opportunity to win money. 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. So, 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.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Family Recipe

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!
Hard to believe 2023 is here. Hope you all had a beautiful Christmas Season and are ready to celebrate La Befana! This recipe was a comfort food that someone I knew brought to America from their homeland of Sicily. It is so very simple. And what is not to like about that?!

Pasta In Forno (Pasta in Oven)

An original recipe from Sicily

1 pint spaghetti sauce (2 Cups). In my freezer I have my sugo (pasta sauce) in cool whip containers, which is actually 3 cups-to me this is the perfect amount.

1 pound Rigatoni pasta, parboiled al dente

4 eggs

1 cup grated Romano (Parmesan) cheese

A 9-inch round pan with clean sweep cutter bar would work best or a spring form pan (makes it easier to get pasta out whole for final step)

Grease pan with butter. Put 2 well beaten eggs in pan. Sprinkle ½ cup cheese over eggs. In another bowl combine drained pasta and gravy. Mix well, and then add this to pan. On top of this put 2 more well beaten eggs. Sprinkle remaining ½ cup cheese. Bake at 350 degrees. Check after 20 minutes, remove from oven and loosen bottom with cutter bar. Return to oven until top is nice and brown. Remove from pan immediately.

As usual, like with anything you cook you can create variations. If I have bacon grease, I use that to grease the spring form pan. I will also add some shredded mozzarella cheese. You can use other types of pasta but it loses it's presentation. When you slice it like a pie, the rigatoni gives those great circles. I have also made this with leftover pasta...sometimes you



make too much and wonder what can you do different with the leftovers--this is a great way and makes a nice presentation.

NOTE: in the picture, I did half with mozzarella and half with Parmesan cheese.

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. However, we can put them out there for our readers and maybe find



what you are looking for. Remember a good Italian cook measures with their eyes and heart!

Buon Appetito!

Scholarship Donations (Received as of December 9, 2022)

Scholarship Donations - 1st Year

Roger and JoAnn Dorn

In memory of Holly Raineri

Pat and Lou Mages

In Honor of the 99th Birthday of Marie Antonowicz

Mark Neuburger and Arianna Smith

Merry Christmas Wishes for Mary Perata and Eva Perata

2023 1st Year Scholarship Program

Carmen Kilcullen, Scholarship Chairperson

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program that was sent to high schools in November, has now been made available to the Districts and Branches and has been posted on our I.C.F. website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage as well as in the documents in the Officers' Portal.

The New Deadline for Donations and Applications is April 1, 2023. This will allow additional time for students to apply and for Branches and Districts to follow up with the high schools in their areas. Please discuss participating in the program by making a donation of a full scholarship of \$400.00, if possible, or a partial donation of any amount. Partial Donations do help to make other scholarships possible when that money is grouped together. Individual Donations are welcomed as well. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$400.00 Scholarship or they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the ICF website.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:

A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2: 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of California, Illinois and Reno, Nevada (which also includes the other cities within the Diocese of Reno), only where Branches of the Federation are established. or 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation" - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Again, please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting our scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the I.C.F. office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.

DECEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

DAY	NAME	BR	CITY	WINS
12/1	Elena David	144	Arcata, CA	\$30
12/2	Melody Klever	343	Castro Valley, CA	\$30
12/3	Patricia Look	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
12/4	Branch 342		Auburn, CA	\$30
12/5	Marlys Burke		Gardena, CA	\$30
12/6	Anna Mello	139	Lathrop, CA	\$30
12/7	Madeline & Eric Flores		Fresno, CA	\$40
12/8	Fr. Arthur Yabes		Sunnyvale, CA	\$50
12/9	Norma Wilson	21	Scotts Valley, CA	\$30
12/10	Theresa Schanbeck		Kent, WA	\$30
12/11	Beatrice Tomasello	173	Burlingame, CA	\$30
12/12	Tom Reid		Bakersfield, CA	\$30
12/13	Robert J. Buckley	362	Downey, CA	\$30
12/14	Michael Huppert		Rio Vista, CA	\$30
12/15	Christine Ragusa	362	Downey, CA	\$30
12/16	Derek Phillips		Minneapolis, MN	\$30
12/17	Kelli & Sean Gottlieb		Grover Beach, CA	\$30
12/18	Catherine Ellis	435	Morgan Hill, CA	\$30
12/19	Elizabeth Ferguson		Oakland, CA	\$30
12/20	Deacon Mike Haas	408	Sunnyvale, CA	\$30
12/21	Ken Kiser	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
12/22	Thelma Cavazos		Merced, CA	\$30
12/23	Branch 144		Arcata, CA	\$30
12/24	Robert Hollister		Rohnert Park, CA	\$50
12/25	Paul H. Behrens	210	Hemet, CA	\$100
12/26	Roy Shackel	28	Gilroy, CA	\$30
12/27	Beverly Anselmo	332	San Rafael, CA	\$30
12/28	Giulia Gallego	435	San Martin, CA	\$30
12/29	Kathy Zazzeron	10	Alameda, CA	\$30
12/30	Roy Keenan		Bakersfield, CA	\$40
12/31	Carol Lopes	227	Santa Cruz, CA	\$50

SEE THESE FIRST ON OUR WEB SITE: ICF.ORG

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION CONVENTION AWARD CATEGORIES

There is one shared application available for all five categories. The new deadline to submit applications and supporting documents is April 1. Previous year's nomination packets are eligible for resubmission with the updated current year's application attached.

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD

The recipient of the ICF's highest award shall exemplify the spirit and tradition of the late Pope Saint John XXIII. The nominee may be of any religious denomination and must demonstrate achievements in one of the following areas: 1. Community Betterment of Civic Endeavors
2. Ecumenical Spirit in Furthering the Brotherhood of Man
3. Charitable and/or Religious Activities.

A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award was created to acknowledge and honor a Catholic Priest, Brother, Deacon or Nun who exemplifies the spirit of Saint Teresa of Calcutta in the performance of works to better the human condition. A \$1,000 donation will be made to the award recipient's charity of choice.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AWARD

GRAND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award will be presented to an outstanding lay member of the ICF. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to furthering the goals of the Federation. A \$500 donation will be made to the award recipient's ICF charitable program of choice.

The ICF Family of the Year Award honors an ICF Family which has made a significant contribution to their branch, district, parish and/or community. A \$500 donation will be made to the family's ICF charitable program of choice.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

The new deadline for submissions is April 1.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AWARD NOMINATION



Nomination Year: 20_____

Award:

- _____ Pope Saint John XXIII
 _____ Saint Teresa of Calcutta
 _____ Grand President's
 _____ Family of the Year
 _____ Young Adult Leadership

Nominations must be postmarked on or before April 1.

Please include with this application:

- A maximum of three letters of endorsement.
- Copies of awards or publications, if available, to support the nomination.

The Central Council will vote on one finalist for each award. The Grand President will notify the winners of their achievement and invite them to attend the ICF Convention to receive their award. Transportation, one night lodging, and a ticket to the banquet for their award presentation is provided. Central Council Members, Members Emeritus, Life Members Emeritus or Members of their immediate families are not eligible for nomination.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #/City: _____

Nominees for the Grand President's, Family of the Year and Young Adult Leadership Awards must all be members of the ICF. For the Family of the Year award, please indicate names of parents, children and other family members being nominated within the body of your biographical sketch.

Nominated By Individual, Branch or District:

Contact Person:

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Statement of Endorsement:

Qualifications Summary:

Please summarize the major accomplishments of the nominee. If known, include offices and chairmanships held (within the ICF, parish and community) along with information on any significant contributions. You may attach additional sheets of text.

Applications must be postmarked by: April 1 – Submit to: Italian Catholic Federation
 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, California 94621
 (888) ICF-1924 Website: www.icf.org Email: info@icf.org

Live to Give

Ken Marshall, Chairperson

Happy New Year from the Live to Give Committee! I am Ken Marshall and chair of the committee. I wanted to share with you why I think it is important to give blood. One of the primary reasons I give blood is because I find it rewarding to know the blood I give saves three lives. Realizing someone out there needs my blood type, inspires me to give. There are all sorts of people out there in need of your or my blood. There are countless people who need blood. Those who require blood transfusion routinely, such as patients with thalassemia; as well as people who need it urgently such as those who have



been in car accidents. These include people who may have been in car accidents, suffering a gunshot wound, or fighting some illnesses. *There is no substitute for human blood.* I find it rewarding and refreshing that someone out there has a chance to live because people are donating blood. After you give blood, you receive a big thank you. They tell you that you found the hero in you. After giving blood, I sleep better knowing that my blood is getting put to good use. I love giving in any way that I can while I am able to do so. Now that I give blood, my wife Elizabeth found it in her heart to give blood too. For the New Year let's give the gift of giving. We can all do our part and try and to save a life. That is the best gift anybody can give or receive.

Gifts of Love Donations

(Received as of December 10, 2022)

- Joan and Jerry Delfino
Get Well Wishes for Sid Pappani
Eva Stern
Prayers for Ed Bertaccini
Officers/Members of Br. 215
In Memory of Anna Bennett

Officers/Members of Br. 213
In Honor of Br. 213 Mentor
Dorene Campanile
Officers/Members of Br. 380
In Memory of Ariana Rogers

Sir Luigi & Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Scholarship Fund Donations*

Received as of December 9, 2022:

- IN MEMORY OF:**
Marianne Calcagno
Holly I. Raineri
Holly Raineri
Jeffrey R. Tucker

Dave G. Heinrichs

Milt Elm
Toni Proietti

DONATED BY:
Jo-Ann and John Donivan
Al and Deanna De Nurra
Fiore, Agnes and Michael Marcheschi
The Sacco Family (Mary Ann, Rosalind and Joe)
The Sacco Family (Mary Ann, Rosalind and Joe)
Officers/Members of Br. 285
Leroy, Stella and David Taddei
- WITH PRAYERS:**
Janice Jones

Officers/Members of Central Council
- THINKING OF YOU:**
Janice Jones

Mike and Marcie Rossi
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE:**
Fr. Michael Mahoney

Officers/Members of Br. 173

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENZA FUND:

A donation was made to the Providenza Fund by Branch 227 - Aptos.

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

Membership Committee Greetings

Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas holiday was joyful and filled with nothing but happiness and peace. So here we are, a new year starting up again. What's going to be different in your branch or district this year? What New Year's resolutions do you have planned for the ICF? Let's start by finding out where your branch/district's strengths and weaknesses are. How's the leadership? Do you have any trouble getting members to jump right in to help? Or do you struggle and have the same group of people doing all of the work? Membership growth? Are you actively seeking to find new members? Or do you just idly slide by month after month? What and



where can you improve? Do you like new ideas when they are presented? Or brush them aside and stick to the "same old thing"? Let's all make a pact, that this year, 2023, will be our standout year. Let's get active, in our parishes and communities. Membership growth is vital and so is expansion. Do you know of a parish that has the potential for an ICF branch? As we get closer to our federation's centennial celebration, let's keep the power of positivity growing within all of us. Have a wonderful 2023 and enjoy all of its wonderful moments.

Perry Shurko,
Membership Chair

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

- Flora E Orsi
William A Valli
Albert Lovotti
Victor J Sigala
Dorothy Jensen

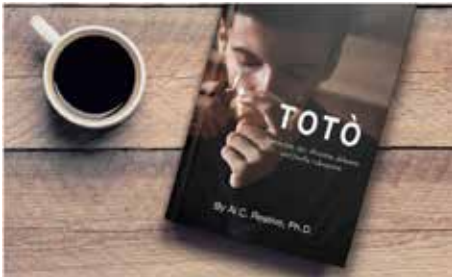
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Branch 045
Branch 051
Branch 103

Salvatore Canzonieri
Phillip Pace
Dorline Camozzi
Georgene M Oplawski

Branch 111
Branch 111
Branch 127
Branch 220

Totò Finds Trouble as a Young Sicilian Narcissis

ICF Branch member and past president Al Restivo took pen in hand and explored the world of historical fiction. In his first novel he writes about a Sicilian young man who must leave Sicily and becomes a wealthy suburban landscape architect in a small town in New York. Salvatore Comebene is fondly called "Totò" or Tuiddu. He lives in Central Sicily and later New York, in the mid 1900's. As a young boy he dreamed of living in America. The story takes place in a small village in Sicily called Villarosa, but it could have been any place in Sicily and could have taken place in any small town such as Chesterville in the New York suburbs. It is a composite of many small suburban New York town communities. The story's setting is the 1920's after Giuseppe Garibaldi led a revolution which unified Italy and made historic Sicily, an important Mediterranean island; a part of a nation born in the late 1870's. This was after a long history when Sicily was occupied and governed by the Arabs, the Greeks, the Spanish, the Muslims, and the Normans. Totò and his family inherited characteristics from some or all these conquerors. He is a rich spoiled young man who lived



a life of privilege which convinced him that he could do no wrong, an incorrect assumption. But throughout his life he pursues his dreams of living successfully in America and gaining political power for himself and his family. His major weakness is associated with lust for young girls and an inability to control it due to his narcissist nature. The short novel is filled with Sicilian history, culture, food, and reminiscent Sicilian language as Totò navigates his life though two communities thousands of miles apart, but very similar in values. Available for \$17.95, the book can be ordered from Al Restivo, 4338 Oakwood Avenue, La Canada, California 91011-3411. Price includes postage.

Branch Reports

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Br. 1, Maria S.S. Immacolata

Dear Members:

The Christmas Luncheon hosted by Judy and Joe Matranga was enjoyed much with nice conversations and delicious food.

Thank you, Judy and Joe, for your kindness.

In March 2023 the Branch is planning another Member get-together.

Sending you and your Families Beautiful Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in the New Year!

Cordiali Saluti
Diana Cresci

San Francisco

St. Elizabeth, Br. 258

Felice Anno Nuovo to all of our members and their families.

We hope the New Year will bring everyone Much Happiness and Good Health.

We all enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon. The food is always delicious. It is always so nice to visit with members and friends that we don't see often. We will have more information in our February *Bollettino*.

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

Please remember our ill and deceased members in your prayers.

Please stay safe and healthy. We need and love you.

Ciao,
Eva Perata, President

SAN MATEO District

Burlingame

Br. 173, Our Lady of Angels

We want to thank our members for all who have helped to celebrate 2022 and look forward to fun and friendship into the New Year!

All of our officers will remain the same except for Luci Witherspoon who will now be the 2nd Vice President and Correspondence Secretary.



Branch 213 gathered at Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco for our annual Christmas luncheon

Thank you, Luci, for all you do for our Branch and also special thanks to the rest of our officers.

Our January Installation of Officers will take place on January 21, 2023 at Holy Angels Parish Hall, 107 San Pedro Rd., Colma, CA 94014. Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m. with Installation following. Lunch \$25.00 consisting of Appetizers, Salad/Bread, Pasta and Chicken, Dessert, Wine/Soda. PLEASE ADVISE our President if you plan to attend.

Please help our members who need our prayers receive the blessings they require. They are: Mary Bodisco, Anita Cecena and Melanie Yeager along with Kathy Travisco and Jackie Barnes members of Branch 19.

May 2023 bring good health and peace to all!
God Bless,
Roz Emery

South San Francisco Br. 213, St. Augustine

On December 4, members of Branch 213 gathered at Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco for our annual Christmas luncheon gathering. Delicious Veal, Chicken and Salmon was served, along with Lentil soup and refreshing salad.

Members and guests had a great time as we start to think about upcoming year installation of officers and community activities.

Donations of clothing were brought to be given to St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Center. Our branch wishes (wished) all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ciao,
Victor Spano

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! We hope you all had a joyous Christmas and are healthy going into this new year. We had our branch Christmas dinner on December 6th at our Parish Hall. We were a small group due to a number of illnesses, but it was great fun. (see photo!) We also collected

donations for the "Struggling Families Fund", which we will distribute once we get information from the church. Members who could not attend the dinner but wish to donate may do so by sending a check payable to "ICF BR 403" to Eunice Danli at 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. Note the purpose of your donation on the "memo" line of your check.

We also sold all of our calendars for 2023. However, if you wish to buy one, I may be able to find one for you through another branch. Call me at 408-313-6325.

Just a reminder: It is time to renew your Branch 403 membership! Our dues for 2023 are \$42. If you have not sent in your money yet, please do so ASAP. Complete a SEPARATE check & send it to Eunice.

Finally, past president, Marie Amoroso passed away on the evening of December 5th. (see photo) She was a very active member, and we will miss her presence and guidance. May she rest in peace and love. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.

Ciao!
Adonna Amoroso, Corresponding Secretary

LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE District Council

Greetings and Salutations to each and everyone. Happy New Year! I hope you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our district Christmas party, but sometimes these things happen. I hope you all sent in your gift cards or checks for the children who have Cooley's Anemia. I don't know about



Br 403, enjoying our Christmas gathering.

Deadline for
February *Bollettino* is
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you, but I really miss those Christmas parties we had there.

But we will be gathering soon as we celebrate the district installation of officers to be held at Holy Angels in Arcadia. Thank you to Jerry and his branch members for hosting this year. Installation will be on Saturday the 21st. Details will come out soon.

In February the ICF will once again have a booth at the Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim. It will be held on the weekend of the 24th - 26th. If you are going to be there, please stop by our booth and say hello.

Let's all pray that 2023 will be a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous year for all of us.

Till next month, Happy New Year.
Perry Shurko
LAA District President

Los Angeles

Br. 67, National Branch, St. Peter

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

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

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

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

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

*Keep safe and Stay healthy,
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Presiden
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812
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SAVE THE DATE ICF Booth at the Annual Religious Education Congress on February 24, 25 and 26, 2023. Please spread the work to ICF, family members and parishioners about this important annual event at the Anaheim Convention Center, in Anaheim, California. NBr 67 members will attend this event with other ICF branch members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese District and members of other district branches throughout the ICF Organization.

South Pasadena

Br. 108, Holy Family

ICF Branch 108 is looking for speakers who will be forthcoming at future meetings to share their domestic and international experience in upcoming monthly meetings.

ICF hosted an online Wine-of-the-Month fundraiser in December 2022 to support Holy Family's Adopt-A-Family Program & other ICF Charities! Two winners each received a mixed case of red and white wines (12 bottles)- valued at over \$150, delivered to their door. If you were unable to join this fundraiser you can still make a donation in support of this worthy cause by calling 626.379.0629 or via email at theresa@holyfamily.org. Never has there been more of a need to continue offering support to all of God's families than now. God bless you and your families.

SAVE THE DATE

ICF will have a Booth at the Annual

Religious Education Congress on February 24, 25 and 26, 2023. Please spread the work to ICF and family members and parishioners about this very important annual event at the Anaheim Convention Center, in Anaheim, California.

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 Presiden - ICF Branch 108
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Montebello

Br. 111, St. Benedict

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Joyful, & Prosperous 2023 to everyone! Tanti Auguri per un Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti!

Our January General Meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, Montebello. Come join us! We would like to congratulate



Br. 111 November & December birthdays

all the members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of January: Anthony DeLorenzo, Rita Estrada, Frank Gomez, Kathleen Rabago, Frank Salomone and Joey Wadzinski. Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

The 2023 ICF Officer's Installation will be held on Sat., Jan. 21 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, in Arcadia, starting with the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed with the Installation of officers and luncheon at the parish hall - more details will follow.

Mark your calendars - our St. Joseph Table this year will be held on Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19, 2023 at St. Benedict Parish Hall. The monies we will raise at this event will allow us to support our parish, offer scholarships to St. Benedict Parish School graduating students, support our clergy and Seminarians, scholarships to graduating high school students, Cooley's Anemia, and other worthwhile charities. We need everyone's support to make this a successful event! Thank you for all you do for the ICF and may St. Joseph and God Bless you abundantly.

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

*Ciao! A Presto.
Frank Salomone, ICF 111 President*

San Pedro

Br. 115, St. John Joseph of the Cross

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all had a healthy and joyous holiday season.

Our branch Christmas party was held on Dec 10th. We enjoyed a delicious meal, homemade cookies and a visit

from Santa Claus! President Neal DiLeva thanked all the members for their support thru the year. Year-end donations were made to Gifts of Love, Children's Hospital, St Jude, USC Norris Cancer Center, Little Sisters of the poor, Mary Star parish, college scholarships, Cooley's anemia, seminarians Cole Buzon and Christian Uguarole. The branch will send donation to Casamicciola Ischia landslide disaster relief fund. Frank Amalfitano is collecting individual donations for relief fund. If interested in donating, make check payable to San Giovan Giuseppe and mail donation to Frank at 2221 Bardale Ave San Pedro CA 90731 or call 310 547-4150.

Please plan on attending our first meeting of the new year on Jan 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Pauline Iacono will be discussing the following trips:

Jan 26th day trip to Aqua Caliente Casino \$40.00 per person

March 23rd day trip to Pala Casino \$40.00 per person

May 2, 3 and return 4th Laughlin trip. Accommodations at the Aquarius Hotel Casino and Resort

\$175.00 per person double occupancy
\$245 single occupancy

All trips will leave from the Boys and Girls Club at 9 a.m. Please call Pauline to reserve 310 832-0563

Also, we will discuss our annual fundraiser crab dinner honoring St John Joseph of the Cross. Mass is scheduled for 8 a.m. on March 4th dinner dance at 6 p.m. Call Neal DiLeva for tickets or info 310 433-1044

2023 dues are now payable. Dues are \$40.00 this year. Bring to meeting or mail check to Pauline Iacono 1072 W 8th St, San Pedro 90731.

*We have an exciting year planned!
Hope to see you all at the meeting
Anita Trujillo*

[See next page for photos.]



Br. 111, November & Thanksgiving Dinner



Br. 111, Cabrini Feast



Br. 111, Thanksgiving Dinner



San Pedro Branch 115 Christmas Party on Dec. 10 was a joyful and fun night with free dinner to all the members. Games played: musical chairs, wrap a person as Christmas tree, balloon popping race, piñata and visit from Santa.



Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

On December 7, Branch 179 gathered in our Parish Hall for a delicious Italian dinner catered by Cosmos Bistro, Glendora. After dinner, we had a rousing White Elephant gift exchange, complete with a flamingo, a Grinch tree, and In-N-Out Gift Cards. Our guest, Sister Elizabeth from St. Lucy's Priory, was the first gift card recipient, and she held on to it for the entire game! Thou shalt not steal (from a nun)! The Ugly Sweater Contest was great, showing lots of creativity among the 4 winners. We ended the evening with a 50/50 raffle, collecting \$190 for our branch, and giving 3 winners a share of the other half. Everyone had such a good time that very few pictures were taken, especially of our beautiful table decorations by member Cathy Napoli.

*God's blessings,
Patricia Auriemma
Trustee*



Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

Greetings to all. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Backtracking a bit, a huge thank you to Katie and Aileen LaCorte for their heritage report – very interesting. And, I wish to thank all that helped me with our Christmas party – especially President Jerry, Mary Rovarino, JoAnn Hudson, Scott, Teri, and Gianni Carrano, Linda Sherman, Phil Mazzolini and Reece Cuevo. Everyone had a great time. As of this writing, our New Year's Eve party has not occurred, but I will thank Scott Carrano and crew for bringing it all together. Our next major event is our pancake breakfast – setup January 28, event – January 29. There will be a lot more on this later. The branch lost member, Gilbert Uriarte and the husband of member, Carolyn Flach, Bob who was not a member, however, everyone knew him for his courageous battle with illness for a very long time. To both families we extend heartfelt condolences.

We hope to see everyone at our next meeting and to turn out for the pancake breakfast.
Lolly M.



Br. 237, Russ family table sponsors enjoying the Columbus Day Celebration.



Br. 237, Justice and Jordan Roa having a ball at the annual Columbus Day dinner.



Br. 179 Christmas



Downey Br. 362, St. Raymond

It always amazes me how fast each year goes by. Welcome to 2023. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. What a year we had in 2022. We were able to get back to business as usual and our branch saw growth in our membership numbers.

Last month we held our annual branch Christmas party at Frantone's. Close to 30 members showed up for a great buffet, some fun gift exchange games, and a little Christmas cheer. Thanks to Christine, Francis and Christina for organizing it and a special thank you to all of our bakers who brought desserts.

The district officer installation will be held on Saturday January 21st at Holy Angels in Arcadia. Details regarding time and price will be shared soon.

Our next branch fundraiser will be on February 5th with our Bingo luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and includes lunch. Be sure to invite a family member or friend.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous 2023. Let's hope it's the best one ever.

*Till next month,
Perry Shurko, Branch President.*

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

To support the Cabrini Chapel and Library, many members honored St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, ICF's patron saint, with a Pilgrimage and Benediction, followed by a hearty lunch at the namesakes' church in Burbank. The afternoon ended even more pleasantly for Diane Restivo who won a holiday raffle basket.

Our branch Christmas Party menu took a turn this year as we catered Chinese food from a local contemporary style restaurant. It was a nice change from our usual fare and enjoyed by all. We also presented outgoing President Mark Mannarelli with a dinner gift card. Thank you Mark for your management the last 2 years, as you resume your role as Treasurer.

Plans are underway for our branch St. Joseph and Auction event. At the helm, Maria deSalguero and Gloria McGaughey presented details of the procession and how and where the Table will be set up. It will be a challenge since the Parish Hall, our usual site, is scheduled to be demolished in February. President Phyllis Harb asks all members to solicit at least one item for bidding from a business or restaurant for the Auction Table. Filled out forms are available for you to present to the establishments. All members need to be ready to help at both the St. Joseph Table and Auction event,

which is our major fundraiser and enables us to support our charities.

Good news! Italian language classes will begin in May at St. Bede on 6 Saturday mornings! After a 3-year hiatus, due to Covid, we have secured a location and an instructor. More details will follow so look for information in the church bulletin/flyers and spread the news to your friends.

Mark your calendars: Jan. 17th General Meeting-Program-Ron Baisley on his long career at JPL

Jan. 21st Installation of Officers at Holy Angels Church, Arcadia

Feb. 21st- General Meeting-Dr. Mary Kotob-Robotic Surgery for Women's Health

Mar. 19th- St. Joseph Table and Auction

Mar. 21st- General Meeting- National ICF Video

The most special thing about the New Year is that it's a start of everything. Wishing you all a fantastic and fabulous year ahead.

Diane Restivo

Thousand Oaks Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Branch 380 is joining with our St. Paschal Baylon parish for a Christmas party on December 11th. Members will be supervising the craft activities for children.

Our next meeting is on January 6th. We will have a soup potluck and discuss plans for the new year.

We wish all of our members a happy Christmas season and a blessed new year.



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Simi Valley Br. 443, St. Rose of Lima

On Saturday Nov. 19, 2022 Branch 443 hosted The Master Chorale Appreciation Dinner.

Sixty chorus members and their guests enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner with salad and cookies

prepared and served by our members. A prayer was led by St. Rose's Pastor Father Joe Shea.

Our Branch's annual Christmas Party will be held Sunday, Dec 11 for members, their families and guests.

As usual there will be plenty of food. Viva la Pasta will provide entrees. Appetizers and desserts will be provided by members -- all for our dining delight. The Boy Scouts will be singing Christmas carols followed by music for our listening and dancing pleasure.

*Best wishes for the New Year.
Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini*



Members of Branch 443 St. Rose of Lima who served guests at the Master Chorale Appreciation Dinner.



Br.444, Yolanda & Sammy Francis, Fran Noday, Hany & Carol Francis, Jovita Trani, Tonia Amalfitano



Br.444, Grace Ohanian, Carol Piccirillo, Gina Albi, Yolanda & Sammy Francis, Fran Noday, Kathleen Buchanan, Tonia Amalfitano.



Br. 444, Hany Francis, Cristina Baldemor, Patty Hansen, Gina Albi



Br.444, Cristina Baldemor, Patty Hansen, Gina Albi, Bruno Vieri

Rancho Palos Verdes Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Hany Francis, Br. 44 President, welcomed 34 members to a delicious holiday dinner at the Dec. 9th Christmas Celebration. Dinner was provided by the Appetizer Restaurant. Before dinner appetizer came from Carol and Hany with desserts brought by the membership. Marianne Canetti led us in singing Tu Scendi dale Stelli in Italian & English. Msgr. Sork our Pastor, gave the Blessing of the food before we had dinner. The table decorations were set up by Gina Albi, Tanya Hansen, Patty Hansen & Hany Francis. Bruno Vieri, checked in all our members & guests. Over 16 Silent Auction items representing, Sheryle Payne (4), Bruno & Betty Vieri, Kathleen Buchanan, Jordan Mastroianni, Jovita & Joe Trani, Marianne Canetti, Hany Francis, Don Wynne & Patty Hansen. Cristina Baldemor ran our 50/50 raffle making money for our Branch and Sheryle Payne. Profits to go to the Seminarians, Cooley Ane-mia and Scholarships. Thanks to all our members and guests for making the evening so successful.

*Buon Natalie & Happy New Year.
Patty Longo Hansen*

SAN BERNARDINO District

Upland

Br. 446, St. Anthony

The St. Anthony branch of the ICF #446 held it second annual Christmas luncheon at a local Italian restaurant on December 4. This was a celebration of the holiday season and of our active program of events in the church



Br. 446, 1st VP Joyce Testoro sharing a toast with Orator Paula DeStefano, member Nan Judge, Peter Tesoro,



Br. 446, Treasurer Danny Centurioni, Zac and Anna Terese



Br. 446, Fr. Ned O'Donnell, Trustee Joe DiCamillo, Tom Bracuto, Sentinel Anna Reyna relaxing after lunch.



Br. 446, Fr. Emmanuel and Estuardo Gonzalez enjoying good company.

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

We will host our annual Polenta Dinner on Saturday evening, January 28, at Monsignor O' Brien Hall in Alameda, High Street at Van Buren Street. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the polenta meal cooked by Ben Ratto will be served at 7:00 p.m. Prices are \$35.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. We request that you pay in advance by check made payable to ICF Branch 10 and sent to Jeanette Zugnoni, 1841 Fremont Drive, Alameda 94501. For information and reservations, contact Jeanette Zugnoni, jeanette@zugnoni.net or (510) 523-8005.

We welcomed 134 happy guests, including some excited children, to our combination Ravioli Dinner and East Bay District Christmas Party on Saturday evening, December 3. We all enjoyed the visit from Santa Claus, who was assisted by Jeff Branchaud. We especially appreciate the several officers of the District and other East Bay branches who traveled to Alameda to attend—it was a stormy night on the island. It was our first indoor event since March 2020.

Thanks to all of the following for their contributions to the successful evening: our priests, Father Joseph and Father Paul, Lisa Crudo, Ben Ratto, Peggie and Ken Dorrance, Ernie Poggi, Sharon Brunetti, Karen Harrington, Sheila Ewart, Jim Lee, Terry Greig, James McGee, Linda Ratto, Tony Muzio, Brendan Igor, Armando Cicero-Lopez, Jeanette Zugnoni and Adrian Chan-Zugnoni.

*John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity*



East Bay District Christmas Party at Branch 10's Ravioli Dinner. Branch 10 president Jim Lee welcomes the group.

EAST BAY District Council

Here's hoping that everyone had wonderful holidays and are looking forward to an even better New Year! We ended 2022 by joining Br. #10 to celebrate, with them, at their Christmas party. So far we expect 140 parishioners and members to attend.

On the business side, we are still changing dates! Our Crab Feed date is also the same day that the place where we would have it begins their Fish Fry! More things to look at for when scheduling.

We are happy to report that all the Branches we have now will be here in 2023!

We are set to have Installation of Officers at the Fratellanza Club on Jan. 15th, all elected officers are asked to attend. Branch #215 will host and initiate Branch #285 in the why's and wherefores for next year. Tickets are for sale.

So, we are off to a running start and hope to continue into the New Year with as much vigor! Good luck to all the new and returning officers.

*Pat Grasso,
District Secretary*

Deadline for February
Bollettino is
January 10th.
Send articles & photos:
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*Attention Branch
and District Mentors*

Please submit your email address to me at icfmentor@aol.com.
Please include your name, and what branch you mentor, and
or District.
I would like to have better communication with the mentors,
and get a copy of the IN TOUCH to you, once it is published.

*Thank you
Franklyn Lopes
Grand 2nd Vice President.*

*“It is never too late to be what you might have been”
-George Eliot*

IRS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

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

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

The IRS limit for the tax year ending 2022 is the following:
Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file IRS Form 990 EZ or 990.
Branches or Districts with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file IRS Form 990-N which is an e-Postcard.

The State limit for the tax year ending 2022 is the following:
Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of more than \$50,000.00 will be required to file State Form 199.
Branches or Districts in California with Gross Receipts of \$50,000.00 or less will be required to electronically file State Form 199-N which is an e-Postcard.

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

Both Forms must be filed no later than May 15, 2023. The IRS and State strictly adhere to this date, so please take this process seriously.

Any District or Branch who does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exempt status with the IRS and the State. If you lose your tax exempt status you will have to file paperwork and pay a fine in order to regain your tax exempt status.

Included in the Financial Secretaries' packet are materials that the District and Branch Financial Secretaries will need to help them with this process. District and Branch Presidents - please work with your Financial Secretary to go over the information when it is received and see that the appropriate forms are filed by the due date.

Please make sure all District or Branch finances are in order and that Bank Statements are reconciled through December 31, 2022. Remember that the Gross Receipts are total amounts received without subtracting any costs or expenses. These amounts include, but are not limited to, Membership and Hospitalization Dues, Dinners, Fundraisers, Raffle Tickets, Income from Convention Raffle Tickets and Calendar Sales, Interest from all Bank Accounts, Monetary Donations, etc.

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

Thank You,
Lisa Crudo, Grand Treasurer

**Ukraine Relief Fund
Contributions**

We received additional donations to our Ukraine Relief Fund since we published a list of donors in the August/September 2022 Bollettino. We thank the following for their generous contributions:

Members of Branch
21
191
214

This brings our total donations to \$9,600.00 as of October 28, 2022. Thank you again to everyone for your support and generosity. A check has been forwarded to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for these additional donations. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this horrible situation and will be forwarded to Ukraine by the Archdiocese

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

Branch 014	Amy Maia Linda M Mc Cain	Dan P Mc Cain Annie M Ziff
Branch 028	John L Quilici	
Branch 036	Paula Rossi	
Branch 144	Todd Ellis Andrew J Pedicino Lisa C Pedicino	Alyssa N Pedicino Jon R Pedicino Natalie R Pedicino
Branch 352	Don Bottarini	Marisa Bottarini
Branch 442	Ann Affinito Douglass E Whitaker	Catherine Brady Margaret A Whitaker

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Heritage -- Italians and Food

Louise Vento

One of the oldest sayings in Italy and most common one is that "you can't age while sitting at the table." Some say this refers to the conversation and gaiety at meals. While others say it is a warning not to over eat. It is an excellent expression of the Italian attitude toward the food on the table. Not too heavy but filling. Obesity has never been a common problem in Italy and even the modern fads for dieting have changed very little in the cuisine. As an old Italian woman once said "if it satisfies the stomach and respects the mind, it must be good for the soul."

If you should go to Italy, you will note that every region has its own popular dishes. So, don't ask for the same food



where ever you go. Ask what the local specialties are and discover the most varied and tastiest and surprising cuisine in the world. If I was to ask you to choose just one dish, what would you choose. Maybe sausage with garlic or anchovies and mushrooms or pizza or stuffed peppers and maybe gnocchi or pasta with basil or pasta with tomato sauce or would it be fettuccine, lasagna or maybe polenta. Munga (eat), To go along with your Italian dinner you must have wine, maybe Chianti or a famous Italian red wine or maybe white soave. Italy was one of the first countries in the world to cultivate vineyards. Today each region is learning to evaluate and improve its wine. So as the Italians say, Beva, Salute or Chindownee. You can find many books on Italian cooking in the library, a bookstore or Amazon. My new favorite is Rachael Ray's (This must be the place).

Mother Cabrini Chapel & Library

by Carmelo Sabatella

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

Presently Mother Cabrini Artifacts are in the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles and traveling to the East Coast in beginning of 2023 for a special exhibitions.

For more information on the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library or to make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility, please call 626 372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org. Also, DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini by Author Lucia Mauro are available.



Your support is greatly appreciated.
--Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President, ICF
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-- Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee
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General Fund Donations

(Received as of December 9, 2022)

Charles P. Gullo, Jr.



Gifts of Love Updates

Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope and pray that the holidays were a time of grace and blessings for you and your families. Now a New Year is upon us, and we would like to select recipients for our 2023 Gifts of Love Awards. We still continue to face many challenges in our world and our daily lives. We send our thoughts and prayers to everyone. We need healing in our world more than ever and so we are asking for help in finding the value in kindness, respect and helping others. We know these are difficult financial times, but we encourage our Branches, Districts and Individual Members to continue to contribute to the fund in any amount. With your help, we can continue the important work of this very vital program.

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



assistance to agencies whose goal is to do the same for their clients.

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

In order to generate applications, the Gifts of Love Committee is asking each Branch President to mention the program at their next meeting and also to publish a request for applications in their respective Church and/or School Bulletins if possible. The application form is available on the ICF Web site (www.icf.org). Applications should either be mailed to the ICF Office at 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621 or e-mailed to the ICF Office at info@icf.org.

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

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

**Happy New Year and
God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand**

*Let our New Year's resolution be this:
we will be there for one another as
fellow members of humanity, in the
finest sense of the word.*

-Goran Persson

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Br. 91, ICF Hospitality Sunday



Oakland Br. 91, St. Lawrence O'Toole

Branch 91 is celebrating a special birthday this month. Our branch was started on Feb 28, 1951 by Louis Dianda at St. Lawrence O'Toole. His son Bob (Sir Robert Dianda) soon went off to the Korean War but never forgot The ICF. Among the charter members of Branch 91 St. were Annette Polari and her cousin Teresa Covione. Annette has continued to participate in many Branch 91 events for many years and many conventions. And she continues to be a trustee of this branch.

Annette Polari Maggiora is now celebrating her 90th birthday and her family & friends wish her all the happiness and joy in the world!!

She asks for no gifts, just prayers. "ICF Gifts of Love" in her honor are always accepted, as she loves the good works they do!

We honor one of our charter members-Annette Polari Maggiora.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Maggiora Donovan, President
Br. 91 and Member Karen Matcke*

Fremont Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy New Year!! I hope the start to 2023 finds you all healthy and happy. God bless you all as we look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

East Bay District Installation Mass and Dinner will be on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Fratellanza Club.



The East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed is tentative to be held at St. Philip Neri hall on Saturday, February 11th. For more information/reservations, call President Fran at (510) 887-1509.

As you know, we need members! Please make a New Year's Resolution to recruit at least one friend or relative to join the ICF!

And, please check out our Branch 215 webpage at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/italian-catholic-fed-branch215/home>

*Have a wonderful start to 2023!
Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee, VP*

Livermore Br. 285, St. Filomena

The December board meeting at Elaine Meier's home was lots of fun. We accomplished the agenda and then had a comical ornament exchange.

Our Christmas dinner at Pasta's in Pleasanton, was well attended. The food was delicious, the service great, and we were so happy, Fr. Fili and Fr. Mark were able to be with us.

Sadly, we lost one of our longtime friends, Milton Elm, husband of our Orator, Kathy Elm. His quiet presence will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out for Kathy and her family.

We have a new slate of officers for 2023. They are President: Carlotta Schauer, First VP(s), Janet-Marie Petric and Carolyn Cardinali: Second VP: Patty Brick, Financial Sec./Treas: Elaine Meier, Rec. Sec: Virginia Williams, Orator: Kathy Elm, Trustees: Shirley Koenig, Anna Yocham, Anne Suter, Sentinel: Toni Manzetti.

The installation of the officers is scheduled for January 15, at Fratellanza Club, in Oakland.

Happy January Birthdays to: Dave Wellbeloved, AnnaRaefield, Gerda Sesto, Nancy Navarini, Elaine Meier, Toni Manzetti, and Bonnie Blackmer.

Coming up: Mardi Gras Bingo Bash, February 18, at St. Augustines in Pleasanton.

*Happy New Year and may you be blessed with peace and good health!!
Patty Brick
First V.P.*

Castro Valley Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

It is necessary to share some sad news with you, that on Sunday evening, Nov. 27th, Toni Proietti, passed away. Her funeral Mass was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in St. Stephens Chapel on Dec. 14th @ 11:30. May she rest in Peace.

We decided to have a Christmas Party and no meeting to see if we could attract more members, but the same "core group" was there and maybe a few others. Members, where are you???

Those who were at the party did have a good time. We began with time to socialize and renew friendships. Sitting at the table with 2 of our oldest members brought up names that were new to some of the other members there.

Our dinner was served family style and was prepared by Melody and Melinda Klever, with help from Karen Rossi. Tables were festive with mixed wrapping paper "tablecloths" thanks to Allison and Ed McGuirk.

We all received homemade Christmas decorations, thanks to that clever Melody. Our prize winners supported Cooley's anemia. All in all, we had a

good time and missed those not there.

Hopefully this group will support the newly elected officers at Installation by attending and participating in the dinner afterwards.

Thank you for your support in 2022 and hoping to see more of you in 2023!

*Pat Grasso,
Branch Secretary*

CONTRA COSTA District Council

Happy New Year to all from the Contra Costa District. We begin our district year with our newly elected officers. We will post the names next month. Thank you to all who stepped up for 2023 and to those who served in 2022. We also voted resume the yearly assessment for 2023. It will be \$100.00. Each branch please mail your fee ASAP to our treasurer, Walter Costa. Also, the list of district meeting dates was decided and will soon be mailed to each branch.

Our Christmas party was held at De Vino's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Thank you to Roberta Healy for organizing the raffle and decorations. The evening was quite festive and was enjoyed by all who attended from the 8 branches of our district.

The District Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, January 21 at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. We will begin with a prayer service conducted by our district chaplain, Father Larry Young, followed by the installation ceremony, a no-host bar social hour, and lunch. A flyer is being sent with specific details.

*Wishing all a blessed New Year!
Diana Letizia Mackinson
First Vice President
Contra Costa District*



Contra Costa District

Martinez Br. 13, San Martino

It was wonderful having all four of us at home this Christmas season. We waited a long time to see our children return home from the great white north and the Midwest. Now, as we send them back to their respective time zones, we wish all a Happy 2023 and enjoy the memories!

As we begin every new year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st, the Feast of our Patron, St. Elizabeth Seton on January 4th, and the Epiphany and the Feast of LaBefana on January 6th.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 it's stated that there's a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens; and a new year tends to be a time for fresh starts. Our lives are a reflection of the ideals and faith we hold in our hearts. The areas where we spend time and energy reveal what's really important to us. In the months ahead, let's train ourselves to find the blessing in everything. Let's make this our New Year's resolution.

You may also want to consider joining a prayer group or the Legion of Mary or the St. Vincent de Paul Society or listen and discuss with others over zoom reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings with the clergy. If you're interested in any of these, the links and contacts can be provided to you. Email me at ICFbranch13martinez@gmail.com.

Dues are payable, so please bring your account up to date if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

*Arrivederci,
Mary Cook*

Crockett Br. 14, San Carlo

Happy 2023 to All,

Thanks to all in Branch #14 who made 2022 such a remarkable year!

First, thanks to our officers, who had to make difficult decisions regarding meetings and gatherings during a time of continued uncertainty, and for their endless dedication to our members.

Thanks to all of the cooks, setup and cleanup crews who, throughout the year, were always willing to help. Special thanks to Al DiPrima, Dennis Hoffmann, Derek Petersen and Jim Thomas for the awesome Thanksgiving dinner.

Also, thanks to members who support our branch, some of whom do so financially, even though they are unable to attend meetings or get-togethers. Our officers send special thanks to all members for your continued support.

We thank Fr. Leo Asuncion, our chaplain, for celebrating mass prior to meetings (except no mass in February



Members of Branch #13 gathered at Pasta Bella in Martinez to close out another year. From left to right seated: Anne Crisp, Karen Glen, Mary Cook, and Tom Cook. Standing: Teresa Poirier, Bob Poirier, and Marylynne Rogers.



Members from Crockett #14 at the District Christmas Party. Great time with good friends. Merry Christmas!!



Members from Crockett #14 enjoying their annual December Casino Bus trip. Fun time with this group....

this year) and always being ready to express an inspirational thought at our meetings.

We send a hearty welcome to new members Ann Cargo of Rodeo and Linda McCain from Crockett. Both will be formally installed in January.

Sadly, our good friend and hard-working member, Bill Valli, has passed away. Our sincere condolences to Elva and their family. There will be a service on January 13th. A sweet, special member for many, many years, Flora Orsi, has also passed away. We send thoughts, prayers and sympathies to her family.

Please say a prayer for all of our members who are ill or facing difficulties as a new year begins, and especially for Pauline Cardoza.

The beginning of a New Year promises challenges and adventures. As your journey through 2023, may all of your days be filled with love and abundant blessings.

Ciao, Diane Bottini Thomas

Pittsburg Br. 72, San Domenico

Dear Members,
Happy New Year!

We are going to meet twice during the month of January. We will take part in the District Installation of officers. The Concord branch will host this event on Saturday, January 21. There will be a prayer service, installation ceremony, and a social followed by lunch. Invitations were mailed recently with the details. Please call Patty to RSVP at 925. 408.9941.

We will also have lunch and our branch meeting. The date and location to be determined. You can bring your 2023 dues check to that meeting or please mail it to our treasurer.

ICF Calendars for 2023 are available for \$25.00 each. As in the past, each one comes with a daily drawing ticket giving 365 chances to win money.



Br. 214, District Christmas Party at DeVinos

Congratulations to Jane Russo. She has a new great grandchild.

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

*Your President and friend,
Patty*

Concord Br. 214, Todos Santos

By the time you read this, our Christmas and New Year's celebrations have passed. I hope you all had a Buon Natale with your family and friends. Let's hope the New Year 2023 will be a better year for good health and happiness.

Our member Allison McGuirk won \$50 from the calendar drawing. Congratulations.

We had two events we attended for our members. On December 4th we had a Christmas brunch at La Veranda in Clayton. We had delicious food and drinks and great raffle prizes provided by our president Roberta Healy. Fun was had by all.

On December 6th there were many branches who attended the district Christmas party. It was held at DeVinos restaurant in Martinez. There were many raffle prizes donated by the branches. Decorations and prizes were headed by Roberta Healy. It was a fun night.

We hold in our thoughts and prayers for our members who are sick and wish them healing soon.

We are looking forward to the installation of officers for the branches which will be held on January 28th. Branch #214 is hosting this and will be held in Pleasant Hill at Zio Fraedos restaurant. We expect many to attend.

*Please stay healthy and safe during this time of year.
Con amore
Norene Deluca*





Br. 214, Christmas party at La Verana

Brentwood **Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary**

On December 5th the ICF Branch 432 had our annual Christmas Dinner. The event was held at Sweeney's Restaurant in downtown Brentwood. The dinner was well attended. The food and the service were exceptional. Everyone was pleased with Sweeney's presentation. The ICF Branch presented a Wine Glass with their name imprinted on it as a gift to all members of our branch. (See Photo). The glasses were designed and produced by two of our members, Michael and Sheila Nilo. Everyone was pleased to receive a glass.

We also raffled off a gift basket, which was won by Carlos and Margie Galvis.



We all had a good time. It was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FOR THE ICF BRANCH 432.

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

Gennaio 2023 *Bollettino*

Buon Anno a tutti! Spero che avete fatto un Buon Natale con le vostre famiglie ed amici! And if you couldn't be with some of your loved ones, I hope that you had the time to reflect and remember them.

Our December gathering was purely social with no business meeting. It was held on the afternoon of the 11th

by enjoying delicious appetizers and desserts. Diana, our President, organized a White Elephant gift exchange. Needless to say, there was lots of laughter, and a good time was had by all.

Our incoming President will be Juliette Cote. We look forward to the installation in the near future. Congratulations to her and the officers who are continuing and to those who have volunteered to take on new roles in Branch 442! The February *Bollettino* will feature the names of the new slate of officers.

Thank you for your many years as



Br. 432's Annual Christmas Dinner

President, Diana Mackinson! You led us through the onset of the pandemic and persevered to keep the branch active. We appreciate all the hours that you have devoted to Branch 442.

New events and activities are on the horizon. Look for them in upcoming emails.

Until then – Quando gennaio mette erba, se tu hai grano, e tu lo serba.

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento **Br. 45, St. Mary**

Italian Catholic Federation Br. 45 . . .

Join us for our first dinner of 2023 on Sunday, February 26th in Giovanni Hall. Members' meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The menu includes Chicken, Polenta w/ meat sauce, salad, roll, beverage and wine. Cost is \$22 for members and \$30 for non-members. Call me at 916-508-1199 with your reservation by Monday, Feb. 21st or for further information. Let's start the year off with a successful event!

Buon Compleanno to those members with birthdays in January: Lee Bennett, Elise Cavagnaro, Barbara Davidson, Matthew Ebert, John Gabri, and Dante Mazza. Have a blessed day!

To B.B. Wright: I owe you a big Woo Hoo!! on turning 96 in December.

Ciao, Janine

Deadline for
February *Bollettino* is
January 10th.
Send articles &
photos to
editor@icf.org

Roseville Br. 73, San Vito

After a hiatus of some three years, Branch 73 is again planning to prepare one of its noted and esteemed polenta/chicken dinners on February 18, 2023. Also on the menu are salad, roll, and dessert. St. Rose hall will open at 5:30 and the meal will be served at 6:30. A raffle will also be held after the meal.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 6 to 12. Tickets can be ordered from Marie Martin (916-871-5616), Robert Delpippo (916-783-5192), and Arlene Roe (916-759-3516). Deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, February 12. We hope to see a large number of those who broke bread with us at past dinners.

All our members express the hope that all branches experienced an enjoyable Christmas season. May all of 2023 find them experiencing good health and much contentment, and may it be a year during which they accomplish many good things.

Robert F. Delpippo
President

Auburn Br. 342, St. Joseph

A big thank you to all who helped make our first in person Christmas dinner since the pandemic a big success! As you can see from the pictures, a great time was had by all who attended.

We hope that you will be able to join us for Polenta Dinner on January 15th. It will take place at St. Teresa's Hall in Auburn starting at 5:30 p.m. Chef Mark and his crew have planned a delicious dinner of chicken, polenta, salad, and rolls. Dessert will also be served. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from MaryAnn (916-759-8466) or Bridget (530-906-0634).

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

Roseville Br. 438, St. Clare of Assisi

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and were able to connect with the special people in your lives.

Branch 438 bid farewell to 2022 with our yearly Christmas party at our December Branch meeting. There's no better way to kick off the holiday celebrations, than with our own ICF family and friends! The evening started off with a delicious dinner catered by Romano's Macaroni Grill. We feasted on Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, potatoes and yummy desserts. Topping off the evening was a "white elephant" gift exchange and a couple of fun games. Who doesn't like to win a prize or two?

Mark your calendars for our January Branch meeting on January 20th. We'll be previewing some of the fundraisers and events we have planned for the coming year. Our St. Joseph's Table is scheduled for March 18th and 19th. New, this year, is the

Senior Ball" on April 29th. Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for a special evening of fun! Also in the works, is a Parish Bingo fundraiser sometime later in the year. There is so much to look forward to!

It's that time of the year again. Just a friendly reminder to get your dues in on time.

As we start this new year, we ask the Lord to bless us with health and happiness and guide us as we navigate the ups and downs of 2023.

Ciao,
Anne Finn

SANTA ROSA District

Cloverdale Br. 75, L'Annunciata

Merry Christmas from our Branch to yours! Santa and my great-granddaughter, Scarlett Grace reflect a part of its joy although we all know The Baby Jesus is our ☐ shining star.

Tis also the season for renewal of officers and calendars for the New Year. We're fortunate in that most of our officers are retaining their positions as we continue to try to get our post-COVID footing.

We hosted The Santa Rosa District

meeting at our branch. Each Branch attending, brought in a raffle basket to raise money for the district and the appetizers for our party following the meeting were excellent! Beverages and desserts were provided by our branch. Reali Hall was beautifully decorated by Dee Dee Bovone and Kristine Caturegli!

Our December 15th Christmas party will tout the same decor and our members will bring in a \$30 gift that we are allowed to steal if we prefer one over another. We get combative in a fun and delightful way! Members also compete for oohs and awes as they bring their favorite appetizer to share with others.

We have asked Father Galeana to give us two families to adopt for Christmas! We wish to share our love and support to others as Our Lord asks us to do.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Patsy Buchignani



Br. 342 members at Christmas



Sonoma

Br. 103, St. Sebastian

Happy New Year Sonoma Valley!

It's time to renew your annual membership for 2023 (\$38.40 per person). If you have not paid for your 2023 membership, please mail a check directly to:

ICF St. Sebastian #103, PO Box 517, Yountville CA 94599.

Our 2023 Officers are: President-OPEN, Vice President-Josephine Grant, Recording and Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Galetto, Financial Secretary & Treasurer-Ellen Frediani, Orator-Len Woolard and Trustee-Ron Andrade. Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday February 5th in Petaluma, more information to come.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office (469 3rd St. West), please join us as we will begin planning our February Valentine's Dinner to be held on Saturday February 18th at 5:45 p.m. in Father Robert's Hall. Dinner will consist of appetizers, salad, pasta, garlic bread and dessert, more information will be in the church bulletin, or you can call Lisa at 707-996-5573.

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

To those of our members celebrating a January birthday – Buon Compeanno!

Lisa Galli-Galetto

Petaluma

Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,

Happy New Year!

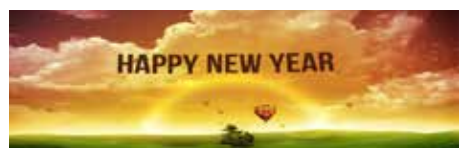
We are much looking forward to a good year with everything pretty much back to normal for our branch. Some of you have been unable to attend, but we hope that changes and you will join us for our meetings and our dinners.

The first event for this year will be 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 you do need to make reservations ahead of time if you are planning on being there.

If you have not received a copy of the officers or the calendar it should be coming. Members who have email will receive their copy that way.

Good wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful new year!

Dennice DiGirolamo



Br. 144, Alfred and his Vestal Virgins

Arcata

Br. 144, St. Mary

With heavy heart we ended 2022 with the passing of two of our long-time members. Elena (Tanferani) David joined Branch #144 at age of 17 in June 1959, 2 months after the chapter started. She was treasurer extraordinaire, and a recipient of the Grand President's Award. It was a pleasure that she travelled with us on a cooking tour in September 2019 to beloved Italy where we shared lots of laughs, food, and Dolce Vita!

Nelida (Valentino) Mills joined in 1966 and served as recording secretary. She was well known for her cooking skills, especially her kale soup, which she would make for Meager Meals during Lent.

Pray for us, Elena and Nels, as we remember your dedication to the faith and great service to our branch. Your smiles and joyful presence will be missed.

Our branch will be enjoying an Epiphany brunch at our January meeting after attending Friday morning Mass together at 8:30 a.m., then Le Befana for the children of St. Mary's after 11 a.m. mass on Sunday.

Buon anno!
Anne Carlisle Eanni
Secretary

Eureka

Br. 145, St. Ambrose

The Bette Chinn Super Bowl of peanut butter and jelly collection competition begins on January 14th. This collection drive helps Betty build up the supply of sandwich making materials for the winter months. The competition is open to parishes in Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, Fortuna, and Ferndale.

Please contact Gene Senestraro or Jerry Colivas or jerry.colivas@yahoo.com for applications for the Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship.

Please consider stopping at the Blood Bank on Harrison Ave to donate blood.

Happy New Year!



Br. 144, Elena David



Br. 144, Nelida Mills

Santa Rosa

Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Christmas Party on December 5th was enjoyed by over 40 members and guests. It was one of our best celebrations. Led by Doreen O'Rourke, Kathy Acquistapace, Butch Bondi, Mike and Marge Milano and Marc Bisio, everyone left with the real spirit of Christmas.

Our next dinner meeting will be very special. It will be held on Monday, January 9th in the Parish Life Center and marks the very day our Branch started in 1966. For 57 years we have celebrated our heritage and our faith.

The dues notices have been given out and we ask that you respond as quickly as possible. Membership in our Branch means another year of great relationships, fun times and good food.

May your New Year be a Happy and Holy one.
Buon Cappo d'Anno,
Gail Bongie-Azevedo

Sebastopol

Br. 209, St. Michael

Happy New Year from branch 209! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Before we start our new year, we would like to share a few high lights from 2022.

In September we hosted the district meeting and luncheon. We enjoyed seeing the board members that work diligently on having a successful district. We appreciate all of your hard work. The most exciting news for September was the arrival of John and Tami Marian's first grandchild.

A sweet baby girl, Mia Juliet Munoz. Congratulations!

October was a busy month; we had our first fundraiser since February of 2020. Our annual chicken and polenta dinner was quite a success! It was wonderful seeing our friends from the community, and other ICF members come out and support our branch.

We also had a new member join, Michelle Nichols, daughter of our long-time member Dori Schmitz. Michelle has already volunteered, to help with correspondence. Thank you, Michelle.

November was a wonderful turkey dinner with all the fixings and pumpkin pie. Prepared with care and love by Roy and Leona Spadoni. Our new member, Patricia Petersen brought her son Rusty as a guest. He enjoyed meeting our group and will be joining the ICF too! Welcome Rusty!

December was in full swing with our annual anniversary ravioli dinner!

It was delicious and everyone enjoyed gathering once again. We are

thankful for all of the support, and generous contributions to our branch.

At our general meeting we had a special visit from Santa. The children

were so excited to see him and receive a special gift. The adults were also

excited, for the homemade Tom and Jerry's hot cocktail drinks, only served at Christmas. It's been a tradition for years! We thank Gene and Lorraine Vannetti, and Carolyn Bowen.

At the Christmas district meeting our members, David Armstrong and Bill Segale we're lucky winners of the raffle drawing. Congratulations!

A special thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraisers, dinners, and other commitments in 2022. We are a successful branch because of all your help and dedication.

Our new board for 2023 has been chosen, and the winners are...

President-Pam McAlvain, 1st Vice-Roy Spadoni, 2nd Vice-Nancy Sedman, Financial Secretary-Leona Spadoni, Recording Secretary-Yvonne Dorr, Treasurer- Lorraine Vannetti, Orator-David Armstrong,

Trustees-Bud Polley, William Segale, Tami Marian, Sentinel-John Marian.

Please take the time to pay your dues for 2023 of \$38.40 and Hospitalization plan of \$25.00. Send checks to Leona Spadoni

3956 Gravenstein Hwy. So. Sebastopol, CA.95472.

Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to another successful and fun year!

Sincerely, Pam McAlvain

Deadline for
February *Bollettino* is January
10th.
Send articles &
photos to
editor@icf.org

FRESNO District

Madera

Br. 27, Santissimo Crocifisso

Season's Greetings to all members, During our November meeting, elections for 2023 officers were held. Those elected and their offices are as follows:

Jennifer Valorosi, President
Joan Massetti, Recording Secretary
Carol Espinola, Financial Secretary and Treasurer
Branch Trustees: Anne Rolan, Jim Espinola, and Jim Cavallero
Chaplain: Father James Catalano.

Thanks to all of these individuals for volunteering to hold offices and allow our Branch 27 tradition to carry on.

Notices for annual dues will be coming in January. Please watch for this and remit your check promptly. Our next meeting will be on January 10, 2023, and I hope to see everyone there!

*Wishing all "Buon Anno"!
Mary Keitz*

Fresno

Br. 32, St. Alphonsus

We had our membership drive in December. It was a success. Everyone enjoyed the cookies and donuts. The priests also had some donuts and said they were delicious. They were very grateful for what we did for the church.

We did get a few more members to join and some are still thinking about it. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! We hope that 2023 will be an exciting year.

We continue to pray for all of our sick members. We hope next year will be a better year for everyone. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.

*Take Care and God Bless,
Monica*



Branch 250, Clovis, CA members enjoying a Christmas dinner and games..

Clovis Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Congratulations to our new President, Mike Caglia! He has a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

And a big THANK YOU to Rich and Mary Zanarini for their dedication and countless hours to keep our Branch going following the loss of our beloved Jeanette Shriver!

Happy Birthday greetings to Isabel Ronzano, Cynthia Silva, and Glory Spatafore!

Our Branch 250 enjoyed their Christmas party with delicious finger foods, door prizes and Bingo games. Santa's helpers then handed out candy canes and Scratchers.

Little known Popes Department: Saint Damasus (384) the 39th Pope was a Spaniard born in Rome; was Pope of the second Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople; assigned St. Jerome to make the complete Latin version of the Holy Scriptures.

Several of our members are ailing and can use our prayers and support: Isabel Ronzano, Doug Duke, and Ron Travis. It will be great to see them back with us and feeling better!

The Zanarini's Granddaughter, Sarah Diener, has graduated from Peace Corps training in Barranquillo, Colombia. She will move to Toca, Boyaca in the Colombian highlands to teach English to secondary students until November 2024.

Philosopher Angelino says: "Nella Casa Non C'E Pace Se Canta La Gallina, E Il Gallo Tace". "There is no peace in a home where the hen cackles, but the rooster is silent".

Starting in January our meetings will be on the 4th Saturday of the month from noon to three. Lunch will be served.

Thought for the month: "In his birth is all hope... In his way is all light... In his Word is all truth... In his love is all life." (Anon).

*Ciao,
Paolo Polentatino*



Fresno Br. 308, St. Anthony

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had an action packed and fun filled, safe Christmas. The New Year brings a fresh start and hope for successful 2023.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at Pardini's. 40 members and Sisters Flor and Maria attended. Sr Flor celebrated her birthday on December 8. We thank Sr Flor and Sr Maria for their many years of service and will miss them as they leave St. Anthony Parish and relocate to Los Banos.

Officers for 2023

Pres. Jay Newsome

1st VP: Giovanni Mulligani (John Mulligan)

2nd VP: Ed Girado

Rec Sec: Gina Debenedetto

Cores Sec: Debbi Jorgensen

Treas/Fin Sec: Susan Mencarini

Trustees: Bernie Squeo, Tim Solipaso, Larry Pricolo

Orator: Angelo Pecora

Sentinel: Russ Renna

Past President/Church Liaison: Antoinette Pecora.

Antionette has been vital as the club's liaison to the Church. She has secured dates for our sausage sandwich sales, keeps our club events in the Church Bulletin and keeps us informed of the changing restrictions on use of St. Anthony School facilities. Thank you.

St. Anthony Hall will be closed to us for Lent dinners in 2023. This will be the 4th year. On the bright side Antoinette has secured dates for our Sausage Sandwich Sales: March 4,5. September 16,17. October 7,8.

There is still time to get a raffle ticket, or many, for the hand made quilt donated by Jeanne Stark. Debbi Jorgensen put together a huge gift basket of kitchen goodies to complement the quilt. Drawing will be at the February meeting. Thank you, Debbi for all you do for the club.

*See you on January 11th.
Jay Newsome, President*

CENTRAL COAST District

Our ICF Central Coast District Installation of 2023 Officers will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, and hosted by Branch #36, Santa Rosalia, in Monterey.

We will begin with Mass at 11:00 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral - 500 Church Street, Monterey. Father Robert Vera will be the Celebrant.

Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. at San Carlos Hall. The price is \$20.00 per person and our menu will be a Monterey Bay Fisherman's Luncheon.

Please bring a Raffle Prize - One Raffle Basket per Branch - and do not forget your scarves.

Please RSVP by January 15, 2023 to Elaine Valentine at (831) 521-8026 or Elaine2085@aol.com. Please make the check payable to ICF Branch 36 and mail the check to P.O. Box 2086, Monterey, CA 93942.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and looking forward to seeing you in the New Year at our District Installation.

Elaine Valentine

Santa Cruz

Br. 21, N.S. Del Soccorso

Auguri per un sereno anno nuovo! It's a brand new year and as Oprah Winfrey once said, "...it's another chance to get it right." And at Branch 21, we are happy to announce that Roseann Costabile will be our President for 2023, and most officers will stay on the Board. Installation of officers will be in Monterey on January 21st; besides Board members, branch members may also attend. We must give our heartfelt thanks to Roseann for her unbelievable support this rather crazy past year.

On January 13th, our Branch has scheduled a take-out pasta dinner at 5 to 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall. Dinner is free to members who renew their membership for 2023 and \$15 for non-members. We hope you will drive up and collect a great dinner for you and your family.

It's not too late to purchase an ICF Calendar at \$25 each and \$5 of that amount goes back to our Branch. Besides photos, stories and recipes, there is a chance to win 'la moneta' each month. If interested, please contact Monica Crowley.

It would be great to see you at our next General Meeting on January 3rd at 4 p.m. In closing, here is a Biblical verse of hope for the New Year. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

*Patty Morelli
Trustee- Branch 21*



Monterey

Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Wishing all a Happy New Year and a blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2023.

12/3/2022. Everyone had a great time at our Family Christmas Party. The Hall looked so festive with all the decorations, the DJ playing our favorite Christmas songs, children decorating

Cookies/coloring at the activity table and a visit from Santa.

We all enjoyed an Italian style buffet dinner which was Italian sausage, meatballs, raviolis, pizza, salad, and pumpkin pie. We thanked all our members who donated canned goods and unwrapped toys for our community's families. Toys were donated to Monterey Fire Department and to San Carlos Cathedral. Canned goods to Loaves and Fishes.

1/21/2023. Branch 36 will be hosting our District installation of 2023 officers.

11:00 a.m. mass at San Carlos Cathedral and 12:30 pm luncheon at San Carlos Hall. More details on menu will be posted soon. Please save this date.

Please pray for our members and their families that are ill, homebound and who are in need of our prayers.

Happy New Year 2023
Elaine Valentine
President Br. 36



Br. 36, Santa with Quaglia's Grandchildren



Br. 36, Manny & Kim Pinheiro



Angie Bruno & Mary Benech - Branch 36.



Santa & San Carlos Students - Branch 36

Castroville

Br. 51, Santa Caterina de Siena

I would like to begin my first article of 2023 wishing my fellow ICF member (and aunt!) Leonora Barlow a very happy birthday. Tanti Auguri!

On Saturday, November 19, many of our members met at a local restaurant for our November meeting/breakfast. They shared a great meal and held the election for the 2023 Branch 51 board.

At our December board meeting we discussed upcoming fundraising events, with the main focus being on our annual polenta feed that we hold in February. We are in the process of finalizing details but once everything is set we will be sending out flyers to all of the branches.

Buon Anno a tutti!
Stefani Cortopassi



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Br. 51, January 23 -- .November meeting



Branch 227 members at their Christmas party.

Aptos Br. 227, St. Joseph

The annual Christmas Party was great fun. The 54 members and guests braved a rainy and windy day to enjoy a catered dinner of ravioli, Caesar salad, garlic bread, with tiramisu for dessert. The dinner was paid for by a gift from Don Robinson's family who asked that the branch have a party in Don's memory. Don's daughter, Jane, was in attendance. The highlight of the party was karaoke sung by our pastor, Father Romeo, with members joining in the singing. Then came Bryan Stow who did a great job as Santa Claus. He distributed gifts to the children and posed for pictures with some members. Thanks to Mike and Kathy Melville who served the Tom and Jerrys and to Jane Kotila for coordinating the dinner.

The following officers were elected for 2023:

President – Franklyn Lopes, 1st Vice-President – Vicky Howell, 2nd Vice-President – Manuel Martinez, Secretary - Deanna Musler, Financial Secretary – Marie Mungai,



Arroyo Grande Br. 291, St. Patrick

Branch 291 celebrated the Christmas season with a wonderful luncheon at the Madonna Inn on Dec. 4th. Joanna VanBlaricom did an amazing job organizing and planning the party, along with her helpers Beth Nakamura, Margie Carducci and Anne Orlando. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, lots of fun raffle prizes and festive entertainment by the Central Coast Harmony singers.

As our President Pete Gallagher reminded us at the Christmas party, Lent is right around the corner, which means our annual Fish Frys will be here before we know it! We're looking forward to a very successful 2023 Fish Fry season!

Br. 291 recently lost a longtime member, Wally Cox. Wally and his wife joined the ICF in 1986 and were instrumental in the growth and success of our Branch through the years. Please keep Wally's family in your prayers during this difficult time. Also, keep these members in your prayers as they suffer from illness, pain or heartache — Crystina Giuffrida, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Nick Sausa and Doris Wais.

Here's wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Keely Sanchez, Recording Secretary

Treasurer – Jane Kotila, Orator – Bruce Dunn, Trustees - Dottie Smith, Ken Olsen and Heidi Ambiel, and Sentinel – Bryan Stow

This year's charitable donations totaling \$2,150 were given to: St. Francis Soup Kitchen, Jesus Mary and Joseph, Providenza Fund, Sienna House, St. Vincent DePaul, and Resurrection Church. In addition, Father Romeo was given a Christmas gift of \$250.

Elena Tufo was recognized at the November meeting for her kindness in giving rides to members who otherwise would not be able to attend our meetings.

Please pray for Maureen Benito who is in the hospital.

Thanks to all those who purchased poinsettias for our fund raiser. All 60 poinsettias were sold.

Happy New Year.
Deanna Musler, Secretary



Branch 291's 2023 Officers at their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn. Back row: Trustee David Sanchez, President Pete Gallagher, Orator Kathleen Sullivan, Financial Secretary Laura Vopatek, Trustee Margie Carducci, 1st V.P. Theresa Aston, Treasurer Joe Franco. Front row: Trustee Throck Scudder, 2nd V.P. Joanna VanBlaricom and Secretary Keely Sanchez. Not pictured: Sentinel Ellen Bavaro.



Br. 392, Father Joe Mulcrone with family at the Mother Cabrini Award dinner.

Paso Robles Br. 354, Saint Rose of Lima

Looking back on the ups and downs of 2022, Branch 354 bounced back with two successful events. Our well-attended pasta dinner brought 493 Saint Rose parishioners and Paso Robles locals together for an evening of fine Italian dining, fun, and friendship. Our annual Christmas dinner at the Madonna Inn filled our hearts with the joy of holiday togetherness, celebrating with old and new friends, including Deacon David, his wife and young son. All of our members offer a big hug of gratitude to Irma and David Zanini, and their family for their love and leadership.

ICF Central Coast District Installation of 2023 Officers will take place Saturday, January 21. We will begin with Mass at 11:00 a.m., then lunch at San Carlos Hall featuring a Monterey Bay fisherman's menu. Branch 354 will donate a raffle basket.

Again, we thank our new members for their fresh ideas and hard work, and for giving us new friends to be thankful for. And, we look forward to welcoming another family in January.

In the New Year may we continue to learn to love each other, Lord. May the unbelieving world see how true Christians' love. We wish all of our ICF brothers and sisters a very Blessed New Year.

Yvonne Maddalena
Recording Secretary

CHICAGO District

Chicago Br. 392, St. Francis Borgia

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The pandemic has kept us apart, but finally we are able to have meetings and celebrations.

On November 6, 2022, we had the Mother Cabrini Award celebration where our ICF Branch #392, chose Father Joe Mulcrone. Father Joe Mulcrone has dedicated his life to serve the deaf community since being appointed by Cardinal Cody as full-time pastor for the deaf community in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thanks to the generosity of the 'Directory' donors, ICF Chicago Branches, and the well-attended dinner, we were able to present "Father Joe" a contribution of \$3,500 for the St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. He thanks everyone for the generous donation.

On November 12, 2022, ICF Chicago Branches celebrated Mother Cabrini's "Feast Day" and we presented 2 checks for the Seminarians to Father Marek Smolka - one for \$1,500 which was a donation from the Italian Catholic Federation's Sir Luigi and Lady Augusta Providenza Seminary Fund and one for \$500 which was presented from the ICF Chicago District. Father Smolka personally delivered the checks to His Eminence, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich the Archbishop of Chicago.

Chris Lucnik



Br. 392 honoring Fr. Joe Mulcrone with family at the Mother Cabrini Award dinner.



Br. 392, Presentation of the checks to Father Smolka.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District

The Santa Clara Valley district Christmas celebration was held at Saint Christopher parish in December and hosted by Branch 184, Los Gatos. District delegates gathered for a beautiful mass followed by a delicious lasagna dinner, Christmas music and decorations, and a raffle. All present had a fun time.

The Christmas party was the last district event during the term of President Bob Basuino who is stepping down after six years. We thank Bob for the many years that he led the district, and for keeping us together during covid.

The new district officer team will be sworn in at the Installation ceremony on January 7th at Saint Frances Cabrini parish. The event is hosted by Branch 191, San Jose, including mass, installation and lunch. Congratulations to the district officers as we begin a new year of activities.

The first district meeting of the new year will occur Tuesday, January 10th, 6:30pm at Santa Teresa parish hall. We pray for a successful year for the district and for all her branches.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a blessed Epiphany and a Happy New Year 2023!

Michael Rossi

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

On December 8th our Branch was invited to lunch at Denise Marsalli Bachur home. We were treated with Elyse playing the piano and we caroled the afternoon away. Also, thanks to Laurie Taylor and Bob Basuino for the delicious food and to Father Victor for attending.

Our branch may be small, but we are planning the new year already. We are keeping the same slate of officers. Due notices are going out soon and we hope you remain a member. We are talking about a few different fundraising projects and hopefully we will be having at booth at the Santa Clara Arts and Wine Festival in September 2023.

May the New Year bring you much love, peace, and joy.
Ciao, Denise Antonowicz, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

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Gilroy Br. 28, Santa Maria Ausiliatrice

On November 20th Branch 28 held a bake sale charitable fundraiser following morning Masses. Members again showed their skill and generosity with their baked goods, jams and jellies, and quilt items. Thank you, members.

Our Thanksgiving dinner meeting was held on November 21st, and because of proximity to Thanksgiving Day members enjoyed a ham dinner with all the trimmings again headed by Dave Peoples with an assist from Vince Saso.

Branch 28 participated again in the Diocese of San Jose Layette Program with donations of baby items for mothers in need. The appreciation of the volunteers at pickup was touching with a volunteer placing her hand over heart and mouthing "Thank You." Such a worthwhile cause, and I would like to extend appreciation to member Mora Taormino for her homemade blanket contributions.

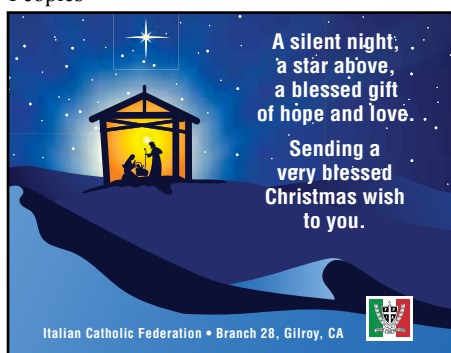
Past President Gennaro Filice co



Andy-Diana displaying 90th Anniversary certificate.jpg - Br. 28 - Past Grand President Andy Pappani and Branch 28 President Diana Berry displaying Branch 28's ninetieth anniversary certificate



Br. 28 - President Diana Berry, Thanksgiving dinner chief chef Dave Peoples, and Marianne Peoples



ordinated with St. Joseph's Family Center to provide a \$500 gift card to a disadvantaged young mother and her one-year-old daughter. Thank you Gennaro for expressing through your own huge heart on behalf of Br. 28.

Our Cooley's Anemia fundraiser will run through January 2023 and to date we have raised \$2171 from member donations and monthly raffle at our dinner meetings. We are looking forward to hosting Laurice Levine at our January dinner meeting.

As we enter this new year, I share with you this passage from the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul.

A wonderful New Year to all.

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice



Installation of Officers - January 2022 Br. 184, Bishop's Day Left to Right: Fr. Paolo, Bishop Cantu, Fr. Greg Kimm & Father Chris Bennett



The ICF group at 1950 Homestead

St. Mary Br. 184, Los Gatos

Well, we did it! We survived hosting the District's Holy Trinity of Events. Installation of District Officers in January 2022, Bishop's Day in October 2022 and finally the District's Christmas Party in December 2022. Thanks to the intrepid group of our members and family and other branch members we were successful.

On December 11th, we held our Branch Christmas Party at the Palms Restaurant in Los Gatos. It rained last year, and it rained again this year but the 15 of us had a great time with our dinner and gift exchange.

Stayed tuned for more information about our monthly meetings. Deanna Meyer is our new leader, and she will be getting the schedule out soon. Please you have been so great supporting our branch, I ask that you continue to attend our functions. Also try to attend some of the fundraisers for our District and for the other branches in the district. We are one big family of people who love a good party!

Thanks again for the support you have given me; now it's time to step up and support our new president.

Ciao, Denise Antonowicz



San Jose
Br. 191, Saint Francis
Cabrini

This holiday season is in full swing! We began our Christmas spirit with our Board Members celebrating at the kindness of Bob Basuino, who opened up his home for our celebration. President Debbie provided us with hors d'oeuvres, fun, and good cheer. As enjoyable evening for our hard-working board members.

Following the fun and frolic of the board, the members will be celebrating Christmas at Tomato Thyme on Dec 17th at 11 a.m. A luncheon will be served to continue with the Christmas spirit.

In the New Year, Br. 191 will be the official host of Officer Installation, Bishop's Day, and the District Christmas Party. The first event, Officer Installation, will be at SFC, mass at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 7th. Cost \$35. Please members, show your support to our Branch and start the New Year by attending this event. We need participation from our membership to make this a successful affair.

Pray for our sick members Janice Jones and Ed Bertaccini. May God grant them peace and love during their hours of illness. We also send healing prayers to their loving families, who need solace and comfort during this time.

Let us also pray for one of our deceased members, Bianco Lupo, who has recently been received into the hands of our Lord. Bianco was a long-time member and enjoyed many branch activities. May she rest in peace.

May the New Year of 2023 bring each of us love, joy and happiness in the coming year. May each branch find unity, strength, and charity to continue in 2023. May God Bless each and every branch, and to prosper in the coming year.

Shirley Catania
Sentinel

San Jose
Br 368, Santa Teresa de
Avila

At our December 14th member meeting we had a wonderful Christmas catered dinner. Our Christmas project, for those without a home, chaired by Maria and Bill Greco, gave gifts of socks, and a t-shirt. Election of BR 368 officers was held at our November meeting. Election results were as follows: President, Mary Ridi, 1st Vice President, Joyce Robba, 2nd Vice President, Michael Clarke, Secretary Kathy Schroeder, Financial Secretary, Anne Cordoni, Treasurer, Tina Souza-Dutra, Orator, Ed Wendler, Sentinel, Cathy Orlowskil,



Saint Frances Cabrini Branch 191, Frank Rando Shopping at Andy's Ranch Morgan Hill



Branch 191 St Francis Cabrini, Christmas Celebration Time Happiness

Trustees are, Paula Radzinski, Janet Glaubke, Carol Bennett, and Past President, John Gillio. Also, non-elected positions, Avis Erkel, Sun-Shine Lady, Mike Nunziata, Apostolate Charity, Tom Myers Reporter for the *Bollettino* and all our wonderful Member Volunteers that help with projects. Installation of ICF Officers will be on January 7th at 11 a.m. mass at Saint Christopher's with a reception to follow. If you get a chance, say a Big Thank You to all of these officers and volunteers.

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

Our Sunday Branch Mass on November 12/13 with a recruiting table and coffee and donuts, was a success with the signing of two new members.

Thanks to all that helped with this project. Pasta and Polenta dinner fundraiser will be March 19th with St. Joseph's Table.

Happy New Year, 2023.
Tom Myers

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Hope you all had a joyous holiday season!

Our annual Christmas celebration in December was a special event—great food, Christmas music, fun and laughter. Our dinner feast of pot roast, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad, and cannoli dessert was prepared by Al and Diana Vallorz. We thank them as well as our gracious servers, our welcome committee, those who set up and decorated the lovely tables, and the hospitality team for creating such a wonderful evening.

Our branch presented our annual donations to the following: St. Martin's Parish and Food Box Program,



St. Frances Cabrini Branch 191, Christmas Party at the Basuino's Home

St. Vincent de Paul, and Sacred Heart Nativity School. We also presented gifts to Father Saju and Father Gener for their continual love and support. Father Saju led us in prayer and thanked us for what we do and who we are.

Since our event fell on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our members walked over to St. Martin's Church to celebrate mass together.

Branch 391's 2023 Calendar of Events was distributed. If you would like a copy, please contact our new President, Steve Lencioni.

During our January branch meeting, our members will be honoring outgoing President Mike Rossi, who has served as President for the past seven years.

Reminders:

Branch 391 Dinner Meeting--Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner in the Gym; Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Feast Day of ICF's Co-Patron Saint--January 4, 2023; and Installation of Officers--Saturday, January 7, 2023, 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Frances Cabrini.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!
Janis Patellaro



Joe and Cathy De Maria from Branch 391



Branch 391's Wonderful Christmas Servers!

Sunnyvale
Br. 408, Resurrection

Felice anno nuovo a tutti!

Br 408 hosted its Annual Christmas Lasagna Dinner was held on a chilly Monday Night in December in the Farana Center Alcoves. Some of our members had that cold which was going around and missed this annual event.

Our Final Blood Drive of the Year held on Sunday Dec 4th collected donations from 31 Generous Donors sharing this Gift of Life. We will host our next Drive Sunday March 5th 2023, in the Farana Center.

Our Parish 60th Anniversary Parish Christmas Party was well attended and supported by ICF Volunteers who spent many many hours prepping and Cooking – it was a major Success.

Our 2023 Installation of Mass and Luncheon and will be held this year at St Francis Cabrini on Sat Jan 7 @11 a.m.

Please Pray for our Members who need our prayers: Al Chantelope, Dori Blefari, and Stephen Shimshock



Branch 408 Resurrection Christmas Party



Branch 391's Newest Members Don and Joyce Kudrno



Father Saju and Branch 391 Members

Morgan Hill Br. 435, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria

On Thursday, December 1, Thirty-seven guests enjoyed an extremely lovely dinner as our Christmas celebration. Once again, we chose The Longhouse Restaurant in Gilroy as our venue. As always, a wonderful meal prepared for us. Darlene and her staff did a spectacular job presenting our Appetizers and chosen entrees.

During the evening, three lucky members names were drawn as "Door Prize Winners". John Gillio, Carl Reinhardt, and Giovanni Foggiano each won a beautiful Poinsettia Plant. Also, John Foggiano brought many Persimmons to share.

Board members Gloria Subocz and Catherine Ellis are to be commended for their great work organizing and managing this event. Our President, Giulia Gallego is recovering from a recent illness.

A good time was had by all and a joyful way to end the year!

*Bona Natale a tuto Familia!
Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sorci*

San Jose Br. 445, Transfiguration

Branch 445 ended the year with a few fun events! It happened that our November General Meeting was held on our Branch member Bill Howell's actual 90th Birthday! We surprised him with birthday party decorations on all the tables, pizza / salad, a special birthday cake and all the members singing Happy Birthday to him in Italian!

Many thanks to all who supported our Nativity Set Fall Fundraiser for our seminarians and other ICF charities. Fr. Tito drew the four winning tickets on November 20th with 1st and 3rd place prizes going to Transfiguration parishioners: 2nd and 4th place prizes to St. Christopher's parishioners. Congratulations all!

Our Quarterly Mass on December 6th was followed with a catered brunch at Tabor Hall and our annual Christmas gift exchange. Then some of our branch members formed teams to play a Christmas version of The Family Feud!!

January Happy Birthday wishes to Chic Cannon, Linda Ronco, Kathy LaScola, Jan Stumhoffer, Janice Jones, Jim Jones, Donna Pfaff and Darlene Pedone! Buon Compleanno a tutti voi!

Until next month...

*Augurando salute e felicità a tutti in questo nuovo anno 2023!
;-) Jan Marianelli Stumhoffer*

STOCKTON District

Modesto Br. 48, St. Stanislaus

We will be doing the Stockton District Installation of Officers January 8, 2023, and the *Bollettino* will be out about the same time. I want to thank all the branches that help Branch 48 with the dessert and the set up and take down. When you get there, I lay a diagram of set up on the table and within 15 to 20 minutes you have everything done. Your help is very much appreciated and the desserts you bring are always so delicious.

Carla Wagner has been our Financial Secretary since 2002 and is stepping down. We want to thank her for all her work over the years. She has always been a great help. Now she can sit back and enjoy her time at the meetings and guide Ermelinda Zamora our new Financial Secretary.

February is off to a slow start with only our meeting February 8 but March picks up with our meeting March 8, 2023, and our St. Joseph's Table Celebration March 19, 2023. I will have all the details in the February Bollettino. We will have a potluck lunch and a raffle with the proceeds going to St. Vincent De Paul at 2:00 pm.

We hope you and all your families have a Very Happy, Blessed and Successful New Year.

Cecelia McGhee



Br. 445 Barbara & Bill Howell - Buon Novantesimo Compleanno Bill!



Tracy Br. 390, St. Bernard

Christmas dinner was a hit serving up Ravioli and roasted chicken to ICF members and their guests. Our diners are very excited we have resumed the in-house dinner meetings, even though they supported our take-outs for months as well.

We have elected our new board of directors. President is Joe Curtis, 1st VP is Joe Bacchetti, 2nd VP is Art Dykzeul, Record Secretary is Suzanne Dykzeul, Correspondence Secretary is Betty Hollars, Financial Secretary is Annette Elissagaray, Treasurer is Serena Martocchio Orator is Lucy Orsi, Trustees are Alena Chappell, Marilyn Tuso and Gary Del Carlo. Deacon Pete Ryza continues as our Chaplain.

January dinner on Thursday January 26th



Br. 445 December catered brunch with Marie Adragna & Jean Avram

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of Ann Dias. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family. 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 through pictures on our Website. Check out the Heritage section - love to see more so just submit yours to Steve.

www.icfbranch390.org
Stay healthy, happy and safe.
Ciao, Betty

ICF is
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Br. 445 Jan & Jim selling Nativity Set Raffle tickets after masses

Br. 445 Wishing all 'Buon Natale'

