Heritage -- EASTER AND PASSOVER
Louise Vento

Once Carnival is over and we have had our fill of rich food, along comes Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Easter determines the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday can be as early as February 4th or as late as March 11th. Ash Wednesday makes it clear that the season of penitence has arrived. The priest draws the sign of the cross on the forehead of believers a reminder that death is always near.

The date of Easter has changed over the centuries depending on the moon. Initially, Easter was celebrated on the first full moon of springtime. Before there was an Easter celebration, there was Passover which the Italians called Jewish Easter. Easter bread (Popo Olivia), artichokes and the traditional Lamb are served during the Easter feast. The Portuguese also serve leg of lamb, rice pudding and Easter breads (Folares). The lamb is a symbol of Jesus, and the eggs represent a new life and the return of spring. The Passover commemorates the time when Jews had fled Egypt so quickly that bread did not rise. During the Lenten season, unleavened breads were served.

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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

Save Friday, July 28th for golf tournaments at the Temecula Creek Inn in beautiful Temecula or at Bennett Valley in Santa Rosa. The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. Shotgun in Temecula and an 8:30 a.m. Shotgun in Santa Rosa. The registration includes your green fees, range balls, a shared cart, and a buffet afterwards. There will also be a Closest to the Pin and a Hole in One hole. Hole Sponsorships are needed as well as raffle baskets and prizes. This is open to anyone who golf, so please invite your family, friends and anyone else who can golf. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Bollettino for more information on both tournaments. I’m looking forward to it and good luck to those who are going to golf.

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Finally, a reminder that ALL branch and district reports need to adhere to the 250 max word count requirement or they will be shortened or possibly excluded entirely based on editor judgement.

Limit photos to 3 or 4 and include captions. Not all photos are able to be used due to possible limitations in space. Prioritize photos if possible. To insure photos are always linked to branch, include branch number when naming photos such as:

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Message from our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Italian Catholic Federation:

Don’t they say that the darkest hour is just before the dawn? When we are troubled or sick, when something weighs heavily on our minds, or we feel fearful and as a result we can’t sleep; doesn’t the night seem so long and dark? It feels as though it is never going to end. It is even worse when we can’t see a way out of our trouble or our sickness, when we can’t see a solution to whatever is weighing us down or making us fearful. The darkness can feel like a physical barrier, like a proverbial brick wall! Remember, the resurrection should not be just an event that happened two thousand years ago. The resurrection is something that can be happening every day in our lives.

On Easter Day, the resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals God’s gift to us in the truth of the new life of Jesus: the truth that God is a God of love who walks with us and brings us to a place of wholeness, a place of possibility, a place of new life. New life that is grounded in hope and compassion. New life that is deeply connected to God’s love and passionate about sharing that love with the world. New life that is passionate about sharing that love with the world. New life that is deeply connected to God’s love and passionate about sharing that love with the world.

Remember on that first Easter morning, Mary of Magdala’s dismay was transformed: she and the apostles realized that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Everything had changed. The story of Easter is the story of a world restored. As in nature, what seemed dead, comes – in the mystery of spring – to leaf and blossom, and is even more beautiful than we remembered. Easter, however, is not only the story that makes sense of what happened to Jesus; it is also the story of what happens in our branches and in all the good works of the Italian Catholic Federation. Our hope permits us to recognize the signs of resurrection in our faith communities: the risen Lord is always at work among us, bringing something new to be experienced, embraced, and lived. Like Peter and his companions, we are commissioned to proclaim the good news of what is happening among us. Our encounter with the risen Lord opens our eyes and emboldens us to face the challenges of our time, and together we can do a great job. Remember Jesus is with us every step of the way.

I pray for you sisters and brothers in Christ, for your Branches, in gratitude for your faithful, creative, and generous service to the parish communities that you serve. May you and our faith family of the Italian Catholic Federation, along with all our loved ones, have a most blessed and Happy Easter. I promise to remember you in my prayers, even as I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those that you love.

Fr. Chris

Lesson from the Life of Mother Cabrini

On February 24, 25 and 26, 2023, Mother Cabrini Chapel Committee Members Carmelo S., Theresa S. and Lou Mages assisted in hosting the ICF Booth at the 2023 Religious Education Congress in Anaheim along with Tad S and LAADC President Perry S. Several visitors were interested in ICF, and some were also interested in the Mother Cabrini Chapel in Burbank, CA. Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library Open House schedule below. Additional dates will be scheduled during the year. If you or your branches would like to visit the Chapel and Library, group visits can be arranged by email: cas1810@aol.com or telephone: 626-372-7812. If you would like to make a donation to help maintain the Chapel facility and to continue with programs such as the annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage event in Burbank, please call 626-372-7812 or visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine at www.icf.org.

April 9th - Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. host San Fernando Valley Region
June 11th – Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. host San Gabriel Valley Region
Sept. 10th - Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. host Santa Barbara/Ventura Region.

Chapel Store: DVDs on the Life of Mother Cabrini by Lucia Mauro now available. Call 626-372-7812 or email at cas1810@aol.com.

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

Congress Photo: Lou M, Perry S, Laura S (Archdiocese Orange), Carmelo S.
Chapel Photos: Mother Cabrini Chapel and Saint Frances Xavier “Mother” Cabrini

Father Christopher Bennett
ICF Spiritual Director

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EASTER IS COMING – REJOICE!
Carmen Kilcullen – Apostolate/Charity Chairperson

This year, Easter falls on April 9. After the 40 days of fasting and repentance during Lent, everyone is happy to celebrate Easter. The word, Easter, probably derives from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring known as Estre. In Italian, the word for Easter is Pasqua. In Spanish, the word is Pascua. Easter is the principal festival of the Christian Church and celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the beginning of the liturgical year and extends for 50 days to Pentecost. It is the most important day of the Church year and all Christian movable feasts, and the entire liturgical year are arranged around Easter. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This date for Easter was decided, after much discussion, by the Council of Nicaea in the year 325. There was much controversy on the celebration of Easter between the Western and Eastern Churches.

However, the Orthodox Churches use the old Julian calendar where March 21 is replaced by April 3rd. There has been discussion as to a possible world-wide agreement on a consistent date. No resolution as of yet. The season of Easter culminates with the Ascension and the great feast of Pentecost. There are 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, characterized by the joy of glorified life and victory over death.

Notable saints in April include:
• April 4 – St. Isadore
• April 6 – St. Bernadette
• April 11 – St. Stanislaus
• April 23 – St. George
• April 28 – St. Gianna Molla
• April 26 – St. Mark
• April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

Best wishes for a very happy and joyful Easter from the Kilcullen house to yours! Have a wonderful April!

Carmen Kilcullen

Gifts of Love Program
Next Review of Applications Occurs June 2023
Teresa Helfand, Chairperson

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! If you would like more information about the Gifts of Love program, please contact Committee Chairwoman Teresa Helfand at davia02005@live.com.

God Bless You,
Teresa Helfand

Membership Committee Spring Greetings

Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Hello everyone. Here we are into the month of April already. This year is flying by, and I can’t catch up. I do want to fill you in though on what happened at the Religious Education Congress, back on the last weekend of February.

The RE Congress is a convention held annually at the Anaheim Convention Center. At the event, thousands of Catholics gather to learn more about our faith. It kicks off with a Youth Rally and mass on the Thursday before Congress starts. Over the course of the next three days there are a multitude of workshops, guest speakers, book signings, a variety of masses, a Sacred Space for reflection, Multicultural Exhibits and so much more.

So, where does the Italian Catholic Federation fit into all of this? We have an exhibitor booth where a team of local ICF members try to recruit new members and answer any questions someone might have about our organization. We educate them on our history, charitable works, and why we are important in parish life.

It’s a very big public relations effort for us, so that more and more Catholics will get to know us better. We also talk to pastors who may be interested in starting a new branch at their parish. This year we have three leads on possible new branches. Our Lady of the Assumption in Ventura, St. Mark’s in Venice, Southern California and St. Agnes in San Francisco.

The Expansion Committee will take these leads and hopefully we will have a few new branches.

It’s a fun-filled weekend where we meet so many interesting people from all over the United States and Canada. I will keep you posted on how those leads turn out. Let’s cross our fingers!

On behalf of the Membership Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Blessed, Holy and Happy Easter. Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

Perry Shurko
Membership Chairperson

Scholarship Donations (Received as of March 9, 2023)

Scholarship Donations: 1st Year
Robert J. Basuino
In Memory of Bob Cowden
Bob Basuino
In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Bob Acquistapace

In Loving Memory (Report as of March 9, 2023)
Claudia L. Heinle Branch 033
Mary Alasia Branch 050
Robert E Odonnell Branch 050
Albert J Morando Branch 403

Heritage -- Easter & Passover-Continued
Louise Vento

Easter is a Christian day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It is the most important holy day of the Christian religion. Thousands of Italians worship and make a pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Week services at St. Peters Church. The churches in Italy are decorated with white lilies to symbolize purity. Le feste religiose is celebrated all week long in both Italy and Sicily. Many Churches hold sunrise services on Easter Sunday. As members of the Italian Catholic Federation, we will gather on Easter Sunday in our own parishes to celebrate He has risen. It is time to share with family and friends.

Buona Pasqua!
past coordinated conventions/conferences for her work, so she is coming into this with great credentials and experience. Congratulations and thank you Lauren!

Even though it is a year away, Ways and Means has been busy working on the 100th year for ICF. I am excited on the concept they have come up with for the 100th souvenir book—it will be a must have for every ICF home. The San Francisco Gala has been set for Sunday, June 9, 2024, at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. So, mark your calendar and hope to see many of you there. The Chicago and Los Angeles areas will also be planning gala events next year for the 100th, will keep you posted on that. It goes without saying the 2024 calendar/raffle ticket will be a fun celebration of our 100th; Lisa Crudo has been busy working on that.

Nephew Tony update—he is now a married man with a beautiful wife. The wedding was in the midst of an insane storm that hit all over California dumping many inches of snow. Fortunately, I traveled up to Placerville on Thursday, as Friday snowed all day. This created a beautiful backdrop for the wedding on Saturday with the snow resuming on Sunday. All the cookies I made were a big hit and I became everyone’s favorite aunt. The event could not have been more beautiful!

From my family to yours, have a Blessed Easter Season!

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**Family Recipe**

Deborah Rodondi, Grand President

As all of you know, my nephew Tony just got married. You will also recall that he was of the opinion that the Lemon Polenta Cake might be better than the decadent Italian Almond Cake. If I judge by the actions of two of his friends fighting over the last pieces of the Almond Cake, it won hands down.

I had some stale panettone hanging around the kitchen. I was getting tired of moving it around, so I figured there should be something I could do with it. I thought about my friend Kathy. She was always making bread pudding especially for her dad. I found this recipe in the many my mom cut out over the years and it sounded delicious.

**Panettone Bread Pudding**

4 large eggs
1 quart (4 cups) canned or refrigerated eggnog
8 cups cubed panettone (about 1 pound)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 2 quart (9x11) shallow baking dish with nonstick cooking spray (I use butter). Whisk eggs in a large bowl until blended. Whisk in eggnog.

Place panettone cubes in prepared baking dish. Pour eggnog mixture over the top to coat.

Bake, uncovered, 50 to 56 minutes until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Cut into squares or scoop into individual bowls. Sprinkle with confection sugar if desired. Whipped cream is also a nice finishing touch.

**Possible additions:**

- 2 tsp. orange zest to eggnog mixture
- Soak ½ cup mix of golden raisins and dried cherries in 3 Tbls. Rum.
- Scatter over top of panettone

- Add ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg, cardamom or cinnamon

The eggnog gives a wonderful creamy flavor and the citrus in the panettone is perfect. I add cinnamon and nutmeg to the mix. This recipe is so simple and flavorful, that it is a quick dessert to throw together.

This first time I made it, I thought I was being very clever. I used the alcohol infused eggnog that I get from Costco during the holidays. This is not a good idea, as the alcohol overwhelmed the flavor of the bread pudding.

The recipe is also easy to make in smaller quantities.

Enjoy!

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

**Buon Appetito!**

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**Welcome New Members**

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**Birthplace of Jesus**

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus--Under the Spiritual Direction of:
Fr. Christopher Bennett, ICF 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

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**Cooley’s Anemia Donation**

(Report as of March 9, 2023)

Carla Del Carlo
In Memory of Albert Morando

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**FYI**

Plan to eliminate Toll-Free Phone Number

In an ongoing effort to review operations and reduce costs, we are considering eliminating the ICF Toll-Free Phone Number. Usage decreased over time as members use their cell phones with long distance as part of their plans to contact us.

This potential change may take place in June, but we would like to give the membership time to consider this. Please feel free to contact the ICF office with any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

We will provide an update about the process and decision in a future issue of the Bollettino.

Thank you.
**Book Review: Eternal**

**Vince Piro, Past Grand President**

*eternal*

by Lisa Scottoline
G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2021

Carmel Kilkullen, Past Grand of the ICF, highly recommended the following book. I want to thank her for the recommendation of this thoroughly captivating novel.

Eternal by Lisa Scottoline is a historical novel set in Rome, Italy, during World War II. It follows the fortune of three characters, Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro, who grow up as best friends. As the novel begins, it is 1937 and Mussolini and his Fascists are in power. As you young adults attend school together, they are faced with Fascist propaganda, and the city is full of tension with a sense of impending conflict. As Mussolini asserts more power and control over the country and aligns Italy's Fascists with Hitler's Nazis, their lives are radically altered, and they are forced to shed their innocence as anti-Semitism spreads across the city and is made legal by the corrupt government. “The Nazis [eventually] invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city's Jews, cultivating in a final, horrific betrayal. Against this backdrop, the intertwined fates of Elisabetta, Marco, Sandro, and their families will be decided, in a heartbreaking story of both the best and the worst that the world has to offer.”

Scottoline’s power comes in her keen ability to recreate this historical period through the lives of her young characters and her description of the city. The reader feels both the external and internal conflicts the characters face as the country struggles with its moral center. And one might say that Rome itself become a character in this novel. We watch the characters as they suffer the trials of a city, and country, that has lost its way - given over to racism and fear. As the Fascists and Nazis come to control the city, horrific injustices take place and the characters lives are altered in dramatic ways. However, this is not a tale of despair. Certainly, the novel is filled with the anguish and tragedy created by hatred, but ultimately, it is love and friendship that rescue the characters and come to define their lives.

In this way, Eternal presents its readers with the power of choices. In times of injustice and conflict, we must ask our- selves where do we stand? Do we stand with hatred and fear that ultimately lead to injustice and oppression? Or do we stand with love and fellowship and stand up against injustice and oppression? It might be easy to answer this hypothetically, but Scottoline’s novel illustrates the difficulty and complexity of such decisions as dread and despair enter our lives. It is through her characters that we feel the conflicting emotions we all encounter during difficult and divisive times. And we learn that if we want love to win, we must stand up for it despite the danger and tragedy we might face. As Christians called to stand with the marginalized and oppressed, we will read Eternal as a moral tale not just of its characters but of ourselves.

Lisa Scottoline is the New York Times bestselling author of thirty-two novels. She has thirty million copies of her books in print in the United States and has been published in thirty-five countries. Scottoline also writes a weekly column with her daughter for The Philadelphia Inquirer. Lisa has served as President of Mystery Writers of America and has taught a course she developed, “Justice in Fiction” at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, her alma mater. She lives in the Philadelphia area.
Live to Give: Health benefits of donating blood
Lisa Crudo, Central Council Member

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. requires a blood transfusion. As we well know, from learning about Thalassemia from our dear Laurice Levine. The benefits of donating blood include helping people battling disease, people who are injured in accidents, and undergoing cancer treatment, among other reasons.

Unfortunately, current blood shortages are leading to delays in critical blood transfusions for people in need. Last fall, the New York Blood Center shared that the gap between willing blood donors and the community need has widened, leading to their fifth blood emergency of the year. This is why blood donors are needed now more than ever before.

While blood donors don’t expect to be rewarded for the act of kindness, rolling up your sleeve comes with some surprising health benefits. Here’s what you get when you give blood:

A Healthier Heart and Vascular System
Regular blood donation is linked to lower blood pressure and a lower risk for heart attacks. What’s the connection? “If your hemoglobin is too high, blood donation helps to lower the viscosity of the blood, which has been associated with the formation of blood clots, heart attacks, and stroke” says Dr. Robert DeSimone, director of transfusion medicine at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Happier, Longer Life
It is well known that one blood donation can save up to three lives. People usually donate because it feels good to help others, and altruism and volunteering have been linked to positive health outcomes, including a lower risk for depression and greater longevity.

When you create a moment of kindness during a time of need, it does wonders for your mental health, and gives you a feeling of well-being.

Please consider being a blood donor this year at convention, or holding a blood drive at your parishes.

Added Bonus: A Calorie-free Snack
Statistics say that for one blood donation, it takes your body about 500 calories to replace it. Thus, the juice and cookies you’re offered after giving blood are a “zero-calorie snack”. If you prefer, go for a fancy dessert instead!

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Crudo, Member
Life to Give Committee

Blood Donation FAQs

Why Should I Give Blood?

One in four people will need a blood transfusion sometime in their lifetime.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Only 37% of the population is eligible to give blood.

Less than 10% give annually.

Convention Bylaw Submission Procedure

Leonard Rossi, KLJ, MME, Grand Parliamentarian

Now comes the time of year that we must solicit proposals and/or amendments to the Branch Bylaws. The following is a brief review of the procedure followed in the ICF to accomplish this process and bring the proposals and or amendments to the floor of the Annual Convention of the Italian Catholic Federation.

All branches are urged to consider, discuss and formulate a proposal to change, modify or abolish a bylaw as it pertains to all the Branches of the ICF. According to the Branch Bylaw Chapter XVII Art. 3 G proposals and/or amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing (signed by the Branch President and Recording Secretary) to the Central Council Office not later than April 30, 2023. Branch bylaw change proposals may also come from Central Council through the Bylaws Committee.

Such submitted proposals and/or amendments are forwarded to the Central Council Bylaws Committee for review, as to form and content. If a question exists relating to the submitted proposal, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee will contact the submitting Branch for clarification and if necessary, revisions to make the proposal acceptable.

It is helpful to present the original by-law followed by a copy of the modified changed bylaw with the changes in bold type. The insertions should be in italics and the deletions either in strike out text or underlined. The proposal must be accompanied by a well-reasoned rationale for the proposed change.

The Central Council through the Bylaws Committee is authorized to eliminate proposals: (1) that are unconstitutional, discriminatory (except as to the age for benefits) or infringing on the fundamental principles of the Federation, (2) proposals defeated at the immediate previous Annual Convention cannot be presented at the immediate next Convention, except if the Central Council approves the proposal for representation.

Once the proposal is found to be constitutional and acceptable in wording and content, the Bylaws Committee will present proposals to the Central Council at the June meeting for their information. At this point, the Bylaws Committee will “certify” the proposals, and announce they will be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention.

The order of discussions of proposals at the Annual Convention are prepared in advance by the Grand Parliamentarian and approved by the Central Council.

The proposals to be presented at the Annual Convention will be sent to the Branches in advance of the Convention for their discussion and consideration. At the Convention, the proposals will be presented to the delegates for their vote. Matters presented by the Central Council will have precedence in the order of discussion.

Once passed by a majority vote at the Annual Convention, the adopted by-law change is immediately effective.
On-line donations live!

You asked for it, you got it! Last convention while trying to take donations via the iPad square device and dealing with internet connection issues, I was asked why we don’t have on-line donation capability?

I promised that I would look into it. Upon returning from convention and speaking with our Grand President and with Charlene in the office, we decided it was something worth looking into.

I give total credit and great thanks to Charlene for working with our Webmaster Aaron to get this program implemented.

It’s so easy to do now! Just go to our website: icf.org. In the navigation/search bar type Charity, it will lead you to all of the options for your charitable donations. Also listed is a small description of each charity. Thank you all for the input and dedication to our organization and our charities.

May God bless you all for your generosity.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Crudo
Grand Treasurer

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**Children’s meals** are for ages 10 and younger. Make note of child’s entrée above. Outside food and beverage is not permitted in the event space.

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**Clergy:** Diocesan Chaplains’ - Friday and Saturday’s dinners are included as well as Sunday’s Lunch. Please write included for the meals attending. Branch and District Chaplains are a Branch/District expense.

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- Submit this form by August 15 to ensure your members are seated together.
- Refunds will not be issued after headcounts are provided to the venues.

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Total Check payable to ICF Central Council: $
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
2023 Convention • Diocese of Orange
Thursday, August 31 – Sunday, September 3

Travel Highlights

Location:
Westin South Coast Plaza
686 Anton Boulevard
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 540-2500

Nightly Rate:
$175 plus tax
The rate is available until August 7 or when we sell out.

Group Code:
ICCFI
www.marriott.com/snowi
(800) MARRIOTT

Note: The code will not work on the Marriott app.

Mail this form with registration payment of $350.00 per delegate by July 1 to:
Italian Catholic Federation, Branch #_________, 20444 Magnolia St., Huntington Beach, CA 92646

FOR ICF Office Use: Delegates: ___________ Guests: ___________ Total Attendees: ___________

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The Central Council looks forward to welcoming you to the 2023 convention in scenic Costa Mesa.

Delegate registration deadline is July 1.
Elections for delegates are to take place at a branch meeting before the registration deadline.

Please review all convention flyers for details on hotel and event reservations.

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RAISED SHORT RIB
WITH FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND RICE PILAF
CHEESECAKE
WITH FRESH BERRIES
COFFEE AND TEA
(Other beverages available at the no-host bar)

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Saintly Saturday Banquet

The Italian Catholic Federation invites you to the annual convention banquet, honoring the recipients of our Saint Pope John XXIII and Saint Teresa of Calcutta awards.

Banquet Menu:
Spinach and Fresca Salad
with blackberries and balcony vinaigrette
Slow Braised Short Rib
with fresh seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf
Cheesecake
with fresh berries
Coffee and Tea

September 2, 2023
6:30 PM No-host Cocktails
7:00 PM Dinner
Westin South Coast Plaza

Please use the branch headcount form to make your reservation.

Delegates
Included in Registration
$75 Non-Delegates
$30 Children 10 and younger (Proof of Age)

Suggested Attire: Semi-formal

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That’s Amore!

Orange District invites you to
A Taste of Italy
featuring The Sicilian Band

Thursday, August 31, 2023
6:00 p.m. Wine & Soft Drinks
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Antipasto and Salad
Chicken Pasta Primavera
Baked Pasta
Dessert and Coffee

Three-Course Dinner
Raffle
Live Music
Dancing
$45 per person

Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church
20444 Magnolia St., Huntington Beach, CA 92646
(7 miles from the Convention Hotel)

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Convention Thursday Night Dinner/Dance

All Are Welcome!

Welcome to our Region!
Get updates first on the ICF Facebook page, keyword: Italian Catholic Federation. Also visit our website, icf.org, and read the Bollettino.

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Let's celebrate together as one big ICF family!

RSVP and payment due by August 10, 2023

Guest Name ___________________________ Branch # _____________________

Contact Person Phone Number __________________ and Email __________________

Mail RSVP and payment to:
Mail to: Jane Wescott
16072 Jereva Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Attendee Registration

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BRANCH NO. ____________ CITY: __________________ DISTRICT: __________________

Individual Members as of March 31: __________ Number of Delegates Required: __________ (See Below)

Delegate Name (First clearly)
Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. ___________________________ __________________________
   Check for 1st time delegate
   Date Arriving
   Email Address

2. ___________________________ __________________________

3. ___________________________ __________________________

4. ___________________________ __________________________

Alternate Delegate:

1. ___________________________ __________________________

2. ___________________________ __________________________

Mail this form with registration payment of $350.00 per delegate by July 1 to: Italian Catholic Federation, 8393 Capovelli Drive, #110, Oakland, CA 94621. Late registration is $375.

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

Branch Check No. ____________ No. of Delegates: ____________ $350 (by 7/1) or $375 (after 7/1) = $____________

Signature of one Branch Officer
Position
Date

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CONVENTION DELEGATES: ___________ NON-DELEGATES: ___________ TOTAL: ___________

FOR ICF OFFICE USE:
Delegates: ___________ Guests: ___________ Total Attendees: ___________
ICF Convention Opening Ceremonies

Friday, September 1, 2023
Westin South Coast Plaza

6:30 pm
Meet the Candidates and no-host cocktails

7:00 pm
Dinner followed by the Opening Ceremonies

Delegates included with registration
Non-delegates: $75 adults
$30 ages 10 and younger (Menu TBA)

Please RSVP using the reservation form.

Suggested attire:
Beach Chic / Dressy Casual
Please save shorts and swimsuits for the hotel pool.

Menu:
Mesclun greens topped with strawberries, candied walnuts and champagne vinaigrette
Grilled chicken with mushroom demi-glace, seasonal vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes
Chocolate decadence cake
Coffee and Tea
(Other beverages available at the no-host bar)

CONVENTION BINGO
Westin South Coast Plaza
Friday, September 1
2pm – 4pm

Entry Fee Per Bingo Pack:
$25 Advance Reservations
$30 After August 15, or at the door

Each Bingo Pack includes 6 Bingo games. For each game, participants will receive 6 Bingo cards per sheet.

Jackpots are based on the number of participants.

Please make your reservations on the branch headcount form.

Italian Catholic Federation Awards Luncheon 2023
Honoring the recipients of the Grand President’s, Family of the Year, and Young Adult Leadership Awards

Sunday, September 3
12 noon
Westin South Coast Plaza

Menu:
Traditional Caesar Salad
Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Feta & Sundried Tomato
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Pesto Risotto
Apple Tart with Caramel Sauce
Coffee and Tea
Additional beverages available at the no-host bar

Suggested Attire: Business Casual

Please RSVP by August 15 on the branch reservation form.
THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PRESENT THE 2024 "DAILY RAFFLE THEME"

CELEBRATING THE 1920s

Featuring fun facts and tidbits from the "roaring 20's"
along with era themed recipes and cocktails

You can help make the calendar special!
List special family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, any special event! You can also include Branch and District events

Mail information and checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation
8393 Capwell Dr., Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94621
Please also e-mail information to admin@icf.org

Price Schedule
$10 - one name/event
$15 - 2 names/events
$20 - 4 names/events
(additional numbers will be a combination of prices listed above)
Example: $30 - 5 names/events @ $20 + $10.00 or
$40 - 8 names/events @ $20 + $20
Deadline for names and payment is: May 1, 2023
Barbara

7:00 p.m. in the small hall.

Our April meeting will be in person at CA 94010.

1348 Paloma Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

For the District branches that have Rick's Day and have a Blessed Easter!

I hope you all had a Happy St. Patrick's Day and shared food with another. Unfortunately, another one of our members, Al Morando (see photo) passed away on February 13th. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife and fellow member, Rose Marie Morando.

Reminder: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th and will include dinner: KFC (dark meat chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit), plus wine & dessert. Social at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm, with meeting to follow. The cost is $12 per person. Get your check made payable to “ICF BR 403” & mail it to Eunice Danli, 4 Spring Valley Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030. The cut-off date March 31st.

Our May 4th dinner meeting will be a Ham dinner with all of the trimmings. Please contact Cory at 650-867-8946 for reservations. Must call before April 28. You can also call Barbara with questions 650-444-6999.

Please remember our 5:30 p.m. mass for deceased members prior to our dinner meeting. Thanks.

Ciao,
Barbara

Millbrae

Br. 403, St. Dunstan

Ciao a tutti! I hope you all had an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Table. On March 7th, we had a dessert and coffee meeting at our church parish hall. It was good to talk and share food with another. Unfortunately, another one of our members, Al Morando (see photo) passed away on February 13th. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife and fellow member, Rose Marie Morando.

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LOS ANGELES

ARCHDIOCESE

District Council

Hello and welcome to April. After a very wet winter, and boy did we need the rain, Spring has arrived and is in full bloom, and baseball is back, go Dodgers!

Last month I was invited by Branch 374 to speak at their branch meeting regarding the ICF and all that is happening around the federation.

We have a lot on our plate for the district. We start out on the 22nd with an Italian opera—Pinocchio! Come out to Casa Italiana and have a wonderful dinner and enjoy this classic production.

Coming up in July, the So Cal region of the ICF will be having a charity golf tournament in conjunction with Nor Cal. Registration is $200, and Hole Sponsorships are $100.

We will close out the summer with our annual convention held in Costa Mesa hosted by the Orange District.

There’s plenty happening throughout the district so be sure to look for events at your neighboring branches. Let’s go out there and support each other.

The LA district has nominated our beloved Bishop Dave O’Connell for the St. Theresa of Calcutta award for this year’s convention. He will be dearly missed by us all.

I’d like to finish up by wishing each and every one of you a very Blessed Easter.

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

Buona Pasqua a tutti i membri e alle loro famiglie!

On March 11, 2023, NBR 67 meeting included members Carmelo S., Theresa S., Lou M., Eugene S., Ted S., David D. from Akron, Ohio, and guest and prospective member(s) who are interested in joining NBR 67.

On February 24, 25 and 26, Branch 67 Members Carmelo S., Perry S., Lou M., Theresa and Ted S. Hosted the ICF Booth at the 2023 Religious Education Congress in Anaheim California. Several visitors to the Booth were interested in ICF and some were also interested in the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Burbank California.

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

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

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

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

May they rest in peace. Keep safe and Stay healthy.

Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, President
ICF National Branch 67
C 626 372-7812
E Cas1810@aol.org

SAVE THE DATE

N Br 67 member Francesca T. has scheduled the next Opera Italia production for April 22, 2023 and April 23, 2023 in Casa Italiana at Saint Peters Italian National Church, Los Angeles, CA entitled “Pinocchio” a Lyric Opera for All Ages by Natalie Valli. See flyer for more information and to purchase tickets.
South Pasadena
Br. 108, Holy Family

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL MEMBERS,
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ICF
ICF Branch 108 held its annual Branch General Meeting and lunch social at San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles on March 5, 2023. Following branch business members welcomed newest members Patrick and Claudia B. And celebrated the March Birthdays of ICF members Paola F., and 55th Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Patricia A.

ICF Branch Past President Carmelo S. Assisted in the ICF Booth at the 2023 Religious Education Congress in the Anaheim Convention Center on February 24, 2023, with ICF L.A.A.D.C District President Perry S. Of Branch 362 and Member Branch 380 Lou M. (not in photo). Visitors over the three-day event included South Pasadena Holy Family Church Parishioners Tristan and Collette and many others from various parts of California and the United States interested in ICF and some interested in

SAVE THE DATE
- June 17, 2023 - New date for the ICF Branch 108 Annual Wine Tasting. More information to follow.
Please continue to pray for the speedy Resolution of the present crisis and to keep our sick members in your prayers for a speedy recovery; and to our former members, family members and friends of ICF who recently have gone to their eternal reward.

May they rest in peace.
Keep safe and stay healthy.
Carmelo Sabatella, AIA, Past President ICF Branch 108
C 626 372-7812
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Montebello
Br. 111, St. Benedect

Ciao a Tutti. A warm hello to everyone. Our April General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine House, 200 N. 12th Street, in Montebello. Join us for a St. Joseph Table pre-meeting dinner as a thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph Table!

After the meeting, we will have cake to celebrate the Birthdays of the following members who have birthdays this month: Peter Revilla, Henry Herrera, Frances Canzonieri, Nancy Dolci, and Emma Aquino. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to everyone!! Buon Compleanno a tutti!!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sponsored the St. Joseph's Table! The monies we raised at the St. Joseph Table will allow us to support our parish, offer Phillip & Phyllis Pace scholarships to graduating St. Benedict School students, Pace college scholarships to graduates of Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School, support our clergy and seminarians with contributions to St. John's Seminary, award college scholarships to graduating local high school students, donate to Cooley's Anemia, and other ICF charities.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, April 30, 2023 - the mass will be dedicated to all the deceased and living members of the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 111. After mass we will have a picnic lunch at a local park. Come and join us for this special mass!

Finally, please pray for our sick members and those in need, keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A Preposto!
Frank Salomone
Branch 111 President

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

Thank you to all who attended our annual crab dinner fundraiser. 300 meals were served!
Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. We are so blessed to such support from all our members!
Our branch has been keeping busy! On March 23rd our members enjoyed a fun filled day at Pala casino. Our next fundraiser trip will be to Laughlin. The trip is scheduled for May 2nd returning May 4th. We will be staying at the Aquarius Hotel. $175.00 per person double occupancy. $245.00 single occupancy. Please call Pauline Iacono 310-832-0563 for reservations. Bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club.

Thank you to all who support our fundraisers. These trips help fund our many charitable endeavors.
Please join us for our monthly general meeting on April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Feel free to invite anyone who would like to join the ICF.
Mass in honor of the MADONNA DEL ARCO will be held on Saturday May 13th at 5:15pm mass. Please bring flowers to present to our Blessed Mother. Please keep our benefactor Joseph Scotti in your prayers.
Happy Easter to all! May Christ’s peace and joy reign in yours today and always.

Antia Trujillo, Treasurer

Glendora
Br. 179, St. Dorothy

Thursday, February 16, St. Dorothy Branch 179 in Glendora hosted a Pizza and Bingo Night. Lots of pizza and salad from a local restaurant, plus delicious desserts brought by our members. After dinner, we played 3 games of Bingo. Lots of fun had by all!
On Sunday, February 26, our members loaded 10,530 pounds of clothing to gross $3,685.65 for our ministry. Thanks everyone for all the hard work.

Patricia Auriemo
Trustee

Arcadia
Br. 218, Holy Angels

By the time this article is printed our St Joseph’s Table will have occurred. A huge thank you to President Jerry, Vice President, Scott Carrano and everyone that participated in one way or another. This event is always very successful and rewarding to see how everyone pulls together to make it happen.

At our last meeting, we welcomed 2 new guests, Lisa and Matilda. Also, thank you to Teri Carrano for always planning our lunches after the meeting.

The May meeting is again one week earlier than normal, May 7th. Watch for Mary’s newsletter for details. To everyone that participated one way or another. This event is always very successful and rewarding to see how everyone pulls together to make it happen.

Lolly M.

Downey
Br. 362, St. Raymond

Happy Easter to you all! Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen today.
April is here, it’s springtime, time for baseball, the birds are singing, the grass is growing and trees and flowers are blooming.
I’d like to thank my members for a job well done! You guys rocked last month with our St Joseph Table. Next on our list is Friendship Sunday and our Spring Bingo. Bingo will be on April 23; tickets are $20 and includes a fabulous lunch. Let’s make this another excellent event.

Don’t forget to help us out with our So Cal Region golf tournament which will be held on July 28th at the Temecula Creek Inn. We need all the golfers we can get. Registration is $200 which includes green fees, range balls, cart and lunch.
I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter, as we say in Ukrainian, KRYS-TOS Voskres.

Perry Shurko, Branch President.

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

Our branch sponsored a Membership Drive early in March. Although the weather that day was not the best for an outdoor event, we found several new members, advertise our spring Italian classes, and promote the upcoming Feast of St. Joseph/Auction event. Thank you, President Phyllis Harb and Joel Wynton and all those who helped. Our parishioners need to know about all the good work the ICF ministry at St. Bede does and that we welcome all Catholics. A Membership Table was set up in the Parish Hall at the St. Joseph event.
Diane and Al attended a Zoom Mixer/Art Workshop led by ICF Central Council members, Perry Shurko, Vince Piro, and Andy Pappani. Suggestions were shared about how to prepare for a Membership Drive, retain members and improve attendance at our general meetings. We will implement one idea: to write your name on a new raffle ticket each time you attend a General Meeting. There will be a drawing from the pot at the end of the year for a free annual membership

Did you know that next year is ICF’s 100th Anniversary? Quite impressive! A gala for the Southern California Region is planned for June 29, 2024. Also, Br. 374 is having its 40th Anniversary, March 2024. A branch summer Mass will be held in early June at the La Canada Country Club. There will be a Mass in a private room followed by lunch. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Please pray for the soul of departed member Mary Ann Fell and for the speedy recovery of Robert Luke Mertz.

Save the date:
April 18th General Meeting- Bingo Night and recap of St. Joseph Celebration
May 23rd (note: 4th Tuesday)-Michael Van Hecke- St. Monica Academy
May Spring be full of abundance for you.

Diane Restivo
Thousand Oaks
Br. 380, St. Paschal Baylon

Our branch had a fun evening learning to make pasta from scratch. After making our pasta, we enjoyed eating it along with an array of Italian desserts. The pasta making brought back happy memories of childhood for many of our members.

We are busy preparing for our annual St. Joseph’s Day Dinner on March 19th. We are excited to be able to hold this event again after being unable to during the Covid shutdown.

Our next general meeting will be on March 31st at our parish Friday night Fish Fry. It will be nice to get together.

Simi Valley
Br. 443, St. Gianna

On February 17, we all enjoyed seven delicious Lenten soups made by members. Recipes were distributed. Appetizers and salads were also part of our Lenten Soup Night. Desserts included a Jell-O cake and a special ice cream cake for long time member Anita Pusateri's birthday. She was 96 on Feb 16.

Vice-President Barbara Tweedy talked about the meaning and traditions of Lent. John Downey won the candy prize for the Lenten Bingo.

Every Saturday night, President Rita sells pull tabs for the Knights of Columbus Bingo. Other members volunteer as needed.

We also volunteer for the Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-off selling soda, ice cream and snow cones.

The next get together will be Friday March 10. In support of the Knights of Columbus we will be attending KC Lenten Fish Fry at 5:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

Peace and Blessings,
Josephine M. Perini

Rancho Palos Verdes
Br. 444, St. John Fisher

Some of our Board members were unable to attend the formal installation last month at Holy Angels church in Arcadia, so we had a small installation ceremony for them at our monthly General meeting in February. President Hany Francis prepared a Tri Tip dinner for including a Dessert Contest. Karis-Say Cavecchi, a new member was welcomed into our ICF group. She won the dessert contest with a delicious British Trifle. Part 2 of the life of Elizabeth Ann Seton was completed and we passed out Holy Cards with her personal prayer on the back.

Plans are being made to see the life story of Mother Cabrini. Marianne Canetti, our First Vice President is recovering in the TCU unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. We will be assisting our Parish with a Lenten supper after the 5:15 p.m. mass.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop David O’Connell, taken from us too soon. A man who lived in prayer daily. Be safe, stay warm despite this unusual weather.

Ciao, Patty Longo Hansen

Oakland

East Bay District Council

This month we held our first meeting with our new President, Jo-Anne, and it was a trial by fire. The parish computer did not recognize her computer and would not let us proceed with our Zoom meeting. But being rather resourceful, out came the cell phones, each person given a phone number to call, and we carried on our meeting. Let’s hope this is a one-time happening. Get Well Wishes to our past Pres. Lisa.

Our "Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed" was quite successful. The food was quite tasty, and the helpers were on top of things. Also, the prizes were interesting and fun. Some folks are already planning to attend next year’s "Feed."

We were sad to read of the death of Fr. Zak, who was our Spiritual Director for many years. May he rest in Peace.

As we approach Easter, may our Lenten sacrifices help us to realize what Christ did when he gave up his Life for us. We are still looking forward to Bishop’s Day and a Quarterly Communion.

A Joyful Easter to All,
Pat Grasso,
District Sec.

Alameda

Br. 10, Nostra Signora Delle Grazie

Greetings and Happy Easter to all! During Lent we served Friday Fish Fry dinners following Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip Neri Church. Many thanks to members Desiree Olson and Kim Lara for volunteering at the buffet table. The meals were followed by religious-themed motion pictures selected by a committee of Branch 10 members Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Donna Marchetti and Roberta Shomon. The February 24 movie, “Love Is A Choice,” related the life of Gianna Beretta Molla, a 20th-century Italian saint.

We welcome new members Rev. Paul Kannampilly, mf, the associate pastor of our sponsor parish, Saint Philip Neri-Saint Albert the Great, and Anna Rossi.

A heads-up: We will celebrate our 97th anniversary as a branch with a pork roast dinner on Saturday evening, May 20. We were organized in 1926, just two years after the founding of the ICF itself. Details regarding menu and price to follow in the May Bollettino.

We hosted over 70 guests at our annual Irish Social on Saturday evening, March 11. Everyone enjoyed the dinner of corned beef and cabbage prepared by the great Ben Ratto. The event featured entertainment by the young ladies of the McBride School of Irish Dance of Pleasant Hill.

You might have noticed in the March Bollettino that we finished in first place for calendar sales among branches with 130 or more members. Congratulations to JoAnn Dorn, our treasurer, who achieved second place among individuals for having sold 51. We acknowledge our neighbors in Branch 91 (Oakland), which sold the second most among branches with one to 45 members.

Finally, we hope that trustee Agnes Marcheschi and former Branch 10 chef Uliano Lupetti recover rapidly from their recent health issues.

John Zugnoni
Branch 10 publicity

Fremont

Br. 215, St. Francis of Assisi

Happy Easter! May the blessings of our Risen Lord be always with you and your family!!
Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our fundraiser at Strizzi’s Restaurant in Fremont! Once again, Strizzi’s was a gracious host, and the food was delicious.
We are planning a tortellini lunch or dinner for the summer, as well as our Bingo Luncheon in October.
As you know, we need members! Please make an extra effort to recruit at least one friend or relative to join the ICF!

Special prayers to Yvonne and Clem Brum on the loss of their dear daughter. Please check out our Branch 215 webpage at: https://sites.google.com/view/italian-catholic-fed-branch215/home

Dio ti benedica,
James Francis McGee
Vice President

Livermore

Br. 285, St. Filomena

BUONA PASQUA!! REJOICE!!

After a stormy winter, the sun is with us again. Lent is over, and it is time to rejoice that Jesus has risen and to give thanks for our blessings. Br. 285 is giving thanks for the success of its two bingo fundraisers which allow it to support high school scholarships, plus seminarians, and other apostolic causes. It’s still a proven theory that Bingo and Catholics go together. March activities for our members included an evening of tacos at St. Charles Borromeo Church to benefit their parish. Several of us socialized and made up a table to support our sister church. Later in the month members visited Ironstone Winery in Murphys, CA, located in the foothills. It always showcases a multitude of flowers, especially daffodils and tulips. Guests enjoyed a tour and talk about the winery’s history, its operation, and culminated with a tour of their music room. After Ironstone we visited the mountain cabin of Nancy and Moreno Navarini, Branch 285 members, for wine and taste treats. Our group loves social gatherings, and this adventure fit the bill. Thank you Navarinis for your hospitality.

The April meeting will host Sarah Bates, who will speak about her commercial fishing venture. Sarah owns her own boat and trawls the ocean around San Francisco Bay searching for salmon and other Pacific fish. Her sharing of this unusual occupation for a woman should intrigue our members.

Ciao,
Elaine Meier
Castro Valley
Br. 343, Our Lady of Grace

Even though we are not Irish, we certainly enjoyed a fine dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage thanks to Melody and her helpers, Ed, Allison, Karen and Pat. Even our dining area took on a festive look. Our St. Joseph’s Table was supplied with desserts, to be had for a donation to the basket. The goodies were donated by the members and friends and the proceeds went to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration Parish; we support OLG in the fall with canned goods.

Our big news is that we will be celebrating Branch #343’s Anniversary, when we will be 44 years old. Our party will be held @ The Terra Mia Restaurant in Livermore on April 22nd. We hope that members and friends will help us celebrate, look for the flyer!

As always, we are looking for FUN fund raisers. Just bring us ideas and we will help you make them happen.

When you read this Lent will be over, hopefully it was a prayerfully filled one that brought you to a glorious Easter.

A Joyful Easter to All!
Pat Grasso
Branch Sec.

CONTRA COSTA
District Council

Hello from the Contra Costa District, We hope everyone stayed safe during the recent rains. The snowcapped mountains were a surprisingly beautiful sight.

Our next District Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 13 at 7 o’clock p.m. at Christ the King Church Hall, 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill. Nominations will be accepted for the office of First Vice President at that time. Also, committee chairs should have their reports ready. We will also discuss upcoming events.

We have a new mentor for our Concord Branch. Thank you to Peggy Aiello Hagerth for stepping up. Still needed are mentors for Martinez, Danville and Brentwood. Please email Patty Jarrett if interested in serving: janp1976@aol.com.

Our District Mass and Breakfast will take place on May 7 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood. Details will be emailed to all the branches soon.

Unfortunately, Branch 72, San Domingo in Pittsburg is closing. We wish their members well and encourage them to transfer to other branches. The Contra Contra District wishes all a blessed and happy Easter.

Fraternally,
Patty Jarrett,
Past President/District Mentor

Martinez
Br. 13, San Martinino

“April showers bring May flowers.” This month, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May when flowers will bloom because of the nourishment provided to them by the April rains. A period of discomfort or hardship can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy.

Similarly, as we continue through April for the final weeks of our Lenten journey, we have taken stock of our rainy discomfort, of our brokenness, and recall our blessings and prepare our hearts and souls for the greatest gift from our Lord. In our time of prayer, fasting, and alms giving, we continue to pray for our Church and her priests and what unifies us in our Catholic faith. We nourish our souls for the period of happiness and joy to come at Easter.

All of us here in Martinez wish a Happy Easter to all this message reaches. Let’s rejoice as we are Easter people!

Celebrate Branch #13’s 96th anniversary in the Federation by attending ICF PASTA BINGO, our first fund raiser in four years! Saturday, April 15 @5:30 p.m. in St. Catherine of Sienna’s Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale for $25 per person for dinner, $15 per bingo pack of five games or $20 along with baskets, prizes, and dessert auction. Let us welcome you back to Martinez! For tickets, call Mary @925-229-2665 or email by April 7—Good Friday: ICF Branch 13 Martine兹@gmail.com. And, mark your calendars for St. Catherine’s 150th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 29. All are welcome!

Arrivederci,
Mary Cook

Crockett
Br. 14, San Carlo

Ciao Amici!

This month, we are recovering from our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This has been a branch tradition for 48 years, and we are grateful for the dedication of Jim and Kathleen Thomas and for their years of hard work. Although Jim and Kathleen weren’t able to chair the dinner this year, it remained a family affair with the help of Derek and Helen Petersen. Our dinner wouldn’t have been a success without the wonderful cooking crew, servers, decorators, prize organizers, bartenders, ticket sellers, and everyone who provided support. Thank you all.

We also thank Al De Prima for his amazing Chicken Marsala dinner. Al, you make us proud!

And finally, thanks to our members who shared their fabulous dishes at our St. Joseph’s Table. Who knew there were so many talented chefs in Branch 14? Fr. Leo, Carl Heller, and Bonnie Leal are also to be commended for their special participation in our celebration.

We were happy to see that Jim Thomas is recovering well, and we send our best wishes to Ron Costa, with the hope that we will see him up and running again soon.

Our next meeting is April 11th. Mass will be at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and meeting to follow. The Smith Sisters, Clo and Sylvia, will be preparing a special Lasagna Dish that night with salad and dessert for $15.00. Come and join us!

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter season!

Blessings,
~Helen

Danville
Br. 352, San Isidore

Our March meeting celebrated St. Patrick’s Day. A wonderful dinner of antipasti, corned beef & cabbage, pesto pasta & orange sorbet dessert was enjoyed by all. Hats off to our hard-working Chef Russ & member volunteers who continue to make this look so easy. Those outstanding dinners are definitely contributing to our growing membership!

Plans are well underway for our annual “Festa Primavera” Fundraiser Dinner Dance, as members gather up those raffle prizes & auction items! All are welcome to join us at St. Isidore’s parish on Saturday, April 15th. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun-filled evening, as we dine & dance to the tunes of Ken Cooper’s “AKA Trio” – always a crowd pleaser – and raise funds for our charities & scholarships. For additional information, please email marbo@2000@yahoo.com.

Wishing all a Happy Easter!
Ciao,
Branch 352

Brentwood
Br. 432, Immaculate Heart of Mary

During the Covid pandemic we were never able to use our hall, therefore in March we couldn’t have our annual St. Joseph Table. This year we will again have our long awaited St. Joseph Table dinner. The St Joseph Table Dinner has always been a big celebration for the ICF Branch 432. All the members were glad to see it come back.

Our branch has 4 new member within the last two months; they are Rob and Lisa Harrop and Gary and Brenda Gorball. We also have 4 more parishioners that are thinking of joining the ICF.

The ICF will be selling See’s Candy starting on March 12th and on the 19th & 26th after all the Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Brentwood. If you are in the area, you welcome to come by and purchase your See’s Candy for Easter.

Save the date for our second Car Show in 22nd of September, and as always it also includes a Pasta Dinner; and you don't have to show a car, just come for the food.

Pleasant Hill
Br. 442, Christ the King

Our February meeting featured a guest speaker, Francesca Taylor, who gave a beautiful presentation — “A Visit with St. Francesca Cabrini.” Ms. Taylor presented the audience with such an insight to our patron saint. We learned much new 12th and 19th century about this incredible saint. During the business portion of the meeting, members volunteered to help with our annual tea. Be looking for more details.

A funeral for our long-time ICF member Marie O’Kelly was held on February 25 at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish. Many of our branch members attended the Mass to celebrate her wonderful life.

On March 19, we will be celebrating the feast of St. Joseph. We will again have a table providing all the decor for this special day and the traditional desserts that accompany this feast day. More details will be forthcoming in an evite.

As mentioned, this year our annual tea will be held at St. Stephen’s Parish Hall on Saturday, April 29. Because this is a major fundraiser for our branch, and if you didn’t get the opportunity to sign up at the February meeting, please volunteer to do what you can to make this again a success. I promised a big “Italian year” - state attenti per tutti i dettagli.

One last thought - “Chi nasce tondo, non muore quadrato”.

Ci vediamo quando siamo piu’ vecchi, Teri Martinucci Hurbut
FRESNO DISTRICT

Br. 308 Members enjoying their time together

Lenny & BG toast Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish 75th Jubilee

Jan Lemucchi & Deenie Massey spread sunshine with their smiles at the Jubilee

CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT

Br. 308 Members enjoying their time together

Branch 281 Lenny & his son Joey Zasoski store the salad for the pasta lunch

Mindy White, Wendy Benson, & Donna Marquez pose for a photo at the Jubilee

Branch 281 Kathy Scatena sees washing dishes as a labor of love when it comes to preparing a meal for fellow parishioners

SAN MATEO DISTRICT

Celebrating the Life of Al Morando

October 23, 1935 to February 13, 2023

Crockett Branch 14 members helping out to get the dinner ready for the Fabulous Valentine Dinner. Great job!!

Br. 442, Francesca Taylor spoke about St. Frances Cabrini at the February meeting

Br. 308 Members enjoying their time together
From the dedicated coleslaw crew in the morning to the great fish batters in the afternoon, there’s a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes during Branch 291’s successful Fish Frys week after week!

Ten years ago, the ICF honored Chef Bruno Serato with the Pope Saint John XIII Award, recognizing his efforts to begin a program to feed pasta dinners to underprivileged children in Orange County. Named Caterina’s Club (after his mother), his program is based out of Orange County and now serves over 25,000 hot, nutritious meals each week to children in 104 locations. This all started by providing one hungry child a plate of pasta. Let’s help feed SoCal children by…

1,000 pounds of Spaghetti

This can be achieved if each convention attendee brings 5 pounds of dry spaghetti in their suitcase. The donation station will be located in the delegate registration area.

Have extra room in your car or luggage? Consider asking members to bring spaghetti to a branch meeting to contribute to the convention fundraiser.
Br. 445 Carnevale in Italy
Br. 368, Crab Dinner kitchen crew
Branch 368, Crab Dinner
Branch 408
Mass at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento Convention, 1998
Br. 28 - Shrimp and Ravioli dinner fundraiser cooks, Andy Pappani, Vince Saso, John Matteucci, Joe Fortino
San Pedro Branch 115 had their Annual Crab Dinner-Dance on March 4, 2023 celebrating the feast of San Giovan Giuseppe della Croce. The dinner was a success serving 300 people.

Branch 67 Members Carmelo S., Perry S., Lou M., Theresa and Tad S. Hosted the ICF Booth at the 2023 Religious Education Congress.

Br. 115 Annual Crab Dinner Dance

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Br. 108 at the Religious Education Congress

Bishop Dave O‘Connell with Branch 362 Pres. Perry Shurko at 2019 St Joseph Table

Br. 108 at the Religious Education Congress

Anita Pusateri, her son, Joe and her grandchildren at ICF Branch 443 meeting

Br. 179, Sister Beth & Greg Lima

Br. 179, Clothes Load Feb 26, 2023

Br. 444, Hany Francis, Pat Payne, Patty Hansen, Mary Alley, Tonia Amalfitano and Bruno Vieri

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Br. 179, Monsignor Norm, Patty Matter, & Patricia Aurierimmo

Br. 380, Jasper & Bill Metz making pasta for dinner

Br. 380, Making fresh pasta

Br. 380, Nanette and Lou serving up the fresh pasta

Br. 179, Bingo Callers Jan Daigneault & Maria Teresa

Br. 179, Clothes Load Feb 26, 2023
LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE DISTRICT

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EAST BAY DISTRICT

Br. 285, Carolyn Cardianlli & Carlotta Schauer enjoying themselves
Br. 285, Anna Yocham at Entrance table
Br. 343, Our festive dining area.
Br. 285, Raffle Baskets with Mardi Gras Sign
Br. 285, Anne Bernhard greeting guests
BLESSED SACRAMENT District

Sacramento
Br. 45, St. Mary

Join us for BINGO and Chicken and Polenta on Sunday, April 30th in Giovanni Hall. Our branch meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. BINGO begins at 4:30 pm followed with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $22 for Members and $30 for Non-Members. Dinner includes Salad, Roll, Polenta w/meat sauce, 1/2 Chicken, Dessert and Beverage. Pasta is available for PRE-ORDER only with your reservation. One bingo card given with your reservation. Additional bingo cards available to purchase. For more information or reservations, call me at 916-508-1199 by Tuesday, April 25th.

Coming next month will be the selection of our 8th grade scholarship winners. Applications for those scholarships have gone out so we’re hoping for a good response. For more information, contact Tina Tallman at 916-217-8654.

Buon Compleanno to Branch members with April birthdays: Sandy Boruff, Anmii Ebert, Andrea Lucas, Madeline Lucas, Ted Olson, Renato Ranieri, and Kristina Tallman. Have a blessed and joyous day!

Buona Pasqua
Ciao, Janine

Auburn
Br. 342, St. Joseph

Hi,
I hope you are staying warm and dry in all this crazy weather. Here is our next submission.

A big thank you to all who are able to attend and represent their fellow branch members at the Blessed Sacramento District Installation on March 4th. Also, thank you to the Central Council members who traveled to Auburn and were able to attend the event. Although several of us were not able to attend due to bad weather and poor road conditions (myself included), we appreciated those who braved the weather and came to this event.

Our Annual Member appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday May 20th. At this dinner, we will install new members, recognize our scholarship winners and recognize members who have served our branch. Please mark your calendars. More info in the next Bollettino.

Ciao!
Pam Andersen

SANTA ROSA District

Healdsburg
Br. 52, San Francesco Di Sales

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fish Fry on March 31! It was another great event. Thank you to chef Will Seppi and his crew for cooking the delicious dinner!

We send our condolences to the family of Gi Gaetano. Gi and her late husband, Mel, were great supporters of the branch.

Upcoming events:
ICF Meeting: Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.
ICF Monthly Mass: Sunday, April 23 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
May 16: Tuesday. Mother’s/Father’s Day Dinner. Richard Passalacqua will be the chef! Please read the Eblast for more information.

Friday, July 28: ICF Central Council Golf Tournament at Bennett Valley Golf Course. 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Please see information in the Bollettino or call me at 707-595-3111. $180 for golfers including BBQ Buffet. $50.00 for BBQ only. There are many sponsorship opportunities available, also.

Happy Easter!
Lauren

Cloverdale
Br. 75, L’Annunziate

The Heckenberg’s always bring a special spirit to our St. Patrick Day meeting! John is our new orator and his wife, Diane, brings sunshine all year long as our “Sunshine” coordinator. We support our members when there is sickness and death and celebrate when there are births and anniversaries through this wonderful woman.

This year’s St. Paddy’s Day meeting will be held next week. I will try my hand at making corned beef and cabbage and Bob Aquistapace will call a game of Bingo or two. Perhaps we’ll use shamrocks to mark the called numbers. Whatever! We like to party and play asking The Lord to forgive our nonsense during His special season of Lent.

Our traditional Citrus Fair Weekend Chicken/Spaghetti dinner taken on by the parish was a success. All 300 tickets were sold. About half of the people chose takeout but the rest were served and spoiled by Volunteers from The Parish. The dinner was delicious!

Love to all!
Patsy Buchignani

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

Petaluma
Br. 127, St. Vincent

Dear members,
Just a reminder: Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues and a reminder to those few who have not to please do so.

March was bakeless bake sale month. Margaret sends a big thank You for all your generosity and has asked me to remind everybody that it’s not too late to send your donation for the bakeless bake sale.

Please pray for the continued recovery of our ill members, Irene Carnazola and Dennis Urbiztondo.

With good wishes to all of you for good health and a joyful heart!

Dennice DiGirolamo

Arcata
Br. 144, St. Mary

We were invited, once again, to participate in the Peanut Butter and Jelly Superbowl competition by our neighbouring branch # 145 (Eureka). For four weeks we accepted donations of PB&J at St. Mary’s Church. The proceeds benefit Betty Chinn’s pantry (bettychinn.org). Over 1300 pounds of PB&J were donated with St Mary’s donating the most at 578#, once again winning the championship two years in a row! Thank you, Joe Bonino of Branch #145, for organizing this worthy event. Molto bene!

On March 12 we had another successful Chicken and Polenta Drive-thru/Take-out dinner. Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers and supporters of this bi-annual event. Pete Stagnoli and his assistant cooks once again provided a very tasty dinner!

On Friday, March 17 our parish has a Lenten Retreat beginning with a beautiful rendition of the Stations of the Cross written and performed by Linda Neely along with ICF members Alfredo and Anne Eanni, and Paula Proctor.

March 19, we have a Travola de San Giuseppe with both baked goods and religious items. Thank you, Joan Dalporto, for chairing this wonderful event.

Branch #145 (Eureka) will be hosting the Anniversary luncheon on Sunday, April 30th. Time and location to be determined.

Spring has arrived! We hope this beautiful season finds everyone with a renewed sense of purpose and joy. Speaking of purpose, Branch 438 presented checks to help support several organizations at our February Branch meeting: Gifts of Love, St. Vincent de Paul and Cooley’s Anemia. We were also happy to announce Matt Grehm as the local seminarian we will be sponsoring. We look forward to hosting Matt at a future meeting and following him on his journey to the priesthood.

We hope you had a chance to visit our St. Joseph’s Table on March 18th and 19th. Our generous volunteers donated a wonderful assortment of baked goods. Thank you, Yvonne Perry, for chairing this fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit seminarians.

Branch 438 hosted the March Lenten soup supper and Stations of the Cross. Many in the community joined us for this special evening of reflection.

Plan on joining us for our monthly Branch meeting on April 21st. Shortly thereafter, we’ll be hosting our first ever “Prom Night” on April 29th. Have you bought your tickets yet? Well, it’s not too late. Tickets are on sale for $25.00 per person. Let’s get together for a wonderful evening of fun!

It turns out we have a lucky member in Branch 438. Joe Aguilar won the monthly ICF calendar raffle. Good for you, Joe!

We wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter.

Buona Pasqua
Anne Finn

Buona Pasqua!
Patsy Buchignani

Pam Andersen
Santa Rosa
Br. 198, St. Eugene

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Under the leadership of President Doreen O’Rourke, our March dinner meeting was a huge success with over 40 attending. Head cook Ernie Giampaoli and his crew, Marc Bisio and Mike Milano, prepared and served a delicious Corned Beef dinner. They deserve a big THANK YOU! Also helping with serving were Angie Comalli and Thomas Nguyen. Desert was served with the help of Dennis and Laura Jaques and Glen Sherman.

Charter member Bob Acquistapace was honored, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, with a gift from Thomas Nguyen and Doreen O’Rourke plus a rendition of Happy Birthday led by Bill Pisenti. Bob was really thankful for the warmth and honor given to him. Several scholarships have been donated to our Branch with the judging in late April and the recognition dinner in July. Our Branch has always supported high school graduates and has led the ICF in the number of scholarships awarded.

Please pray for Steve Azevedo, Claire Giampaoli, Mary Gosiak and all our members who need our prayers and support.

May this Lenten season bring you a stronger faith!

Buona Pasqua Tutti,
Gail Borgi-Azevedo

Sanger
Br. 70, Sant’ Antonio

Greetings from Sanger Branch 70!

On Feb 18 our branch had a meeting and enjoyed a fine luncheon of polenta, sauce, meat and sausage. We were 12 of us including our guests Father John Bruno, our Mentor Fred and his wife Gerry DeRienzio, who were welcomed by President Kay Lopez and all the members. We were all smiling, content and full by the time it was done.

We are saddened to report the passing of long-time member Lorraine Pistaccio in February. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family.

Our last meeting was on Saturday March 18. All members brought spaghetti sauce for our group’s contribution to the St. Patricks celebration at St. Mary’s Church which was the following day.

We will be having a bake sale fundraiser in the near future to go towards our scholarships and convention costs. The congregation looks forward to them and we always sell out.

That’s what is happening in Sanger. For now.

God Bless,
Orsolina Casella

Bakersfield
Br. 281, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

It was wonderful to finally be back together with our fellow Branch 281 members for a meeting after an extended absence due to COVID and other circumstances. Our meeting was held at a popular Mexican restaurant in which plans were made for upcoming events. Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

To help celebrate our Branch 281 served over 500 people a complimentary delicious pasta lunch! The savory sauce was lovingly prepared the day before using a family recipe that is over a hundred years old! Many helping hands made the special event a labor of love!

Coming soon Branch 281 will celebrate its 50th anniversary. We are so blessed to have a few members that have been around since the beginning to celebrate with us.

Looking forward, we plan on hosting our annual bocce ball tournament in late Spring as well as other traditional events that have been paused the past couple years.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to a long-time member Lorraine Giampaoli and his crew, Marc Bi and Mike Milano, prepared and served a delicious Corned Beef dinner cooked by Maryellen and crew. The meeting was highlighted by passing our 2023 budget, which had been put on hold due to meeting cancellations.

Also in March, we sponsored a Lenten Soup Night and Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick’s Parish.

Vince Piro

Clovis
Br. 250, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Greetings from Clovis and the San Joaquin Valley, the breadbasket to the nation!

Happy Birthday wishes to Kathy Christensen, Kimberlee Lee, and Alice Reyes!

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Remember all of our ailing members in your prayers.

Thought for the month: Remember me, Lord, that your gifts to me are meant to be shared, in love, with others. (Anon)

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Fresno
Br. 308, St. Anthony of Padua

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CENTRAL COAST District

Monterey
Br. 36, Santa Rosalia

Buona Pasqua to you and your family. May God bless you with abundant joy on Easter Day and always.

We want to thank our members, volunteers, and local community for supporting us during six weeks of Lenten dinners! We served several thousand dinners this season and could not have achieved this success without our wonderful volunteers - our team leaders, kitchen crew, setup/clean-up crew, ticket sellers, bartenders, dining room teams, dessert team, takeout team, public relations team — it takes dozens and dozens of dedicated members to put these events on, and we’re proud and grateful for their efforts. MILLE GRAZIE!

Profits from our Lenten dinners are donated to many charitable causes, most notably our home parish San Carlos Cathedral, but also to San Carlos School.

Student Scholarships, Seminars, National ICF charities, Carmelite Monastery, youth sports, and others.

April 20, 2023 – General Meeting - more information will follow.

We are saddened to report that Joe and Rose Acquaviva (husband and wife) recently passed away just a few days apart. They were well-loved ICF members for 24 years, and we will miss them dearly. Our condolences to their children and family. May they both Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for our dear members who are ill, in hospital or homebound.

"Let your light shine before others" Matthew 5:16

Let us Rejoice,
Elaine Valentine
President Br 36

Happy, happy birthday to our April members - Vera Doris (4/16) and Gino Grier (4/23).

Happy Easter,
Stefani Cortopassi

Aptos
Br. 227, St. Joseph

The rain seems to be never-ending. Is it time to build an Ark?

The March meeting was a potluck. Thanks to all the members who brought food to share. The variety of dishes is a treat. Thanks also to Dottie Smith for handling the raffle and to those who donated raffle prizes.

Special recognition goes to our bartender Rick Kotila who efficiently and faithfully tends the beverage corner each month.

By the time you read this, we will have had our March 31 take-out fish dinner. We’ll give you a recap next month on how it turned out.

Remember the annual picnic on Saturday, July 22, at DeLaveaga Park. The menu will be your choice of Italian Sausage or hamburger, along with beans, salad and dessert. The cost is $15 for adults and $5 for children.

Happy Birthday to our special member Karen Waldvogel who will turn 63 on April 9.

Please remember Fran Bocek in your get well prayers. She is recovering from a recent fall at her home.

"May your Easter be bright with the hope and joy of our risen Savior."

Deanna Musler, Secretary

Arroyo Grande
Br. 291, St. Patrick

Our 2023 Lenten Fish Frys were a huge success! Even though we had a few very wet Fridays during Lent, the community still showed up to support our fundraising efforts and, as one very happy customer exclaimed, to enjoy “the best fish in town!”

Just a reminder that Branch 291 will be celebrating our St. Joseph’s Table at our April 23rd Dinner Meeting. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food, household products or toiletries to display on our table and to be blessed by our chaplain. All items brought to our St. Joseph’s Table will be donated to the St. Patrick’s Outreach Program. In addition, we will be enjoying a Greek-themed meal, prepared by one of our newest members, Kathleen Fisher. And our Attendance Drawing jackpot is now up to $50! So, we encourage all our members to attend our April meeting for our St. Joseph’s Table celebration, a delicious meal and a chance to win $50!

Please continue to keep ICF members in your prayers who are experiencing pain, illness or heartache at this time, including Crystina Giuffrida, Sylvia and Don Nasholm, Margo Ochoa, Lillie Parish, Pattie Rorrer, Nick Sausa, Sonia Wagner and Doris Wais.

Wishing you a very Blessed Easter!

He has Risen!

Keely Sanchez
Recording Secretary

SANTA CLARA VALLEY District Council

Lent is nearly ended, and Easter is upon us. Where is the time going?

So, please save time for 2023 district events including: the annual summer BBQ picnic at Vasona on Saturday, August 5th, Bishop’s Day at St. Frances Cabrini on Sunday, October 29th, and Oktoberfest, date in the Fall, TBA.

The Santa Clara Valley District wishes all ICF members and their families a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Michael Ross

Gilroy
Br. 28, Santa Maria Auxiliatrice

On February 18th we held our “Shrimp and Ravioli” fundraiser dinner. A sold-out event which included member provided raffle gifts. Thank you to Past Grand President Andy Pappani and crew for the success of this important charitable Branch 28 fundraising event.

At our February 27th dinner meeting the Vanni family again stepped up to cook a wonderful meal of BBQ chicken, pasta and salad. Thank you, Dave, Don, family and crew. A variety of homemade Bundt cakes were provided for dessert made by Diana Berry, Marianne Peoples and Kim Filice.

Upcoming events are the quarterly Mass on Sunday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Also, a bake sale on Sunday, May 7th at Cullen Hall next to the Church available to all morning Masses.

All donations to our Cooley’s Anemia fundraiser are welcome to mid-August and then will be sent to the Italian Catholic Federation Oakland Office for presentation to Children’s Hospital Los Angeles at the Convention in Costa Mesa on Labor Day weekend.

Thank you to Branch 28 members for your continued support of our Branch in 2023. Our membership continues to be stable with 157 members. As we look forward to increasing membership it is interesting to look back at this Italian Catholic Federation. In 1955, two hundred delegates representing 90 branches attended the Salinas Convention where Bishop Joseph T. McGucken said “every member should be prepared to speak of the advantages and benefits of the ICF and so become an apostle.” In 1998 the year of the Sacramento Convention there were 17,340 ICF members.

Happy Birthday to our April members for 2023. Our Branch has been graciously blessed with the support of the Diocese of San Jose, and we’re proud and grateful for their efforts. MILLE GRAZIE!

Peace and God Bless,
Kim M. Filice

Los Gatos
Br. 184, St. Mary

By the time you read this, our St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be a memory. It’s the first time we have worked together to plan a dinner/fund raiser since 2019! Hopefully I can send photos of this event in the next Bollettino.

We will have a Quarterly Mass on Saturday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. Our members are asked to sit together on the St. Mary’s statute side of the Church. After Mass, join us for pizza and conversation in Hoffman Center. Fr. Greg Kimm, Chaplain of our branch, will be with us.

Hope all were blessed to attend Mass in person during the Easter Season. Prayers continue to go out to all of our members who are in need right now.

Ciao for now, Lucy Amico
San Jose
Br. 368, Santa Teresa de Avila

First of all, a big thank you to Kathy Myers, Connie Clancy, and Carol Bennett for the wonderful Lasagna Dinner for our March meeting. Next check out the article in the March Bollettino by our Spiritual Director, Father Christopher Bennett, about St. Joseph, Choices and Decisions. St Joseph is a great model for all of us to follow. The Crab Feed was an Over-the-Top Success. The crab was excellent and the pasta with sauce made by Jerry and Joan Delfino was excellent. WOW. ICF volunteers did a great job helping with the dinner. There were young student Volunteers that were attentive, courteous, and on the spot with help for any request made by guests.

To recognize Barbra Ruffner as ICF member and Santa Teresa parishioner, a brick has been ordered by John Gillio and will be placed in the patio area of Avila Hall at one of our meetings, weather permitting.

Please pray for our sick members, Paul Butler, Maureen and Mike Curulla and Kevin Eck. St. Joseph’s Table fundraiser will be Sunday March 19th 4:30 -7 p.m. and chaired by Mary Ridi, and Kathy Schroeder. Soup Supper will be March 31 with Stations of the Cross to follow. We have 3 new members. Remember, that a good way to introduce people to ICF meetings is to bring them and their dinner is free. If you have an item or picture you would like to see in the Bollettino, please let me know at email myers.tr@gmail.com or text at 408-826-1043. I would appreciate receiving items by the 5th of each month.

Thank you
Tom Myers

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

In March, our branch hosted Stations of the Cross at St. Martin’s Church. Thank you to those who attended.

Reminders:
Branch 391 Dinner Meeting—Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m. social and 6:00 p.m. dinner in the Gym. Pancake Breakfast Hosted by ICF has been changed to Sunday, June 11, 2023, after 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses; ICF Spring Fundraiser—Saturday, April 29, 2023; 2023 ICF Quarterly Masses—June 11, September 10, and December 10, 2023; Annual Italian American Heritage Festival—Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, 2023.

Janis Patellaro

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Buona Pasqua!
Br. 408 hosted another successful PASTA Dinner with the 5th Graders heading to Science Camp next year. It was a rainy evening but full of warm Fellowship and good food. Over 20 Raffle Prizes were awarded.

Our Kickoff Spring Blood Drive for Stanford Hospitals was held in the Farana Center on Sunday 5 March, we had another group of Generous Blood Donors who braved the cold Rain to donate this Gift of Life. Our next Mobile Blood Drive will be held 5 June 2023. Br 408 will host a Ministry Service Sunday and Pancake Breakfast on 23 April two weeks after Easter in the Farana Center.

Easter Blessings to All!
Please Pray for our Members who need our Prayers: Al Chantelope, and Dori Biefari

San Jose
Br. 408, Resurrection

Buona Pasqua!

San Jose
Br. 391, St. Martin of Tours

Our good news is, once again we will be able to resume our Branch 435 Dinner/Meetings in the O’Donnell Center. We are grateful to Knights of Columbus Tommy of Palermiao will continue to host our events in the future when possible. Thank you again Knights, for sharing a Calendar date with us.

More information to follow.
Along with Helga Brooks at 95, is member Gloria Subocz celebrating her 95th birthday. We are happy to say they are very active and serve on our Board, too.

This author wishes to thank all who prayed for us. My family is once again safe and sound.

A blessed and peaceful Easter to all.

God Bless.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Sorci

San Jose
Br. 445, Transfiguration

Buona Pasqua!

San Jose
Br. 445 welcomed Mardi Gras in February! Kathy LaScola, Gina and Larry Farro added festive decorations for our General Meeting. Jim Canger and Jim Falcone prepared a Delicious authentic New Orleans dinner for all. Members wore Mardi Gras beads. John and Lorraine Sellarole joined us again on Zoom. Two Mardi Gras King cakes, each with a hidden lucky trinket, were served for dessert. Member Jean Avram played her banjo as we sang Dixieland songs! Our heritage oral report on the “History of Carnevale in Italy and Mardi Gras in New Orleans” was accompanied with a power point display of the celebrations.

Fr. Tito, Pastor of Transfiguration Parish, joined us for dinner. Branch President Jim Falcone presented Fr. Tito a $2500 check from the proceeds of our Family Feud Fundraiser. This donation will be used toward the installation of pavers for the parish’s Mt. Tabor Hall patio.

Many thanks to Fr. Chris Bennett for leading and Richard Pfaff for organizing the three-part Lenten Series for parishioners and all ICF members. Many thanks as well to those who supported our annual See’s Easter Candy Fundraiser.

Our Mother’s Day Cookie Fundraiser flyers have been distributed. Orders are due by April 21st.

Happy April Birthdays: Larry Farro ’90! and Gina Farro ’85!... also, to Yolanda Garcia and John Sellaro! Buon Compleanno e tanti auguri a tutti voi! (Please continue to keep John in your prayers)

Buona Pasqua tutti! May God Bless you and your families.

Until next month- stay safe and well ;)
Jan Marianeli Stumhofer

STOCKTON District

Save the Date!! Mark Your Calendar!!
St. Anne’s Br. 82 is hosting the District’s 2023 Bishop’s Bursie Sat., June 10th Join us for 5:30 Mass followed by Dinner Honoring Bishop Cotta and Stockton’s Seminarians

In the weeks to come, look for further information in your email.

Manteca
Br. 139, Nostra Signora del Buon Viaggi

Prospective members Gary and Karen Hayes, along with Jeannette Oliveri, visited our Branch meeting and joined the group for a delicious roast beef dinner with pasta, fried polenta, and salad prepared by Chef Tony Queirolo. This correspondent’s favorite dessert, “cioccolato” cake, was also served.

We are bringing back our annual Shrimp Dinner, widely popular pre-Pandemic, in April. Committees are at work and Ticket Chair Tim Cabral distributed dinner tickets to sell. Our Parish Bulletin is publicizing the dinner.

The branch is participating in the parish’s Lenten Soup Soupuppers with Chef Tony preparing what else? —minestrone.

We gave a donation to the Diocesan Seminarian’s Fund in memory of Linda Bertuccio, our recently deceased trustee.

Our February meeting adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Federation Anthem.

This report would not have been possible without the meticulous minutes of Secretary Anna Mello. Benedire Pasqua a tutti.

Ciao,
Mariano

Lodi
Br. 82, St. Anne’s

Felice Primavera, ICF Famiglia!
The April flowers should be beautiful this year, from all the nutrient-rich Spring showers we’ve had…just in time to bloom for our Lord’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Last week we helped the Salvation Army Hope Harbor Dining Room bloom for Easter. Thanks to all that came to create a festive atmosphere for their meal.

Our April 25th meeting is back in the Youth Room. We’re planning a tasting of cheeses from various regions in Italy. Look for more information in the branch newsletter.

The Blood Drive is a go! It’s scheduled for Tues., May 2nd at the Eagles Hall. To donate make an appointment at American Red Cross.org or on the American Red Cross app. Contact Patty to volunteer that day to give gift bags and chat with donors about Thalassemia. It’s always a relaxing, cheerful day.

The Committee is busy arranging the Bishop’s Burse Dinner for Sat., June 10th after 5:30 mass at St. Anne’s. Plan to join in honoring Bishop Cotta and our 8 Stockton seminarians for an elegant evening event.

May you all be uplifted in the glory and peace of the Easter season.

Patty Litts, President
Buon Giorno fellow ICF Members. Branch 395 held our annual Polenta, Chicken and Sausage Cacciatorne dinner on February 16, 2023, in the Presentation Community Center. After a 3-year hiatus it was a successful event with around 237 attendees. Thank you to our Committee Chair Mary Ann Piana Chapman and the rest of our committee members for their dedication and hard work. A special thank you to Allen Sturtevant, who set up our on-line ticket sales which made it so manageable to sell tickets. And to all members who came early to help. Our live auction netted $1,200 and it will be a starry night dinner with our Pastor Father Mark Wagner. Father Mark is an astronomy buff, and he has an amazing professional telescope which will be used to gaze into the heavens on the night of his choosing when the stars align just so. Our branch will be participating in the Stations of the Cross and our great cooks will be preparing homemade soups for the Soup Supper on March 24, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper hosted by our branch – March 24
- Branch Meeting, April 13
- Stockton District Meeting – May 21 hosted by our Branch 395

Tanti Aguri, Josephine Weber, President
Branch 395

San Diego

San Diego Branch 246, St. Charles Borromeo

Our first two Lenten Fish Fry Dinners have been resounding successes. Branch 246 is tremendously grateful to Phil Pace and his crew from locally famous Phil’s Barbecue for preparing the food. Thanks also to our members and their families who have volunteered to help serve the hungry parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo and its surrounding community. The word is out that Branch 246 hosts a mighty tasty Fish Dinner – in fact, we just hosted a couple visiting San Diego from Buffalo, NY, who found out about our dinner on the internet and came to check us out. We also celebrated the 91st birthday of Mary Machado, one of our long-time members.

On Friday March 24, we will be celebrating St. Joseph’s Table in addition to our usual Fish Fry dinner. Branch member Jennie Santos started this special Lenten dinner over 30 years ago as a way to raise funds that are distributed to charities in our community. This tradition has been carried on by Jennie’s daughter Adeline Woodward. One of the highlights of the St. Joseph’s dinner is the addition of sfincione to the menu. Sfincione is a traditional Sicilian deep-dish pizza topped with bread crumbs, cheese, a mixture of onions, tomatoes and anchovies. Don’t be put off by the anchovies – they kick the pizza up a notch or two. After you try it, I guarantee you will agree with me – Who doesn’t love anchovies? The prices for dinner tickets are $15.00 for adults and $10.00 for children 10 years and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Charles Borromeo School and Parish offices, after Mass, as well as at the door. St. Charles Borromeo is located at 2802 Cadiz Street, San Diego, CA 92110, in the Point Loma area of San Diego. For additional information about the Lenten Fish Fry Dinners or joining Branch 246, please give me a call – Joe Fontana, Branch President (619) 994-8676.

Ciao – Joe Fontana, Branch President

San Diego Branch 449, Guardian Angels

Guardian Angels ICF Branch 449 celebrated Valentine’s Day with the Guardian Angels Parish Multi-Cultural Family Luau on February 11th. Our branch partnered with the Guardian Angels Fil-Am Group, Hispanic Group and Polygenian Group sharing each other’s culture through food, music and dance performances. This event included a charcuterie buffet table, along with a Hawaiian feast and island desserts. Those in attendance where even taught the traditional Hawaiian Hula dance by branch president, Debbie Reid. The luau was created as a ministry fellowship event hoping to bring people back to a social gathering and reconnect after the pandemic. Proceeds benefited Guardian Angels Parish Programs. All who attended the luau had a great time and there is talk of making this an annual parish event.

Kind regards,
Helene C. McGowan
Corresponding Secretary, I.C.F. Branch 449

San Bernardino District Council

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Upland

Br. 446, Saint Anthony

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Ciao,
Betty

SAN DIEGO District

Chula Vista

Br. 229, St. Rose of Lima

Branch #229 of St. Rose of Lima Parish, in Chula Vista, California, held its annual Super Bowl Meatball and Sausage Sandwich Sale on February 12, 2023. Our members were busy rolling over 600 meatballs and preparing sausages and cannoli as well. We then sold out on everything, nearly 400 sandwiches and all of our delicious mini cannoli.

This successful fundraiser enabled us to donate $1,000 to the St. Rose of Lima Youth Group and $1,000.00 to the St. Rose of Lima School Glee Program.

We truly appreciate the support of our parishioners and the hard work and dedication of our wonderful members. We worked as a team and had a lot of fun along the way!

Dio vi benedica tutti, Ettore Piedimonte
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ICF Branch #229

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| 3/22| Natalie Steele  | 20   | Bakersfield, CA  | $30  |
| 3/23| Bob Basuino     | 191  | San Jose, CA     | $30  |
| 3/24| Joanne Sartori  | 352  | Livermore, CA    | $30  |
| 3/25| Kathleen Bullene| 25  | Salinas, CA      | $30  |
| 3/26| Karen Raccanello| 332 | Novato, CA       | $30  |
| 3/27| Howard Schmidt  | 31   | Meadow Vista, CA | $30  |
| 3/28| Marie Sprugasci | 28   | Marysville, CA   | $30  |
| 3/29| Doug Whitaker   | 442  | Pleasant Hill, CA| $30  |
| 3/30| Toni Reeder     | 154  | San Pablo, CA    | $30  |
| 3/31| Reid Allen      | 403  | Roseville, CA    | $30  |

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

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

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION APPLICATION

I, ______________________________/____________________ wish to be a Candidate for Membership to the Central Council.

I have been nominated by ______________________________/____________________.

Branch No. ______________________________/____________________

City ______________________________/____________________

Signature of Candidate ______________________________/____________________

Date ______________________________/____________________

Signature of Branch President ______________________________/____________________

Date ______________________________/____________________

(Canvassing and or alternate) submitting the name of the above Candidate for nomination.

This nomination application is to be postmarked by August 1st of the election year. Email and fax are also acceptable submission methods.

Central Council Nominee Profile

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

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

Note: Candidates should wear proper business attire at all convention business functions; no campaign T-shirts, pins, etc.

For additional information, or for clarification on the campaign process, please contact the ICF Convention Director.
Italian Catholic Federation 1st Annual SoCal Charity Golf Tournament

Location: Temecula Creek Inn
44501 Rainbow Canyon Rd, Temecula 92592

July 28th, 2023

Shotgun Starts at 8 AM
Registration Fee: $200
After Deadline: $210

REGISTRATION FEE:
$180 includes: Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund & BBQ Buffet Banquet
Deadline Friday, July 14, 2023
After price per Golfer $190
Banquet only: $50
BBQ Buffet Catered by Bennett Valley Grille
3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Make check ($180 per Golfer - Banquet only $50 per person) payable to Italian Catholic Federation (write Golf in memo line). Send check & form to ICF - 8393 Capwell Dr., Ste. 110, Oakland, CA 94621

Make checks payable to:
Italian Catholic Federation Golf Tournament
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Not a Golfer? We have the Perfect Opportunity for You!

The Italian Buffet
Great Raffle: $50 per person

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Italian Catholic Federation
Bennett Valley Golf Course - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa, CA 95405

21st Annual Central Council
Golf Tournament
Friday JULY 28, 2023

"The BBQ Buffet"
Not a Golfer...We have the perfect opportunity for you!
Come and Congratulate the Winners and Comisserate with the Non-Winners!
Time: 12:30 pm
Place: Bennett Valley Grill - 3328 Yulupa Ave - Santa Rosa
Price: $50 per person
BBQ Buffet Banquet - No-Host Bar - Great Raffle

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Deadline July 14th. (Write Buffet on the memo line)

For more info, contact Perry Shurko.
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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.

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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
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT

San Bernardino District Officer Installation

Br. 446, Trustee DiCamillo with other guests at the Italian Night Dinner.

Br. 446, Virginia Mora, Tony Santoro, Nan Judge and Betty Cavanaugh selling basket tickets.

Br. 446, Peter Tesoro and Danny Centurioni cooking pasta.

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

Br. 229 Super Bowl Meatball & Sausage Sandwich Sale
BLESSED SACRAMENT DISTRICT

The first pic is of newly installed officers of Branch 342. The other three are of Blessed Sacrament Branch Officers and Central Council members enjoying lunch after installation.

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT

Br. 198, Charter member Bob Acquistapace was honored, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.
STOCKTON DISTRICT

Stockton District Presidents and Delegates: Lt. to Rt. Mary Ann Chapman, JoAnn Webber, Cecilia’s Daughter, Cecilia McGee, Tom Silvaggio, Nancy Souza, Diane Rojo & Karen Rosson.

Steve Ridolfi presiding over the Stockton District meeting in Tracy.

Stockton District Presidents and Delegates: Lt. to Rt. Chuck Tuso, Marilyn Tuso, Joe Curtis, Anita Ridolfi, Lucy Orsi, Sabrina Martocchio, & Annette Elissagaray

Br. 390, Chuck and Marilyn Tuso (on the right) with some of your new members.

Br. 390, Lots of donated desserts to feed the 140+ attendees

Br. 390, Annette Elissagaray introducing our new branch president Joe Curtis.

Br. 390, Our branch 390 kitchen crew waiting for the country ribs to come out of the oven
Directed by Francesca Taylor
Conductor, Opera Italia Orchestra, Oliver Chan
Set and Light Design – Francesco Bauco
Choreography – Mariah MacFarlan
Choral Director – Michael Merced

Pinocchio
A Lyric Opera for All Ages
By Natalia Valli

April 22nd 2023, 6:00 PM Dinner & Opera
April 23rd 2023, 2:00 PM Matinee

www.operaitalia.com

Saturday, April 22
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Authentic Italian Dinner 6:00 PM
Special Live Guest Video Appearance
Composer Natalia Valli (Milan, Italy)
Opera follows directly

Sunday, April 23
Doors open at 1:30 PM
Special Pre-Show Interpretive Activities for Children Ages 5-12
Meet the Characters
Opera begins at 2:00 PM

Casa Italiana
1051 N Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tickets may be purchased on Eventbrite
Scan QR code or follow link
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinocchio-the-lyric-opera-tickets-51405787967

If paying by check, make payable to “Opera Italia” & mail to:
Opera Italia, 1100 Palm Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91401

- Opera in Italian with English Supertitles
- Staged and with Full Orchestra for all events
- No need for ear plugs for all events
- *Saturday Eve meal is authentic Italian Dinner

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**Call/text 213-248-2520 for School/Youth Group Discounts**

Total: $  

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

Br. 449, ICF Luau Officers

Br. 449, ICF Luau

Branch 246 members working the Fish Fry

Branch 249 Fish Fry Dinner student volunteers

Br. 249

Branch 246 Kitchen crownmembers

Branch 246 member Mary Machado celebrates her 91st Birthday with Deirdre Fontana